Triumphant immigrants deeply loyal to the U.S., remember their beginnings

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Lawyers and doctors, elected leaders and teachers, IT experts and pastors and business owners, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, friends, Americans and fellow countrymen: They’re immigrants all.

Let us introduce you to them. In the wake of brutal questions about immigrants emerging from the White House recently, Florida Weekly decided to set politics aside, or at least to relegate it to a supporting role.

This week, we tell the brief stories of several immigrants themselves, Floridians who suddenly...
I talked to Jeff Adler about immigration the other day without even sending him a check. Teachers should be paid by their students, after all.

Holding undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University, Professor Adler specializes in U.S. urban immigration and criminology, subjects he’s studied, taught and written about for more than 30 years from his seat at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. His books are published by the Harvard University Press.

I made all the right preparations before I got on the phone with such an eminent scholar; did push-ups to clear my mind. Donned my most scholarly-looking spectacles. Furrowed my brow in the studious manner expected of academics and those in the know. I even considered reciting Milton’s “Paradise Lost” backwards to my two kids, who are in the know. I even considered reciting Milton's “Paradise Lost” backwards to the admissions officers at Columbia University on 116th and Broadway and somehow earned a master’s in journalism. Actually I double-majored, earning a master's at Cannon's bar on 107th, as well.

Cannon's was full of immigrants — an Irishman with one eye who had his social security checks mailed to the bar, a Russian with scars on his head; and a Texas woman who grew up on a cattle ranch, came to New York as a fashion model and singer, became wealthy, and somehow ended up a day-drinker at Cannon's (any Texan who crosses the state line should be considered an immigrant to the United States).

Looking back, I realize it helped prepare me for a conversation with Professor Adler, who was just like those Cannonians. He talked a lot, he said the most interesting things in the world, he was articulate (unlike many Cannonians) and even eloquent (all Cannonians are eloquent, even when they’re too drunk to speak clearly). As it turns out, he has his own immigrant family stories — the stories of eastern European or Russian Jews. "Fifty years ago, Harvard professors have never asked me (with my background)," he told me.

Many of us have such backgrounds. Here's how: Some 24 million people arrived mostly poor in America in a 35-year period beginning about 1890 and ending after World War I, in 1924.

For more than half of all Americans today, the first person in our families to arrive here was part of that great immigration, the professor said. They often immigrated from rough, poor, non-democratic places, and the powers that be didn't like it. Immigrants then tended to have nothing, were uneducated, unwashed, and spoke something besides English. So people complained and officials acted.

"The first federal immigration system was established in 1924," Professor Adler said. "Government officials thought, ‘Who do we want to keep out, and who do we want to admit in sizable numbers?’ So they set up a quota system based on the make-up of the country back in 1890 (before the big immigration began).

"The quota system was self consciously xenophobic, based on having large numbers of western Europeans, Norwegians for example, but not others. We wanted more people with blond hair and blue eyes.’

"Displaying attitudes still too-common today, many Americans immediately assumed crimes were the work of hot-blooded immigrants prone to hate acts. And in 1925 or so, they blamed Italians and Sicilians, in particular, along with other swarthy newcomers. The Know Nothing movement of nativists and bigots born in the face of Irish immigration in the 1850s was a complete sham to other forms, in the first decades of the 20th century.

"Then another migration started — the great exodus of rural southern blacks into northern cities, people looking for jobs and better opportunities than their sharecropping, cotton-picking lives could provide.

"So these other groups suddenly got whiter: Sicilians, Greeks and others who were defined by some subsets of Americans as a threat — a biological threat, a threat to social order, as people who were lazy, as people who committed crimes — ‘those folks were off the hook.

"An explicit argument used today by President Trump to restrict immigration dates to the mid-19th century, at least: Immigrants bring crime in disproportionate numbers.

But that’s a 70-year-old fake news.

"My area of expertise is criminal behavior. So I can tell you, statistically you're much more likely to be murdered by your friends and family than by a stranger, an immigrant," he told me.

"Some of these things are knowable," he added. "We can know statistically, generally, who commits a crime.

"We can also know if immigrants take American jobs; the short answer is, ‘No.’"

Although we persist in vilifying them — particularly those from any of the 54 African countries, or from Haiti, or from the Americas — history shows clearly: Immigrants’rus.

Our parents, grandparents and great grandparents got here, often illegally or with no quotas, over the strong objections of American nationalists. Who were they?

Now, every time any of us looks at a Haitian or a Salvadoran or an African, just to name a few, we’re looking at our grand-parents or great-grandparents.

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Is it me, or has anyone else noticed that when someone is exposed for wrongdoing, the responses all seem similar? No matter whether someone is overheard saying something racist, credibly accused of sexual harassment or caught in some incredibly egregious act, if the person decides that it’s futile to dispute the charge, his or her apologists look like they came from the same mea culpa template.

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Obscene distortions

Then you have the accessories before and after the fact, accomplices who filter their every utterance through their ambition. They are the ones who curry favor with the president because they’ve calculated that it will be in their self-interest. First, two GOP senators who were in the room — Tom Cotton and David Perdue — insisted they “do not recall the president saying those comments specifically.” Now Perdue has gotten braver, declaring that Trump didn’t say “sh**hole,” it was a “gross misrepresentation.” Apparently he heard “sh**house.” How absurd is that?

Our social and political discourse has gotten that moronic. Politically or impolite, it’s still pathetic.

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

Trump’s s***storm

This discussion is largely informed by a romantic view of the experience of the early 20th century, which is, unsurprisingly, not applicable 100 years later. The economy has changed. We no longer can toss low-skilled immigrants into the maw of an insatiable manufacturing sector. The fact is that immigrants from rich countries tend to do better here than immigrants from poor countries, and level of education is a key factor.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, nearly half of Asian immigrants are employed in management, business, science or the arts, higher than the proportion of the native born. The median income of households headed by Asian immigrants is $70,000, higher than that of the native born. The median income of a household headed by an Indian immigrant is an astonishing $105,000. This is largely because their level of education is off the charts. Three-quarters of Indian immigrants have a college degree or more. The Indian immigrants don’t reflect the norm back home, where the average person has less than six years of schooling, and we are skimming off a more skilled element of the populace.

Critics of Trump’s comments rightly point out that immigrants from sub-Saharan Africa, reported part of the s***hole argument, are doing pretty well here. But it depends on the country. About 60 percent of Nigerian immigrants have a college degree, and more than 50 percent work in management positions. In contrast, only 1 percent of Somalis have a college degree, and half are in poverty.

The numbers for immigrants from El Salvador, to pick a country also reported by the House discussion, are less encouraging. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, more than half of Salvadoran immigrants don’t have a high-school degree, and half are living in poverty or near it. This doesn’t mean they don’t work hard, or deserve to be insulted, but they are struggling.

We are blessed to live in a country that millions around the world want to move to. This affords us the luxury to be more selective in our immigration policy and, like Canada or Australia, establish a system emphasizing skills suited to a 21st-century economy. Some might be from Norway, some might be from s***holes — all should be prepared to thrive.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Emergency un-preparedness

BY DAVE TRECKER

It had a familiar ring. An alert followed by panic. People jacked up by a government that had no clue.

I’m talking about the mess in Hawaii last week, the incoming-missile alarm that warned people about impending disaster but didn’t tell them what to do or how to protect themselves.

It was Hawaii. But it just as easily could have been North Carolina’s Outer Banks or Naples, Fla., both beset by hurricane warnings, with people manoned and with no guidance.

A few months ago, a hurricane approached the Outer Banks and authorities ordered an evaluation. But, as in Hawaii, people had nowhere to go. One official said, “We can’t help these people if they keep ignoring evacuation orders.”

Hello? People don’t just evaporate. They have to go somewhere else, hopefully somewhere safer. The wealthy or well connected probably had a bolt-hole. The prescient ones got out early, before things got bad. But those who didn’t or couldn’t were stuck. Weather conditions, clogged bridges, gasoline shortages prevented their leaving at all.

Fortunately, the emergencies in Hawaii and North Carolina didn’t materialize. They were false alarms. But the emergency last September in Florida was not a false alarm. As we know all too well, Irma was a Category 4 hurricane that scored a direct hit.

Just as in Hawaii and North Carolina, people were caught unaware. Several friends guessed right about Irma and flew or drove out in advance of the storm. Many in retirement villages or assisted-living quarters had blocks of rooms reserved in advance in resorts or big hotels to the north. Others had friends in hardened structures, built or renovated to withstand Category 4 or 5 winds.

But most didn’t get away or have access to bunkers. Some shelters were made available, but they filled up quickly. The 28 shelters used during Hurricane Irma housed only 17,000 of the Collier County’s 360,000 residents. Most people were left stranded.

Meanwhile, water and batteries were snapped up; pharmacies were closed, gasoline disappeared, highways north were clogged, hotels were filled well into Georgia. And our officials, completely unprepared, were issuing hysterical orders: “Leave now! Go before it’s too late!”

But the vast majority of Collier County’s 360,000 residents had no place to go. It was government at its worst. In fairness, our local officials probably did no worse than those in other counties. There was dysfunction all around.

But the past is past. The question now becomes: Are we going to do better next time? What are we doing to prepare for the next Irma?

The answer, unfortunately, is very little.

The feds are teeing up hurricane relief for Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. FEMA is providing belated payments, and the state is ante-ing up some money for repairs. But planning for the future is almost non-existent. There are ideas but no action.

Here are some proposals from a state study:

- Place utility lines underground.
- Build gasoline and diesel distribution depots along north-south highways.
- Use rail transport to speed vital supplies to key distribution points.
- Double down on facilities for the disabled, e.g., those needing dialysis and cancer treatment.
- Ensure generator backup for nursing homes and urgent-care centers.
- County officials have focused on improving storm-water drainage to minimize flooding and on fitting lift stations with generators to keep sewage out of the streets.
- Civic groups have proposed other measures.
  - Establish in advance a guaranteed number of shelters, and make directions to those shelters widely available.
  - Expand the signup registry for the chronically ill and disabled, and ensure that specially equipped shelters are available.
  - Publicize media outlets, including AM or FM radio frequencies, that provide information on approaching storms.
  - For the vast majority of people who cannot or will not evacuate (most of our 360,000 residents), provide guidance on how to remain safe in their own dwellings.

- To prepare for the next major storm, publicize building codes and recommendations for strengthening windows, roofs and exterior walls and installing hurricane shutters.

Some of these ideas would cost little to implement. Others are expensive and would have to compete with other projects.

And funds are finite. Tallahassee is being whipped between education, tax-cutting, the opioid crisis and environmental issues. Collier County is facing here-and-now problems on affordable housing, infrastructure spending and growth management. Money is limited, and the memory of Irma is fading fast.

What’s the bottom line? Don’t expect much improvement in emergency preparedness. At least not here and not now. Maybe in Hawaii and North Carolina, but not here.

My wife and I are hardening our house and hoping for the best. Several neighbors have moved to safer locales. But the indigent workers in Immokalee and elsewhere have neither of those options.

Their best hope is there will never be another Irma.

— A Ph.D. chemist, Naples resident Dave Trecker retired as a senior vice president at Pfizer. He is a founder of the Collier Citizens Council. Follow his blog at www.theresidentscorner.com.
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ly became part of the national debate whether they wanted to or not, either because of their countries of origin or because of their associations with those countries, in particular Haiti.

“We know the challenges: Haiti suffers from economic poverty, from very harmful and destructive foreign policies starting from its birth as a country, and from sometimes disastrous natural cataclysms (such as the 2010 earthquake),” says Skyler Badenoch, a former Peace Corps volunteer who worked in West Africa for a decade before joining the nonprofit Hope for Haiti, based in Naples. “We also know that only tells part of the story.

The other part is this: They’re incredibly talented and smart, incredibly resilient and generous — a people who just don’t have the same opportunities we have here.”

Like so many others, therefore, they make extraordinary and loyal Americans, given the chance.

Skyler Badenoch is CEO of the Naples-based Hope for Haiti.

Genese ‘Gene’ Vertus
Director of information technology for the Sarasota-based DSE Inc.

One of five children born to educators in a small Haitian mountain town that depended on subsistence farming, Gene Vertus arrived in Miami on Christmas, 1985, at the age of 9, with his parents, three sisters and a brother. Speaking only Haitian Creole and French, all five children learned English, adapted to American schools and customs, graduated from high schools in the Miami area and then earned college degrees and advanced degrees.

“My father wanted us to come to the greatest country in the world to get an education, and from there to become whoever we wanted to become.”

“Who would not want to take this opportunity to be in this great country? We thought at the time, this is a country of hope, of being able to become whatever you want to become if you apply yourself. If you put your mind to it. That’s what we thought then, and that’s what I still think.”

Among the challenges they encountered was hostility not just from Anglo-Americans but from African Americans and others who saw them as invaders. Mr. Vertus recalls. But he became as American as any — a fine basketball player who started on his high school team, North Miami High (he now coaches young teens), a trumpet player (he’s an acquaintance of Wynton Marsalis), and a fine student.

“We went through the process of getting visas then becoming temporary residents, then permanent residents, then American citizens. I didn’t think of the process as a burden at all.”

Now with two high school-age sons, an undergraduate degree in Information Technology from Florida International University and a master’s in biblical studies, Mr. Vertus is an elder at Mt. Hermon Ministries in Fort Myers. He has a graduate degree in information technology from Miami-Dade Community College and a master’s in biblical studies from Florida International University. Mr. Vertus is an elder at Mt. Hermon Ministries in Fort Myers and a member of the church in the Haitian community, founding the nonprofit Passion Rescue Mission in 2009 to help children in Haiti.

We supply school uniforms, books, tennis shoes and meals. Sometimes the kids could go a couple days without a plate of food, so we try to put an end to that.

Gene Vertus is an IT professional, father, husband and church elder. “This is a country of hope,” he says.

Without access to this free education more than 90 percent of these children would have no education at all.”

Mr. Vertus says. Not just a few children, either. About 225 are currently enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Using donations to Passion Rescue Mission, “we supply school uniforms, books, tennis shoes and meals. Sometimes the kids could go a couple days without a plate of food, so we try to put an end to that.”

When Mr. Vertus heard his birthplace country described disparagingly by the president recently, he shrugged it off and tried to move on, he said. And he talked to his American-born sons about it, too.

“I reminded them of what others have said: that no matter what people say about your dad and your mom came from a shithole country, but stop and look at us: Look at what we have accomplished.”

As an American and a Haitian, he insists, there’s no place for bitterness about such comments.

“If I am bitter, I let them define who I am. And I will not let that happen.”

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Mack Bernard
Palm Beach County commissioner

When Mack Bernard was a little boy, everybody around him kept telling him how lucky he would be to escape Haiti and come to the United States. Without parents — they vanished from his life when he was 3 — he and his sister, two years older, lived in the care of an aunt and a grandmother who did everything they could to make that happen.

“On six occasions, beginning when I was 4, I tried and failed to get a visa,” he recalls. “Finally in 1986, when I was 10, I succeeded — the same year Baby Doc Duvalier (a Haitian leader) was exiled, and the country went into chaos.”

“So my aunt sent my sister and me together. She was 12. We took the Eastern Airlines flight on Sept. 12, 1986, and a taxi picked us up at the Miami airport and dropped us at the house of a friend in Delray Beach.”

Life in America began with a struggle faced by other immigrants speaking other languages from many other places over time: to learn English and become American in style and appearance.

“Some people in the community didn’t have a good impression of Haitians, and even American African kids would fight the Haitian kids,” he says.

When he started middle school at 14, he and his sister began working together, going door to door to solicit subscriptions for a daily newspaper. “We wanted to be grown up, to take care of the bills,” he says.

As (others) have suggested, some ideas had been presented and tried and failed to get a visa,” he recalls. “Finally before winning a seat as the first black man in the U.S. Congress, he went on to become a state legislator for three terms before winning a seat as the first black man in the Palm Beach County board of commissioners, where he is now vice mayor.

The Bernard’s, Mack and Shawn, want their daughters, ages 10, 9 and 3, to understand that peaceful protest can be “a civic duty.”

Immigrants to the U.S. today are second: This is the greatest country on earth. All the dreams I had about America when I came here — that’s the way I feel about it still today.

“There is nowhere on this earth that a young kid who wasn’t raised with natural parents could come at the age of 10 and reach the American dream in terms of going to school, working hard and going to college, becoming a lawyer and still have the opportunity to serve, and be a father and husband.

“Yes we have some faults; but the American dream is still alive.”

With his wife, he’s raising his three American-born daughters, ages 10, 9 and 3. When a public protest against disparaging comments aimed at Africans and Haitians took place earlier this month, “I had my wife and three girls there, marching,” he says. “I want my daughters to understand their civic duties.”

The comments didn’t change anything for him, however.

Bernard’s feelings about the United States remain the same as they once were.

“To a person, they are fierce and shining,” he says. “We have some faults but the American dream is still alive.”

It didn’t change anything for him, however. Mr. Bernard feels about the United States remain the same as they once were.

“In 10 years, but it’s still true today,” he says. “For more than 50 percent of Americans, the first person in our family to come to the U.S. can be traced to this immigration.”

Making generalizations about who our immigrants were then or are now is risky at best, but two things become significantly clear in asking how they got here, why they came, and how their view of the U.S. might have changed since they arrived: First, they’re among the hardest workers we have.

And second: This is the greatest country on the planet, in their minds, with the broadest and most accessible opportunities for those who arrive with little in their possession. Another country would do, and there is no question of leaving.

To a person, they are fierce and staunchly loyal patriots.

(Founder’s Note: Genese Vertus is the board-chairman of the Florida Weekly writes Roger Williams.)
Community volunteer and actor

Sunny Lubner

Sunny Lubner grew up in a family of Orthodox Jews who reached South Africa from Lithuania and Israel. Sunny Lubner grew up in a sophisticated city, Johannesburg. Her circumstances were more than comfortable.

“We had three house servants,” she recalls. “When I came to the United States, I didn’t even know how to make tea. Do you boil the water or do you boil the milk?”

But there was a problem: Ms. Lubner, like her parents and her husband, Clive Lubner, was a moralist.

“I was a young mother of two, about 10 minutes into my 20s, when my husband and I decided we were not going to raise our children under an apartheid regime. We never dreamed for a minute that democracy would come to South Africa someday, or that we would have such a wonderful father of that democracy, Nelson Mandela. We left in 1978 when he was in prison, where he languished for 27 years.

“Our daughter was 5 and our son was 3. The first thing that struck me when we arrived here, was that you people drive on the wrong side of the road.”

Sunny and Clive might have gone a number of places with their two young children — Paris, London, Rome — but they chose the United States without hesitation. They came poor, too. South Africa required them to surrender any assets and all the wealth they had, if they chose to leave. So they did, making the moral decision.

“There was never a question of where we would go,” she says. “We loved the idea of America, we loved the ideals of Americans. My father, who was a history and civics buff, told me at a young age about the U.S. Constitution. He pointed to the word ‘Happiness’ — has there ever been a country that worried about happiness? ’

“Plus, my husband was in business, and America was a place he thought he could succeed.”

And he did. Now, Clive Lubner and his family own and operate the highly regarded Naples-based firm, Clive Daniel Home. Daniel is their son. Their daughter, Claudia, works in the family business as well.

I think immigrants work very hard — I’m not saying harder than Americans — to become contributing members of society.

Getting to that point, and getting to be Americans, wasn’t a simple cake walk, even if the Lubners were white and educated with “posh accents,” Ms. Lubner notes.

She learned to make tea, along with everything else. It took them four years just to get green cards, and they had to hire an immigration attorney “we couldn’t afford at the time” to do that. Agonizingly, she chose not to fly home to her father’s funeral because immigration officials might not have let her back in the country, she remembers — a heartbreak that hasn’t gone away.

The day she and Clive and the children got their American citizenship, “I sobbed my heart out. They gave each of us an American flag.” She recalls of her joy and pride in that moment.

Ms. Lubner remains proud of immigrants and proud to be an American immigrant, she says — not only from the African continent where 54 nations carry on with distinct cultures and histories, but proud of immigrants from everywhere else, too.

She considers immigrants a special breed, characterized in large measure by a willingness to work, and by gratitude.

“I think immigrants work very hard — I’m not saying harder than Americans — to become contributing members of society. We keep our noses clean. We’re so appreciative of living in a democracy.

“I remember when my children were young, every Fourth of July I would trot out all my flags and caps and pins and everything. I’d give them a lecture about how lucky and proud they should be to be Americans.”

Peter Dennis has an immigrant engine in a native-born body, so to speak.

His father, from the small West African country founded by American slaves in 1822, Liberia, met his mother, an Ohioan, while teaching in the Buckeye state. Mr. Dennis was born in Michigan before his father moved the family back to Africa, to the village where he was an ancestral chief.

For young Peter it all started there, living in a village with no electricity, playing in the surrounding rainforest with friends and family members who took care of each other, and never suspecting he would lose them — that he would be compelled throughout his life to succeed as an American on their behalf.

Fortuitously, Mr. Dennis’ dad returned with the family to the U.S., taking a teaching position at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor just ahead of Liberia’s brutal and bloody civil war that began in 1989. Eventually the family moved to Southwest Florida where his mother’s parents had retired.

“In looking back in time,” he postulates, “what happened to me in high school and college and afterward came about because of them, those people I lost.”

The peaceful, lively temperament of his village,

Peter and Amanda Dennis want their children, Benjamin, 9, and Mali, 11, to live in the present but remember the past.
It was the biggest, best Christmas gift she ever received: to arrive in the United States on Dec. 25, 1985, as a 7-year-old, with four siblings, including Genise “Genie” Vertus and her parents, a girl out of Haiti in body but never in spirit. “I felt like it was a gift — to have access to all these educational and economic opportuni-ties we did not have in Haiti. In the (almost 35) years since I’ve been here, that’s always been my view: How lucky I am.”

 Lucky and sometimes troubled by the cruel and wrong-headed stereotypes some people continue to hold toward Haiti and Haitians. “Haiti is the only country in the world that became a country as a result of a successful slave revolt,” Ms. Vertus points out, recalling that remarkable New-World moment when slaves on the Caribbean island rejected French rule in a violent upheaval starting in 1791, winning freedom and independence by 1801. “So, when I think of Haitians, I think we are the first people to do something no other nation in the world has done. I think we are freedom lovers, we are strong, a resilient people. And moving forward we need to tell our own stories rather than letting ourselves be stereotyped by those who don’t know us and have never been to Haiti. Part of being dis-respected is, we’re not telling our own stories.” Consequently, Ms. Vertus explains, she’s begun looking for ways “to share with the world the story of my people and what we did” starting with children’s literature. What she did personally, or has done so far, is nothing short of remarkable.

 She had to learn English while going to Ameri-can public schools in Miami and coming home to a family that spoke Haitian Creole or French around the supper table and at church; she became a stellar student who won a full scholarship out of high school; she became a scholar recipient. At “40 and fabulous,” Genise Vertus is a teacher, dancer and Fulbright scholarship recipient. At “40 and fabulous,” Genise Vertus is a teacher, dancer and Fulbright scholarship recipient.

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DENNIS

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It was a mountain. A mountain that my mother and father knew nothing about but that they knew I wanted to climb. They didn’t know how, I didn’t know the way, but I trusted them. I knew they were going to do whatever it took to get me up that mountain.

“I’m a teacher, and it’s so important to me — if we can just get our students to trust us, I didn’t know how, I didn’t know the way, but I trusted them. “Here in America, and in Haiti, the great equal-izer is education.” And that depends on teachers, the guides to the future.

“Not that I’m the most successful or the wealthiest person,” Ms. Vertus says. “But I am who I am because I could read. I came to America, and I got an education.” An education she’s passing on to countless oth-ers.

When I look at all the family members and friends, at the people who were killed in that civil war after we left, that’s the majority of people I know,” he acknowledges. “And I know for a fact a lot of those kids were smarter than I was.”

But Mr. Dennis had an advantage they didn’t — his mother was an American. “But for that chance of fate I could just as eas-ily have been there, and dead,” he admits. “Instead, I had these opportunities to explore all of this stuff. I always felt this responsibility toward those kids, my friends and family, who didn’t make it. Who I was to squash the possibilities offered in America? It’s a responsibility you feel toward your family and friends, always.”

Squander it he didn’t. Mr. Dennis graduated from Fort Myers High School, winning a full academic scholarship to the University of Florida, then working in Washington, D.C., and sleeping on blow-up mattresses until he could get furniture. One day, a friend’s father took him aside to make him an offer: If Mr. Dennis was good at law school, he’d loan him the money to pay for the educa-tion, interest free.

He did that for years, before finally deciding to enter private practice. To hang a shingle with his name: Peter M. Dennis. The M. is a lot more than a toss-away initial, for Peter. It represents his Liberian name, Morlu. It comes from Liberian relatives never able to reach the United States or to have the opportunities Peter’s parents struggled to give him.

“Sign that full name on every legal document because I never want to forget,” he says. “It reminds me of exactly who I am. “You always carry that with me. I’ll carry that with me for the rest of my life, even as memories of what my fam-ily and friends once looked like, what they sounded like or smelled like, what their jokes were, what the particu-lars of our relationships were — even as those fade, the essence of what they are stays with you.”
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Dreams of a career in fashion come true with help from foundation

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Jonathan Cantu was a junior in high school when he realized what career field he wanted to pursue: fashion. How he would get there, however, was a mystery.

“I had heard about all the good things The Immokalee Foundation had been doing for high school kids in the community and figured it was worth a shot,” he recalls. So he wrote a letter to TIF about how much he wanted to attend a summer program at the Art Institute of Chicago to prepare for a future in fashion.

That’s when doors began to open.

Not only did he spend that summer at the Art Institute of Chicago, he also attended another at the Illinois Institute of Art. While working on body casting, painting, art history and fashion design, he created a 10-piece designer garment collection and earned his first three college credits.

“I had no idea how awesome The Immokalee Foundation really was,” he said when he returned to Immokalee after that summer. “This opportunity has really changed my life, and I feel like this will provide me numerous opportunities in the future.”

And it has.

Mr. Cantu can pinpoint the day when he knew he wanted to pursue: fashion. How he would get there, however, was a mystery.

“It was worth a shot,” he recalled recently. “Before that, I always had a creative drive in me, but I never knew anyone who did fashion. And there was nothing in or around Immokalee to support that.”

The foundation helped connect him with fashion curricula, contacts and scholarships.

While his parents’ dream was for him to go to college, neither had taken classes beyond high school. Money was tight as he and his three older siblings were growing up in Immokalee.

Because of those opened doors and his hard work, today Mr. Cantu is a fashion design graduate of Philadelphia University who has worked for Nautica, QVC and — at just 25 years old — is now an associate manager for Lilly Pulitzer’s Coconut Point location.

His job combines his expertise in fashion with service to the community. He works with nonprofits in Lee and Collier counties on behalf of Lilly Pulitzer to organize Shop ’n’ Share sales, where guests are invited to shop on a certain day with a percentage of sales donated to a chosen service organization.

“It’s the biggest part of my job, and I find it very rewarding,” he says. “It’s a very cool thing to be able to do. I reach out to organizations to try to get them the best event possible, and that

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“As a brand, Lilly Pulitzer is very charitable,” he says, adding company founder Lilly Pulitzer always said, “If you don’t have any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.”

The company’s mission became very personal to Mr. Cantu in November, when he organized a Shop ’n’ Share and raised $860 for TIF at Lilly Pulitzer’s Naples and Coconut Point stores.

A three-year board member and producer for the Fashion Industries Association, Mr. Cantu now serves as an inspiration in his field. Just as importantly, he is an inspiration at home, as well.

Watching her son go to college helped Mr. Cantu’s mother see her future differently: She went back to school and is now a nurse. His stepfather advanced in his career as well, becoming marketing director for a home health agency.

“They’re extremely proud of me,” Mr. Cantu says. It’s clear that he is proud of them, too.

— The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn about volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation or including the foundation in your estate plans, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokalee-foundation.org.

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An Alfa Romeo is an emotional experience. This Italian company tries to tap into your soul with the way its cars look, feel and sound. The new Giulia presents this passion under the veil of a practical sedan.

The exterior design stops people on the street, literally. There was more than one occasion when onlookers snapped a picture of the Giulia at stoplights, including one in the middle of a crosswalk.

It’s that kind of reaction that can make ownership worthwhile. After all, in the quest to drive something distinctive, having a stranger stop in the middle of a busy road to get a photo is an instant affirmation of something special.

What makes this instant connection with owners and admirers is the car’s willingness to be dramatic. It has a unique face with soft, rounded features that are interlaced with sharp creases. These features shouldn’t flow so well together, but there is an underlying confidence that makes it instantly attractive.

Much of this poise comes from the deep V-shape of the classic Alfa Romeo grille that has been fashionable long before Valentino or Armani. So yes, the Giulia is like an Italian love affair on wheels.

The profile and rear are far less intense with their design lines. It’s not that kind of pricing is not an ultra-hot 505 hp Quadrifoglio edition that we will save for its own review.)

This extra power is a key part to the overall appeal. The Giulia is out to give owners a sports car experience. Its steering is tight, and the suspension is nimble. So there needs to be more than direct competitors from Lexus, Cadillac, Mercedes and even the performance-minded BMW. Of course it also helps that the Giulia’s motor produces 280 horsepower, which makes it the powerhouse of bunch (there’s an ultra-hot 505 hp Quadrifoglio edition that we will save for its own review.)

That’s how the Giulia captures the driver’s emotions. It has all the right ingredients to get your heart pumping a little faster, and Alfa Romeo even took the time to put substance behind the style. It’s the little Italian sports car for those who still need to drop the kids off at school.
Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies will be on traffic duty the week of Jan. 29-Feb. 2:

**Monday, Jan. 29**
- Immokalee and Oil Well roads: Speeding
- Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running
- County Barn Road and Davis Boulevard: Red-light running

**Tuesday, Jan. 30**
- Vanderbilt Beach Road and Oakes Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- 44th Terrace SW at Golden Terrace Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**
- Airport-Pulling Road and Coach House Lane: Speeding
- Livingston Road and Veterans Memorial Boulevard: Speeding

**Thursday, Feb. 1**
- Radio Road and Commercial Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- Goodlette-Frank and Carica roads: Speeding
- Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Red-light running

**Friday, Feb. 2**
- Texas Avenue at Parkside Elementary School: Speeding
- Grey Oakes Boulevard and Livingston Road: Red-light running
- Santa Barbara Boulevard and Recreation Lane: Red-light running

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

More than 4,000 bowls have been made for the lunch this year. Participating restaurants and the soups they will serve are: Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar, seafood jambalaya; Bill’s Steak & Seafood, New England clam chowder; Bleu Provence, cauliflower with yellow curry; Brö Tascan Grille, Italian wedding soup; Brooks Gourmet Burgers & Dogs, twice-baked potato; Captain & Krewe, shrimp chowder; CJ’s on the Bay, Olde Marco chowder; Collier’s Reserve Country Club, split pea and ham; Culver’s, broccoli cheddar; Delicious by Design Catering/St. Matthew’s House, New England seafood chowder; DeRomo’s, Tuscan bean; Eagle Creek Golf & Country Club, carrot dill; Echo Global Farms, African peanut stew; Fiest Watch, tomato basil; Food & Thought, vegetarian chili; Gina’s Café in the Park, gluten-free tomato basil; Hideaway Beach Club, lobster and crayfish bisque with Cajun cornbread croutons; JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, West Coast clam chowder; Larry’s Lunchbox, split pea; Longshore Lakes, black bean with chorizo and smoked turkey; Lorenzo Walker Technical College, roasted veggie and tortellini; M Waterfront Grille, New England clam chowder; Moura Bistro, lentil; Mr. Big Fish, seafood chowder; Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, chicken and corn chowder; Oakes Farm Market, vegetable; Olive Garden, minestrone; Palmira Golf Club, braised beef with vegetable barley; Pepper’s Deli, split pea; Shea’s at Landsdowne Street, beef macaroni; Steamer’s of Naples, New England clam chowder; Sunburst Café, chili; Swan River Seafood, Mom’s chicken noodle; Talis Park, beef barley vegetable; Texas Tony’s Rib House, Burgoo three-meal stew; The Arlington of Naples, conch chowder; The Club at Mediterra, butter-nut squash; The Dock at Crayton Cove, loaded baked potato; The Local, lentil; The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, butter-nut squash; The Sauce Lady, creamy tomato basil; The Turtle Club, hearty roasted chicken and orzo; Tiburon Golf Club, black-eyed pea; Timeless-Ann MHK Eatery, creamy chicken wild rice; True Food Kitchen, lentil; Two Guys Kitchen & Catering, chicken noodle; Vi at Bentley Village, seafood chowder; Whiskey Park, seafood gumbo; Whole Foods Market, New England clam chowder; Wilderness Country Club, tomato basil and roasted fennel; Wynne’s Catering, white bean with ham; and Zookie’s Sports Pub & Grill, chicken enchilada.

La Colmar Bakery & Bistro will provide bread with every bowl of soup. Friends of Empty Bowls Naples membership for $50 includes admission to the lunch and your choice of a pottery bowl from the exclusive Friends of Empty Bowls table and a commemorative miniature bowl. Visit the website for more information.
Learn about airport master plan

The Naples Airport Authority invites the public to an informational open house to kick off its master plan study from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the airport in a plan for safe, efficient and environmentally conscious airport facilities to accommodate 95,018 takeoffs and landings the 2016-17 fiscal year, the airport and other community services. Duration of the master plan study. This will be the first of several open houses to be held during the two-year study. The airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses, as well as fire/ rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,018 takeoffs and landings. For more information, call Jean Moroney of Naples Advanced Toastmasters at 529-3464 or email jm@thinkingdirections.com.

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Bright idea

Chris McCabe, 70, of Totnes, England, escaped a frigid death thanks to his own quick thinking on Dec. 15. McCabe owns a butcher shop, and he had entered the walk-in freezer behind the shop when the door slammed behind him. Ordinarily that wouldn't be a problem, as a release button inside the freezer can open the door. But the button was frozen solid. So McCabe looked around the freezer and

Family values

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Armed and frustrated

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CLUB NOTES

■ Solo Singles of Collier County was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. The Jan. 26 meeting place is Olympic Cafe followed by Under the Shady Palm Pub on Feb. 2 and Outback Steakhouse on Feb. 9. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

■ Wine Tasters of Naples members meet from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a $7 door fee; guests pay $9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The Jan. 26 place to be is Blue Monkey, followed by Agave on Feb. 2 and Caffe Milano on Feb. 9. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

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■ Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Feb. 1. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

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■ The Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Feb. 3 and 17. Members should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward (place to be announced). For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcr Ritchie@comcast.net.

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The Naples Garden Club meets from 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. Renee Tucci will present “Foliage Flair,” a program about how to create complex looking, but easy to learn, woven or threaded additions to your floral designs. Ms. Tucci will demonstrate her techniques and the resulting pieces of floral art will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. Admission is $30. Registration is required via the yellow guest registration tab at www.naplesgardenclub.org.

Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160 meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com or follow Ikebana Naples on Facebook.

Phi Gamma Delta graduates living in or visiting Southwest Florida are invited to join the local chapter for its annual pig dinner Thursday evening, March 15, at Moorings Country Club. Guest speaker Dennis O’Keefe of Arthritis will tell the story of how the company’s medical innovations change hospital procedures and outcomes for people all over the world. The chapter also has a limited number of tickets to the Boston Red Sox spring training game against Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Saturday, Feb. 24, in Fort Myers. For more information, call Don Meek at 390-9030, email stork326@yahoo.com or visit www.swflalumgrads.com.

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The Naples Garden Club meets from 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome. Renee Tucci will present “Foliage Flair,” a program about how to create complex looking, but easy to learn, woven or threaded additions to your floral designs. Ms. Tucci will demonstrate her techniques and the resulting pieces of floral art will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. Admission is $30. Registration is required via the yellow guest registration tab at www.naplesgardenclub.org.

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CLUB NOTES

The Italian American Society of Southwest Florida hosts its 12th annual charity reverse raffle as part of its Aloha Tropical Luau from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club Dinner. Raffle tickets for $100 admit two for the Hawaiian-themed evening that will include dinner, a hula show and dancing (cash bar). Tropical attire is encouraged. The raffle grand prize is $3,600. All proceeds benefit Avow Hospice. For tickets or more information, call Mark Dines at 716-570-4780 or email imcacentral@gmail.com.

The International Men’s Club of America-Naples holds its 25th anniversary celebration Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, at Quail West Country Club. Several IMCA past presidents and board members will be honored guests. The club’s mission is to promote international understanding and encourage learning, camaraderie and mutual respect among men of experience, honor and integrity with strong international backgrounds and interests through a series of friendly and participative educational, cultural and social events. For more information, call Mark Dines at 716-570-4780 or email imcacentral@gmail.com.

The Greater Naples Unit of the New York State United Teachers (retired) meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month through April in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake on Valewood Drive. All teachers are welcome. The next meeting is Feb. 8. For more information, call Paul Murphy at 593-7738 or Robert Lomicka at 514-7234.

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■ The 16th annual NAMI-Collier Walk: Steps of Hope is set for Saturday morning, Feb. 17, at Cambier Park. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information about participating, volunteering, sponsoring or donating raffle items, call 260-7300 or email alex@namicollier.org.

■ The Naples High School Golden Eagle 5K Run takes off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Lowdermilk Park. Registration is $25 for the timed 5K; a 1-mile fun run (no registration) sets out at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Naples High School band program and the Gulf Coast Runners youth scholarship fund. To sign up or for more information, visit www.wcrunner.org.

■ The 19th annual Heart & Sole 1-mile walk to benefit the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, from Centennial Bank at 3401 U.S. 41 in Naples. Registration is $25 and includes a T-shirt. To sign up or for more information, call 407-3465, visit www.pasfl.org or stop by the PASFI office at 9526 Premier Way.

■ The Gulf Coast Runners’ St. Patrick’s Day 5K Fun Run sets out at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, from Fit & Fuel on Vanderbilt Beach Road. Registration is $15 for GCR members and $20 for others in advance, $20 and $25 on race day. The participant who wears the most/best green will receive a special prize. Sign up at www.gcorg.org.

■ New Horizons of Southwest Florida hosts the ninth annual Swing for New Horizons golf tournament Saturday morning, May 5, at Worthington Country Club. Registration for $150 includes lunch, awards ceremony, stories from New Horizons students and a performance by the Super Kids Club Choir. To sign up or for more information, call 948-4346 or www.newhorizonsofswfl.org.

■ The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce annual golf classic tees off Friday, May 11 at Bonita Bay East. Registration is open at www.napleschamber.org/chamberclassic. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Nikki Dvorchat at 403-2009 or email nikkie@napleschamber.org.

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Healthy Living

Two case stories from the NICU

Teamwork at its best was exemplified by two recent life-saving events in our 48-bassinet neonatal ICU at the Birth Place on the NCH North Naples campus. About the New Year’s Day case, neonatologist Susan Miller writes:

“... At about 5:15 p.m. the NICU was notified of a mother in labor at term who lost all fetal heart tones, so an emergent C-section was in order. The obstetrician was not in house, nor were any, so we were up against the clock for the baby.

“Our team assembled in the OR included nurses Marie Rogers and JoAnn Charlton and respiratory therapist Gaylin Breese. Dr. Thomas Beckett, the first OB to respond, delivered the baby promptly after he arrived, 21 minutes after the loss of heart tones. Needlessly to say, my team had to act quickly and smoothly to save the baby’s life. A full code ensued and at three minutes we had some sign of life.

“We took the baby to the NICU for hours of intensive care. The NICU nursing staff on the day shift and night shift were amazing. We even had an OB nurse, whom I had never met before, not only help us with the epinephrine in the OR but also follow us to the unit to help get equipment. Other NICU nurses, including Anna Valle, Sue Van-Gamert, Sue Moran, Michelle Beane and Collin McGrath, worked as a team to ensure we had everything we needed for the baby. Lines were placed, blood drawn, cooling bed started...”

A few days later, a day-old newborn who seemed to be thriving was noted by alert Mother/Baby colleagues Jan Brennan, LPN, and Terry Ferko, RN, to have an abnormal Critical Congenital Heart Disease assessment, which

Findings could have implications for development of flu vaccines

People with higher levels of antibodies against the stem portion of the influenza virus hemagglutinin protein have less viral shedding when they get the flu, but do not have fewer or less severe signs of illness, according to a new study published in mBio.

HA sits on the surface of the influenza virus to help bind it to cells and features a head and stem region.

Scientists only recently discovered that humans naturally generate anti-HA stem antibodies in response to flu infection, and this is the first study of its kind to evaluate pre-existing levels of these specific antibodies as a predictor of protection against influenza. Its authors believe their findings could have implications for flu vaccine development.

Scientists at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, conducted the research by exploring immune responses to two influenza surface proteins: HA, the main target of traditional seasonal flu vaccines, and neuraminidase. The head region of HA is constantly changing, which is why influenza vaccine strains must be updated each year. The HA stem region, however, is less susceptible to change, making it a potential target for novel vaccines aimed at broader, more durable protection.

In the new analysis, investigators sought to understand the role of pre-existing anti-HA stem antibodies in protection against influenza using data from a healthy volunteer influenza challenge trial that took place in 2013 at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md. Led by NIAID’s Matthew J. Memoli, M.D., the trial enrolled 65 healthy volunteers aged 18 to 50 years. Participants stayed in a specially designed isolation and infection control unit throughout the study. Investigators measured their baseline levels of anti-HA stem antibodies, infected them with a 2009 HINI influenza virus and then measured levels of anti-HA stem antibodies again.

They found that all volunteers had anti-HA stem antibodies at baseline, although levels varied, and 66 percent of participants had increased levels after infection. However, people with higher levels before exposure had smaller increases, suggesting there could be a limit that humans can achieve naturally.

Trial investigators also closely monitored participants’ symptoms and the amount of influenza virus they shed from the nose, which may indicate how contagious someone is. Similar to findings regarding anti-HA head antibodies, they found that participants with higher baseline levels of anti-HA stem antibodies had reduced viral shedding, but no significant reduction in the duration or severity of illness.

The results show that people naturally make anti-HA stem antibodies, but that responses vary significantly, and also that these antibody levels are not independent predictors of whether someone becomes sick or if so, how severely. The authors note that antibodies against NA remain the only identified predictor of disease severity.

Although the data are limited, the results have implications for novel influenza vaccine design. The authors note future strategies ideally should focus on more than one aspect of immunity. Careful consideration of the complexity of influenza immune protection and evaluation of all aspects of the anti-influenza immune responses will ultimately be necessary in the development of a successful broadly protective or universal influenza vaccine, they said.

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Collier County Medical Society invites scholarship applicants

Two deserving medical students will get a helping hand from the Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society through its scholarship program. Applications are being accepted through March 31 for the Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for medical students and for students enrolled in or accepted to health-care degree programs.

The Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship honors and remembers former CCMS president and Neighborhood Health Clinic co-founder Dr. Lascheid and his tireless efforts to provide care to the underserved in Collier County. Florida residents who are enrolled in or accepted to medical school and who have helped countless families keep their precious newborns close to home.

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prompted a consultation by pediatric cardiologist Tinkuk Omal, chair of pediatrics at NCH. A non-invasive diagnostic test, an ECHO cardiology, was ordered.

Both of the newborns mentioned here were transferred to Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, the nearest pediatric hospital offering the necessary care (potential cardiac surgery). Latest report is that both are doing well.

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

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PET TALES

By Kim Campbel Thornton

My dog Harper thinks cats are to chase. She's the first of our dogs who didn't grow up with a cat in the household. I introduced her to our neighbor's cat when she was a young puppy, but unfortunately, I didn't have easy access to other cats she could meet, and she never learned to live compatibly with them.

That's a problem when you visit friends and family with cats. Har- per growls and barks when she sees them, and she wants nothing more than to chase them away. I keep warning her that one of these days we will have a cat again ourselves, so she had better prepare herself for the idea.

The idea that cats and dogs don't get along is a common belief — Harper certainly believes it — but it's not necessarily true. According to a survey by the American Pet Products Association, 46 percent of households with pets have multiple types of animals. Cats and dogs are the most common combination, found in 32 percent of pet-owning households.

There is always the potential for conflict between two — or three, if you count the humans in the mix — species who have differing habits and communication styles, but pets living together can become good friends. I've seen it with our previous pets and those of people I know. In homes where the humans are away all day, a dog and cat can keep each other company and often play and sleep together, groom each other, and team up to get in trouble. If you're introducing a pet of a different species into your family, the following tips can help the meeting go smoothly and, ideally, a friendship develop.

Introduce them first by scent, not sight. Isolate a new cat in a small room for a few days with everything he needs: food, water, litter box, toys. His scent will drift out to your dog, and the cat can get used to your dog's scent as well. After two or three days, let the cat explore the house while the dog is in the yard or on a walk with someone else.

Maintain control. It's never a good idea to just turn animals loose and hope for the best. That's a recipe for fear, anxiety and stress on the part of all involved. Have your dog on a leash, and make sure your cat has an escape route.

"Having ample getaway spaces for cats, such as tall cat trees or gates with a cutout that the cats fits through but not the dog, is essential," says Mikkel Becker, lead animal trainer for Fear Free Pets and co-author of the upcoming book "From Fearful to Fear Free."

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Hand out treats liberally to both parties. This worked well with Harper recently when we were visiting family with cats. She was rewarded every time she looked away from the cat as well as for not growling or barking. You want both pets to think that being in the presence of the other is a good thing.

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Pets of the Week

>> Dakota is a 1-year-old Rottweiler mix who weighs about 42 pounds and has medium energy. He is friendly, bounces to play and sleep together, groom each other, and team up to get in trouble. If you're introducing a pet of a different species into your family, the following tips can help the meeting go smoothly and, ideally, a friendship develop.

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You're never too old to trip the light fantastic

I've never felt quite as young as I did when my husband Todd and I attended the Moody Blues 50th Anniversary Tour concert last week.

We're only separated in age by seven years, but the fact that Todd's teen years were spent mostly in the '70s and mine were mostly spent in the '80s makes a big difference when it comes to music. He's not into my New Wave '80s play-lists at all and doesn't care a bit for my "Breakfast Club" soundtrack. By the same token, when he puts on the screeching guitar sounds of Black Sabbath or Thin Lizzy, I cover my ears with my "Breakfast Club" soundtrack. By the same token, when he puts on the screeching guitar sounds of Black Sabbath or Thin Lizzy, I cover my ears with my "Breakfast Club" soundtrack.

As soon as the lights went down, the smell of weed filled the air as the aging rockers took the stage — and it turned out that while I couldn't name all the Moody Blues songs, I remembered most within the first few chords. "Tuesday Afternoon," "I'm Just a Singer," "Ride My See-Saw" — and their hits from the '80s, "Your Wildest Dreams," "I Know You're Out There Somewhere" and more. I was totally into it — and so was everyone else — though I did see a teenager with dreadlocks, either there with his parents or grandparents, fast asleep in his seat. Bless his heart — it WAS a school night.

About half-way through, the lights went up and an unseen voice announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, the Moody Blues will return after a 20-minute break." An intermission at a concert? At first I was perplexed, but then I saw all the long lines at the bathrooms. Hey, nature calls for rock stars and rock fans alike.

In the end, most everyone stayed for an energetic, fun encore and a wildly appreciative ovation. There were no fights, no public drunkenness and we were all home by 10:30, reminding me once again that no matter how old you are, life is too short not go out on a Saturday night.

Or as Ferris Bueller once said in 1986, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."
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Prior to 2008, Richard Johnson, co-owner of Bailey’s General Store on Sanibel Island, was paying $22,000 a month on electricity for the store. “My bill for (December) was only $8,200,” he said.

What happened in the ensuing 10 years, to bring about such an extreme shrink in costs? In 2008, Mr. Johnson began what he likes to call “our kilowatt diet.” It started with adding doors to his beer and dairy refrigerators and will continue in 2018 with phase two of the store’s conversion to solar power.

“It was deeply gratifying to see our vision realized, a vision to offer local consumers savings on solar energy conversion through collective buying,”
— John McCabe, chair of the SanCap Solar Connect committee
With the attention the new community of Babcock Ranch, which is in Lee and Charlotte counties, has been making with its solar and other green initiatives, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties have been seeing a growing green trend in commercial buildings. It began with the Florida Green Lodging movement more than a decade ago, and has spread to grocery stores, storage businesses, banks, grocery stores, nonprofit organizations and other housing developments. Lower solar equipment costs and tax incentives have fueled the trend.

In South Fort Myers, the Mirada development by Lennar Homes boasts the first community in Southwest Florida where every home comes with solar panels.

“Babcock only benefits FPL and the community marketing, not the home- owner,” said Dominick Zito, sales manager of the Florida West Coast division of project installer Urban Solar. “The residents at Babcock are still charged full retail or higher for their power … to pay for all FPL’s solar fields. The green advantage is directly to homeowners when they have individual systems on their rooftops.”

Urban Solar also installed the largest private solar conversion in Collier County in 2016 at William C. Huff Companies. The firm provides climate-controlled storage “for primarily high-wealth families” who are rebuilding their homes or receiving shipment of expensive items, said owner Jim Henderson. He has been so pleased by the results of his 528 solar panels atop his 44,000-square-foot building, he has expanded his business to constructing affordable, hurricane-resistant, solar-ready homes.

“When I’m offsetting my electric bill and at the same time producing a negative carbon footprint, I have an immediate return on investment,” he said. He explained that he financed his solar installation over seven years with the same monthly payments he had been making for electricity. “It’s a wash, and it’s the right thing to do for the environment.”

Once his system is paid off in 2023, his electricity basically will be free for the remaining life of his panels, which is typically 25 years. “The utility companies don’t want you to know that,” said Mr. Henderson.

Besides converting to solar power, William C. Huff Companies recycles and reuses 500,000 pounds of cardboard each year, in addition to wooden crates. Trucks in his fleet are low-emission.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation & Education Center. The nonprofit Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation also used the program to install solar panels at its Bailey Homestead Preserve and Native Landscapes & Garden Center.

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Bailey’s co-owner Richard Johnson explains how the store’s greening began at the beer refrigerator.

At Bailey’s, 268 panels have already been installed, making it the largest solar installation on Sanibel. Mr. Johnson has added 300 to 350. As part of the store’s green makeover, he has transitioned to sustainable product in his seafood market. He removed six water heaters and is using excess hot water from his refrigeration system in his kitchens instead. He is finding ways to reduce packaging and has begun purchasing paper straws rather than plastic ones. He, too, has gone the LED lighting route.

“I have replaced zero lightbulbs in two years,” Mr. Johnson said. He admitted that he was paying more to responsibly dispose of the old fluorescent tubes than he was paying to buy them because of the mercury. He believes most green measures result in bottom-line savings as a bonus. “We live in an environment here that is sensitive and somewhat fragile,” said Mr. Johnson. "If we don’t take good care of our environment, it’s going to be our undoing.”
It’s inevitable that if you invest in the stock market, you'll make mistakes—sometimes huge. The following common blunders, though, to minimize losses:

- Not paying off credit card debt before investing. You'll likely lose more in interest than you gain in stocks.
- Investing too conservatively. Long-term investors are likely to grow more rapidly in stocks, so don't just leave your money in savings accounts, bonds or CDs.
- Investing too aggressively. Don’t aim for fast, huge wins via penny stocks, margin investing, day trading or any other risky and speculative venture. It’s safest to aim for steady growth over decades by investing in healthy and growing established companies.
- Over- or under-diversifying. If all your eggs are in two or three baskets, you're exposed to too much risk. But if you have too many baskets to count, then you probably aren’t able to keep up with each company. Owning 10 to 20 stocks is a good range for many people.
- Focusing too much on a stock’s price. A “cheap” stock isn’t necessarily a bargain. Penny stocks trading for less than $5 each are often likely to fall. A $200 stock can be a bargain that will grow well for you, and you can always buy just a few shares.

- Investing in what you don’t understand. The more familiar you are with how a company works and how it’s performing, the fewer unpleasant surprises you’ll likely encounter.
- Relying on tips. It’s fine to learn from others, but do your research and make your own decisions.
- Not tracking your returns. In the long run, you always want to be beating a benchmark such as the S&P 500. If you’re not beating it, you’re as well at it as you are beating it by investing in an index fund.
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Home, Sweet Profits

Meritage Homes (NYSE: MTH) is taking advantage of this trend, building up strong residential construction data, with building permits and housing starts sizzling consistently above the $1-trillion mark for more than two years now.

Yet real estate, the housing market has become in recent years, low-cost housing has remained a challenge. After most major US cities suffered a glitzy rebound from coming of age during the worst financial crisis in nearly a century, millionaires are making money and starting families. They're ready to buy, but there just isn't enough inventory to meet the demand.

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According to the National Association of Home Builders, existing home sales recently surged to their highest levels in more than a decade. At the same time, the US Census Bureau continues to track a strong residential construction data, with building permits and housing starts sizzling consistently above the $1-trillion mark for more than two years now.

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The counselors are:

Joe Atkin, who has 45 years of experience as CFO of medium-size businesses. Mr. Atkin specializes in general business planning and operations as well as finance, budgeting and accounting. His industry expertise includes retail, health care and consumer packaged goods. Bob Ford, who spent more than 40 years as CFO/controller in multinational corporations in many countries. Mr. Ford founded and ran a captive leasing business for Philips Electronics. Gray Pohler, author of a column about social media trends for the Naples Daily News and a certified insurance counselor who owned an independent insurance agency with several offices and sales centers throughout the Southeast. Jack Rabin, who has been a CFO for small businesses in the restaurant and food industry and for manufacturing companies.

David Rosenblatt, a franchise owner/operator who for 20 years owned a specialty dry cleaning company and operations in Illinois. He also owned a residential and commercial real estate company and worked as a commercial loan officer and a mortgage broker.

Norm Stern, an instructor in marketing and management at the Lusignan School of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University. Mr. Stern has worked in marketing and strategic positions for Palm Beach Gardens, Revlon and Avon and was a product manager for Black Flag insecticide and garden products.

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3. Priority Marketing celebrates its 25th year in business
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A retirement celebration at Venue Naples for Frank Maggio of Conditioned Air

1. Carol Papesh and Karen Cranston
2. Kurt England and Tim Dupre
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4. John Stichok and Jimmy Moad
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2. Brian Hunter and Duane Troschessett
3. Ariana Dunbar and Penny Rambocher
4. Greg Kasseeska and Russell Burland
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6. JoAnn Lawrence and Gene Montenieri
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manager of Coldwell 
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office, and Jef-
frey Piipponen 
has been named branch manager 
of the company's Naples Park Shore 
office. 
Formerly with Royal Shell Real 
Estate, Ms. Jaarda has more than 20 
years of real estate experience that 
includes property management as 
as well as residential and commercial 
sales. She leads 47 sales associates 
in the Bonita office. She earned a 
bachelor's degree in business and 
economics from Illinois Benedictine 
College (now known as Benedictine 
University). 
Mr. Piipponen led the company's Bonita Springs 
office for the past five years and 
has been in the 
industry for more 
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Stock Development hosts the Stock Tour of Homes showcasing 30 models in 10 communities from noon to 5 p.m., Friday through Sunday, Jan. 26-28. The models represent the developer’s broad portfolio with “three tiers of excellence”: Stock Classic Homes, Stock Signature Homes and Stock Custom Homes.

The company has move-in ready and soon to be complete homes available on Marco Island and in Quail West, Lely Resort, Naples Reserve, The Isles at Collier Preserve, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, Fiddler’s Creek and Twin Eagles in Naples and Renaissance, Hidden Harbor and Babcock Ranch in Fort Myers.

The Stock Tour of Homes is open to the public. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.stockdevelopment.com/tour.

DeAngelis Diamond has been named general contractor for two projects in Naples and one in Miami:

■ Renovation and expansion of the Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples. The first phase will begin construction of an 8,470-square-foot addition for offices, conference rooms and a larger waiting room. The addition will enable expansion of NHC services to include dental, X-ray, mammography, CT-scan and a blood lab. The second

COURTESY PHOTO
The Belfield model by Stock Homes is in Marsh Cove at Fiddler’s Creek. Priced at $1,357,120 with interior design by Clive Daniel Home, the model is on the Stock Tour of Homes Jan. 26-28.

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Robb & Stucky’s Susan J. Bleda ASID and Rachelle Porco have created a chic, sophisticated interior for the 804-tower residence model at the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower being built by the award-winning Ronto Group within Bonita Bay. The 804 residence is one of three furnished models now open for viewing with a sales associate by appointment only. The additional models were designed by Cinnabar Design and Renee Gaddis Interiors. The model interiors include finishes on display at the Seaglass Design Studio located at the Seaglass Sales Center at 26951 Country Club Drive in Bonita Bay. Ronto’s Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to visit the Design Studio and select finishes for their new home.

Seaglass will feature fully-completed, ready for occupancy residences with premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available. Three luxurious tower residence great room floor plans at Seaglass range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and are priced from the low $1 million’s. Sales contracts worth $148 million have been processed and the building is more than 70% sold.

The 3,088 square feet under air 804 tower residence floor plan includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a den, an open great room, dining area, and island kitchen. Terrace space totaling 485 square feet, and a private elevator foyer. Bleda and Porco’s design exudes chic sophistication while providing an exceptional level of livability. Set against a background wall tone of sandy beige that runs throughout the home, their color palette includes light creams and whites. Muted accents of frosted glass are layered with matte gold and silver metallics to evoke a sense of wave-smoothed seaglass. Furnishings are clean lined with fabrics that include the textural diversity of leather against cotton and linen.

Upon exiting the elevator into the residence’s private lobby, the sandy tones, natural woods, and lustrous surfaces evoke a sense of being beachside, a hint of the ambiance that awaits beyond the foyer doors. A high-backed shelter sofa upholstered in a bisque fabric is set against a face-finished wall that displays clear glass beads reminiscent of bubbles rising from the water.

Double doors open into the foyer where a side wall accommodates a putty colored console table and a stylish wall-mounted mirror. A rug adds a layer of texture and warmth. The foyer opens to the great room, dining room, and kitchen with breathtaking blue sky views through sliding glass doors.

In the living area, Bleda and Porco included a 16-foot wide fireplace installed within a built-out section of wall adorned with glistening wallpaper. The fireplace surround is clean and contemporary. Extra thick glass shelving with the look of seaglass is lighted from above to create bright display space. Two sofas set perpendicular to the fireplace are upholstered in bisque linen. Oversized throw pillows provide textured contrast while maintaining tone-on-tone elegance. Two easy chairs face the fireplace, while in the center of the grouping a massive 60” x 60” cocktail table makes a statement.

To highlight the adjacent dining area, Bleda and Porco designed a striking rectangular ceiling structure with recessed lighting and tiered layers. An eye-catching chandelier illuminates a rectangular dining table with seating for eight. A buffet console stands against a wall adorned with a matte metallic finish.

The contemporary L-shaped kitchen features a counter-height island with space for food preparation and casual gatherings. Counter stools in a matte gold finish are upholstered in bisque leather while distinctive pendant lighting showcases interesting glass designs. Light-toned finishes were selected for the perimeter and island cabinetry with complementary light counter surfaces. In keeping with the seaglass theme, many of the cabinets feature frosted glass fronts.

The bisque color scheme continues on the terrace. Bleda and Porco selected a collection of wicker furniture in neutral tones. The generous space allows for designated dining and lounging areas, with room for a summer kitchen. The glistening water view feels like a natural extension of the beauty inside.

The den and two spacious guest suites both open to another terrace. The multi-purpose den offers a relaxed space that can function as an office, a lounging area, or an overflow bedroom. Bleda and Porco’s design includes light-toned built-in cabinetry across an entire wall with interconnected light shelving and a desk. An armchair and ottoman are grouped with a sleeper sofa.

A hallway leads from the great room to the master suite where the neutral wall tones deepen slightly. The seaglass motif continues in this serene private retreat. A contemporary four poster bed commands attention with a unique combination of Lucite and a matte gold metallic finish. The effect is solid and stylish and enhanced by a fabulous arrangement of linens. On either side of the bed, the nightstands showcase a blend of white and mirrored finishes while the tall dresser is entirely mirrored to reflect the natural light from the large window and sliding glass doors that lead onto the terrace. A hallway past his and her walk-in closets leads to the master bathroom where the design includes sea sponges, shells, and a background of stunning wall paper.

The Ronto Group is also developing Naples Square, Twin Eagles, and Orange Blossom Naples. Eleven Eleven Central on Central Avenue in downtown Naples was announced and released for reservations earlier this month. Visit the Seaglass Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com.
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A rooftop sky lounge and terrace offer magnificent vistas of the Gulf of Mexico, beaches, Wiggins Bay and mangrove-lined estuaries. The sky lounge features a fireplace, flat screen TV, and full kitchen with bar. The rooftop terrace provides outdoor seating, a grill and hot tub spa. The grand social room is designed to accommodate events from the casual to the most elegant and a state-of-the-art private movie theater with 20 reclining seats ideal for watching Super Bowl, PGA tournaments and much more.

The completion of the second 11-story tower includes new amenities including a social room complete with large screen television and sound system, relaxed seating area with fireplace, bar and card tables; three spacious guest suites which can be enjoyed individually or connected to each other to accommodate large visiting families and guests; a game room with a billiard table, interactive virtual golf and other video games; an outdoor putting/chipping green and a dog run; and an outdoor screened social pavilion nestled beside the marina with ample seating, a fireplace and waterfront views.

Thirty-two residences range between 3,900 to over 4,100 square feet, with three bedrooms, three and a half baths and either a living/family room or living/family room plus den. Design features include high ceilings, gourmet kitchens with wolf ovens and five-burner gas cooktops, Sub-Zero refrigerators and wine coolers, Miele dishwashers, Franke sinks, Hansgrohe faucets and premium-quality finishes throughout including paint, trim, quartz, granite and marble countertops, luxurious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space and more.

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"Health and wellness have been one of the core values since the town's inception," said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners, which is developing the 18,000-acre sustainable community just north of Fort Myers off State Road 31. "This agreement with Lee Health complements everything we're doing at Babcock Ranch to promote community-wide health and a true hometown experience. There's no need to travel off-site residents can literally walk, ride their bicycle or use our autonomous shuttle to visit the doctor."

In April, Lee Health will begin offering an array of health and wellness services, including group and individual exercise classes, Pilates, mind and body programs, massage and physical therapy to both town residents and neighbors from surrounding communities. Primary care physicians and specialists will be available beginning this summer. The health system has first rights to provide emergency medicine, behavioral health, urological and surgical services in Babcock Ranch for the next 15 years.

"We're excited to be the health and wellness partner at Babcock Ranch," said Dr. Larry Antonucci, President and CEO of Lee Health. "We have been entrusted with providing the care for residents of a brand-new community, which is a truly unique opportunity. As Babcock Ranch grows, we will continue to meet the healthcare needs of the community, just as we have done for more than a century in other Southwest Florida communities."

Second- and third-year Lee Health residents from Florida State University's College of Medicine will staff the center's six exam rooms, according to Dr. Gary Goforth, who oversees the hospital's residency program.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Lee Health, our residency program, and residents of Babcock Ranch and surrounding areas," said Goforth. "Our three-year residency program trains family physicians who can provide the full range of services for patients of all ages."

Lee Physician Group will introduce other medical specialties, such as pediatrics and cardiac care, when demand necessitates. Occupational and speech therapy also will eventually be offered.

"This supports Lee Health's strategic priorities to advance community health by providing prevention and wellness services to a new community of Southwest Florida that currently has limited access to care close to home," said Dave Case, President of Outpatient Services. "These services will also be available to residents in the area surrounding Babcock Ranch."

Spanning the entire east side of Founder's Square - the initial phase of Babcock Ranch's lakefront downtown district - the 26,400-square-foot health and wellness center offers state-of-the-art, energy-efficient cardio and strength-training equipment, a multi-use half court, and a six-lane saltwater pool for competitive swimming and member exercise classes.

Medical residents have already visited Babcock Ranch, and several are talking about opening private practices, Goforth said.

"This is an opportunity for our residents to get involved in a new community and practice lifestyle medicine," he said. "Babcock Ranch is really organized around that thought with its trails, a restaurant serving healthy foods, and the idea of giving people a place to live and to live healthy. Having the residency program at Babcock Ranch is a great partnership."

Providing onsite healthcare is part of Babcock Ranch's emphasis on community health and wellness - an extension of a master plan that encourages walking and biking, clean energy and a mindful connection with nature. More than 50 percent of the town's footprint is set aside for greenways, parks and lakes, creating an environment for residents to connect with nature. With lakes, blueways and 50 miles of planned trails, Babcock Ranch is setting the standard for sustainable development in Southwest Florida - and the country.

The health and wellness center is the final building planned in Founder's Square, where residents and the public can literally walk, ride or use a autonomous shuttle to visit the doctor. Many start their days with coffee at Square Scoops Coffee & Creamery, which is also a popular destination for families picking up their students from Babcock Neighborhood School. Outdoors enthusiasts can rent kayaks and trail bikes at Curry Creek Outfitters and learn more about the town's dedication to the environment and its homes in the Discovery Center at Woodlea Hall. A sprawling downtown park offers a lakefront bandshell, boardwalk, covered pavilions, and charging stations for electronics and electric vehicles.

Babcock Ranch's seven homebuilders offer more than 50 home designs, including twin villas, cottages, single-family executive, manor and custom homes featuring one- and two-story designs, two to six bedrooms, and 1,400 to 4,761 square feet of living space. Priced from the $190,000s, homes appeal to young retirees and baby boomers, empty nesters and retirees alike. Homes are built to Florida Green Building Coalition standards, emphasizing energy and water conservation, and offer a full gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity.
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A beautiful home package and an all-American lifestyle: why people are moving to Maple Ridge in Ave Maria

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Ave Maria is home to Ave Maria University, a beautiful church, a farmer’s market, Publix® grocery store, brewery, pub, as well as many other restaurants and boutique shops. Nature trails, tennis courts, soccer fields and a water park are other attractions that make the town appealing for active lifestyles.

Within the Maple Ridge community, an incredible amenity center is planned and construction is slated to begin early this year. A resort style pool, bocce court, playground and dog park are some of the many outdoor recreation areas planned, and that’s just to name a few. Designed as a gathering space for family and friends, the Club at Maple Ridge will also house a large banquet hall, state-of-the-art fitness center with professional gym equipment, aerobics studios, massage rooms, saunas and so much more.

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CC Homes received recent recognition for aiding homeowners during the Hurricane Irma recovery even paying for clean up and repairs. In addition to Maple Ridge, another neighborhood currently underway in the Naples and Fort Myers area by this builder is Fronterra. Fronterra by CC Homes is a brand new community located on Davis Boulevard in Naples by Exit 101 of the I-75. This community features several of the same home designs as Maple Ridge, at pricing from $277,990. Fronterra’s model homes have just been completed and are now open to the public.

An official model homes grand opening celebration is scheduled at Fronterra for Saturday and Sunday, January 27th and 28th. Guests are invited for family fun, music and light bites each day from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Beach club sets Mediterra apart

I hope everyone had a great week! Last week, I enjoyed my first golf experience at Mediterra and it was amazing! I told my Sales Executive, Lisa, all about it, and then mentioned that I would really like to revisit the community’s 10,000 square-foot Beach Club. It’s just a short drive from Mediterra on Little Hickory Island. Lisa had taken me there several weeks ago, and I thought it was amazing. No other community I had considered as a possible place to live had anything close. That first Beach Club visit was quick, and I wanted to go back and find out what it was like to spend an afternoon enjoying the setting. So, Lisa gave me a pass and I went back by myself.

When I arrived, I noticed there is plenty of on-property parking. No worries there. An elevator took me to the second level and opened to a beautiful bar and indoor dining room. I explained the nature of my visit to the hostess. She smiled and proceeded to give me the lowdown. It turns out the Beach Club was recently remodeled. Whatever did the interior design know what they were doing. The room conveys “the magic of the beach” with colors reminiscent of the sand and water and South Beach casual elegance. Everything looked comfortable and on-trend to me. From what the hostess told me, once the renovation was completed, the bar area took on a sportier feeling with large screen televisions. It also morphed into a wine bar overseen by Mediterra’s two sommeliers. An extensive wine list includes 20 wines for just $20 per bottle.

The dining room opened to an al fresco dining area right on the Gulf of Mexico. The breeze was delightful! I decided to sit outside and they sat me at a table on the railing closest to the beach. After ordering a glass of Pinot Noir, I looked at the menu and was pleasantly surprised. In addition to the usual casual dining favorites like burgers, wraps, and gourmet sandwiches, it included complex dishes, such as seared ahi tuna with a glass-noodle stir fry and smoked-chicken pasta with sun-dried tomatoes. When I asked the server about the wine on the menu, he explained to me that the Beach Club’s culinary team is overseen by Carmen Mauceri, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and winner of the American Culinary Federation Award of Excellence and Chef de Cuisine for a Presidential Dinner. He also oversees the dining menus at the Mediterra clubhouse. Executive chef Chris Fragola and sous chef Shane Dorey, both of whom are certified chefs de cuisine, vary the Beach Club’s menu on a regular basis while retaining the diners’ favorites. I do not want to be too specific on the menu here, but I was very impressed with the food and service. I decided to have a glass of wine at the bar before heading home. I got into a conversation with a couple who have lived at Mediterra for several years. They raved about how wonderful it was to have after an afternoon at the beach.

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In addition, The Club at Mediterra was named one of the healthiest Club’s in the United States, and was the first private residential Club to be honored with a “Green” certification. The Club is home to the world’s first golf course to be recognized as an Audubon Silver Sanctuary. I had no idea Mediterra was such a prestigious place! What a wonderful day! The sunset was awesome! I’m going to be gone for a few weeks visiting family for the holidays. I’ll be back in touch soon. In the meantime, all the best.

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Naples Reserve models and lakefront lifestyle showcased at 2018 CBIA Parade of Homes

You'll find your perfect home and your perfect lifestyle – during the single-site Parade of Homes at Naples Reserve. Sponsored by the Collier Builders Industry Association, the parade offers a taste of Naples' most unique lakefront lifestyle with rooms of 18 model homes and the resort-inspired Island Club, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-11 and Feb. 16-18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featuring Southern Coastal architecture and fully furnished interiors, the models capture Naples Reserve's vacation-every-day attitude with sweeping scenic views, custom pools and spas, and special places and spaces – inside and out – to entertain friends and family or relax by a cozy fireplace.

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The tour features a variety of new furnished and unfurnished residences including penthouse-style condominiums and terrace homes by Lennar, resort-style coach homes by FrontDoor Communities, single-family villas by Distinctive Communities, single-family residences by Harbourside Custom Homes, Frizone and Iron Star Luxury Homes, and showcase estates by Gulfshore Homes, M Development and Sunwest Homes.

Talis Park’s numerous national, regional and local industry accolades reflect developer Kitson & Partners’ commitment to eschewing traditional country club models. Its ‘new-fashioned, “come-as-you-are”’ atmosphere encourages homeowners to maintain active social connections and live the best versions of their lives among exclusive privacy and concierge-level service.

Residents Jim and Barbara Simmons were attracted to Talis Park because of its newer, more youthful atmosphere and many opportunities to enhance the active lives they enjoy.

“There’s just an energy to the place,” said Jim. “There’s always people moving and energetic; it’s just a ton of fun and an easy place to meet folks.”

The Simmons family, like many other Talis Park residents, participates in a full range of social events created and managed by the Talis Park team. From daily fitness classes, sports clinics, bocce nights and cooking classes to themed costume parties, movies and concerts on the Great Lawn, the community’s social calendar offers something for everyone.

Talis Park homeowners now also enjoy complimentary daily beach access via the Beach Runner, the community’s exclusive Mercedes-Benz shuttle service.

The hub of activity within Talis Park is its award-winning Vyne House and 18-hole Greg Norman/Pete Dye-designed golf course, one of only two Norman/Dye collaborations worldwide. Vyne House offers formal and casual indoor and alfresco dining, two fitness studios, spa, fully-stocked wine room, resort-style pool with spacious pool deck and rotunda, and more. Comfortable outdoor gathering areas, highlighted by a double-sided stone fireplace overlooking the 18th green, make Vyne House a perfect place to enjoy Naples’ temperate climate and legendary sunsets with friends and family. The Casa Cortese sports pub, next to the driving range, is a great spot for sports enthusiasts. Also within easy access is a sports complex with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, tennis pro shop, bocce courts, lap pool, and playground.

The Talis Park Luxury Home Tour begins at the community’s Garden House Information & Sales Center, 16980 Livingston Road. For details, call 239-449-5900 or visit talispark.com.

Above: Iron Star Luxury Homes’ 3,983-square-foot Villa Lago residence is on display in Talis Park’s Fairgrove neighborhood. Left: Gulfshore Homes’ furnished Dorado estate model in Prato offers a total of 8,862 square feet with 8,336 square feet under air. Below: Sunwest Homes’ two-story Grand Santa Barbara estate model in Talis Park’s Prato neighborhood is featured during the community’s Luxury Home Tour this weekend.
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Kalea Bay's clubhouse a phenomenal amenity

Closings continue in Tower 1

Above: A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. Left: The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's first tower are completed, including the pool and furnished sun deck. Below: Kalea Bay's main amenity area includes the community's clubhouse with three separate pools, including an adults-only pool, expansive sun decks, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, an open-air bar and an Internet café. Bottom Left: Residents of Kalea Bay have indoor and outdoor dining options. Bottom Right: Snacks and other light fare are available at The Bistro.

The clubhouse features three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, a lakeside fire pit, an Internet café and a gifts and sundries shop.

“Three pools overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Lodge.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy. If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn’t on a resident’s schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

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

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

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

“Two of the top-rated beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay,” stated Lodge. “They include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9.”

The completion of the main amenity area at Kalea Bay coincides with the completion of the community’s first residential tower.

“Closings in Tower 1 started at the beginning of January,” stated Lodge. “By the end of the month we anticipate 100 of the tower’s 120 residences will be closed.”

The completion of Tower 1 and the commencement of closings continues for the next six weeks after the building’s rooftop amenities were completed, including the rooftop pool, which is surrounded by comfortable chaise lounges, dining tables and chairs, and plush conversation areas, the sky lounge, as well as a presence fitness center and cantilevered roof that opens and closes.

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

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

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

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,204 square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,395 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom, 4.5 bath plans also with 3,395 total square feet.

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

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

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million in Tower 1 and $1.4 million in Tower 2, which will have similar rooftop amenities as the first tower.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples’ area, take U.S. 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com.

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Florida Realtors® News recently published their list of the 2017 major factors affecting our 2018 Florida Real Estate Market. These included low inventory of homes, and the resultant escalation of prices to levels just below the peak of the real estate bubble.

The upcoming run-up in Florida values, resulting from the Tax Reform bill, along with the crushing winter weather to the north, may make those issues pale in comparison. A lack of state income and inheritance taxes will likely drive people from frigid high-tax states to the sunny shores of Florida. Unfortunately, they stand to encounter a short supply and stiff pricing if they are dreaming about waterfront living. That is...until they discover Useppa.

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Sand and shell design captures feel of Florida in London Bay Homes’ Port Royal Estate model

Mesmerized.

Since my husband and I gazed out at Cutlass Cove from London Bay Homes’ Port Royal estate model at 4375 Gordon Drive, we’ve thought of little else. I picture myself hosting a fundraising luncheon for the girls; he’s already planning day and overnight cruises on our new yacht. After meeting with Michael Scott of Romanza Interior Design, we’re even more infatuated with this home. We’ve already seen some of Michael’s selections – the gorgeous gray mosaic pool and spa tile, high-gloss white kitchen cabinetry and the white-washed light ash wood flooring.

He showed us interior design plans, which include mid-century furniture paired with tropical accents and the colors of Florida – the white of sugar sand beaches and accents inspired by the shell of the state’s native conch. We love the emphasis on clean lines and how the architect and design team created a cohesive look throughout its 6,394 square feet. The modern interpretation of West Indies architecture by Stofft Cooney Architects reminds us of the villa we rented in Providenciales. Michael also revealed plans for the decorative art glass wall between the floating staircase and formal dining room – nine cast-textured glass panels with a wave and bubble design.

He talked about those large windows and the beautiful water views of the cove and Gordon Pass, with the mangroves of Keewaydin Island in the backdrop. “The scenery is what everyone notices,” he told us, and I couldn’t help but wonder who “everyone” is and how many other homebuyers are interested in the estate. Of course, there are plenty, I thought. It has the perfect location in Naples’ most prestigious neighborhood close to Third Street South, accommodates a boat up to 37 feet, is absolutely stunning inside and out, and will be ready to move right in when London Bay wraps up construction.

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The second floor is ideal for our steady stream of winter guests. Four private bedrooms with resort-inspired bathrooms and designer sinks, and a shared loft and lounge and wet bar. My mother-in-law will feel right at home in the guest apartment; our daughter will adore the VIP suite and its aerial views of the pool and cove.

When work calls, my husband has his own space: A quiet study with natural light, zebrawood built-ins, a vintage pine and rustic silver desk and animal print upholstered lounge chairs.

Of course, lounging by the pool and the firepit will likely be a daily event – if we’re not out on the boat or enjoying our membership eligibility at the Port Royal Club and Cutlass Cove Beach Club.

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Ronto introduces Omega, the final luxury high-rise at Bonita Bay

The Ronto Group is accepting reservations at Omega, the final high-rise tower to be built within Bonita Bay. Designed by Miami architect Robert M. Swedroe, the 26-floor Omega tower will feature 63 tower residences and four penthouses. Pre-construction pricing starts in the mid-$2 millions. The design conveys an out of market perspective on luxury and offers an approach to high-rise living never offered in Southwest Florida. Ronto has taken advantage of high-rise construction methods and materials that span greater distances and allow the use of more glass. The result is larger, wider living spaces with tall windows that will offer views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

The living spaces, owners’ suites, and some of the terraces will open to outdoor terraces featuring 42-inch high glass railings. The building’s exterior will have a modern look that projects bit of design flare.

Ronto designed Omega from the inside out based on preferences expressed by potential purchasers who indicated view corridors and spacious, open floor plans with large living areas, large owner suites and secondary bedrooms, big outdoor living areas, private garages, and readily accessible storage space were critical to their living experience. Functionality and comfort were more important than form. Rather than wanting to downsize by moving into a residence with less square footage, the potential purchasers wanted to simplify their lives in a maintenance-free environment without sacrificing space or livability. The Omega tower and penthouse residences offer the square footage and width found in an estate home built on 100-foot home sites. The residences will feature ceiling heights of ten feet four-inches, or eleven feet four-inches in the penthouses, except where dropped, to create a sense of space that cannot be duplicated by remodeling existing high-rise residences.

“Our goal was to offer something that has never been offered in Southwest Florida,” said Ronto Group president Anthony Solomon. “We were creating a new living experience for our customers, not for us, and they knew better what would work. We listened to what they wanted and designed accordingly. We created a three unit per floor approach that allowed the residences to be wider and more spacious. We included air-conditioned storage outside the residences, large outdoor living spaces, huge kitchens and great rooms, tall ceilings, and king-sized guest bedrooms. We also listened when it came to the amenities. Functionality and amenities that would be used daily were paramount. Our customers had as much to do with the design as we did. Omega is the final high-rise at Bonita Bay. We want it to be special.”

Omega will feature three tower residences per floor and two penthouse residences per floor on the building’s two uppermost floors. The 01 and 03 tower residences include 4,645 square feet of air-conditioned space, outdoor terrace areas totaling 1,005 square feet, and an 80-square foot private air-conditioned storage space on the same floor as the residence. The floor plans feature four bedrooms, a den, a fifth bedroom and four-and-a-half baths. The 02-townhouse plan offers 4,205 square feet under air, 540 square feet of outdoor terraces, and 79 square feet of private air-conditioned storage space on the same floor as the residence. The 02-townhouse plan includes three bedrooms, a den, and three-and-a-half baths. The tower plans present open-concept living areas with:

- A spacious great room, a double-island kitchen in the 01 and 03 residences with a walk-in pantry, and a dining area. Every tower residence comes with a private elevator lobby and a private enclosed two-car garage. Tower residents will enjoy a roof-top amenity deck.
- The four penthouses measure 6,435 or 6,375 square feet under air plus 1,710 square feet of outdoor terrace areas with gas grills. Each penthouse comes with a private elevator lobby, a private air-conditioned storage space, a private three-car garage, and a private rooftop amenity deck. Each of the penthouse plans includes five bedrooms, a den, and five-and-a-half baths. Open-concept living areas include a great room with a fireplace, a double-island kitchen in the 01 and 03 residences with a walk-in pantry, and dining spaces that open to terraces that wrap around the corner of the building. Additional terraces are located off the owner’s bedroom and two of the guest bedrooms.

Standard finishes in the fully-completed Omega residences will reflect Ronto’s attention to creating a luxurious, exceedingly livable environment. Floor-to-ceiling living areas will be professionally selected cabinetry, quartz or granite countertops, a Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer, Wolf gas ranges and ovens, a Miele dishwasher, and Dornbracht plumbing fixtures. The bathrooms will also feature designer selected cabinetry, quartz or granite countertops, Dornbracht plumbing fixtures, and Toto toilets.

Omega residents will enjoy 18,000 square feet of interior amenities, including a billiards room and bar attached to a social room, a catering kitchen, a fitness center, and three guest suites. Outside, plans call for a single-level amenity deck surrounded by glass railings, a resort-style pool and spa, a 40-foot by 40-foot pool pavilion with a bar and dining tables, a hot tub, shaded areas, a cabana party area, fire pits, and six cabanas available for purchase that include a kitchenette and bathroom. The amenity deck will overlook a lake on one of Bonita Bay’s golf courses and offer a view of Estero Bay.

Visit the Omega Sales Center at 2691 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Call 239-301-4940 for a sales appointment.
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Pulte Homes invites the public to the grand opening of the clubhouse and amenity center at its Greyhawk at Golf Club of the Everglades from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. Admission is free to the gated community off Vanderbilt Beach Road. Nine miles east of U.S. 41.

Designed by MBR Architecture and Planning and built by Deangelis Diamond Construction, the 9,000-square-foot clubhouse has a restaurant, bar, gathering lounge, card room and fitness center/movement studio. Five tennis courts, three pickleball courts, three bocce courts and an event lawn with stage are also part of the center.

New homes at Greyhawk at Golf Club of the Everglades are offered in 12 floor plans from 1,671 to more than 3,900 square feet of living area. Prices start in the low $400,000s. Four furnished and decorated models are open daily.

Pulte plans to build 550 single-family residences at Greyhawk at Golf Club of the Everglades that will be spread across 300 acres of nature preserve and lakes, sur-

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phase will include selective demolition of the existing building and the addition of 1,270 square feet to the second floor. Upon completion of the project, the original building will be doubled in size.

■ Renovation of Physicians Regional–Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The multi-phase project will include relocating the existing surgical waiting areas, meditation room and clean storage, as well expanding the observation unit by 10 beds. The work should be completed in late July.

■ Construction of Sunnybrook Storage in Miami. Designed by Blue Projects USA, the eight-story building will have 970 climate-controlled storage units in a total of 112,500 square feet. It will also have a parking garage. Groundbreaking is planned for early February.
Long Island mansion no longer a nightmare ‘Money Pit’

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One of the most infamous homes in movie history is for sale. “The Money Pit” estate on Long Island is on the market at $5.9 million — not as it appeared in the 1986 movie with Tom Hanks and Shelley Long as its beleaguered owners, Walter and Anna, but more like a candidate for a feature in House Beautiful.

After the film crew finally left, the house still needed massive repairs. Fortunately, a real life couple came along and bought the 1898 mansion named Northway, and immediately got to work. It took four years and a team of designers, contractors and decorators to turn it into a jewel box that scriptwriters and set designers for “The Money Pit” could never have imagined. Every detail has been addressed, from the elaborate moldings to the gleaming ebony wood floors to the formal gardens.

The 23-room home has seven ensuite bedrooms plus a four-room master suite, an eat-in kitchen, eight fireplaces including one in the grand foyer, large formal rooms, a study, pool and pool house. The brick terrace overlooking the gardens and woods is a perfect place to sit and ponder your next home improvement task.

The asking price is $5.9 million, and the listing agents are Lois Kirschenbaum and Margaret Trautmann of Daniel Gale Sotheby’s in Locust Valley, N.Y.

Enjoy a front-row seat for Palm Beach polo season

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High season in Palm Beach is in full swing, perhaps nowhere more so that at the International Polo Club, where for the next several weeks horses and riders will compete for more than half a billion dollars.

Many of the 6,000 horses in the season’s events come from stables nearby in Wellington, which has been home to many who participate. Bill Gates, Bruce Springsteen and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg all own homes in Wellington, where their daughters compete in the events.

One prime polo estate is on the market this social season. Windsome Farms is an 80-acre facility in Wellington with everything imaginable for serious riders and their trainers: 52 stalls with tack room, a Grand Prix field with natural jumps and hills, three training rings, 19 paddocks, lakes and an automatic walker.

It’s the place where many Olympians have stayed and trained. Accommodations include two one-bedroom apartments and an owner’s lounge with kitchenette and full bath as well as a riders’ lounge with kitchenette and half bath downstairs. There is also enough pristine land where one could build the estate of their dreams.

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rounded by the community’s landscape and a Rees Jones-designed championship golf course with a club limited to 299 members. For more information, visit www.pulte.com.

KTS Homes has opened its Newport model in the Parrot Cay neighborhood at Naples Reserve. With a coastal contemporary design, the model has three bedrooms plus study, two full baths and two ½-baths in 3,000 square feet of air-conditioned living area. Including the three-car garage and expansive outdoor living area, the Newport encompasses more than 3,500 square feet. As furnished, the Newport model is available for $1.5 million.

With a 125-acre lake as its centerpiece, Naples Reserve is on the north side of U.S. 41, 2 miles east of Collier Boulevard. The Newport model is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.KTSgrp.com.

More than a dozen decorated models by eight builders will be open for tours when Naples Reserve hosts the Collier Building Industry Association’s single-site Parade of Homes Feb. 9-11 and Feb. 16-18. A $5 donation per vehicle is suggested and will benefit the CBIA scholarship fund.

Priced from the high-$200,000s to more than $1 million, Naples Reserve’s attached villas, single-family homes and custom estate homes offer up to four bedrooms and range from 1,500 to more than 3,500 square feet of air-conditioned space. Builders at work in the community are: Ashton Woods, Stock Signature Homes, KTS Homes, Lundstrom Development, Marvin Development, McGarvey Custom Homes and Stock Signature Homes. Naples Reserve’s 684 acres are home to 11 neighborhoods woven among 22 freshwater lakes, including the 125-acre Eagle Lake with the destination Kontiki Island. Buyers who purchase a home in Parrot Cay or Sparrow Cay along Eagle Lake have the option to build a floating boat dock behind their home (electric boats and boats with motors up to 2.5 horsepower are permitted).

Parade of Homes visitors will be able to tour the Island Club with its waterfall pool, beach volleyball and boce ball courts, the Chat ‘n’ Chill tiki bar, a 3,500-square-foot fitness club and the 3,500-square-foot community center featuring Latitudes Cafe and an 800-gallon cylindrical aquarium. At the Outrigger Center, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards are available for resident use, as is a flex-space for game days, special events and other activities. Cruises on the community’s two Duffy electric boats depart from the center’s floating docks for residents to explore Eagle Lake and Kontiki Island.

The lakefront Match Point complex has five tennis and four pickleball courts. The Walk & Wag dog park is nearby and an additional dog park, Paws Awhile, is planned, as well as the 2-mile 840-acre playground and picnic area and a meandering linear park for biking, hiking and jogging. Navigating a loop road circling the community, the Park is designed to engage residents with their natural environment and provide an alternative mode of transportation throughout the community.

For more information about Naples Reserve and the parade of homes, go to www.naplesreserve.com/2018-parade-of-homes. Entrance to the community is off U.S. 41, 2 miles southeast of Collier Boulevard.

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Naples | $3,595,000
OLD NAPLES

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NAPLES | $379,000
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Meet Popo: Naples artist knows how to make an impression

BY ROBBIE SPENCER
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Popo Flanigan has always enjoyed the finer things in life. So when she decided to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming an artist, it was a natural transition.

“I knew I had talent in high school,” she said of her youth. “I thought, what fun it would be to play all the time and hang out with other artists?” Following a career owning a fine jewelry store in Philadelphia, she decided to do just that. An impressionist whose influences include Matisse and Van Gogh, Ms. Flanigan installed her “Tribute to Color”

COURTESY PHOTOS

Top: “New Frog’s Mystic Transformation”
Above: Studio

Creating creature comfort

By Lindsey Nemsmit
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“Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.”
— “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” Anglican hymn

Hunt Slonem’s whimsical tiny subjects have kept the art world in thrall for almost 40 years.

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Popo Flanigan at her home studio in Naples.
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Bestselling novelist will share her insights about writing

Learn “How to Write a Novel” when international bestselling author Kristin Harmel (“The Sweetness of Forgetting,” “The Life Intended,” “How to Save a Life” and “When We Meet Again”) leads a workshop by that name from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

A former reporter for People magazine, Ms. Harmel has freelanced for many other publications, including American Baby, Men’s Health, Glamour, Woman’s Day and Travel + Leisure. Her aforementioned novels are out now from Gallery Books/Simon & Schuster. The publisher will release her newest title, “The Room on Rue Amélie,” a tale of three lives that collide in Paris during World War II, in March.

Ms. Harmel grew up in Peabody, Mass.; Worthington, Ohio; and St. Petersburg, Fla.; and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Florida. After spending time living in Paris, she now lives in Orlando.

Admission to the “How to Write a Novel” workshop is $50 (10 percent discount for students). For reservations or more information, visit www.sbdac.com.
the art world in thrall for almost 40 years. Neapolitans, several of whom are avid collectors of his work, can view and purchase one of their own little beauties at Harmon-Meek Gallery’s upcoming solo exhibition of Mr. Slonem’s recent work Jan. 29 through Feb. 8 in Naples.

Educated at Tulane University but inspired by his travels as a Navy kid in Hawaii and as a young adult in Central America, Mr. Slonem is one of the few artists in history to have exhibited in solo exhibitions on every habitable continent during his lifetime and is represented by 40 prominent galleries. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Museum of Modern Art all boast works in their permanent collections that depict the little bitty creatures that roam the earth or fill the sky, and sometimes they capture the landscapes where they live.

The artist doesn’t know why he’s so inspired by the beauty of animals or objects that get lost in the landscapes that surround him. He lives his life surrounded by over 60 exotic — and geriatric — birds who need care, renovating abandoned plantations and mansions, and painting the sweet little animals that humans have steeped in symbolism and lore since we all started talking about such things. Why does he like them? And why are they so popular?

“Who knows? God. Lightning struck,” he said. “I never know why anything happens. It’s not a calculated decision and that’s what’s so different about my work. When the stopper’s removed they’re just sitting there waiting. They’re all things I’ve loved since I was a child raising orchids in Hawaii. I’ve had one of my macaws for 45 years. He’s in his 70s.”

Mostly, it seems Mr. Slonem is a creature of comfort and it is easily expressed in his work. Collecting enormous mansions in New York and Louisiana, filling them with antiques and spending an eye-popping amount of cash on maintaining dozens of exotic birds in their dotage (“not a light pastime”) all speak to a person who finds beauty and value in God’s creatures and their surroundings.

“I’m an impassioned collector,” he said. “I just get more and more stuff that I hope to leave as a foundation.”

Each day begins as it has for decades, with a study in bunnies, the subject that has gained Mr. Slonem the most mainstream popularity. For many collectors and galleries, bunnies as a subject are positively devotional time each day to watching how rabbits for them. Ever since, he’s said. “I just get more and more stuff that I hope to leave as a foundation.”

“You can’t even donate very easily, so you know there’s going to be some permanence. The artists might be remembered and enjoyed for generations.”

And his paintings are just a joy to look at, she continued. She personally owns two Slonem paintings, a pair of lovebirds she selected in high school and a bunny in her son’s nursery.

“To be honest, I just think his work is beautiful, and I think art should be beautiful,” she said. “It should be something you want to surround yourself with and I love seeing his work every day. I like sharing it with other people and you can tell from his work that he’s a great person who enjoys his life.”

Their clients seem to agree, said her father and gallery owner William Meek. When Mr. Slonem’s works are displayed with other artists, they seem to magnetically draw in viewers.

“It’s just interesting how people who have never seen his work in a group exhibition at our gallery just pick it out as their favorite without prompting,” he said. “They just love it and it’s an interesting test. It’s just an observation that people gravitate to it and it puts a smile on their face.”

Harmon-Meek Gallery displays a solo exhibition of Hunt Slonem’s work Jan. 29- Feb. 8 at its main gallery, at 599 Ninth St. N, Naples. A reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. For more information, call 235-2637 or visit www.harmonmeek.com.
“Careful what you wish for.”
So goes the adage.
You may get something in spades. But sometimes, wishful thinking pays off.
Case in point: A piece of 1940s Melba Ware I spotted in a Fort Myers thrift shop. The British-made pottery butter or cheese dish reminds me of American-made Hull and McCoy pottery of the same era.
It’s decidedly old-fashioned, pretty, pastel and forward looking, at least in its optimism.
And I admired it, but decided to pass on it — as you might have guessed, I have one old-fashioned, pretty, pastel and forward-looking treasure too many at my house.
I later regretted the decision not to buy, then forgot about the piece. Fast-forward to Christmas morning. My sister hands me a bag.
“Y ou can sell this, if you want to,” she says.
I open it and it’s the piece of Melba Ware — of course, I won’t sell it.
Things always have a way of working out, which is why I seldom regret not buying something. I thought about that during a recent estate sale I visited.
There, on the shelves, was a pair of Heisey Old Williamsburg candelabra in the rarely seen Sahara color. They were priced at $450, but the market has softened from a couple of decades ago, when they would have been priced at double that.
Oh, that richly hued yellow glass glowed from the shelves, but where would I have stored them? And why spend $450 on something that would be put away? It was a rare opportunity, but in the world of collecting, there will be others. Perhaps another time…
If there’s one lesson I have learned, it is this: We can’t have everything we want. Otherwise, nothing is of value. But the piece of Melba Ware, found at Family Thrift in Fort Myers? It’s priceless.

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THURSDAY 1.25

The Elders – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a guided walk to its stand of old-growth bald cypress trees from 9 a.m. to noon. $10-$25. 348-9591 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Mah Jongg on Marco – The Jewish Community of Marco Island invites mah jongg players to join the games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 911 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or www.marcojcc.org.

Book Sale – Replenish your bookshelf with bargain finds from the Indoor/Outdoor Parisian Style Book Fair Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, at Headquarters Library. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 263-9344 or www.collierlibrary.org.

Holocaust Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents "Perfume, Powder, Lotion and Beauty" from 10 a.m. to noon at Hodges University. $12.98-015 or amay@hodges.edu.

Art Film – Artis—Naples hosts a screening of the documentary, "A Model for Marisue," followed by a lecture with Barbara Freed at 4 p.m. $15. 597-9900 or www.artisnaples.org.

FRIDAY 1.26

Farmers Market – Stock up on fresh produce and more at the St. John Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 627 Country Club. $5 for members, $8 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 263-8646 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Chickee Chat – Collier County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards leads a presentation about the 30 years she has spent managing local elections from 11 a.m. to noon at Palm Cottage. Free for members, $8 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 263-8646 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Painting Talk – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy presents a program exploring the blurred line between architecture and painting by studying the works of Matisse, Rothko, Mondrian, Pollock and others from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus. $40 for members, $47 for others. 1005 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or www.fgcu.edu.

Masterworks – Naples Philharmonic performs works by Mozart, Schoenberg and Labar with featured vocalist Karita Mattila at 8 p.m. today and Saturday, Jan. 27, 597-9900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Local Color – The 34th annual Mul- leet Festival takes over Goodland with smoked mullet, fresh seafood, live music, the essential Buzzard Lope dance contest and the crowning of this year’s Buzzard Lope Queen starting at 6 p.m. and continuing through the weekend. 231 Goodland Drive. 263-3041 or www.stansidlehour.net.

Singer/songwriter and former teen heartthrob Paul Anka performs hits including "Diana" and "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Jan. 27-28 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

SATURDAY 1.27

To Market, To Market – Third Street South hosts a market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 443-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

More Produce – Stock up on local produce and assorted locally made goods at the Bonita Springs Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. $55 for members, $65 for others. 263 Audubon Blvd. 293-0388.

SUNDAY 1.28

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

Treasures in the Sand – Delnor- Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about tidal movement, seashells and more at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 976-0153 or www.floordastateparks.gov.

Throwback Cinema – Silverspot Cinema screens "Gone with the Wind" (1939), Part 2 and 7 p.m. 895-50-59, 592-0380 or www.silverspot.net.

Foreign Film – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens "La Haine" (France, 1995), at 7 p.m. today. Twenty-four hours in the lives of three men after violent riots in the French suburbs. $6 for members, $8 for others. 1005 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4377 or www.fgcu.edu.

Bluegrass Concert – Balsam Range combines elements of jazz, country, gosp- el, swing and old-time mountain music at 7 p.m. $30-$32. 241 Goodland Drive. 263-3041 or www.stansidlehour.net.

Put Your Head on My Shoulder – Paul Anka performs at Artis—Naples at 7 p.m. tonight and Monday, Jan. 29, 597-9900 or www.artisnaples.org.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

MONDAY 1.29

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

Ravishing Ravenna – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy takes guests on an armchair tour of the off-the-beaten path Italian destination, Ravenna, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. $20 for members, $20 for others. 132 Moorings Park Drive. 434-4727 or www.fgcu.edu.

Capri Dinner – Artichoke & Company hosts a three-course dinner with live music from Michael D’Amore, lead singer of The Capris, from 6-9 p.m. Reservations required. $34.95, 1920 Saradrienne Lane. 263-6979 or april@artichokeandcompany.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Local Color” (Hungary, 2006) at 7 p.m. A successful artist looks back with loving memories at his defining year, 1974. $10, $15 for members. 1010 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 1.30

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

Pops – Vocalist Ellis Hall takes a musical journey through the sounds of Ray Charles, Motown and more today through Saturday, Feb. 3, at Arts—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jazz Trio – The Marco Island Center for the Arts welcomes the Washington, D.C.-based Peter and Will Anderson Jazz Trio in concert from 5:30-7 p.m. in the center’s Lauritzen & Rush Galleries. $25 for members, $30 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

WEDNESDAY 1.31

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

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

Tribute Lecture – The Center for Critical Thinking presents “Education Matters: Opening the Doors to College,” a lecture in memory of Ken O’Leary, at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Presenter Seamus Malin is a former director of the Harvard University International Office. $15 includes refreshments, with proceeds to benefit a scholarship fund at the SWF Workforce Development Board. No reservations required. 6340 Napa Woods Way.

Vocal Concert – Spanish mezzo soprano Maria Jose Montiel performs arias along with French, Spanish and Brazilian favorites at 7:30 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 855-995, 2048 Linwood Ave. 963-9650 or www.operanaples.org.

Vocal Tour of France – Gulfshore Opera’s resident artists perform French opera classics at 7 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at Arts–Naples. 529-3025 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

Soup’s on at the 12th annual Empty Bowls Naples lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Cambier Park. For $20, guests get a handmade bowl and a serving of soup from one of 40-plus participating restaurants and clubs. —www.emptybowlsnaples.com

Fans of chalk art have two chances to make it and/or admire it on Saturday. The fourth annual Chalk Art on Marco is at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, while Fifth Avenue South becomes the canvas for temporary creativity in Naples.
WHAT TO DO

Military Talk – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy explores the major battles of World War I from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the university’s Naples campus, $20 for members, $25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

COMING UP

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

Art Lecture – Florida Gulf Coast University’s Art Galleries host a lecture by Wendy Wischer, whose exhibition “Parallel Journeys” will be on display through March 1, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the U. Tobe Music Hall with a reception to follow. Free. 1050 FGCU Blvd. S. 590-7199 or www.fgcu.edu.

Taste of Opera – Gulfshore Playhouse hosts dinner and performances of popular melodies and famous opera scenes at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Hideaway Beach Club. $150, 250 S. Beach Dr.,Marco Island. $29-2925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

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

Sketchy – The revered sketch comedy group Second City performs Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at Arts—Naples. 997-1900 or www.artsnaples.org.

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

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

Future Stars – Opera Naples Renata Scotto Academy students perform operatic arias and ensembles at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. $20-$59. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org.

Baby Love – Mary Wilson, former members of The Supremes, performs with The Shirelles at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $39, 800-218-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Loving SWFL – Bonita Beach Sunset Rotary kicks off a day of celebrating the Southwest Florida lifestyle starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Riverside Park. Vendors specializing in wellness, home life and entertainment will offer swag bags, coupons, discounts and free health screenings; live music from The SCS Band, Rick Howard and the Speed bumps and Marty Stokes Band; and a wine fest and craft beer social with food trucks and more from 5-9 p.m. Entry for the vendor expo is free, but a $5 donation is appreciated. Drink passes for the evening are $39. www.eventbrite.com.


Cruisin’ – Miromar Outlets hosts a car show featuring classic, exotic and custom autos from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at 597-1900 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Free Concert – Naples Jazz Society performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Cambier Park. 263-1113 or naplesjazzsociety.com.


Holocaust Film – GenShoah SWFL screens “Fanny’s Journey” (France, 2016) from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Beth Tikvah. Fanny and her sisters attempt to escape Nazi-occupied France but many dangers lie ahead. Free, but reservations required. 4399 Pine Ridge Road. shelly-goodman@rogers.com.
WHERE TO GO

The Naples Jewish Congregation presents contemporary singer/songwriter/guitarist Julie Silver in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. $40 or $60, includes a wine reception after the performance. 6340 Napa Woods Way. www.naplesjewishcongregation.org.

Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Foreign Film Fest – The inaugural Seidler International Film Festival at FGCU opens at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, with a reception followed by the screening of “Franz,” a film by Francois Ozon (French and German with English subtitles). Screenings will continue every Wednesday and Monday in February. Admission is free. 590-1511 or dgras@fgcu.edu.


Holocaust Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture titled “The Auschwitz Volunteer and The Gasman” at Hodges University. $12 per lecture, from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 8, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Admission is free on opening day, $5 on Saturday-Sunday. 7100 Airport-Pulling Road. 591-3430 or www.catheplace.org.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Camp-bell Park. $60 for members, $70 for nonmembers. 595-6480 or www.geraldinenaples2018.com.

Cars on Fifth – More than 550 exotic and custom cars of all kinds will line Fifth Avenue South for all to covet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. The 14th annual Cars on Fifth is sponsored by the Naples chapter of the Ferrari Club of America. www.caronfifth.com.


Very Verdi – Gulfshore Opera performs pieces by Verdi at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Naples Art Association. $45-$60. 585 Park St. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.


Billy Joel Tribute – Naples Bay Resort launches a series of five tribute concerts with a salute to Billy Joel starting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at The Pointe. Enjoy a prix fixe dinner from 4-6 p.m. at 1500 South. Dinner and concert, $50; concert alone, $35. Subsequent concerts are: Feb. 18, The Beatles; Feb. 25, Bon Jovi and Journey; March 11, George Strait; and March 25, The Bee Gees. www.naplesbayresort.com.

Ten Flying Fingers – Fingerstyle guitarist Glen Roth performs from 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Marco Island Center for the Arts, $25 for members, $30 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoplayers.org.

Free Concert – Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Travel Showcase – Preferred Travel of Naples hosts more than 50 vendors to present their luxury travel offerings while guests enjoy live music and cocktails from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Club Pelican Bay. $60, must be purchased in advance. 707 Gulf Park Dri. 261-1177 or www.preferrednaples.com.
WHAT TO DO

You’re So Classic — Tony Bennett performs at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 489-4833 or www.bbbmanpah.com.


Classical Concert — Chicago Symphony Orchestra performs works by Verdi, Brahms and Higdon at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artsnaples.org.

Vocal Valentine — Gulfshore Opera hosts dinner and a performance of popular melodies and opera scenes at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Shangri-La Springs. $125. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.


I Do Again — Friends of Lovens Key hosts vow renewal ceremonies with a champagne toast, catered meal and dancing at 10 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the state park. $100 per couple. figreenwood@gmail.com or www.friendsofloverskey.org.

Coffee, Tea & Broadway — TheatreZone presents show tunes and Broadway standards with a continental breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Feb. 14. 835.13275 Livingston Road. 424-9500 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Mah Jongg Tourney — The annual Barbara B. Katz Mah Jongg Tournament takes place from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. $45. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800 or www.marcojcmi.com.

Zoo Lecture — Naples Zoo hosts a lecture with Tara Harris, vice president for conservation at Minnesota Zoo, about decades of tiger conservation efforts and what remains to be done in the future from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Free for members, $10 for others. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.


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Classical Concert — Members of Naples Music Club perform a concert celebrating love at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at First United Methodist Church. Free. 388 First Ave. S. 384-9205 or www.naplesmusicclub.org.

The Naples Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America hosts an exhibit of contemporary hand embroidery from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, in the auditorium at Moorings Park. $5. 120 Moorings Park Drive. www.naplesembroidery.com.


Masterworks — Naples Philharmonic performs works by Bernstein and Mahler with violinist Vadim Gluzman at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 17. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Kehkana International Naples hosts an exhibition featuring the Japanese art of flower arranging from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Free Concert — The Honeycreepers perform from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

String Recital — Violinists Glenn Basham and Daniela Shitereva perform solo, jazz and hoedown selections at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Wang Opera Center. $10-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

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Starry Night – Big Cypress National Preserve, designated by the National Park Service as an International Dark Sky Place, hosts a ranger-led astronomy program with constellation tours and telescopic viewing of stars, nebulae and other galactic formations at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Free, hiking attire and a red light flashlight or headlamp are recommended. 33000 Tamiami Trail E. 799-598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Author Event – Media psychologist Andre Krauss leads a presentation titled “Moving Pictures: An Analysis of Films about the Holocaust” at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Beth Tikvah, $10, reservations required. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. 263-9200 or www.bethtikvah.org.

Free Concert – Gulf Coast Big Band performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Cambier Park, 872-6090 or www.gulfcoastbigband.com.

Film Lecture – Art historian and media psychologist Andre Krauss leads a presentation titled “Moving Pictures: An Analysis of Films about the Holocaust” at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Beth Tikvah, $10, reservations required. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. 263-9200 or www.bethtikvah.org.


Next time you feel like monkeying around, head straight to The Naples Zoo to welcome the newest arrivals from India: a male Colobus monkey, Hasani, and his sons Mally and Kito. The zoo is open daily. For hours and more information, visit www.napleszoo.com.

I Get Around – The Beach Boys perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 18, at Arts—Naples. 597-1900 or www.arts-naples.org.

Vocal Concert – Internationally renowned baritone Luca Salsi performs selections from the Italian operatic repertoire at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 357-895, 2408 Linwood Ave. 962-9050 or www.opernaples.org.

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

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The years have a way of helping us re-evaluate the true value of things — but not just objects, but relationships, how we’ve spent our lives, what we’ve sacrificed over the decades.

What is the ultimate value of one’s life choices and decisions?

Were they worth it?

In Arthur Miller’s “The Price” at Gulfshore Playhouse, Victor Franz (Jeffrey Binder) returns to his childhood home to have its contents appraised and sold. The building is about to be demolished.

His father died 16 years ago, and Vic and his older brother, Walter (David Whalen), are estranged.

For Vic, walking through the house he lived in with his father brings back memories in waves. You can see each new recollection wash across his face as he spies various objects: a Victrola, an old trunk, a case of dusty vinyl records, a harp, a sword and fencing mask.

For us, the audience, walking into the theater is also like stepping back into time. The air itself is hazy. Dust motes dance in streams of light.

The set (by Kristen Martino) is like a sepia photo come to life. Harboxes and old telephones, books and lamps and picture frames sit in clusters. A heavy armoire and dresser loom in the background. Light filters through a slanted wall of windowpanes.

Vic’s wife, Esther (Marilee Talkington), is pushing Vic to retire from the police force, to start a new life. He’s put in his time. Surely there must be some kind of reward for all this sacrifice, she feels.

But Vic is stuck in middle-age malaise, unable to move forward. He doesn’t like being on the force, but doesn’t want to quit and start a new career.

Ms. Talkington’s role is somewhat thankless; she’s not on stage very often and the playwright hasn’t given her much to do. She seems to represent life choices and decisions make us who we are today? Is life just one big cosmic joke or a dream?

Ultimately, the play seems to suggest, life demands sacrifices of one kind or another, and it’s up to each one of us to determine the price we want to pay.

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**LETTER AGENDA**

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You might want to reject a suggested change. But it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You’re bolstered by both the practical and poetic sides of your nature as you maneuver through some unsettled emotional situations. Things ease up by week’s end.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There’s always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** The more patient you are with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what’s right. The fact is, there’s a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** It should be easier to assess the facts you’ll need to make an important decision. But don’t commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks. But on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** You might prefer sticking with your current schedule. But some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People reach out to your generosity and wisdom, and consider you a treasured and trusted friend.

**PUZZLES**

**SUDOKU**

Difficulty level: ★★☆☆☆

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By Linda Thistle

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Declarer sometimes can manufacture a trick that does not exist naturally by forcing the opponents to lead a particular suit. Dozens of card combinations lead themselves well to this type of trick development, and declarer should always be on the lookout for it.

For example, examine the club holding in this deal. If declarer plays the suit first, regardless of whether he leads initially from dummy or his hand, he loses three club tricks against normal defense.

Thus, if South plays a low club to dummy's jack, East wins with the king and returns the ten to garner three tricks for his side. If South leads the queen instead, West takes his ace and returns a club to produce the same result. The defenders likewise score three club tricks if declarer initiates the suit by playing from dummy first, whether he leads the jack or a low club to the queen.

But if the defenders initiate the suit, they can score only their A-K, and declarer winds up with a club trick. It does not matter whether East or West leads the suit first; declarer simply plays low from the next hand to achieve his goal.

Declarer can put this knowledge to good use on the present hand. South wins the opening heart lead with the king and sees that he has four potential losers — a diamond and three clubs. He then cashes the K-Q of trumps and Q-A of hearts.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Declarer next leads a diamond to the ace, deliberately rejecting the finesse, and exits with the queen. He does not care which defender actually wins the trick, since that player has to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard, and either way the contract comes home.

Note that if South attempts the diamond finesse at trick six and it loses, a diamond return will force him to initiate the club suit himself, and he will go down one.
Fiction, nonfiction author series continue thanks to library Friends


Monday, March 12, brings Gregg Hurwitz, a New York Times bestselling author of 17 thrillers, most recently “Nowhere Man.” Mr. Hurwitz is also a screenwriter, TV producer and comic book writer. He lives in Los Angeles.

The 2018 Nick Linn Lecture Series ends Monday, March 26, with Adrianna Trigiani, whose 17 titles have been published in 36 countries. Her latest, “Kiss Carlo,” brings the reader into a story of an Italian American family on the cusp of change. Ms. Trigiani is also a playwright, television writer/producer and award-winning filmmaker for her novel “Big Stone Gap.” She is a cofounder of the Origin Project, an in-school writing program that serves more than 1,000 students in Appalachia. She lives in New York City. All Nick Linn Series lectures include lunch at noon and a book signing after the 1 p.m. lecture in the Grand Lawn Pavilion at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Individual tickets, with limited availability, can be purchased by calling 262-8135 or online at www.collier-friends.org.

And some nonfiction

The fifth annual Nonfiction Author Series presented by Friends of the Library of Collier County brings two more writers to town.

The series continues Monday, Feb. 26, with Larry Goldstone discussing “Going Deep: John Philip Holland and the Invention of the Attack Submarine.” As told by Mr. Goldstone, Mr. Holland's life soars with a singular achievement and ends, as genius often does, in near obscurity.

The nonfiction series ends Monday, March 19, with Del Quentin Wilber, the author of “Rawhide Down.” Ronald Reagan was just 70 days into his first term of office when he was shot by John W. Hinckley Jr. Mr. Wilber's book tells the full, fascinating story of a historical moment when the nation faced a crisis.

A limited number of tickets are available for $45 and $55. Continental breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and the programs start at 9:30 a.m. For tickets or more information, call Marlene Kern at 262-8135, email mkern@collier-friends.org or visit www.collier-friends.org.
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‘12 Strong’

★★★/2
Is it worth $10? Yes

Military heroism has been chronicled in movies so many times that it’s easy to take for granted. Leaving friends and loved ones behind to protect one’s country is a life-changing choice, and soldiers today take the responsibility of volunteering, and creates a sense of gratitude from a country’s citizens that’s beyond comparison.

This reminder is especially relevant in ‘12 Strong,’ which follows the first Army combat unit to enter Afghanistan after 9/11. Capt. Mitch Nelson (Chris Hemsworth) was ready to retire and settle into a domestic life with his wife (Elsa Pataky, Hemsworth’s real-life wife) and daughter in September 2001. After 9/11 he immediately went to Lt. Colonel Bowers (comedy’s own Rob Riggle, himself a former Marine and nicely playing the role straight) and asked to rejoin his unit. He’s allowed, and a short time later he’s back with Hal Spencer (Michael Shannon), Sam Diller (Ben Milon, ‘Trevante Rhodes’) and his other squad mates (there’s 12 of them total, hence the title) as they venture to the Middle East.

The plan, as shared by Col. Mulholland (William Fichtner), is complicated. They’re to fly into Uzbekistan, just north of Afghanistan, and meet up with Afghan warlord General Dostum (Navid Negahban), who hates the Taliban. The mission is to trek 40 miles through the mountainous, arid terrain to capture the Taliban stronghold city of Mazar-I-Sharif. The problem is there are other warlords who also want to possess Mazar-I-Sharif, and the Taliban isn’t going down without a fight.

Director Nicolai Fuglsig shoots the film in creative ways, and/or the variation of the mission do little to assuage the narrative monotony. This would’ve been more forgivable if the action were shot in creative ways, and/or the various scenarios were more diverse, but neither element does much to make the film more engaging.

Ted Tally and Peter Craig’s script is based on the book ‘Horse Soldiers’ by Doug Stanton. One naturally hopes that both the book and movie do justice to the courage these 12 Americans and their Afghan compatriots displayed. We need to remember, however, that just because a movie does justice to a story doesn’t mean it renders the events in a compelling way. Authenticity is important in a movie such as this, yes, but the creativity and manner in which the story is told are also essential, and in that regard ‘12 Strong’ is a letdown.

Still, though, it doesn’t feel right to give ‘12 Strong’ a negative review. So I’m not going to. There’s just enough of the mission do little to assuage the narrative monotony. This would’ve been more forgivable if the action were shot in creative ways, and/or the variation of the mission do little to assuage the narrative monotony.

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Jewish Book Festival brings authors to town

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

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

■ 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Temple Shalom: Family-focused memoir is the theme. Playwright and film producer Peter Gethers’ “My Mother’s Kitchen” tells the heartwarming story of his determination to bring his aging mother’s friends and loved ones to the table one last time for a feast featuring her favorite dishes. In “Wherever You Go, There They Are,” actress Annabelle Gurwitch (“Seinfeld,” “Murphy Brown” and “Dexter”) describes the family she tried to escape and the ones she joined by accident or on purpose, including her southern ancestors, the siblinghood and an adult summer camp for vegans.

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1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Temple Shalom: It's all about love and relationships with Marilyn Simon Rothstein (“Lift and Separate”) and Renee Rosen (“Windy City Blues”). Ms. Rothstein creates Mary, a Jewish mother of three grown children, whose husband of 33 years leaves her for a fitter model he met at his brassiere empire. Set in 1950s and ’60s Chicago, Ms. Rosen’s novel tells of the forbidden romance between a young Jewish Polish immigrant and a black blues guitarist from the South.

1 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples: Five-time Emmy Award-winner Alan Zweibel is a writer for “Saturday Night Live” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm.” His book “The Other Shulman” won the Thurber Prize for American Humor in 2006. His latest project is the Passover Haggadah parody “For This We Left Egypt?”, co-written with Dave Barry and Adam Mansbach.

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

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Great Performances at the Met: Norma
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As Time Goes By
Jean and Lionel try to rekindle their flame after 38 years.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 9 P.M.
Victoria on Masterpiece Season 2, Part 3
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 8 P.M.
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Lost looking for ‘Lost?’

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I recently decided to watch the series “Lost” for the first time, but then Netflix removed it from its lineup, and I’m not done. Is there anywhere else I can see it?

— Barry G., via email

A: You’re in luck: Netflix’s loss is Hulu’s gain. Hulu took over exclusive streaming rights to air all six seasons — that’s 121 episodes — of the supernatural drama, so you’ll still be able to finish the series. Good thing because you need to find out who The Others are, who Kate ends up with (Jack or Sawyer?) and if they ever get off that dang island. You’ll go through some bumpy patches as a result of the writers’ strike back in 2008, but stick with the series through to the end. Some people hated the ending; I thought it was perfect, as did series star Michael Emerson, whom I spoke with about it a few years back.

Q: A while back you mentioned a “Sons of Anarchy” spinoff, but I haven’t seen anything about that since. Is it still a go?

— Linda T. in Georgia

A: The “Sons” spinoff, called “Mayans MC,” has been picked up by FX. Nick Grad, FX’s president of original programming, said in a statement: “Kurt Sutter is a master storyteller, and ‘Mayans MC’ has the raw energy and intensity that are hallmarks of his signature style. Thanks to Kurt, co-creator Elgin James and this amazing cast, ‘Mayans MC’ builds on the legacy of ‘Sons of Anarchy,’ taking it in a thrilling new direction that we can’t wait for the world to see.”

The reason you hadn’t heard much since the initial spinoff announcement back in December 2016 is because production hit a speed bump this past summer when it was revealed that new director and executive producer Norberto Barba was coming aboard to help revamp the pilot.

Readers: HBO announced that we’ll have a bit of a wait to see who will end up sitting on the Iron Throne. The network announced that the hit series “Game of Thrones” will finally wrap up its story with a six-episode eighth season sometime in 2019. While no exact date has been given, most of us are assuming it will be a late-spring/early-summer offering, as per previous seasons. As I’m sure you know, season seven consisted of seven episodes, many of which were over an hour long, so I’m thinking (and hoping) that season eight will follow suit and bring fans even more supersize episodes.

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.
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The evening begins with a reception featuring a samples from more than 10 winemakers selected by The Ritz-Carlton’s sommelier. Guests will then enjoy dinner, live entertainment, a live auction, and dancing. More information is $375. For more information, call 316-7416 or visit www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

The Naples Players present “Let Us Entertain You” on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, at The Naples Grande Beach Resort. The black-tie evening includes Broadway-worthy entertainment, cocktails, dinner with wine and a live auction. Tickets are $350 ($500 for patron tickets), with all proceeds benefiting the KidsAct youth theater program. For tickets or more information, call De Laso Sorey at 248-8059 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

The “Gift of Love,” a sale of artwork by the local artist Theresa of Astratta Art Gallery to benefit Youth Haven, takes place from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the courtyard at The Hotel Escalante. Admission for $300 includes wine and hors d’oeuvres. For tickets or more information, call 659-3466.

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy holds a garden party-themed gala “Help Fun Time Kids Bloom!” on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Honorary event chairs are Nancy and Skip Zink; event chair and co-chair are Robin Larkin and Jackie Fritsch. Stacey Deffenbaugh of NBC2 will emcee, and Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will serve as the auctioneer. Dinner, dancing and more, including a grand prize drawing for jewelry donated by Bigham Jewelers, will be part of the fun. Tickets are $300. For more information, call 260-8284 or visit www.FunTimeAcademy.org.

The 18th annual Pet Lovers Gala: “Krewe de Paws: Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball” to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Naples Botanical Garden. Tick-
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The sixth annual Night at the Museum: “A Pirate Ball” to benefit the Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples takes place Saturday, Feb. 10, at the museum at 15080 Livingston Road. Pirates and their wenches will land on the shores of C’mon for live music and dancing, silent and live auction, dinner, drinks and the chance to win the Grand Prize Treasure Chest. Tickets are $350. For more information, call 260-1715 or visit www.cmom.org.

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

“An Evening of Wine & Music” to benefit Baby Basics of Collier County take place from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. Tickets for $100 are available by calling Kath Bergin at 909-8815 or emailing kathbergin@aol.com.

The Designer Boutique associated with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children’s annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Vendors from around the county will have specialty clothing, jewelry, accessories and gift items for sale. Admission to the boutique is free and open to the public. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-3862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org/mbh.

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

— Email details about your charity gala or fundraising soiree to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
exhibit at The Norris Center in downtown Naples when the center reopened earlier this month after post-Hurricane Irma repairs were completed.

Perhaps one of Ms. Flanigan’s strongest traits is her ability to get noticed—sometimes by accident. After retiring in 2006, she decided to jump fully into the art world and enter some of her work at a tent show for the first time.

No one told her the tent was supposed to be white.

“I got a pink and gray tent,” she said with a laugh. “Who would’ve thought?”

Growing up she enjoyed painting and even professed an interest in going to art school, but her father said no. She went to secretarial school instead.

“I started going to art classes when I was 19,” she said, adding, “I’ve probably paid tuition equivalent to whatever art school I would’ve gone to.” She’s studied in Philadelphia and New Jersey, where she grew up, as well as in Giverny, France, and Florence, Italy.

Wherever she goes, she enjoys the kindred spirits of her fellow artists.

“They’re a little bit different,” she said. “When I started hanging out with other artists, I knew I wanted to be a part of it.”

Though she cites the greats in Matisse and Van Gogh for her impressionist style, she also commends one of her personal mentors, the late Fort Myers artist Gale Bennett, as being a heavy influence on her work.

“I love the colors, the style … I enjoy it because it’s not perfect; it’s not a perfect world, so why not?”

Her “Tribute to Color” exhibit shows an array of local inspirations for her work; Ms. Flanigan recently completed a collection of paintings of 25 different beach entrances in the Naples area.

Ironically enough, Ms. Flanigan isn’t a beach person, so her downtown Naples home isn’t on the shoreline. Passersby, however, could guess that the little purple house with various sculptures and decorated mannequins was the home of an artist.

She credits her career owning her fine jewelry business in Philadelphia as paramount in helping her become a successful artist. “There’s a lot of artistic people who aren’t business people, so I’m lucky,” she said about having both an artistic side and a mind for business. Her grandfather was an entrepreneur, and two of her four sisters own businesses.

“It’s something that’s inside of you, I think,” she said of the entrepreneurial spirit.

“A lot of it, to me, is common sense,” she added about the business of being an artist. “You have to meet people. You can’t stand there and not engage people in your work. Ask people what they think, talk about their favorite piece.”

Though Ms. Flanigan doesn’t regret her winding path to becoming an artist, she recommends that up-and-coming talents should prioritize educating themselves, whether that be in a classroom or through observation.

“Everything leads you to your goal. If you have your mind right and you really want to do art, just stick to it,” she said, noting the many ups and downs that come with being an artist. One of the most telling two weeks of her career were a couple of shows she did, one costing $600 to exhibit, the other $65. During the first show, she sold $9 worth of work. And the second: $3,200.

“You just never know,” she said. “For young artists, every connection you make is a good connection. Constantly learn and talk to other artists. Most of them will share. I do.”

For more information about Ms. Flanigan, her art and future exhibits, visit www.popoflanigan.com.

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Good news! Chef Fabrizio Aielli and his wife, Ingrid, opened their fourth and most hotly anticipated restaurant, Dorona, on Wednesday, Jan. 24, taking over the spot formerly occupied by Midtown Kitchen & Bar on the corner of Golden Gate Parkway and U.S. 41. The restaurant features an approachable menu of sandwiches, pasta, salads, seafood, all varieties of meats and more. A special menu of premium cuts of beef will be presented to guests at their tables.

“I have been thinking about this concept for a while,” Chef Fabrizio said. “A steakhouse serving exceptional meat with an Italian flair, and equally important, providing a variety of dishes that appeal to everyone. The vision is to create a casual atmosphere where all feel welcome.”

At the helm is Sea Salt’s corporate chef, Jason Godard.

The local celebration of truffles continues with a five-course dinner at Ario at the JW Marriott Marco Island Beach, where guests will be treated to a variety of dishes featuring delicate and extravagant fungus 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29. But diners shouldn’t expect to be satisfied just with a full menu of dishes containing truffles (think like popcorn dressed with caviar, chocolate and truffles, or garganelli with black truffles). As an added treat, the restaurant’s chef de cuisine Gerald Sombright and acclaimed chef John Tesar will go head-to-head in a “quickfire” type challenge as a nod to their participation in Season 14 of “Top Chef.” Tickets are $210 for dinner, $285 plus wine pairings. For more information or to make reservations, call 642-2695 or visit www.marcomarriott.com.

Dagny’s Spirits hosts a free wine tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, with 20-plus wines and a small selection of liquor as well. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or www.dagnysspirits.com.

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

- Timeless – An MHK Eatery celebrates the Super Bowl starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, by serving two draft beers, all-you-can-eat pizza and wings and a square on the gameboard for $45. Owner and local architect Matthew Kragh will be behind the bar. 90 Tamiami Trail N. 331-4325 or www.timelesseating.com.

- 21 Spices hosts a four-course Louis Jadot wine dinner on Monday, Feb. 5, featuring dishes like grilled tandouri king prawns, Malai chicken kabsi with raisins, nuts and korma, baby lamb chops with tikka masala and gold leaf shahi tukda with house-made cardamom ice cream. $95. 4270 Tamiami Trail E. 599-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com.

- St. Katherine’s Greek Festival 2018 dishes out traditional foods along with wine, beers and a host of entertainment including performances by the church’s Hellenic Dancers, music by the Grecian Keys and more from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. For Greek cuisine enthusiasts in a hurry, event organizers also offer drive-through and pick-up services. Admission is free on opening day, $5 on Saturday-Sunday. 7190 Airport-Pulling Road. 994-5430 or www.stkattherine.net.

— Email food and dining news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridawEEKLY.com.
Many people get enjoyment from sweet wines. We can enhance the dessert course immeasurably with a glass of something on the sweeter side. There are several ways to produce sweet wines. First, leave the grapes on the vine for the longest possible time, which makes them super-ripe and increases sugar content. These are known as “late harvest” wines. Some grapes are left out until after the temperature drops below freezing to make “ice wine.” Freezing also removes water and concentrates sugars.

Grapes that are dried after harvesting make a wide variety of wines. In Italy, they’re called “passito.” And the famous Italian sweet wine known as Vin Santo is also made from grapes that are dried to become almost like raisins.

Of course, you can make a sweet wine by just adding more sugar. The sweetest Champagnes are made like that, as are several varieties of Riesling and the famous Tokay from Hungary.

Let’s start with the wines made in a more “natural” way, such as Moscato. The white Muscat (or Moscatel) grape grows just about everywhere in the world, and you can find the wines in still, sparkling and dessert versions. One very characteristic quality of Moscato is a distinctive floral aroma, which some describe as “mask.” However, many winemaking techniques, such as oak aging, minimize this scent and offer a much sweeter smell of white flowers and honey.

However, some of the most prized wines in the world are called “rot” wines and many come from the Sauternes region of Bordeaux in France. A fungus known as “noble rot” attacks the grapes (primarily Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon) when weather conditions are just right. This reduces juice content, concentrates the sugars and produces other chemical changes that result in a very characteristic and desirable aroma and flavor profile. This wonderful disease does not affect the bunches evenly, so the grapes are often harvested by very dedicated people who go through the vineyard dozens of times picking them one by one. As you might expect, this results in a very expensive wine, and most of them are available in half bottles.

Sweet wines offer us some delightful food pairing opportunities. One classic pairing is foie gras with a glass of the Sauternes mentioned above. Port with Stilton cheese is another. Many sweet white wines go very well with nut-based desserts, as well as custards like crème brûlée and fruit dishes like tarte Tatin, apple cobbler and others.

The good news is that not all dessert wines are that expensive. Some excellent wines from Sauternes, the neighboring region of Barac, and Hungarian Tokays are quite enjoyable in the $40 range. So give them a try — and for now, please enjoy our latest selections.

Salentin Numina Gran Corte Spirit Vineyard Val de Uco 2013 ($40) — Killer stuff. Inky black in the glass, promising (and delivering) huge aromas of sweet fruit, earth and cassis, almost like a Bordeaux. This wine spent 16 months in French oak, so you can expect round tannins, vanilla, raspberry, blueberry and spice. WW 92.

Martini & Rossi Sparkling Rosé NV ($20) — This wine comes in a four-pack of 187 ml bottles. It’s light salmon color in the glass with a perfumed nose of strawberry candy. Fun stuff in a handy package for tailgate parties and similar occasions. WW 89.

Amici Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014 ($50) — The color of this wine is spectacular, and so is the nose of smoke, coffee, cedar and ripe berries. There are deep blackberry flavors along with rich red plum, and a very full mouthfeel. It’s a youngster, and could use a few years in the cellar (or under the bed) or a few hours of decanting. Blend of 80 percent Cabernet Sauvignon with the traditional Bordeaux combination of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Malbec. Lovely, WW 94.

Ask the Wine Whisperer
Q: Are wines from Australia classified by region like the wines from France or Italy?
A: No. There are no official rules for naming wine regions in Australia. In fact, winemakers often blend grapes that are grown in very wide areas, sometimes hundreds of miles away.

— Evan L., Tampa


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THE DISH

By Lindsey Nesmith

Naples has cultivated a reputation as a foodie destination, yes, but many of the displays of culinary mastery aren’t in restaurants, but in country and golf clubs. One prime example is Brian Lord, executive chef at Collier’s Reserve, who was voted the 2017 Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida.

And he’s no stranger to praise from his colleagues and peers. He was honored by the same group as Culinarin of the Year in 2015. Chef Lord arrived at Collier’s Reserve six years ago and since then has increased the club’s food and beverage revenue by 40 percent, all by incorporating only high quality ingredients into the dishes and changing up the menu every two weeks so members know they will get an original dish regularly.

“Brian is not only focused on furthering his own education in both food and wine, he instills this philosophy into his team,” said club General Manager Nicholas von Hofen. “His creativity, attention to every detail and brilliant food pairings continue to set Collier’s Reserve apart. This well-deserved award solidifies Brian’s talents in the culinary profession and his contributions to the American Culinary Federations Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida.”

Here’s what Chef Lord had to say to Florida Weekly:

Q: What is your culinary background?
A: I have been very fortunate to work at some of the nicest clubs in the country. I began my career as a teenager, working in high volume restaurants and progressed into my first professional position within the Atlanta Athletic Club. I worked in numerous clubs all over the country after that and most recently was executive chef at Reynolds Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Ga.

Q: How were you inspired to become a chef?
A: I have always loved the energy and passion it takes to be successful. Later into my career I learned to love developing and growing young culinary talent.

Q: What brought you to Naples?
A: The opportunity to lead the Collier’s Reserve culinary team and proximity to the water. My family and I love the area.

Q: You’ve had a variety of prestigious positions and even had the opportunity to cook for President George W. Bush. Could you elaborate on how that opportunity came about and what did you serve him?
A: I was working at Reynolds Lake Oconee and the owner was very close with President Bush. It was an honor to be able to put on a variety of functions for both the President and First Lady. We had his favorite strawberry ice cream flown in from Texas.

Q: Since you arrived at Collier’s Reserve six years ago, you have made a number of changes to its culinary program, including “making the club an extension of members’ own kitchens.” How have you done that, and can you tell me about the members in the process?
A: I feel it was as simple as listening to the membership, taking that feedback and applying to my style of cuisine. We focus on what Florida is most known for: seafood. We buy directly from fishing boats from both coasts, and these relationships directly affect the quality that is put on the plate.

Q: What do you most enjoy being the 2017 Chef of the Year in our local chapter of the American Culinary Federation. They must be a difficult group to impress. How do you think you did it?
A: It was a great honor to be chosen by my peers as the Chef of the Year for our chapter of the American Culinary Federation, of which I am currently the Vice President. I love being a part of this organization that focuses on the development of young culinarians and giving back to the community.

Q: Which dishes are you particularly proud of?
A: Our Caramelized Gulf Black Grouper and our Surf & Scallop Ravioli.

Q: Who or what are your greatest culinary influences?
A: Eric Karell, my first chef at the Atlanta Athletic Club; my mother, who always made scratch food; and all the chefs who pioneered modern American cuisine.

Q: What has been one of your favorite culinary experiences?
A: I love the harmony between food and wine. The time I spent in California, my experience with the Court of Master Sommeliers, and executing food and wine pairings are highlights of my experiences.

Q: What are your favorite culinary resources (books, blogs, etc.)? How do you keep your dishes relevant?
A: Continuing education first, but digging out in major markets to experience the cuisine, service and ambiance of other restaurants is my favorite thing to do.

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Tuscan Chicken – $15
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Two thick-cut boneless pork chops stuffed with a blend of sautéed onions, mushrooms and Parmesan. Served with a mixed vegetable medley and garlic mashed potatoes.

Lobster Dinner For 2 – $199.99
Two 2½-pound Maine lobsters served with choice of rice, steamed vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes.

Twin Lobsters – $35.99
Two 2½-pound Maine lobsters served with choice of rice, salad and vegetable medley.

Crab Cake Salad – $13
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