Grappino opens in Naples, Founders Market + Bistro coming soon

**Tim ATEN Knows**

Q: Anyone know what is going into the former Original Pancake House location yet?

— Jaeden Hamernik, North Naples

A: Founders Market + Bistro, a chef-driven, farm-to-table restaurant, is targeted to open next month in the former Original Pancake House and Road & Mountain Bikes locations on Airport-Pulling Road in North Naples.

One of the 6,000-square-foot buildings was the only regional location of The Original Pancake House, which closed at the end of July after operating more than three years in the longtime space of the original Calistoga Bakery Cafe. The other building of the same size formerly was Road & Mountain Bikes, which recently relocated to U.S. 41 in Naples Park. The vacated spaces are being completely transformed to create a 158-seat restaurant and bar with indoor and outdoor dining and an adjacent market.

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COMMENTARY

Murder, U.S.A.

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A couple of months ago on the south-west coast of Florida, two women were brutally murdered.

Similar crimes have happened throughout the state and nation, and so have similar consequences.

Police found Kristine Melton dead in her Cape Coral home Oct. 7, and Diane Ruiz dead in a nearby field three days later.

Within weeks, they had arrested a suspect. A Lee County grand jury indicted him on two counts of first-degree murder. Last week, State Attorney Amira Fox announced her office would seek the death penalty.

That's the train of justice enacted now in 29 states of a nation of laws, where capital punishment could be the end result if the alleged murderer, 25-year-old Wade Steven Wilson, is found guilty.

Those who don't protest, condone.

My own view of this has changed with help from Sidney Burris, a born-and-raised Virginian and English professor at the University of Arkansas. He created a now vital community of Tibetan monks and activists — resistors of the militant Christian doctrine that largely counsels against it; it's not that the people I most admire in the world have been against it; it's not even that I couldn't myself release the cocktail of chemicals into the victim's system or flip the switch on the chair.

It's more that she has shown me how the emotions that fuel our sense of want- ing revenge, of not wanting to see the killer of our loved ones ever walk the planet again — that these emotions are very human and understandable. But they are also an opportunity, a doorway, if we will. Through them we can access a deeper sense of compassion, a more thoroughly community-building love.

That will, in turn, create communities less prone to violence. Less prone to the wanton disregard for human life that we wrong-headedly seek to address by taking another human life.

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Such true harmony could stop dead the terrible emotional hemorrhaging sprang from senseless murder.

"I am not saying that I am capable of engaging this project successfully, and I hope selfishly that I never have to put my convictions to the test. But I believe that it is the correct project for all of us to undertake."

Like Burris, whom I've known since I was young, I don't want any of us to be convicted of murder, either.

"When I was younger," he acknowledges, "I was against the death penalty. But I used to say to anyone who listened, 'I am against it, but I don't judge acts of personal revenge.' I thought it was a fit of honesty at the time, and I guess it was. But now I see it as my younger self trying to have it both ways: a supporter of non-violence but still allowing us to embody violently the kinds of anger that surely rise up in those who lose loved ones to senseless acts of violence. I don't believe that now but I still understand its youthful zeal."

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Imagine Solutions promises world-class thought leaders, one enlightenment day

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, the nationally recognized Imagine Solutions Conference continues to be Florida’s premier thought leader conference for a reason: the exceptional quality and scope of its speakers, combined with the importance and relevance of the topics explored year after year. All are recognized experts in their fields and many are world-renowned. The issues tackled by these visionary producers are cutting-edge and of global significance. The Imagine Solutions Conference takes place from 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Feb. 24, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples.

Among world-class experts who have spoken at past Imagine Solutions Conferences are Nobel Prize nominees, Mother Teresa Award winners and many influential executives from Time and Fortune magazines’ “100 Most Influential” lists; outstanding thought leaders such as economist Niall Ferguson, entrepreneur Wendy Kopp/education, Dean Ornish and Ken Dychtwald/wellness; visionaries Dean Kamen, Peter Diamandis and Craig Ventner; authors such as Robin Cook and Jon Meacham; and anti-human trafficking activist Somaly Mam.

The respected conference has also earned a reputation for its “culture of learning.” Driven by a profound respect for learning, Imagine Solutions endeavors to link learning with leadership. The ultimate goal is that members of the community walk away inspired by the accomplishments of others, more knowledgeable about a variety of important topics, and motivated to leverage or locally apply some of the “Big Ideas” presented.

An integral member of the Southwestern Florida community, the Imagine Solutions Conference was founded and continues to be managed by local community leaders, and funded by a locally backed, public, nonprofit foundation. Imagine Solutions has contributed to the community in many ways. The conference has kick-started more than a dozen new concepts including a “Presidents’ Speaker series at FGCU; “Great Institutions” speaker series at local public schoolic and, the NEXTGEN speaker series gathering of America’s most distinguished business leaders with keynote speakers who are world-renowned entrepreneurs and CEOs.

This year, once again, Imagine Solutions will bring the biggest ideas influencing America and the world to Naples, along with a unique experience like no other in this community.

Imagine Solutions 2020 will present 20 world-class thought leaders and eight critical topics in one enlightening day. Emmy Award-winning CNBC anchor Tyler Mathisen will host the full day of presentations, discussions and interactions.

One of Imagine Solution’s “2020 Visionaries” is a legend in his own time and known to all: American icon Norman Lear, in a live interview, will be telecast exclusively to the Imagine Solutions Conference. One of the most influential producers in TV history, the 97-year-old visionary revolutionized the sitcom format by using it to address matters of social import. His daughter, Kate Lear, will be present during the conference at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, and will moderate, as those in attendance watch and listen in.

The day features other visionary speakers and issues of vital importance from across the country and around the globe, including the opioid crisis, high risk/high reward cancer research, the intensifying water problem, a business solution to our country’s broken political system, questions surrounding Facebook and much more.

Attendees are invited to shake hands and exchange ideas with some of the country’s top experts in their fields. Conference guests will have many opportunities during four breaks and lunch to mingle and interact with speakers. Collaboration is one of the goals of Imagine Solutions, and the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort provides the perfect backdrop for this unique meeting of minds.

Founder, organizer and CEO of Imagine Solutions, Randy Antik, doesn’t hesitate when asked what motivates him: “Why do I do this? I get up every day of the week with excitement and anticipation. This event is a vital part of the greater community and I am thrilled to be part of it.” Dr. Jerome M. Adams – 20th U.S. Surgeon General addresses the opioid crisis

Gary White – founder of Water.org, most important voice on the world water issue

Meet Imagine Solutions’ 2020 Visionaries:

Norman Lear

Chairman of Imagine Solutions, active on the Imagine Solutions conference committee, and host of the Imagine Solutions Conference. His daughter Kate Lear will join him in an interview live from Naples, Florida.

Michael Porter

CEO of BCG, Dr. Porter is recognized as one of the world’s top business strategists.

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Gary White

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Michael Porter - World’s top business strategist: “Why The Business of Politics Is Failing America”

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Leadership

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Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary seeks Christmas Bird Count volunteers

Art Blatt is an accomplished trombonist. He’s also an accomplished birder. A few years ago, when a gig with the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra conflicted with the annual Christmas Bird Count at Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Mr. Blatt had a choice to make. His decision in favor of birds prompted the symphony’s personnel director to exclaim, “I’ve never heard of such a thing.”

For Mr. Blatt, who volunteers regularly at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary as a boardwalk naturalist, the choice wasn’t difficult. “I just love participating in these. The whole idea is great science.” On Dec. 14, Mr. Blatt will be taking part in his 16th Christmas Bird Count at Corkscrew.

Corkscrew’s count circle is one of more than 2,000 counts across the Western Hemisphere in the 120th annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the longest-running community science project in the world.

Birders on all levels — from beginner to expert — are needed. Corkscrew will be accepting volunteer registration through Dec. 13, the day before the count. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Corkscrew Public Programs Director Sally Stein at sally.stein@audubon.org.

Counts elsewhere, including many throughout Florida, will be taking place through Jan. 5.

The National Audubon Society says the data collected by observers for more than a century allow Audubon researchers to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides a picture of how the continent’s bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years. The long-term perspective is vital for conservationists, it informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat, and helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well.

“I was a beginner once,” says Mr. Blatt. “So I was the scribe. It is an outstanding way to learn about the birds, their habits, which one is where, and how important it is when a bird is out of its prime habitat. I am always learning. There is just so much to learn.”

Sandy Hollenhorst, another boardwalk naturalist volunteer at Corkscrew, confirms that the event is great for beginning birders. “The team I have been on has had three people. Two people are looking high and low for the birds and calling out the type and number of birds. The third person is recording this information. So recording is a good role for a beginner,” Ms. Hollenhorst says.

Corkscrew’s count requires a commitment of time. It lasts from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with volunteers gathering at the Blair Audubon Visitor Center, dispersing into the field to count birds, then gathering again at the visitor center for dinner and to compile numbers.

“At the end of the day when everyone gets together to tally the teams’ sightings, it is really fun to hear the number and types of birds the other teams identified. ” Ms. Hollenhorst says. “Since each team is looking for birds in different ecosystems, the number and type of bird can vary dramatically for each team. So it’s rewarding contributing to this community science project.”

Mr. Blatt concurs that it’s rewarding. “I just love participating in these. The whole idea is great science.”

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Give the gift of love to a deserving senior

The holiday season is the season of giving and a time to share smiles with those around you. It’s also important to remember there are seniors who would love to celebrate, too. However, many seniors live alone, without someone to share this special time. Home Instead Senior Care is offering Naples and surrounding communities a chance to spread joy to local seniors. Through the “Be a Santa to a Senior” program, community members can give a senior a special holiday gift. Since its inception in 2003, the program has mobilized more than 60,000 volunteers, provided approximately 1.2 million gifts and brightened the season for more than 700,000 deserving seniors nationwide.

“The Be a Santa to a Senior program is all about including seniors in the joy of the holiday season,” said Sue Bidwell, owner of Home Instead Senior Care offices serving Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. “A simple gift shows them they are a loved and vital member of our community.”

To help, visit one of the participating locations in Collier and south Lee County listed below and look for the “Be a Santa to a Senior” tree on display through Dec. 20. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors’ first names and gift suggestions. Choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it to the store with the ornament attached. There’s no need to worry about wrapping — community volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays.

To find the location nearest you, go to www.beasantaatoasenior.com and enter your zip code. It will display a full list of nearby tree locations. For more information about the program, visit BeSantaToaSenior.com or call 239-226-0007.

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**From Miracle to ‘Mighty Mussels,’
Class-A baseball team changes name**

Southwest Florida, get ready to flex your mussels. The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team has changed its name to the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels.

Andrew Kaufmann, CEO and owner of Zawyer Sports, which owns the team, announced the name change during a VIP event at Hammond Stadium attended by elected officials, community and business leaders, corporate sponsors, media and baseball fans.

“This is an exciting moment in Southwest Florida’s sports history,” Mr. Kaufmann said. “Miracle fans are known around the Florida State League for their unwavering support, and we are confident they’ll be eager to show off their ‘Mighty Mussels’ when the season begins in April.”

The Mighty Mussels will remain a Class-A Advanced Affiliate of the Minnesota Twins and play home games at CenturyLink Sports Complex.

Not all fans appreciated the change, though. After the announcement, social media reports illustrated that some fans didn’t like the change coming after a number of years, and some criticized the name and mascot.

The franchise began in 1926 as the Fort Myers Palms, a name that paid tribute to the city’s stately royal palm trees paid for by the most famous winner resident of the “City of Palms,” Thomas Edison. Over the years, the team changed locations and affiliations many times. Its names have included the Miami Hustlers, Miami Marlins, Miami Orioles and Miami Miracle before the team moved back to Fort Myers in 1992.

“The name ‘Mighty Mussels’ conveys a sense of strength and fortitude while being reflective of the natural environment that surrounds us, and Southwest Florida deserves a team name that establishes its own identity,” said Bob Ohrablo, president of Zawyer Sports.

The team’s new logo is a Mighty Mussel calling its shot with beach-inspired lettering. An alternate logo features the Mighty Mussel lifting a barbell with baseballs for weights.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation, more than 60 species of mussels and clams live in Florida’s freshwaters, and their filter-feeding activity helps cleanse water by removing bacteria, algae and organic material.

“We are confident the Mighty Mussels name will spark even more fan support, and we’ve even talked about a Flex Cam at the ballpark to capture fans flexing during the game,” said Judd Loveland, who recently was promoted to general manager of the Mighty Mussels in charge of team operations and day-to-day stadium operations. “We can’t wait for opening day on April 9.”

For questions or ticket information, call 239-768-4210 or visit www.Mighty-Mussels.com.
Mentors of IMPACT sponsor multiple marketing awards
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Gloria Jordan, owner and chef at Café Napoli:

“I hate pennies! The penny has become more of a nuisance than practical anymore. I’m always leaving them at the stores or anywhere, when I’m receiving change. I used to save them, but now banks do not even want them. If you try to change them in you now have to pay fees in most cases. In short, they have no use any longer, as I see it.

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“As a kid, I wrote letters to my crushes, grandparents and others and taped pennies to the paper as a gift to the recipient. It was a sign of my esteem. Pennies were valuable when I was a kid.”

Gloria Cannata, founder and president of Etiquette By Evelyn:

“When you find a penny on the ground it’s called ‘an angel penny,’ or a ‘penny from heaven,’ because it signifies that someone from the other side is missing you and wants to communicate with you. When I was young, I swallowed a penny. Pennies get a lot of abuse because they hang around in the bottom of pockets and purses and get dirty.”

Andrew Howard, guitar player:

“I’ve picked a guitar with every coin, including pennies, but I’m not really a fan of the metal on metal sound. But I believe Billy Gibbons from ZZ TOP uses a peso.

“When I see pennies I pick them up, sometimes, whether they’re heads or tails. But I usually give all the small change to McDonald House or others.”

Philip Christie, retired food vendor:

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John, manager of a Dollar Store:

“We have some pennies to help people at the cash register round-off the price — the (numbers) always seem to end on a few pennies. I thought the dollar coins would take off, but they never did. So pennies? It is what it is.”

Dean Stansel, senior research fellow in economics at Southern Methodist University and formerly an economics professor at Florida Gulf Coast University:

“I hardly ever use cash anymore, especially not pennies. The fact that it costs more to produce them than they’re worth, yet we’re still doing so, is to me yet another piece of evidence that we should put a greater limit on what we trust government to do for us. The incentives for government to avoid such money losing activities are very weak compared those in the private sector. As we’re seeing with cryptocurrencies, the private sector is fully capable of producing currency.”

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By the Numbers

People and their pennies

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11,000 newly minted coins hit the street — or more accurately, the unapped road — serving as currency in 13 newly minted states. They were likely worth about 14 cents in today’s dollars, engraved with a woman’s face and streaming hair on one side and a chain with 13 connecting links, to symbolize the 13 United States, on the other. That design was quickly scrapped after some people complained that the chain signified slavery as well as 13 linked states, formerly colonies, historians say.

But scrap heaps, or for that matter thrown in what pax, the bottom of dol-

punts pocket or purses, the supermarket-parking lot or the jar of unwanted change, especially those with pennies in them, can become treasure hoards.

Four years ago, in 2015, exactly 222 billion coins hit the street. But others still swear by the chain.

“I tried to eat one when I was a kid, and swallowed it with choking, or bet-
ter, dying,” says Beth Preddy, a Neopolita-

nian marketing expert.

“I hate them,” says Gloria Jordan, owner and chef of the celebrated Café Napoli in Fort Myers.

“It is what it is,” says Dollar Store manager John, who asked not to be iden-
tified by his last name, in Lee County.

“Most people are too impatient to col-

lect them, but I started as a child,” says George Hornberger, 63, co-owner with his wife, Eleanor Hornberger, of South Florida Rare Coins & Jewelry in Lake Worth.

Mr. Hornberger has bought and sold pennies that have increased in value, sometimes dramatically, from almost every era and year since 1793, he says. Collecting can be a “great investment if you have a good collection of wheat pennies, for example, you could have something worth real money,” he notes — from hundreds or thousands of dol-

lars on up. And it shouldn’t be that hard to do, especially for baby boomers who might inherit some coins from parents or kept some from their childhoods.

The wheat penny, so called because it was made of copper in most years, during World War II steel versions appeared since virtually all copper was being sent to the war. The steel coins those have become exception-

able valuable.

“All Wheat pennies are worth more than their face value of 1 cent,” accord-
ing to cointracker.com, where you can learn both the value and the peculiarities of each year’s wheat pennies. And they still turn up regularly in circulation.

“A penny saved is a penny earned,” an adage of thumb is that the coins are worth at least 3 or 4 cents even in poor condition, those in good condition (not including special years) are worth at least double digit dollars, $10 or more when purchased or sold in MS-64 condi-
tion (mostly uncirculated, with fewer deficiencies). Finding a circulated coin in MS-65 condition is rare. You may get lucky and find your Grandma’s stash, or maybe pick one up from a bank teller that just got dumped off during the holi-
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Mr. Hornberger at South Florida Rare Coins joined other shops such as Wheat Cents in Sarasota and Antiquity Coin & Co. in Fort Myers by taking many rolls of coins and distributing them on the street to restaurants, supermarkets, in parking lots or gas stations, among others.

Some people, meanwhile, have fig-

ured out other ways to make money rather than discovering old coins and good money at roughly 50 times the value of a penny, for each penny. They use the very wide to get to the coin col-

lector machines at often illustrious tour-

ist destinations such as the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, the former destinations such as the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, the former homes of friends and neighbors Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

Lisa Wilson, spokeswoman for the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, says the machine is popular, especially with chil-

dren.

“A year to so or ago, a family visited and made a souvenir penny,” she recalls. “On the way home, the little boy lost it. The family reached out to us, and one of our staff members made him a new penny and sent it to him. They were very thankful and posted it on Face-
book.”

In which case, the good people at Edison-Ford reaffirmed, perhaps, an old American tradition that pennies, stretched and changed, or not: “Don’t pass that penny by when you’re feeling feelin’ as ‘Yeow!’”

Near Christmas last year, Shane Anthony Mele of Riviera Beach stole $33,000 worth of rare coins (they weren’t heads-up pennies, which may suggest why his luck soon ran out) from a friend in North Palm Beach, and — not knowing what he had — dumped them in a green-and-white Coinstar machine, standard across Florida and the United States, news reports indicate. For his efforts, that Florida Man walked away with a cool $29.30 and eventually a jail sentence.

For more, go to South Florida Rare Coins. (from CoinValues.com)

Some valuable pennies

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1934 Steel Lincoln Wheat penny, $125,000

1936 Flying Eagle Penny, $12,500

1935 doubled die obverse Lincoln Wheat penny, $1,900

1972 doubled die obverse Lincoln Memorial cent, $1,025

In the KNOW

Penny lingo

A penny saved is a penny earned.

When the penny drops.

A penny for your thoughts.

A penny wise, pound foolish.

See a penny, pick it up, and at the day you’ll have good luck.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

When the penny drops.

A penny (a reference to having to go to the bank and pay the cost of once upon a time pay latitudes.)
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“Both parcels will provide a great anchor for the whole center. It’s going to be unique to all of Naples,” said Grant Pohlmann, property manager of Fountain Park retail center, which also is home to The Pearl, Parmesian Pete’s and Sushi Thai Too restaurants.

Two local chefs are shopping to open the new restaurant next month.

“So, the restaurant will be open in mid-January, and we’ll probably do the market at the end of March,” said Axel Rios-Bonilla, who co-owns Founders Market + Bistro with Don Splain.

Both men graduated from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America and met years ago at Oakes Farms’ properties. Mr. Rios-Bonilla worked for Oakes Farms for five years while Mr. Splain worked with Frank Oakes to originally launch the Food & Thought organic concept.

“We worked together a lot,” Mr. Rios-Bonilla said. “We saw an opportunity to be able to do that in our own space and do what we wanted to do and showcase more about where we come from and our backgrounds as far as culinary arts is concerned. We took that advantage. It was just an opportunity that you can’t pass up.”

The name for Founders Market + Bistro stems from the original sources of foods.

“It’s really about the origin of where things come from and kind of bringing back to all-natural, organic, that kind of feel,” Mr. Rios-Bonilla said. “It’s more about foundation.”

The farm-to-table concept is not just a promotional gimmick or window-dressing.

“It’s going to be the actual foundation of Founders,” said Chef Splain, who studies food anthropology.

“It’s a relationship that we forge, and it’s something that I’ve been doing since 1998 — building relationships with farms for producers,” he said.

“It’s the whole premise of Founders,” Mr. Rios-Bonilla said. “We walk the talk, and we’re going to deliver that.”

They view their new venture as realistic.

“At the bar we also have a wood-burning oven which is going to serve food late night, so there will be a late-night menu out of there, too,” he said. “But real food. It’s not chicken wings and fries.”

In addition to fresh options at the restaurant and bar, the market will have prepared foods — complete meals from salads to desserts — to purchase hot or to take home to heat up, Mr. Splain said.

Grappino grabs attention

Chef Fabrizio and Ingrid Aielli have high expectations for Naples newest restaurant launched Dec. 4. Grappino is the fourth local restauranteur for the Aielli Group, following the success of Sea Salt, Barbatella and Donora. The new Italian dining spot is open for lunch and dinner in the casual modern space of the former Timeless, which closed this summer after operating two years on U.S. 41 across from Wynn’s Market in a building it shares with La Colmar Bakery & Bistro.

Grappino carves its own niche in the Aielli’s Italian offerings with its Roman-style pizza, salt-roasted chicken and its impressive selection of grappa, the popular grape-based pomace brandy that inspired the restaurant’s name. But, the “Il Grano” section of the menu, which allows guests to create their own entree combinations from separately priced lists of pastas and sauces, stands out here.

There are 13 different sauces and 13 different pastas. There are 160 possible combinations you can do. You can switch and mix and match,” said Jason Goddard, Aielli’s corporate chef.

Selections of cavatelli, linguine, pappardelle, pennette and spaghettini join veal-stuffed ravioli and four-cheese terrinelli and other semolina, egg and dry pastas. Deciding from the variety of sauces is most difficult with choices such as classic marinara, meaty Bolognese, spicy Diavolina, cheesy Quattro Formaggi, veggie Primavera and many other inspired possibilities.

The Roman-style pizza from Grappino’s brick oven is different from Barbatella’s Neapolitan-style pizza. “The Roman pizza is nice and crispy yet airy and fluffy,” Mr. Goddard said.

The menu features 10 choices each of Rossa and Bianca — red and white — with or without tomato sauce. The rectangular specialty pies are available in three sizes.

Half or whole chickens lead the seasonal offerings for meat and fish choices.

Appetizers feature many options for bruschetta, risotto, salads and charcuterie and cheese plates. Entrees include prosciutto, tiramisu, Italian meringue with lemon and raspberry, and a daily selection of biscotti and pastries.

The lunch menu has most of the same items offered for dinner but trims the pasta and sauce choices to six of the most popular — still allowing at least 36 different combinations.

Grappino features one of the largest grappa bars in the country, with more than 100 varieties of the distilled spirit. In addition to serving it chilled as an after-dinner drink, the restaurant has at least 10 special craft cocktails with grappa. Selections include Grappino Punch with Nardini grappa, pomegranate liqueur, maraschino liqueur and house-made lemonade; Milano Mule with grappa, ginger beer and lime; and From Italy with Cuba, featuring Nardini grappa, lime, mint and agave.

Grappino, 90 Tamiami Trail N., is open Mondays through Saturdays but closed Sundays. Lunch is served daily 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner service is 5 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 239-381-4325 or go to GrappinoNaples.com.
Immokalee Foundation accepts 60 students into its scholarship program

The Immokalee Foundation recently inducted 60 students into its Career Pathways scholarship program. Most of the students attend Immokalee Middle School as sixth- or seventh-graders, and the commitment they’ve made at this early age will benefit them far into the future.

Accompanied by their parents and mentors, students pledged to maintain good grades, exhibit good behavior in and out of school, remain crime- and drug-free, perform community service, and meet regularly with their mentor throughout the rest of their educational journey in exchange for enrichment programs and a tuition scholarship to a Florida public college or university.

While college is a desired path for many students in The Immokalee Foundation, the organization’s new initiative, Career Pathways: Empowering Students to Succeed, recognizes that well-paying careers are also available to students who earn industry-recognized certifications and credentials in addition to professions that require a college degree.

No matter which path these newly inducted students choose, they can count on their families and their mentors, who also took pledges during the induction ceremony.

Students and supporters heard from speaker Joel Guerrero, 15, who recalled for them how proud he was on the day of his own induction. “I was unsure of what would await me,” he said. “The Immokalee Foundation has opened up new doors and opportunities for me.”

Mentor Jerry Belle spoke next, telling the audience how lucky he felt to be matched with his mentee, Joel Guerrero. “Joel and I meet weekly to share experiences and focus on those areas that will benefit him as he prepares for his future,” Mr. Belle said. “Sometimes I think that I benefit more than Joel from our interactions.”

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about The Immokalee Foundation, becoming a mentor, its signature events, volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, making a donation, including the foundation in your estate plans, or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit www.immokalee-foundation.org.
The 2020 Super Bowl has a new side-show.
In very Florida fashion, Miami-Dade County will host a Python Bowl, in conjunction with the Super Bowl, to hunt the invasive snakes in the Everglades.
Competing in the Python Bowl will be all about who can track down the longest, heaviest and most Burmese pythons. The event will start Jan. 10, when the public will be able to sign up, get training and start hunting, Miami-Dade’s Hard Rock Stadium will host the Super Bowl on Feb. 2.

“I don’t think the Miami Dolphins are going to be in this year’s Super Bowl, but hopefully the Miami Dolphins python team wins the Python Bowl and we get as many pythons out of Miami-Dade as possible,” Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez said at a news conference with Gov. Ron DeSantis. Clad in a suit and tie by a swamp and natural resources is critical,” said Gov. DeSantis. “Invasive Burmese pythons have decimated local wildlife and pose a massive threat to natural food chains and flora and fauna. The 2020 Python Bowl is sure to be a great success, and I look forward to the positive effects it will have on preserving and protecting the Everglades ecosystem.”

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In Florida fashion, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez said at a news conference with Gov. Ron DeSantis that the Python Bowl is being planned with the help of the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee.

Holding a python-skin football, he said the competition is intended to be a fun, competitive event to protect the Everglades from the dangerous snakes. It won’t be quite as warm and fuzzy, though, as the Puppy Bowl, which is held each year by the Animal Planet television channel to help find homes for puppies and kittens.

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“These pythons can grow up to 20 feet in length, weigh 200 pounds, and the problem is they are not native to this area and they decimate the natural food chains and they really wreak havoc on a lot of the indigenous species,” the governor said.

“We know Gov. DeSantis and many partners have long been committed to environmental initiatives like this,” said FWC Commissioner-elect Rob Burdett.

“With the support of the Miami Super Bowl Committee, we now have a broader audience ready to learn more about the unique ecosystem of South Florida and how they can help conserve it.”

In addition to announcing the Python Bowl, the governor also announced that python contractors would have access to 150 more miles of trails within Big Cypress National Park.

To register for the Florida Python Challenge, members of the public must first complete an online training. There are also options for optional in-person trainings that include a hands-on component where the public can learn to identify pythons and practice safe handling and capturing techniques.

Anyone can sign up for in-person trainings even if they are not participating in Python Challenge. Competitors can work in teams, but all participants must register. Pythons can only be turned in under one participant’s name.

To register for the competition, sign up for training, learn more about Burmese pythons and the unique Everglades ecosystem, and find resources for planning your trip to south Florida to participate in the Python Challenge, see www.myfwc.com.

To register and compete to win one of two TRACKER Off Road 570 ATVs, which will be awarded for the most pythons. The award for the longest python is $2,000. Bass Pro Shops is providing the prizes.

Every person who turns in a python as part of the Python Challenge will be eligible for a random drawing for additional money and prizes. Active duty military personnel and veterans who register for the competition will be eligible for additional prizes.

Both pro and rookie python hunters have an opportunity to win. Pritz winners will be announced at the public awards ceremony on Jan. 23 in the Superbowl LIV event. You must be present to win.

Burmese pythons are not native to Florida and negatively impact native species. They are found primarily in and around the Everglades ecosystem in south Florida where they prey on birds, mammals and other reptiles. A female Burmese python may lay 50 to 100 eggs at a time. As of Nov. 14, there have been a total of 9,305 Burmese pythons removed from the state of Florida.

“Gov. Ron DeSantis is making a difference in restoring the Everglades and tackling Florida’s python problem,” said South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Drew Bartlett. “Along with record-setting recommendations for Everglades restoration funding, the Governor is directing more resources and new energy into removing these harmful pythons from the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.”

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Said SFWM District Governing Board Member “Alligator Ron” Bergeron, “Gov. DeSantis’ strong commitment to Everglades restoration is remarkable. Harmful pythons disrupt the natural food chain and prey on native wildlife that depend on the Everglades. With his leadership, Florida is doing more than it ever has to remove pythons from the Everglades and protect this ecosystem for generations to come.”
More than 400 attend Power of the Purse kick off

The Power of the Purse kicked off the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote with a sold-out crowd at the 2020 Centennial event on Dec. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples to celebrate the ratification of the 19th amendment and the women’s suffrage movement.

Twenty-five representatives from local women’s organizations participated in a “Suffrage Roll Call” inspired by Jackie Pierce, Women’s Foundation of Collier County board chair, who passed away less than three weeks before the event. The roll call highlighted key women’s suffrage activists and their contributions. Stacey Deffenbaugh, NBC-2 News anchor, emceed the event.

All donations at the event went to Jackie Pierce’s field-of-interest fund at the Community Foundation for grant-making for local women and girls. Contributions to Jackie’s fund can be made by sending a check to the Community Foundation at 1110 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 200, Naples FL 34108.

“Jackie Pierce was a champion of women who believed in the power of helping others and led by example,” said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Community Foundation of Collier County president and CEO. “Jackie believed there is no better investment in tomorrow than the empowerment of women today, and we are honored to carry on her work.”

More than $16,000 worth of luxury handbags, donated by Waterside Shops, were awarded to winning drawing ticket holders.

The 2019 Power of the Purse was hosted by the Women’s Foundation of Collier County, a fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County, and sponsored by BMO Private Wealth Management, Gulfshore Life and Waterside Shops.

More than 400 attendees show their support for women’s right to vote at the 2019 Power of the Purse.
PET TALES

How cats eat

Cats evolved to work for food. Just because we feed them free doesn’t mean they don’t still enjoy or need natural hunting behavior.

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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You probably have never thought too much about the way you feed your cats. You fill the bowl and set it down. Maybe you set it somewhere up high, so the dog can’t get to it, or feed a cat with a special diet in a separate room so she can’t eat the food your other cats get.

But could you be feeding your cat in ways that are more natural for her? Ways that meet her need to seek, stalk and rush her “prey” — even if it’s from a bag or can? Researchers are finding that the ways we feed cats can make a difference in their physical and behavioral health.

At the San Francisco SPCA’s Feline Science Symposium in October, Mikhail Delgado, PhD, explained how cats eat naturally.

“Hunting is cognitive for cats,” Dr. Delgado says. “Cats are all about sneaking up, a slow approach, anticipating the movement of their prey, and choosing the perfect time to pounce and kill.” That cute butt wiggle when they’re about to pounce on a toy is an essential part of the stalking process.

Understanding how cats hunt and eat in a natural environment allows you to feed your indoor cats in a way that mimics normal behavior and adds interest to their daily routine.

Multiple meals.

Cats naturally eat 12 small meals a day to maintain their weight. That doesn’t mean you have to feed them 12 times a day, but you can measure their daily amount of food into a dozen portions and wrap each one in tissue paper. Set them around the house for your cat to find throughout the day.

“Cats really like rustling sounds,” Delgado says. “They stimulate hunting behavior, and tissue paper is cheap and safe for them to chew and shred. It’s a little messy, but it can be fun.”

Food puzzles.

Put food inside a ball or other toy that your cat must manipulate to get food to fall out also helps to satisfy the feline foraging instinct.

“Keep it easy at first, so it’s very rewarding,” Delgado says. “It should release food with very little manipulation from the cat.” As your cat learns to use food puzzles — and sometimes two or three types so she doesn’t lose interest — gradually increase the difficulty.

To get your cat to try out a food puzzle, offer it before mealtimes when he is already a little hungry, or mix some favorite cat treats in with the food. Toss some food next to the puzzle so your cat becomes used to eating near it. He may inadvertently hit the ball, causing it to roll and dispense more food.

Food puzzles can be used with wet or dry food, and they can be purchased or homemade. To learn more about different types of food puzzles, visit foodpuzzlesforcats.com.

Fresh is best. Cats eat more when food is fresh. If you feed your cat a few times a day, the food will be fresh more often. This may appeal to finicky felines.

Cleanliness is catliness. Wash food dishes after every use. Dirty plates and stale food are unappealing to cats.

To encourage search behavior, hide food-dispensing toys around the house for your cat to find.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREW MCMEEEL
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The continuing crisis

Veronica Alvarez-Rodriguez stopped at a Valparaiso Goodwill store on Dec. 1 to pick up a gift for a baby shower she and her husband were attending. She was excited to find a Baby Einstein bouncy seat for just $9.99 — unopened and appearing to be new. The Palm Beach Post reported. Later, at the shower in Crestview, the father-to-be opened the box and found — a Mossberg 715T semi-automatic rifle. “You guys got me a gun!” he shouted excitedly. The gun had live ammo loaded in it, so the Crestview Police Department was summoned. Initially, officers let the future dad keep the weapon, but later asked to hold it as they investigated the incident. “Goodwill has the best treasures for $9.99,” Alvarez-Rodriguez gushed.

Unclear on the concept

Kentarrias Gowans, 20, of Flowery Branch, Ga., came up with a novel way of celebrating Thanksgiving. He was scheduled to work at the Steak ’n Shake in Oakwood that day, but called in “intoxicated” and said he wouldn’t be in. But around 10 p.m. that evening, Gowans exiting the restaurant with his handgun, which he held to another employee’s head while demanding money, the Gainesville Times reported. Multiple employees and customers called 911, and police arrived to see Gowans exiting the restaurant with his gun. He briefly raised the weapon, officers reported, but then dropped it, and he was taken into custody after a brief struggle.

Not Santa

As Stephanie Leguia of Milton, Mass., and her neighbor, Wenhua Huang, chatted in Huang’s yard on Dec. 1, an unusual object slammed to the ground just feet from where they stood. Their backs were turned when what looked like a “giant silver tarp” crashed down, and her neighbor, Wenhan Huang, and her neighbor, Wenhan Huang, reported. Later, at the shower in Crestview, the future dad keep the weapon, but later asked to hold it as they investigated the incident. “Goodwill has the best treasures for $9.99,” Alvarez-Rodriguez gushed.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Study finds little increased risk of injury in high-intensity training

BY JAY FURST

Mayo Clinic

High-intensity group workout classes are increasingly popular at fitness centers. While research has shown that these workouts can have cardiovascular and other benefits, few studies have been conducted on whether they lead to more injuries.

A Mayo Clinic study that closely tracked 100 participants in a six-week high-intensity functional training program showed a statistically insignificant increase in the rate of injury, compared with less intensive workouts.

The study, published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings, reported an injury rate of 9 injuries per 1,000 training hours during the six-week training, compared with 5 injuries per 1,000 training hours during the six weeks preceding enrollment. The data showed that 18% of participants reported an injury during the training period, and 37.9% reported an injury during a training session.

“These types of classes, which can include ballistic movements such as throwing or jumping with weights, and resistance training with kettlebells or free weights, have become very popular, but other than studies of similar programs in military training, there are no prospective research studies on injuries that can occur in these classes,” says Edward Laskowski, M.D., co-director of Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine.

“Our findings show a trend toward an increase in injury during the course of a typical class.”

“Emphasizing proper technique and movement patterns is very important in all exercise, especially strength training,” says Dr. Laskowski, the study’s corresponding author. Most injuries in this study were related to movements that are ballistic or have an increased risk of injury if not performed with optimal technique.

“Although not statistically significant, the injury rate was almost three times the rate reported in previous studies,” he says. “Hopefully, these results will provide a stimulus for interventions, including focusing on optimal technique and eliminating exercises that are higher-risk when not performed correctly, that will help reduce the risk of injury.”

The study also emphasizes the importance of participants informing the trainer of pre-existing injuries or medical conditions, monitoring fatigue during the workout, and modifying or eliminating exercises that put an individual at risk.

The research involved 100 adults, 82% of whom were female, who participated in a high-intensity functional training class at Mayo Clinic’s Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center from January 2017 to April 2018. One-hour group workout classes were held weekly for six weeks, and participants completed a survey before and after the classes ended. Participants had the advantage of a small instructor-to-participant ratio, which allowed for closer monitoring of technique and movement.

Injuries were self-reported, and the most common injuries were to the back and knees. Burpees and squats were the most common movements causing injury, according to the study.

“The growing popularity of high-intensity group workout programs should lead to more study of benefits and risks, Dr. Laskowski says, with the goal of further reducing the risk of injury. “The United States is in the midst of an epidemic of obesity and sedentary lifestyle. Programs that promote physical activity, such as high-intensity functional training, can help to mitigate the effects of this epidemic and provide the motivation needed to get people moving.”

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Barrington Terrace of Naples has provided more than a decade of assisted living and dementia care in East Naples. It is one of more than 40 independent living, assisted living and memory care communities operated by The Arbor Company.
The Collier-Lee Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals honored Nicole Hood, a volunteer for Meals of Hope, the largest food pantry provider in Southwest Florida, at the 2019 National Philanthropy Day celebration.

Ms. Hood was recognized among a group of Distinguished Fundraising Volunteers from local nonprofit organizations.

“Nicole's spirit of service embodies Meals of Hope’s mission to end hunger in our community. Not only has Nicole volunteered by helping those in need at Meals of Hope’s food pantries four times a week since 2014, she purchases food on her own to share with people living in Naples’ HUD and Section 8 housing,” said Meals of Hope President and CEO Steve Poppert. “Nicole’s selfless dedication to teamwork and serving others is an inspiration to us all.”

Meals of Hope provides a total of 14 food pantries — including seven mobile pantries — throughout Collier and Lee counties to distribute fresh and nutritious food to approximately 1,000 families each week. Additional services and summer meal programs serve more than 10,000 Southwest Florida residents each month.

As a partner agency with the Harry Chapin Food Bank, it distributes more than 2 million pounds of food each year as it fulfills its mission of inspiring and empowering communities to end hunger. “To learn more about the nonprofit, visit www.mealsofhope.org or call 239-537-7777.”

**Medical, healthcare scholarship applications due March 31**

The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society is officially accepting applications through March 31 for two scholarship award programs: the Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for medical students and Healthcare Student Scholarships for students enrolled in or accepted to healthcare degree programs.

The Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship honors and remembers CCMS past president and Neighborhood Health Clinic co-founder Dr. William Lascheid and the legacy he created by his tireless efforts providing care and a medical home for thousands of underserved in Collier County. Eligible Florida residents enrolled in or accepted to medical school who have demonstrated excellence in service to their community, may apply.

The foundation’s Healthcare Student Scholarships offer awards to eligible Florida residents enrolled in or accepted as students in a healthcare degree program. The scholarship is based on academic merit and contributions to the community. Financial need may also be considered. Applications and requirements are available at ccmsfoundation.org, or by being obtained by calling the Foundation of CCMS at 239-435-7727 or emailing info@ccmsfoundation.org. Information about the 2019 scholarship winners is online.
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

End of year a great time to do a personal credit-card check

Eric BRETAN ericbretan@gmail.com

As the end of 2019 approaches, it is a good time to think about improving one's financial well-being for the upcoming year. One simple way to do this is by evaluating credit-card spending and determining a potential better way of charging purchases in 2020. With just a few quick calls or clicks of a mouse, consumers may be able to save hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

As we move more and more toward a cashless society, it is hard to believe that the first credit cards came into existence only in the late 1950s when Bank of America introduced the BankAmericard. In the early days, every time a customer wanted to charge a purchase, the retailer would have to call the customer's bank, which in turn would call the credit card company and an employee would have to verify the charge by hand. It took about 20 years for this process to become computerized, and only in the last few decades has card processing become instantaneous. It is now the default payment method for the vast majority of retail transactions.

In assessing credit card habits, the first thing to do is gather credit card statements and add them for a total. If this is a significant number, the most critical action to take immediately is to consolidate or transfer this debt to a low-interest-rate loan. Some financial experts would advise taking a second mortgage or increasing other long-term debt at a lower interest rate to pay down credit card debt. I advise against this strategy. Although this will decrease interest in the short run, often credit users will simply take on more debt and be left with credit card debt and a higher mortgage payment to service.

Instead, first call your existing credit card companies and see if the firms would be able to offer a lower rate if debt is consolidated on that card.

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Alternatively, you can call new card issuers to see if they can offer you a lower rate on their cards. But the critical point here is that you must take advantage of this lower rate to start paying down your balances. Often times, low consolidation rates last a short time and then can rise to a very high level. And with compounding interest, you soon can be paying interest on interest, which can cause debt levels to skyrocket.

For credit card users who do not carry a balance, there are also actions to take to improve your finances heading into 2020. First, be selective on what credit cards you apply for. A 10% discount on a $500 department store purchase can seem like a great bonus in exchange for signing up for a credit card. But some cards offer sign-up offers worth several hundred dollars for a person with good credit. Second, shop around for rewards that can benefit you the most. I am a big proponent of cash rewards, but others prefer mileage or points to spend at a particular place. Keep in mind that rewards programs are constantly evolving, so it is always a good idea to see what other incentives other cards are offering even if you like the one you have.

Third, I am never a fan of paying fees but sometimes a credit card with an annual fee makes financial sense. For example, on our business credit card for Rick’s Estate & Jewelry, we elected to use a card with an annual fee because it paid 2% back cash on all purchases made. This rewards us with thousands of dollars in cash back, easily worth the small fee we pay to use it. This can also be true with personal cards where a fee can reimburse you for Global Entry, give you free entry to airport lounges or even pay for Uber rides along with providing cash back or free airline miles each year.

This leads into my final point which is to make sure you are taking advantage of the benefits bestowed by your credit card before they expire at the end of the year. It may be a good investment to call the number of the back of your card to inquire what rewards you are entitled to and if they expire on Dec. 31. If you had your card for a while, there may be benefits you don’t even know about. You may get rental car insurance, cell phone insurance, extended product warranties, free hotel stays or other benefits that can help you this year or next.

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

Suppose we ban fossil fuels

BY DAVE TRECKER

With the Madrid climate conference underway, we are bombarded with calls to ban fossil fuels. And soon. That’s the war we are told, to stop global warming. How about a phase-out over 20-30 years? No, that will be too late. The Earth’s burning up. We must stop using fossil fuels now.

Admittedly, in these days of brief sound bytes and low attention spans, catchy soundbites are the coin of the political realm. And hydrocarbons are an easy target. Several months ago, UN secretary general Antonio Guterres, backed by an International Panel on Climate Change, blithely told the world it must stop using fossil fuels immediately.

And the villainous U.S., doubter of the Paris accords, must take the lead. For the moment, let’s assume the U.S. does just that. Let’s assume we throw a switch and kill coal, oil and natural gas overnight. Or even within 10 years. What would be the consequences?

First, there would be little change in greenhouse gases. While the U.S. has cut carbon emissions 14% since 2007, the rest of the world is merrily polluting away. While we are replacing coal with natural gas and renewables, China, India and a host of other countries are adding coal-fired power plants at an alarming rate and plan to do so for the foreseeable future. (My neighbor says we should send Jane Fonda to China. That’s where the problem is. Let her demonstrate in Tiananmen Square.)

Second, we would blow energy prices through the roof — that is, if we could install renewables fast enough to make an impact. That would require covering 20% of the U.S. land area and much of the shoreline with solar farms and wind turbines. Even then, we couldn’t get rid of all coal or natural gas; some would be needed as backup when the wind doesn’t blow or the sun doesn’t shine.

Third, if we stopped drilling for oil and gas, we would shut down the petrochemical industry. That means we could no longer make most drugs, non-cotton clothing, plastics of any sort, food packaging, synthetic rubber, lubricants, paints, over half of our auto parts. And on and on. Eventually we will be able to craft some of these things from renewables. But not anytime soon.

Fourth, carbon emissions from other sources would continue. Forest fires, most from woodland mismanagement and volcanic eruptions, throw huge amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Cattle flatulence and land-fill leakage add still more. And human respiration — the mere act of breathing — is a major source of emissions. Experts say global population growth alone will increase CO2 emissions by 1-2% a year.

So if we stopped mining coal and capped U.S. oil and gas production tomorrow, or even by 2030, we would not impact climate change one iota. Droughts would continue. The icecaps would melt. The oceans would keep on rising.

What we would accomplish is kneecapping our economy and dismantling everyday life.

What’s the alternative? Be realistic about timing. Weaning ourselves from hydro-carbons will be a long and costly process. It won’t happen overnight, and it certainly won’t happen by zealots chanting slogans or politicians promising the impossible.

What can we do in the meantime? We can plan for climate change. Actively plan for increasing temperatures and ocean rise. We can double down on conserving energy. And we can trust innovation. American technology will come through, as it always has. Scientists will show how to deflect sunlight, capture emitted CO2 and make renewables cost-effective, eventually.

Anyway I’ve got to go. I’m traveling this weekend, and after I fill my propane tank and run my diesel mower. I’ve got to gas up my car. Hopefully I’ll remember to shut off the lights before I leave.

— A chemist and retired Pfizer executive, Dave Trecker serves on a number of local boards.

Happy

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for Success: The Entrepreneur’s Guide to Achieving Your Dreams.”

“Employee happiness results directly in success and goes hand-in-hand with company culture,” says Mr. Trapp. “The primary focus of leadership in that culture should be making sure their employees are happy, safe, respected and connected, who wants to be there every day, makes the workplace a better place and a stronger business,” Mr. Davis says.

For more information, see www.entrepreneur.com.

— Paul Trapp is a former senior military leader who served as chief of recruiting for the Army National Guard and has over 30 years of experience in contract management, event planning and organizing conferences, seminars and meetings.

— Stephen Davis is a multi-state operation director who focuses on conference development, implementation, management and conference design. He currently serves as a chief warrant officer and CID special agent in the Army Reserves. Davis deployed twice in support of the global war on terrorism.
**The Motley Fool Take**

I trace my roots back to 1958, when my founder paid $25 to open my first location in Virginia. (Gas cost 28 cents per gallon back then.) Today, based in Knoxville, Tennessee, I’m North America’s largest operator of travel centers, with more than 750 locations in 44 states (and six Canadian provinces) and over 28,000 employees. I sell more than 7 billion gallons of fuel per year, and I serve more than 16 million guests daily. I offer truck and car centers, too. I’m the largest private hotel operator and Warren Buffett bought a big chunk of me in 2017. Who am I? (Answer: Pilot Flying J.)

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**Need a Good Brokerage?**

You can learn more about brokerages in this role, he is responsible for leading all phases of operations in the country club community, including operations, financial management, food and beverage, golf and tennis, and member services. Mr. Raulerson has more than 30 years of Southwest Florida club experience, most recently serving as general manager at Big Island Country Club in Naples. Prior to that, he was property manager and landscape superintendent for Quail Creek Country Club, and most recently, Mr. Raulerson was a landscape superintendent at Wildcat Run Country Club in Estero. Wilderness Country Club has been member owned and controlled from its inception.
NETWORKING

Membership Director’s Association of SWFL meeting at Kensington Golf & Country Club

1. Mia Luca and Sara James
2. Jessica Justice, Sally Watts and Michele Bust
3. Jennahe Lakan and Jordin Lakin
4. Tammy Menor, Danita Osborn and Danielle Jacob
5. Iva Sokolik and Melissa Hansen
6. Mark Neneman and Cheri Martin

Ken P eid, Megan Somerville and Debbie Lohan

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This custom chateau in the Vineyards is nestled on the largest lot in the community (just over one-third acre). With five bedrooms and four baths, the 3,600-square foot open floor plan allows for entertaining anything from an intimate gathering to a wedding reception (which it did). Details include custom front doors crafted in South America; a copper soaking tub, copper sinks and a barreled walnut ceiling in the master bath; and a new double-drawer Fischer Paktel dishwasher and a warming drawer in the kitchen. The fifth bedroom is large enough to become a mini-home theater, billiards room or exercise room. And it’s all freshly painted, top to bottom.

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Countryside Golf & Country Club completes $5.5 million golf course renovation

Countryside Golf & Country Club members, staff and the board of directors gathered at a cup cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the renovation to club's 56-acre Arthur Hills-designed golf course.

The eight-month, $5.5 million project added USGA greens and a new state-of-the-art irrigation system to the private 18-hole course.

"Countryside Golf & Country Club continues to enhance its member experience," said General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Joe Smith. "We're planning on a grand reopening event in January to welcome back our seasonal residents and introduce them to our beautiful new course."

The renovation was led by golf course architecture firm Kipp Schulties Golf Design of Jupiter and general contractor Ryangolf Corporation of Deerfield Beach, along with Ragan Technical Solutions of North Palm Beach for irrigation design and Flynn Engineering of Fort Lauderdale for permitting.

The course was re-grassed with Bimini Bermuda grass and Tif Eagle Bermuda grass on the greens. The renovation also took advantage of technology that improved since the origination of the course, such as better subsurface irrigation.

Schulties said the renovation of the par-70 course went well beyond a facelift. "Not only did we improve the overall playability, we designed it for the long term," he said. "The club and its board wanted to do it the right way, and Countryside will be reaping the benefits for the next 20 to 30 years."

He predicts returning players will be surprised at how much bigger parts of the course now feel.

"Countryside's course had skinnier fairways and smaller roughs. Now, the fairways are 20 to 25 percent larger, and we increased the size of the greens by 30 percent and added collection areas so players won't be penalized for missing their target."

The renovation reconstructed sand bunkers, thinned overgrown trees and installed new stacked rock retaining walls. Plans also modified the lake and relocated the practice area closer to the first tee, away from the clubhouse, and expanded the short game area and putting green.

Countryside Board President Larry Franzen said the club's members are eager to play the newly renovated course that added more testing options and flexibility for different skill sets.

"It will not only be visually very appealing but also a joy to play. This was a major revisioning of the course," he said. "We are excited about the future of Countryside and can't wait for our first rounds of golf."

The course renovation continues the momentum of the club's more than $5 million investment in its new lifestyle, tennis and bocce complex. The recently completed master planned improvement project added a Wellness Center with cardio and strength training equipment, member recreation areas and locker rooms, as well as two Har-Tru bocce courts and four lighted Har-Tru tennis courts.

Countryside Golf & Country Club is a resident-owned gated golf community with 1,133 residential units, including 221 detached single-family homes. The private community rests among hundreds of tropical Florida trees and a 70-par, 18-hole Arthur Hills designed golf course with lakes and landscaping to provide members with a variety of competitive levels. There is no membership initiation fee. For more information, visit www.countrysidegcc.net or call 239-353-1780.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The Countryside Board of Directors and Leadership.
A s Kalea Bay begins offering pre-
construction sales in Tower 200, they also recently announced a
new model by W Design. Located
in the penthouse in the new, and named “Mod-
ern Zen” in the North Naples waterfront
community of Kalea Bay. It represents the
name of the model in the new three-
which is under construction and sched-
uled for an August completion.
“The name comes from the peace-
ful feeling the residence evokes,” said Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales &
Marketing for Kalea Bay. “It’s a study
in contrast with light and dark coloring in
each room,” she added. “This home feels
a bit like a trip to an urban resort with
elements of both tranquility and sophis-
tication infused in it. Prospective buyers are
going to love what she’s done here.”
The model has a contemporary,
organic vibe to it thanks to various hardwoods,
clean lines and geometric shapes which serve to give the resi-
dence an edgy twist. For example, the
breakfast area has a wood feature wall
that creates the background for the
seating area while pops of white in the
chandelier, artwork and upholstery pro-
vide the contrast.
Dramatic ceiling details, such as those
found in the living room, showcase white
high lacquered center panels creating a
grid pattern. Reflective surfaces on the
celling and behind the bookshelves allow
light to dance while views of the water
and sky are reflected in them.
In recognition of this milestone, the
sales team at Kalea Bay began offering
qualified prospective buyers hard hat
tours of the building. Officials note, how-
ever, that appointments are required and
should be made by calling (239) 793-0100.
Dates and times are limited.
A few residences remain in Tower 200 which is priced from $1.4 million.
“Our sales of Tower 200 recently
topped the 85% mark, which prompted the
release of Tower 300,” said Lodge.
“Tower 300 represents an opportunity
for buyers to get in on the proverbial
proverbial ground floor at prices that will not last.”
She attributes the brisk pace of sales
to the community’s 88,000-square-foot main
amenity area located on the north-
side of the large lake just inside the
main entrance.
“Our fully operational clubhouse and
amenity package gives our residents and
prospective residents something tangible
that they can experience first-
hand,” she said.
“It truly is the social and recreational
centerpiece of the community,” she said.
“But it’s also the envy of every commu-
ny in the Naples area.”
The Clubhouse features three indi-
vidual pools, including a resort pool, an
adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an
executive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a
fitness center, the café Bistro, a lakeside
fire pit, kid’s game room and event lawn.
All three pools overlook the lake
and provide a multitude of recreation-
al options. 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
refeshing dip in the pool isn’t on your
schedule, perhaps meeting friends for
lunch, dinner or drinks is
the perfect place for all three,” said Lodge. “The indoor/out-
door restaurant serves incredible meals
throughout the day. And what better
way to celebrate the good life in Florida
than meeting family and friends for
drinks while watching the sun set over
the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living
in Florida is supposed to be.”
In fact, the clubhouse at Kalea Bay
has two restaurants, the Driftwood Café
and the Salt and Oak Restaurant. The
Driftwood Café is open for breakfast
and lunch. The Salt and Oak Restaurant
is designed for an elegant dining expe-
rience and includes such features as a
private dining room, a banquet room
and wine tasting room – among others.
The state-of-the-art fitness center fea-
tures Peloton bicycles, as well as assort-
ment strength machines, free weights and
a stretch area.
For those residents who have young
children or grandchildren, the clubhouse
will delight one and all with a teen
lounge, complete with virtual reality
and PS4 games, football, WiFi, multiple TVs
and a kid’s game room with child-size
furniture, books, chalkboard and TVs.
Adjacent to the clubhouse lies the
tennis pavilion with four Har-Tru ten-
nis courts, as well as eight pickleball
courts. Guest suites for overnight guests
are located near the clubhouse, as well.
Residents also have a shuttle service
from the clubhouse to Kalea Bay’s beach
access point just two miles away.
Like Tower 100, which was sold out
in January of last year and Tower 200,
Tower 300 will also offer its residents
phenomenal views of the Gulf of Mexico
as well as spectacular onsite amenities,
both on its roof and at the community’s
main amenity area.
Tower 300 stands 22 stories in height
with 120 residences. Specifically, it’s
20 floors of supreme residential living
over two floors of parking. It will also have similar rooftop amenities as those
found in Tower 100 and 200, including
a rooftop pool, open-air fitness center
and a sky lounge.
Six floor plans are available ranging
from three-bedroom plus den/three-
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28508 SAN AMARO DR., BONITA
- 3 BR, 3 BA + Den, 2,770 S.F.
- Designer Kitchen w/Cust. Cabinets
$749,000  MLS 219070376
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

**BONITA BAY - HARBOR LANDING**

4520 RIVERWATCH DR. #101, BONITA
- 1st Floor End Unit, Lake View
- 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage
$339,900  MLS 219067203
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.272.1196

**SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA**

9149 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA
- Spacious 2,742 S.F., 4 BR, 3 Full BA
- Lovely Southern Golf Course Views
$499,900  MLS 219027956
Fred Cuthbertson, The Boeglin Team 239.716.9083

**HARBOUR LIGHTS**

370 HARBOUR DR. #370, NAPLES
- 2nd Floor Bayfront Condo, Dock Lease
- 1 BR, 1 BA, Turnkey, Close to Beach
$279,000  MLS 219030244
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**VILLAGE WALK**

15005 AUK WAY, BONITA
- 3 BR, 3 BA, Large Patio, Detached Garage
- Pet Friendly, Gated w/Sprinkler Systems
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Lily Savage, Epifanio Team 239.601.5299

**ROOKERY POINTE**

20381 RROOKERY DR., ESTERO
- 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage
- Open Concept, San Marco Floor Plan
$325,000  MLS 219060961
Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

**SERRANO**

27021 SERRANO WAY #201, BONITA
- 4 BR, 2 BA, 1 CG End Unit, 1,800+ S.F.
- Furnished, Coastal Contemporary Decor
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28750 TRAILS EDGE BLVD. #305, BONITA
- 4 BR, 2 BA, 1,600+ S.F.
- Updated Kitchen w/SS & Granite
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- 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car GA
- Updated Kitchen w/SS & Granite
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**NEW LISTING**

28367 DEL LAGO WAY, BONITA
- Beautiful, Light & Bright w/New Roof
- 3 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2,288 S.F.
$510,000  MLS 219057365
The Boeglin Team 239.287.5141

**MOSS WAY**

8440 MYSTIC GREENS WAY #1002, NAPLES
- 2 BR, 2 BA, Open Den/Dining, Attached GA
- 1 Floor, Modern & Avant Garde
$300,000  MLS 219047486
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**FORTY POINTS**

11528 NIGHT HERON DR., NAPLES
- 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, 2,828 S.F.
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### Real Estate Sales

**The Ardissone Luxury Waterfront Properties in Park Shore**

**4400 Gulf Shore Blvd N #304**
Bayfront gated community living in Park Shore on Venetian Bay with water views. Private elevator entrance, deeded boat slip and 2 under-building parking spaces. 2BR+Den/2BA. Offered at $1,775,000

**4400 Gulf Shore Blvd N #305**
Grand penthouse atop building #3 overlooking Venetian Bay waters. Spacious and sprawling floor plan, deeded boat slip, 2 deeded parking spaces and deeded beach access. 4BR+Den/4.5BA. Offered at $3,650,000

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### Top 20 Area Sales

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Devonshire model featuring London Bay’s new home design choices nearing completion at Mediterra

London Bay Homes’ staged Devonshire model is on schedule for completion by the end of January in the Cabreo neighborhood at Mediterra. The Devonshire is one of several new coastal-inspired home designs featured in its Cabreo and Lucarno neighborhoods. A gated community located two miles north of Immokalee Road on Livingston Road in North Naples, homesites are available starting in the mid-$900s.

The new designs feature open-concept floor plans with spacious outdoor living areas that can include optional outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, custom pools, and spas. Finish selections can be made at London Bay’s Selection Studio. The Devonshire’s coastal contemporary interior style includes stunning ceiling and applied molding details, porcelain wood-look tile flooring, and a color palette featuring neutral taupe tones with soft blue accents. With a spacious, open concept living area that includes a great room, a gourmet-inspired island kitchen, and a dining room, the Devonshire has been designed for entertaining. The living area opens to a covered outdoor living area with an outdoor kitchen, and a custom designed pool with a sun shelf and spa to create a compelling indoor/outdoor experience. The Devonshire plan also features three bedrooms, a study, three and a half baths plus a pool bath that serves both the indoor and outdoor spaces, and a three-car garage.

The Devonshire is one of several new open-concept floor plan choices ranging from 2,894 to 3,020 square feet under air available in Cabreo, a neighborhood that presents maintenance-free single-family luxury villas. Homesites on the neighborhood’s single-loaded streetscapes measure 65 to 70 feet by approximately 145 feet and offer lake and nature preserve views. Cabreo’s new coastal inspired single-story home choices feature wide foyers, spacious great rooms, island kitchens, and dining areas, a study, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, master suites with walk-in closets and elegant baths, and three-car garages. The plans can include an optional pool bath and two of them can be modified to include a fourth bedroom. A residence featuring Cabreo’s new Langston floor plan is also under construction.

The Devonshire’s design features and finishes selected by London Bay Homes Selection Studio team, the Langston residence is priced at $1,690,700 including the homesite and features selected by the Selection Studio team. The Devonshire model is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of January. London Bay Homes has introduced a collection of new coastal inspired home design choices priced from the low-$900s in its Cabreo and Lucarno neighborhoods at Mediterra. Homesites are available starting in the mid-$200s. Below: Priced at $1,690,700 including the homesite that offers lake views, London Bay Homes’ staged Devonshire model being built in Cabreo at Mediterra offers 2,988 square feet under air with exquisite designer features and finishes selected by the Selection Studio team. The Devonshire residence is on schedule for completion by the end of January.
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Construction continues at a brisk pace at Moorings Park Grande Lake
Open House Scheduled for Tomorrow

Noting that construction on Phase 1 of Moorings Park Grande Lake has exceeded the 75 percent mark, officials recently toasted a new construction milestone of the project.

“Every day the skyline along Golden Gate Parkway looks a little bit different,” noted Steve Brinkert, Vice President of Resident Services at Moorings Park. “That’s because we’ve been conducting construction on the Clubhouse residences and the 28-acre lake. It’s everything you might expect in a premier community today.”

The Clubhouse residences, located near the entrance to Naples Grande Beach Resort and its golf course and preferred pricing on hotel rooms and spa, resort-style pool and beach, was released for sale earlier this year. Residences range in size from 3,331 to 3,566 square feet under air. All offer panoramic lake and golf course views.

Features of the Clubhouse residences resemble those of both Phase 1 and 2 including spacious, open floor plans perfect for entertaining family and friends, as well as open kitchen designs with island counter and GE Profile appliance package.

Residents will love the Bayside floor plan with its two master suites for the ultimate in privacy. Expansive balconies afford residents long views of the signature 28-acre lake. Private elevators take Clubhouse residents effortlessly from their homes to the multitude of amenities located below.

The Clubhouse itself, which is the centerpiece of the community with resort-style pool, cabanas and poolside Bistro. The Clubhouse is completed.

Features include a magnificent great room, master bedroom and bath separate from the rest of the residence, as well as open floor plans offering a great lifestyle, as well as dining options in Naples Grande’s elegant Clubhouse.

Clubhouse Residences were released for sale last month. Above Left: Construction on Phase 1 passes the 75 percent mark.

Above Right: Casual and formal dining areas, a private dining room and a long, curved bar are features of the Clubhouse.

More information regarding Moorings Park Grande Lake is available online at MooringsParkGL.org or by calling 239-778-9837.

Top: Clubhouse Residences were released for sale last month. Above Left: Construction on Phase 1 passes the 75 percent mark. Right: All residences have lake and golf course views.
Clive Daniel to design interiors at Isles of Collier

Clive Daniel Home’s award-winning interior designers Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen were recently selected to provide total interior design services and furnishings for a new Cambria III model by Stock Signature Homes in the Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples. Construction completion of the home is expected in the summer of 2020.

“The Cambria model will have a casual elegance, inspired by the Naples lifestyle, said Mr. Hansen. “This home will feature a color palette of glamorous polished chrome, mixed with soft creams and aqua teal accents. Hits of platinum and charcoal will be spun throughout, to offer contrast. This home provides open spaces for entertaining and a large U-shaped kitchen that’s perfect for the at-home chef.”

With 2,627-square-feet under air and 4,033 total-square-feet, this home includes 3 bedrooms, 3 full and one half baths, a large great room, island kitchen and a dining area that opens to a screened and covered lanai. The outdoor living area features a summer kitchen with fireplace, pool and spa. The plan also includes a three-car garage. The Isles of Collier Preserve features a colorful update of classic coastal living. Inspired by the timeless architecture and traditions of Old Naples, homes overlook miles of scenic kayak and hiking trails. Stock Signature Homes is a Preferred Builder in this prestigious community.

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NASA-engineer designed exhibit engages visitors to IMAG

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At top and right: The Be the Astronaut exhibit will be on display at IMAG from September 21 to January 12, 2020. During this exhibit, visitors will be invited to interact with Space Suit and Space Gear Exhibits.

BY NANCY STETSION
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The first time I try driving on Mars, I go in reverse — and don’t even realize it.

It was not starting out to be a good day: In less than half an hour, I crash or damage four rovers, all while trying to navigate my way on Martian soil.

But the truth is, it’s doubtful I’d even make it to Mars — or the Moon, or Jupiter — because just before that, I misguide five spaceships immediately post-launch.

“You are off course. Engaging autopilot,” the spaceship’s computer tells me, time after time.

Let’s just say I’m not expecting...

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Naples Art hosts reception for three stunning exhibitions. C31

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BE the ASTRONAUT

If you’re an early-riser, you’ve perhaps seen Rachel Pierce behind the anchor desk on NBC-2 where she has co-anchored the morning news since 2014. But when she’s not reporting — a career she’s passionate about — Rachel is making a name for herself in the Southwest Florida art world as a painter. Not an easy feat for a mom of four children under the age of 9 — her TV anchor loves her job, but for art, ‘I’m all in. This is who I am.’

SEE ALL IN, C8

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The sea grapes of wrath and other memories

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Grandma hated sea grapes. No matter the season, no matter the time of day, the leaves seemed to scatter with abandon across the lawn from the neighbor's yard. There was no keeping up with them. Grandma thought there'd be no leaves to rake once she moved from Indiana to Florida. But the neighbor's tree proved her wrong.

That was in Fort Myers, circa 1975. We had sea grapes here and there, but I don't remember seeing them everywhere, like I did when I moved to Palm Beach County a decade later. There's no mistaking the crunch of the leaves and the sound they make as they skitter across the pavement in the breeze. They're a nuisance, I thought.

Then I saw a painting by Ted Matz. Forget the brown leaves that caused Grandma to complain. This little oil painting of sea grape leaves showcased the greens, the yellows and the reds of the leaves, with near purple veining.

Then I acquired another painting, this one by artist Richard Lewis, with abstracted sea grapes in hues of green and red with touches of aqua. It was the stuff of fantasy, so I thought. Then I went to the beach one day, and there they were — sea grapes in hues of red and yellow, with purple veining. There were leaves that shaded to blue when you squinted in the sunlight. It took art for me to see what Grandma and I had been missing.

A couple of years ago, I went to Lake Worth Beach to have breakfast with a friend who was moving away. It was December, a time that's always a mix of joy and melancholy for me as I think of all those with whom I used to share the holidays. The path from the parking area was littered with sea grape leaves in shades of brown. It was a mess, just like Grandma would have called it.

I smiled at the memory then saw, amid the brown leaves, a single leaf of red, with veins of gold. I plucked the scarlet leaf from the pile and tucked it in the car. When I got home, I gave it a place of honor on the Christmas tree, and in my mind's eye, I saw Grandma smiling.

The leaf reminded me that, even in death, there is beauty and that a good memory always endures.
Revs Institute presents Lotus Type 49

Revs Institute has announced a rare opportunity to see one of the most important racecars of all time. On temporary loan to the museum, a trailblazing Lotus Type 49 will be showcased until March 2020. Driven by two-time World Champion and 1965 Indy 500 champion Jim Clark, Lotus Type 49/2 is a highly significant racing car, credited with shaping Grand Prix racing history and revolutionizing Formula 1 racing. Revs Institute is dedicated to the study and celebration of the automobile. It offers visitors a rare opportunity to view the Miles Collier Collections of over 100 of the most influential automobiles ever created with each car selected for its uniqueness and ability to meet rigid standards of historical, technical, aesthetic or social significance. To enhance the visitor experience, specially designed interactive displays and artifact showcases are presented within four themed galleries. They include many rare and unique items from the extensive Revs Institute library and research collections. Revs Institute, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

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NASA to call me anytime soon to ask me to be even a faux astronaut. Apparently, I don’t have the Right Stuff to be even a faux astronaut.

In my defense: I’d had zip training on the equipment. And the 12-wheeled Martian land rovers don’t function like a car: there’s no steering wheel, no gas or brake pedals.

If you stick me in a video arcade, I can rack up respectable points on Centipede, but unlike the young generation, I wasn’t born with a joystick in one hand and an Xbox in the other.

But aspiring Mae Jemisons and Sally Rides shouldn’t miss “Be the Astronaut” exhibit currently at the IMAG History & Science Center. The exhibit, designed by NASA engineers (and produced by Eureka Exhibits) is actually one-third of the “Be the Astronaut” traveling exhibition. And while it’s disappointing to not be able to see their life-sized replica of a spaceship, a lander and a rover, what they do have is interesting.

The center’s Hands-On Hall, directly right of the entrance, looks as if it’s been transformed into a training academy for space cadets. Sixteen two-seater interactive simulators pods, built to look like space capsules, have multiple programs for the Moon, Mars, Jupiter and asteroids. You sit in an astronaut’s seat, with a big screen above you. Below, a smaller screen shows you instrumentation and astronauts talking to you, calling you “Captain.” You can launch a spaceship, fly it, land on a planet and drive a rover.

Each pod, or ship, has a name, such as the USS Venture, the USS Defender, the USS Odyssey, the USS Argos.

Two exhibit cases nearby display space-related toys and items.

“Many a career has begun with interest sparked in childhood,” says a placard. “Astronauts, space scientists (and others) often point to their favorite toys, television shows, books and movies as the entry point to their professions. The dreams of children are the dreams of tomorrow.”

The case includes a toy astronaut helmet, toy astronauts and a rover with six spider-like arms, each one with a different type of equipment. And the 12-wheeled Martian land rovers don’t function like a car: there’s no steering wheel, no gas or brake pedals.

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I suspect that art imitates life and life imitates art in such a never-ending cycle that it’s difficult to tell what came first, sometimes.

The other is an Apollo A7-LB Lunar Space suit, which is actually a soft off-white canvas decided to come together and form a human figure.

The material for this adult onesie is “Beta Cloth,” which was designed to be fireproof, after the tragic Apollo 1 accident when astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee were trapped and died in their spacecraft when a fire broke out. It’s actually an outer covering that attaches to the inner pressure garment assembly and can be removed for repairs and inspection.

“This variant was used from Apollo 15 through the end of the program,” the placard reads, adding that it would also be worn for operations within the spacecraft. The half-dozen metal rings on the chest make it look as if the wearer is part Borg (part human, part machine) and the zippered and snap compartments on the outside of the pants make them look like outer space cargo pants.

Visitors can’t touch either suit but can get their photo taken standing behind a life-sized cut out of an astronaut with a clear helmet.

There are many panels of explanation about launches, landings and gravity. Some of the language is surprisingly poetic; an explanation of a spaceship in orbit says, “You are continually falling around the planet.” It reminds me of multimedia artist Laurie Anderson, who, in her song “Walking and Falling” from her landmark “Big Science” album, says, “You are walking, and you don’t always realize it; but you’re always falling. With each step you fall forward/straight/and then catch yourself from falling.” Over and over you’re falling/and then catching yourself from falling/and this is how you can be walking and falling at the same time.”

That, apparently, is also how a space ship orbits a planet. While at IMAG, I go upstairs to visit the meteorite that is part of its permanent exhibit. Composed of nickel and iron, it fell to Earth in Argentina 5,800 years ago. The dark pitted and cratered rock looks like something a bad giant would get in his Christmas stocking. I touch it, just to touch something that had been in outer space.

It just seems like an astronaut-like thing to do, the closest I will probably ever get to touching something that’s been through our solar system. Then I go back downstairs and land on Ceres, a dwarf planet in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. I drive a rover to the space camp. It takes a few tries, but I make it to the home base.

An astronaut looks at me from a screen. And I finally get to hear the coveted words: “Congratulations captain! You’re an astronaut and a hero!”

In the KNOW

Be the Astronaut traveling exhibit
• Where: IMAG History & Science Center, 2000 Cranford Ave., Fort Myers
• When: Tues.-Sat., noon-5 Sun.
• Cost: $14, $12 for seniors 55 and older, $10 for students
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- Letters must be separated from the numbers by a hyphen or space equal to letter width.
- The Certificate of Registration must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.
- Vessels must be registered and numbered within 30 days of purchase.
- Registration numbers must be displayed on the forward half of the vessel on both sides above the waterline.
- The numbers must be bold block letters at least 3 inches high in a color contrasting to the hull.
- The vessel registration decal must be renewed annually and is to be displayed within 6 inches of, either before or after, the registration numbers on the port (left) side.
- Documented vessels without a state registration must be on board by a person who is exempt from the educational requirements.
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- An operator who is accompanied onboard by a person who is at least 18 years old and possesses the required Boating Safety Education Identification Card, provided that person is attendant to and responsible for the safe operation of the vessel.
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- A non-resident who has in his or her possession photographic identification and a boating safety education identification card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- The following operators are exempt:
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  - A person operating on a private lake or pond.
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- A non-resident who has in his or her possession proof that he or she has completed a NASBLA-approved boater safety course or equivalency examination from another state.
- A person who is operating a vessel within 90 days after the purchase of that vessel, provided he has available for inspection aboard that vessel, a bill of sale or other evidence of ownership to public safety, enforce all boating safety laws, or cause any inspection to be made deemed to be an interference or hazard to public safety, enforce all boating safety laws, or cause any inspection to be made deemed to be an interference or hazard to public safety.
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**Law enforcement authority**
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- A law enforcement officer may stop any vessel for the purpose of checking for compliance with boating safety equipment requirements.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THURSDAY 12.12

**THE ELDERS** - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a boardwalk tour of its stand of old-growth bald cypress from 9 a.m. to noon. $10-$25. 239-548-9513 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

**MOMENT of LIGHT** - Moonlight - A Naples Art Association holiday open house with games, art, food and more from 2 p.m. Free, donation of art supplies for the organization’s community partners recommended. 239-262-6570 or www.naplesart.org.

**ART DECO** - Nights of Art Deco: A Naples Art Association holiday open house with fresh produce, ethnic foods and artisan food. A $5 donation is suggested. 239-579-2651 or www.naplesart.org.

FRIDAY 12.13

**COMMUNITY MARKET** - Eagles Lakes Community Park hosts a market with fresh produce, ethnic foods and artisan goods from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 11855 Tamiami Trail E. 239-206-4339.

**LUNCH & LEARN** - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts lunch and a lecture about shark research from noon to 1 p.m. $15. 300 Tower Road. 239-250-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

**HOLIDAY TEA** - Elks Hall, Clearwater. 239-649-6707 or www.elks.org.

**DINNER & A SHOW** - Naples Artcraters hosts an arts-and-crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. Dusty.Beck@gmail.com or www.naplesartcraters.com.

**BEACH BIRDS** - Bird activity is at its peak from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Rookery Bay’s Field Station. 239-595-5300 or www.rookerybay.org.

**CRUISING** - The Skipper Cruises’ holiday concert features the local sousaphone, euphonium, tuba and baritone performers. 239-398-0912 or www.cruising.org.

**TUESDAY 12.10**

**FESTIVE FUNK** - Live for Kids hosts a holiday open house and workshop for kids and families from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 22230 Village Center Drive. 239-513-0177 or www.lifeforkids.org.

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MONDAY 12.16

Long Limbs – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts yoga with the flam¬
gos from 8-8:45 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday. $10 for members, $12 for others. 27800 Old 41 Road. 239-992-2991 or www.evergladeswondergardens.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita screens “Elle” (2016) at 7 p.m. A successful businesswoman gets caught in a game of cat-and-mouse as she tracks down the man who assaulted her. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 239- 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Chamber Concert – Pianist Orion Weiss, violinist Yura Lee and cellist Clive Greensmith perform at 8 p.m. at Sugden Community Theater. $60. 239- 695-4593 or www.orchidswamp.com.

Free Film – Mercato hosts a free screening of “Gremlins” (1984) at 5:45 p.m. on the lawn. 239-254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

TUESDAY 12.17

Panther Encounter – Naples Zoo hosts an encounter with its 1-year-old Flor¬
dia panther, Athena, from 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday. $40 for members, $50 for others. 239-262-5409 or www.napleszoo.com.

Swampy – Fakahatchee Strand Pre¬
serves State Park hosts introductory swamp walks from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday. $60. 239-695-4993 or www.orchidswamp.org.

Free Film – Mercato hosts a free screening of “Gremlins” (1984) at 5:45 p.m. on the lawn. 239-254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Photo Hike – Koreshan State Park hosts a nature hike for photographers at 10 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 239-992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

WEDNESDAY 12.18

Moonlight – Friends of the Faka¬
hatchee Strand Preserve State Park host a moonlit tram ride from 3:30-6:30 p.m. $35. 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland. 239- 495-8989 or www.orchidswamp.org.

All That Jazz – Guitarist Peter Ber¬
znits performs with members of the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 239- 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

COMING UP

You Are The Woman – Firefall per¬
forms at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Southwest Florida Event Center. 1515 Bonita Beach Road. 239-245-9910 or www.swfleventcenter.com.

Broken Lady – The Gatlin Brothers per¬

Holiday Pops – Vocalist Shelea per¬
forms holiday hits with the Naples Phil¬
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Tribute – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs hosts a tribute show fea¬
turing music by Bob Seger, Cher, Lady Gaga and Billy Joel at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. 9444 Bonita Beach Road. 239- 405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

Firefall helps you get your holiday wiggles out with “Home for the Holidays,” a full-out concert-style performance that boasts a full orchestra, seasonal tunes, vibrant costumes and dance numbers to set the Christmas mood through Sunday, Dec. 15.

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# JAM IT

Grab your ugliest sweater for a contest and a hilarious night of holiday-themed improvisational comedy with Stage 2 Improv at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Joan Jenks Auditorium in the Golden Gate Community Center.

— thestudioplayers.org


— artisnaples.org

The Harlem Globetrotters perform Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Hertz Arena.

— hertzarena.com

High Step – Rhythm of the Yuletide Dance performs at Southwest Florida Event Center. 239-245-9910 or www.swfleventcenter.com.
I grew up here, so I always begin by asking the artists. I interview the same question — how in the world did you end up in Southwest Florida? RP: I'm originally from northern Wisconsin, went to college in Oklahoma City, worked at a bunch of TV stations in the Midwest, then I lived in Washington, D.C., for a little bit, and worked for the BBC, and met my husband. But, my sister lived in Naples, so we vacationed down here for years, and then my parents retired here — though they actually work full time down here now — from Wisconsin, and then another sister followed them, and then another brother followed. At that time I was working in Des Moines, Iowa, as an evening anchor and I really wanted to do mornings, because it would allow me more time with the kids. I applied at a bunch of TV stations and the job at NBC-2 opened up here — everything just fell into place — so, here I am.

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WHAT TO DO

**Bluesy** – Young blues star Selwyn Birchwood performs at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at South Street Naples; 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 239-435-9123 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

**Local Best** – Bob Zottola & Jazz Simpatico perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Wang Opera Center; $40-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 239-963-9050 or www.opera Naples.com.

**Tribute** – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs tribute show featuring music by Chicago, The Doobie Brothers and Eric Clapton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Wang Opera Center; 239-405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

**Holiday Concert** – The Ten Tenors, a 12-man vocal ensemble from Australia, performs seasonal favorites at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at Artsy-Naples; 239-997-1000 or www.artsy naples.org.

**Opera** – Gulfshore Opera presents “Amahl and the Night Visitors” at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at St. Leo Parish Life Center; $10-$50. 28290 Beaumont Road. 239-529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

**Tribute** – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs hosts an ABBA tribute show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Wang Opera Center; 239-405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

**More Holiday Opera** – Gulfshore Opera presents “Amahl and the Night Visitors” at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Salvation Army Chapel; $10-$50. 3170 Estey Ave. 239-529-3925 or www.gulfshoreopera.org.

**Tribute** – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs hosts a Fleetwood Mac tribute show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 239-405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

**Comedy Night** – Stage 2 Improv presents an evening of improvisational comedy games with audience participation at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. 239-296-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

**Light it Up** – The City of Naples rings in the new year with a fireworks display off Naples Pier at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. 239-213-7120 or www.naplesgor.com.


**Tribute Concert** – Majesty of Rock performs works by Journey and Styx from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, at the lawn at Mercato. 239-254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.


**Art Show** – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 1008 Winterberry Dr. 239-394-4221 or www. marcolandarts.org.

**Bluegrass Special** – Bluewater Bluegrass presents Cluster Puckin’, its annual bluegrass festival featuring acts like Andy Waldberg, Captain Joe and the Bottomfeeders, W.M. Metts and more, on Friday, Jan. 3, at The Norris Center. $25 in advance; $30 at the door. 795 Eighth Ave. S. 239-213-3058.

**Tribute** – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs hosts an AC/DC and Led Zeppelin tribute show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 239-405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

**Art Show** – Hotworks hosts the 23rd annual Estero Fine Art Show on Saturday and Sunday. Jan. 4-5, at JetBlue Park. 941-745-3088 or www.hotworks.org.

**In the Park** – Members of Naples Art Association showcase and sell their works from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Cambier Park. 239-262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

**Art Show** – Naples Art Association presents its celebrated New Year’s Art Show with over 250 fine art vendors showcasing and selling their work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 4-5, on Fifth Avenue South, 239-262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

**Music Fest** – The City of Naples hosts Neapolapolooza III with a variety of musical acts like The Woodwork, visual artists, food trucks and more at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at The Norris Center. $25-$75. 795 Eighth Ave. S. 239-213-3059 or www.naplesgov.com.

**Tribute** – The Stage Restaurant in Bonita Springs hosts a Journey and Bon Jovi tribute show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 239-405-8566 or www.stagebonita.com.

**Jazz Concert** – The Brandon Robertson Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs; 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 239-495-8899 or www.artcenter bonita.org.

**Musical Moments** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a presenta- tion on the best classical composers of all time at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. $22-$25. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 239-495-8899 or www.artcenter bonita.org.

**Om on the Beach** – Friends of Loves- ers Key hosts a morning yoga session on the sand at Lovers Key State Park at 9:30 a.m. each Monday starting on Jan. 6. $10 plus park entry fee. www.friendsofloverskey.org.

**Turtle Time** – Korshak State Park hosts a talk about gopher tortoises at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7. Free with park entry fee. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 239-992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org.

**Art Exhibition** – COCO Gallery debuts an exhibition by Art Quilters united on Tuesday, Jan. 7, that runs through Jan. 21; 8074 Mediterranean Drive, Estero. 239- 949-3087 and www.cocogallery.com.

**Travel Talk** – Betty Maclean Trav- el hosts a talk about Silversea Expedi- tions featuring Enchanting Destinations, Aww Inspiring Experiences, Cultural Immersion & More at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 2245 Venetian Court; 239-213-6133 or www.bettymacleantavel.com. 

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ARTS COMMENTARY

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Nancy STETSON

A psychological thriller? A “Downton Abbey”-esque period piece? A morality tale? “An Inspector Calls,” playing at the Florida Repertory Theatre’s mainstage is all that and more. Not only does it combine all of these genres, but it checks all the boxes for good theater: it keeps you guessing, makes you laugh and also makes you think.

It also, at times, sent chills down my spine.

You might think a play set entirely in a dining room in 1910 England (with women in gowns and men in white tie and tails) would be a snooze, but you’d be wrong. It starts slowly but gradually picks up more and more speed, until it’s barreling like a runaway train downhill. I couldn’t wait for intermission to be over, to see what would happen next.

This J.R. Priestly play begins with the Birling family celebrating the engagement of their daughter Sheila (Elynn Heald) to Gerald (a gallant Brenda Powers). She’s virginal and charming, in a white gauzy dress, while he strikes a dashing figure in his tux.

They’ve just finished dinner in a green-and-cream colored dining room with wainscoting, fireplace, chandelier and heavy drapes with fringe (set design by Dennis C. Maulden). The walls slant to a double-door upstage, the scene for more than one dramatic entrance. On either side of the room, behind the red brick walls, we can see the gray of factories; the industrial world looms behind. But the house’s inhabitants are sheltered from the outside world.

The Birlings, and Gerald, are all prospering and more than well satisfied with themselves.

Sybil (Kate Hampton) and Arthur (William McNulty) are older; their marriage is stable, their family complete. Sheila, we learn, has a temper. Mrs. Birling can barely contain her. He refuses them, vindictive when his workers strike for higher wages. He refuses them, vindictive when his workers strike for slightly higher wages. He refuses them, vindictive when his workers strike for

Instead of seeing how small acts of kindness and thoughtfulness change people’s lives, we see how small — and larger — acts of neglect and cruelty harm people.

Director Michael Marotta — last seen acting at Florida Rep in “Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Story,” playing as he says, “everyone who wasn’t Rosemary,”) does a superb job with this production, winding the tension tighter and tighter. The incidental music (sound designer Katie Lowe) and lighting (Tyler M. Perry) are used sparingly but to great effect.

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In the KNOW

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Be cautious. Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

Horoscopes

Sudoku

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

It pays to plan the play

BY STEVE BECKER

On most deals, the lines of battle are drawn within the first two or three tricks played. Once these lines have been set, it is often impossible to alter the outcome, since the later plays will merely reflect the plans formulated at the outset.

Take this case where South reaches three notrump after East has opened the bidding with one heart. West leads the heart six, and if declarer plays either the five or ten from dummy, he will never recover.

After East plays the eight on the five (or the jack on the ten), South wins with the king. However, he soon finds himself in trouble after East next takes the ace of diamonds and returns a club. If declarer finesse, he is defeated at once when West wins the king of clubs and returns a second heart, allowing East to score four heart tricks for down two. And if South puts up the ace of clubs instead, he can collect only eight tricks before meeting a similar fate.

The battle lines can be completely reversed, however, if declarer puts up dummy’s queen of hearts at trick one. This forces East to win the trick to prevent South from scoring two heart tricks instead of one. Furthermore, it stops East from returning a heart, which would hand South a trick with dummy’s ten.

East therefore shifts to a club, but declarer must still be careful. If he finesse, West wins and returns a heart to establish three heart tricks for East before the ace of diamonds has been driven out.

Instead, declarer should rise with the ace of clubs and attack diamonds. East wins, but the conflict is now over. He still cannot play a heart without permitting the ten to become South’s ninth trick, so he must try another suit. A club return develops a trick for declarer in that suit, while a diamond or spade return allows South to win and establish the club trick himself.

As is so often the case, the very first trick determines which side ultimately wins the battle.

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 ♦ 8 ♣ 3 ♥ Q 10 5

WEST

♦ J 6

EAST

♣ J 9 7 4 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A J 9 8 4 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A 6

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FILM CAPSULES

BY DAN HUDAK

Knives Out ★★★½ (Jamie Lee Curtis, Christopher Plummer, Chris Evans) A star-studded, old-fashioned murder mystery whodunit set in a posh New England mansion. The big revelation comes too soon, which renders the rest a bit anti-climactic. Still, these types of movies are almost always good, cheeky fun, and this fits the bill. Rated PG-13.

A Beautiful Day In the Neighborhood ★★½ (Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys, Chris Cooper) Children’s television host Fred Rogers (Hanks) helps a cynical journalist (Rhys) reconcile with his estranged father (Cooper). It works as a touching story on its own terms, though viewers should know Rogers is merely a supporting character, and insights into what made him tick are few and far between. Rated PG.

Charlie’s Angels ★★★ (Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott, Ella Balinska) Angels Sabina (Stewart) and Jane (Balinska) protect a corporate whistleblower (Scott) from those she’s trying to expose. It’s a pure sequel to the prior “Charlie's Angels” films that lacks excitement and creativity. Rated PG-13.

Ford v Ferrari ★★★½ (Christian Bale, Matt Damon, Josh Lucas) In the 1960s, car designer Carroll Shelby (Damon) and driver Ken Miles (Bale) create a racecar for Ford that hopes to compete with Ferrari at the 24 hours of Le Mans race. Spirited performances from Damon and Bale highlight the well-told story that is always dramatically compelling and has the right amount of timely humor. Rated PG-13.

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**‘Marriage Story’**

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Is it worth $10? Yes

Heartbreaking, wonderfully acted and a sure Oscar contender, “Marriage Story” is one of the best films of 2019.

For those who have been through a divorce, especially if a child was involved, it will feel like a horror movie. For others, it’s a cautionary tale of the hardships divorce brings. For everyone, it’s a sad story that chronicles the faded love between two people who couldn’t keep their spark alive.

Writer/director Noah Baumbach’s (“Mistress America”) film begins as Charlie (Adam Driver) narrates a letter he wrote detailing all the things he loves about his soon-to-be ex-wife, Nicole (Scarlett Johansson). It’s honest, touching and sweet, a reminder that so often it’s the little things, both good and bad, about our significant others that endear us to them. Flashbacks to their happier times are omnipresent, and this delicate mix of chemistry, rage and love for one another are omnipresent, and this delicate mix of the three makes the film extraordinary.

This is easily Baumbach's most accomplished film. Although he’s been writing and directing for about 15 years, in the past his work (“While We’re Young,” “Mistress America”) has at times felt trivial, curt or unambitious, even if the films were enjoyable. His characters were often eccentrics (“Greenberg”) who weren’t necessarily relatable to the common moviegoer. That’s now changed, perhaps through his own maturity or perhaps because he’s been working toward “Marriage Story” his entire career. Although Charlie and Nicole are artists, they are first and foremost loving parents, and you can almost always see the hurt and sadness they feel for the love they’ve lost.

Writer/director Baumbach then cuts to them sitting in a divorce mediator, Nicole refusing to read her letter aloud. The marriage is broken beyond repair, but what’s interesting — and this is key — is that their love isn’t gone. Both are heartbroken the marriage did not work, and understand they need to move on. How they move forward isn’t gone. Both are heartbroken the marriage did not work, and understand they need to move on. How they move forward

Did you KNOW

» Driver, Johansson and Dern collaborated with Baumbach on their characters. For example, it was Driver’s idea for Charlie to be a theater director, and Dern’s character is partially based on a divorce attorney who once represented both her and Johansson.

Fifty years ago, the divorce-themed “Kramer vs. Kramer” won Oscars for picture, director, screenplay, actor and supporting actress. It would not be a surprise if “Marriage Story” wins all of the above. It’s honest, touching and sweet, a reminder that so often it’s the little things, both good and bad, about our significant others that endear us to them. Flashbacks to their happier times are omnipresent, and this delicate mix of chemistry, rage and love for one another are omnipresent, and this delicate mix of the three makes the film extraordinary.

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FLORIDA WRITERS

A clever look at a community driven by wealth and all it can buy


In the history of the United States, many communities have vied for the top rung on the ladder of exclusivity and attraction. Most cultural historians have declared Palm Beach the winner. Les Standiford’s delightful book tells us why, exploring the lives and contributions of the town’s creators and major residents. They are storybook names, people with a kind of royalty (and sometimes married to royalty). The island, sitting as it does between Lake Worth and the Atlantic Ocean, was not an easy place to reach until a major entrepreneur determined to make it so. That man, Henry Flagler, saw the promise of what wasn’t much more than a swamp. The author gives Mr. Flagler the lion’s share of credit for being a visionary railroad entrepreneur who put his money and mouth together to promote one notion of an ideal community for the super-rich. Mr. Flagler’s railroad opened the way south from Jacksonville and St. Augustine, eventually extending access to the bottom of the peninsula to Key West and its sibling keys. Of course, the big picture of how Mr. Flagler opened the state’s east coast includes Miami as well.

In leading up to and through Mr. Flagler’s genius, Mr. Standiford takes note of the displaced indigenous tribes and reminds us that Mr. Flagler was a former partner of John D. Rockefeller. He sketches the rivalry and intermingling of the Gilded Age frontrunners, knitting together those already mentioned with the Vanderbilts, the Astors, the Carnegies and the rest of the wealth constellation.

These people, sometimes rivals and sometimes partners, needed southern climes to call their own. And Mr. Flagler knew where and how to lead them. As if practicing for his virtual founding of Palm Beach, he built in St. Augustine the 450-room Hotel Ponce de Leon and a nearby home named Kirkside. As the 1890s turned into the 20th century, he focused more and more on being a developer, eventually acquiring 2 million acres of Florida via a land grant act and other means. And he kept pushing south, building several estates and hotels. The author...
names and describes them all. Then the torrent of Mr. Flagler wonders took hold.

Their names are legion: Marjorie Merriweather Post, E.F. Hutton, Joseph Kennedy, and after the Trump purchase, including Dina Merrill and the first resident of Mar-a-Lago by Mr. Trump. This deal involved the largest-than-life characters who have graced — or disgraced — this beautiful and famous island.

About the author


— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature. You can breathe the ocean air, delight in the stories of courage and calamity, and enjoy sorting out the accomplishments and follies of those larger-than-life characters who have graced — or disgraced — this beautiful and famous island.

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Monthly Monday Movies
Dec. 16 “12 Angry Men”
Check website for 2020 schedule.

Cluster Pluckin’
The Neapolitan Opry
Jan. 4
Capt. Joe and the Bottom Feeders, Andy Wahlberg, Frank Corso, Bill Metts, Richard Perron and Bill Bussing, among others.

Neapolapolooza
Jan. 5
Multiple bands, visual artists, food trucks and more, hosted by The Woodwork.

“100 Years of Comedy”
Jan. 31
Lenny Dave traces the roots and branches of American comedy in this fast-paced trip down memory lane.

Opera Naples
Feb. 7
Arias and ensembles from a variety of beloved operas along with some favorite American standards and musical theater selections.

Steve Ross
Feb. 8
“The Crown Prince of Cabaret.”

The U.S. Navy Concert Band
March 7
(This event will be held at the Cambier Park bandshell.)

Flashback Four
March 20
Groove through the decades to the sounds of the Beach Boys to The Beatles and The Bee Gees.

Sandy Back Porch
March 21
A variety show with flying fiddle tunes, Irish classics, a bit of gospel and even a Johnny Cash/June Carter tribute.

Trinity River Bluegrass Band
April 25
— The Norris Center is also the home of Gulfshore Playhouse’s professional productions. For information, visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

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Gulf Breeze Bop Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday, Dec. 13, at the Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Rd., Bonita Springs. A free dance lesson with paid admission is offered at 7 p.m. with instructor Karen Ramage; open dancing is from 7:30-9:30 p.m. with DJ Kathy Lince. This is a non-profit dance club with members. Admission is $10 for members, $15 for guests. www.gulfbreezbopclub.com.

The Naples Buckeyes host an evening of cruising the waters of Naples Bay on the Double Sunshine Boat at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The ship will depart promptly at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $55 per person and includes the boat ticket, sandwich, salad, chips and dessert. The Double Sunshine sails from Tin City Dock by Pinchers. The boat capacity is limited to 100 people. Register early.

Trinity Irish Set Dance holds its next class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 16, at Veterans Park Community Center, 1895 Veterans Park Drive. Beginners to advanced are welcome. Cost is $7 per class paid by credit card only at the door. For information, email memetrvis@gmail.com.

■ Widows & Widowers of Southwest Florida, a social and support group for those who have lost a partner, will hold their Christmas Gala dinner and dance from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Hilton Naples, 511 Talmiami Trail North, Naples. Enjoy fellowship for cocktail hour starting at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. Dancing and music provided by the Manhattan Connects will follow from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $35 per person, including tax and gratuity. Black tie optional. Reservations are required at 239-476-9539. Interested widows and widowers can contact Saralene Older at 239-643-4703. Interested widows and widowers can contact Saralene Oldham at 239-643-4703 or email osalashar@ yahoo.com. Hall Homovec at 239-596-1895 or Dina Osalashar at 239-476-2545 or Olivia Fort at 239-450-0738. Potential members are invited to join the group for a first visit, only paying for dinner and dancing. After that visit, to become a member, dues are $35 per year.

■ Alliance Française de Naples hosts Dîner de Noël (Christmas Dinner) Monday, Dec. 16, starting at 5:30 p.m. for cost is $25 per person (cash bar), and dinner served at 6 p.m., at Chez Guy Parisian Bistro, 5447 Airport-Pulling Rd. N., Naples. The event includes a traditional holiday gift exchange. The cost is $50 per member and $65 per non-member (includes tax and gratuity) and includes a three-course gourmet French menu; with five choices for each course. A cash bar will be available for wine, champagne, mineral water and soft drinks. For reservations and menu choices, visit www.afnaples.org, click on 2019 Events, Dîner de Noël, and print the reservation form and mail with check to Alliance Française de Naples, P. O. Box 110075, Naples, FL 34108. The restaurant will not accept reservations for this event.

■ Collier County Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomes alumnae and KKG visitors to join its activities, including its “Home for the Holidays Luncheon” at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16; and “A Look Back at Kappa History and the Upcoming Sesquicentennial” Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, with guest speakers Maggie Conota, executive director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and Kylie Towers Smith, fraternity archivist and museum director. Both luncheons will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel. For information, contact Joan at 847-942-7582 or collierkappas@gmail.com or visit www.colliercountykappa.org.

■ Patriots for Trump Club Inc. will host its Christmas/Hanukkah celebration “Christmas with Caputo – An Even-
ning with Former Trump Senior Advisor Michael Caputo” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Southern Style Kitchen & Cocktails, 492 Bayfront Place, Naples. Mr. Caputo, a Republican strategist and Roger Stone protégé, will give a presentation followed by a Q & A session. Cost is $220 per person, which includes a dinner buffet. A VIP private reception with Mr. Caputo for $180 per person begins at 5 p.m. For information, visit www.collier4trump.com/events.

■ The Center for Critical Thinking Naples hosts “The Oceans’ Curse Library Discussion” from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Vanderbilt Beach Library, 788 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples. The center organizes and lead discussion groups throughout the community with the goal of broadening the practice of critical thinking through open-minded discussion of relevant issues. These events are free and open to the public. Registration is required by the Collier County Public Library at www.collierlibrary.org/events.

■ An AARP Safe Driving class for seniors will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at St. Williams Ministry, 750 Seapane Drive, Naples. The cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. To register, call Tom Campbell at 239-965-2382.

■ The PC Bug Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Naples Regional Library, Bees meeting room, 600 Central Ave. The featured program is a YouTube video on “Cloud Storage vs. Cloud Backup—What’s the Difference?” The club will also be celebrating the holidays with its annual holiday party with refreshments and merriment. The PCBug Club is a computer and technology club providing information and education on computers and mobile devices. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Both novice and advanced users are encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome at no cost. For information, contact Norma Small at 843-647-5365.

■ The Friends of St. Patrick holds its next meeting of 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way, Naples. All are welcome for the Irish meeting and entertainment. For information, email friendsofstpatrick-naples@gmail.com.

■ The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida offers a variety of support group meetings Monday through Friday at various times and locations in Naples and Marco Island. Groups include General Support Group, Early Onset Support Group, Care Partners Support Group, Meditation Group, Woman’s Care Partner Support Group and Care Partners Support Group, among others. Visit www.parkinsonassociationsfwl.org, email Office@ParkinsonAssociationsFWL.org or call 239-417-5465.

■ Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models, sharing skills, knowledge and ship building techniques. The club meets twice monthly on Saturday mornings, and new members interested in the hobby are welcome. Call Dick Ritchie at 239-594-0868 or email dritch250@gmail.com.

■ Solo Singles of Collier County was organized more than 25 years ago. It is a social and support group for those who have lost a partner, single, divorced or widowed men and women. Members meet at a different restaurant at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays for happy hour followed by dinner. The next event is Jan. 1, at Longhorn Steakhouse, 8010 Trail Blvd. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 239-262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.
Volvo’s strive for safer cars has led to distinctive vehicles that have always been placed above the mainstream. But in the last few decades, it has been at a crossroads. The sturdy image of classic Volvos is good to embrace, but as technology advances, its cars also need to move upmarket to pay for the best safety. The 2020 S60 highlights this shift.

The new sedan gets a more substantial look as it borrows many of its overall design elements from its large sibling, the S90. But these two are not built side-by-side. The S60 is the solo product from a new factory in South Carolina.

There are thoughtful details, like the way the headlight LED element extends inward towards the grille, and the fenders have a double-creased flair. These are features that are more expensive to manufacture, and the Volvo has them just for the sake of style.

Inside, the traditional Volvo buyer will like that this is still a pleasant space to spend some time. The materials quality is good, the textures are as stylish as IKEA furniture and there is no aggressive red glow from the instruments like in a German sedan.

All S60s come standard with the Volvo Satellite system. The nine-inch central infotainment touchscreen operates like an iPod. It’s modern, premium and one of the best ways to provide many features without being distracting or confusing.

As a true Volvo, it also has a ton of standard safety features. This includes whiplash resistant front seats, low speed automatic braking, a road sign reading camera and a safety cage structure that includes high strength steel in sides for added impact protection. There’s also a lane-keep assist that can detect when the car has crossed into an oncoming traffic lane and will actively steer back to the correct path.

The range-topping T8 Incription trim also has a premium Harman Kardon sound system, head-up display, panoramic sunroof and semi-autonomous radar-based cruise control.

Engine and drivetrain packages come in three levels. The T5 has a 250 horsepower, radar-based cruise control. The T6 adds a supercharger to boost power to 316, and it also includes all-wheel drive. The T8 adds dual electric motors that can work with the gas engine to deliver 405 hp total.

The hybrid can also be used as a pure electric vehicle. The EPA rates it at 22 miles on battery power, but operating the air conditioning like a Floridian reduces that mileage. Still, it has the potential to be a pure electric all the way through the morning commute.

The base Momentum trim is $37,045. The T6 vehicle has more features and starts at $44,540. Our T8 Inspiration test car topped the luxury range and included options like massaging Nappa leather seats and a Bowers & Wilkins concert hall stereo. It’s a $64,190 machine.

Not everyone has to look at outright purchase pricing with a new “Care by Volvo” option. The company calls it a subscription service, and it’s like an all-inclusive lease with added benefits. Basically, a subscriber has insurance, taxes and full maintenance paid for under this service.

We built two similar mid-level T6 S60 sedans online. The subscription car was about $300 more per month than leasing. The lease was for a 36-month period, while the subscription is for a 24-month commitment. The lease required $4,453 due at signing, but the subscription doesn’t appear to have initial fees. Subscribers have a 10,000-mile limit versus 10,000 miles with the lease.

Care by Volvo waves about $1,000 worth of minor wear (like parking lot door dings) that would likely cause a penalty with the lease. Subscribers are also allowed to change cars after the first year.

The total cost for the lease would be $20,671 ($6,890 annually). The total cost for Care by Volvo subscription is $18,240 ($6,080 annually).

The traditional Volvo buyer who replaces his/her car once a decade may be offended by a sales person presenting the subscription figures. However, the new kind of luxury buyer likes the idea of a concierge service, and this fills that role. Care by Volvo requires a low-level of commitment, zero additional costs outside of one monthly payment, and because of the damage waiver, there isn’t even the same apprehension that comes with a lease.

This further highlights how Volvo is bringing its traditional ideas of sturdy safety into the world of new luxury. The S60 still feels like the nice sedan for car- ing drivers, but it’s no longer the alternative to the mainstream. This Volvo wants you to know it’s deliberately seeking every premium customer.
**THIS WEEK ON WGCCU-TV**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 8 P.M.**
**Mister Rogers: It’s You I Like**
Celebrate Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, the pioneering PBS series that premiered nationally 50 years ago and became an iconic and enduring landmark in the world of children’s television and beyond. Cast members from the groundbreaking series share their personal perspectives and insights.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 8:30 P.M.**
**Magic Moments: The Best of ‘50s Pop**
Join hosts Phyllis McGuire, Pat Boone and Nick Clooney for a nostalgic trip back to the 1950s. Return to the era’s pop music days with a mix of live performance and archival footage, including classic moments from favorite performers.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 6 P.M.**
**A Salute to Vienna**
Celebrate the musical heritage of Vienna in this lavish music and dance gala concert from the historic Konzerthaus in Vienna, Austria. Hosted by world-famous mezzo soprano Frederica von Stade and Academy Award-winning actor and Vienna native Maximilian Schell, special guests include The Vienna Boys’ Choir, Russell Watson, dancers from the Association of the Vienna State Opera Ballet, the Symphony Orchestra of the Volksoper Vienna and an international cast of top singing stars.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 8 P.M.**
**Victoria, Season 3, Part I**
Uneasy Lies the Head that Wears the Crown
It is 1848, and revolution is breaking out across Europe. In Britain, one woman stands between order and chaos: Queen Victoria. Jenna Coleman (Doctor Who) stars as the young but fearless monarch, facing a crisis that threatens to end her reign.

**MONDAY, DEC. 16, 9 P.M.**
**Christmas with the Tabernacle Choir Featuring Kristin Chenoweth**
The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square are joined by Kristin Chenoweth, Emmy and Tony award-winning actress and singer, for this beloved Christmas tradition featuring favorite holiday music, dancing and storytelling.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 8 P.M.**
**Ornament of the World**
Learn how Muslims, Jews and Christians in medieval Spain forged a common cultural identity.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 8 P.M.**
**Nature: Snowbound: Animals of Winter**
Travel across the snow globe to meet the animal survivors of winter, from penguins to bison.
**The Collier County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.** will present its Red Velvet Holiday Jazz Brunch from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Vineyards Country Club in Naples. The chapter services those in need in Collier County by supplying scholarships, mentoring at-risk students, adopting families for the holidays, as well as conducting educational programs on health and financial management. Tickets are $75 each, and the brunch includes live music, door prizes and swag bags. The chapter also will honor local trailblazers. For information and tickets, visit EventBrite at www.eventbrite.com/e/red-velvet-holiday-jazz-brunch-tickets-7424047213. For more information, contact Ronda Burns at ginaburns58@gmail.com or call at 239-668-4443.

**Naples Garden Club House & Garden** will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, and will be staged at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. This event attracts hundreds of visitors to view homes in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples. It showcases unique homes and inspiring gardens while raising funds that support scholarships and community projects. The event takes approximately three hours. General admission is $50; Patron tickets cost $575. For information and tickets, visit www.naplesgardencncl.org.

**Youth Haven's** annual fundraiser, Soiree on the Strip, will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Marco Island Lutheran Church. P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization where the advancement of women is celebrated by other women. Tickets are $125. There will be a preview party from 6-9 p.m., offering finger foods and a chance to survey the over-the-top table-scapes. The ticket price for the preview party is $25 or $50 per the door. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Gale Chair Georgiana Matz, at 239-231-9972. For more information about P.E.O. scholarships, contact Carol Jenkins, P.E.O. president, at 668-864-2924.

**The Naples Zoo** hosts ZOOline: Feast with the Beasts 2020 from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, 1990 Goodlette-Frank Road. Experience Naples Zoo at night as you sample cuisine from some of Naples best restaurateurs and caterers and enjoy beverages. The evening also includes live music, animal encounters and more. Tickets are $180. VIP tickets are $250. Proceeds benefit Naples Zoo's environmental education programs and conservation efforts. For information and tickets, visit www.napleszoo.org.

**The Neighborhood Health Clinic** will hold its 2020 Gourmet Vintner Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (beach), 280 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. This elegant evening will feature dinner, cocktails, entertainment, dancing, casino games and more. You Haven, a nonprofit agency, is Collier County’s only residential emergency shelter for boys and girls ages 16-19 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Tickets are $500 each. To purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, visit www.youthhavenfl.org. For more information, contact Joanne Stark at 239-353-3545.

**Guadalupe Center** holds its annual gala, “Be Flamingazing,” which raises funds that directly support the center’s educational programs in Immokalee. The gala begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, 2600 Tiburon Drive, Naples. Tickets are $100 per person and include a catered dinner, auction, jump-up and live entertainment, as well as opportunities to meet students whose lives are being impacted through philanthropic support. For more information about tickets and sponsorships, call Jamie Brown at 239-963-8715 or email JBrown@GuadalupeCenter.org.

**The Naples Zoo** hosts its Reef to Reef Gala from 11-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Marco Island Lutheran Church. The event attracts hundreds of visitors who view homes in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples. It showcases unique homes and inspiring gardens while raising funds that support scholarships and community projects. The event takes approximately three hours. General admission is $50; Patron tickets cost $575. For information and tickets, visit www.naplesgardencncl.org.
Chef Brian Roland to consult food, beverage with Gulfshore Playhouse

Gulfshore Playhouse, Naples’ professional theatre, has announced Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire/Venue Naples has joined the consulting team designing the food and beverage program for the new Theatre and Education Center.

Currently in the design development phase, the Next Stage Capital Campaign is rounding the corner on $25 million raised toward the construction goal for the new theatre, which will be built at the corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and First Avenue South.

“I was honored to be asked to serve as an advisor to review culinary operation decisions,” said Mr. Roland. “Right now, I’m guiding conversations around dining services for the new bar and café. We met with the design team to ensure functionality of the space to best serve the playhouse patrons.”

Offering more than 40,000 square feet of space, the new Gulfshore Playhouse Theatre and Education Center will extend the Downtown Naples corridor further east, spurring economic growth in that quadrant. The new center will include a 350-seat Mainstage Theatre where large-cast musicals, treasured classics and other popular works will be staged.

Crave Culinaire will be the exclusive caterer for food service at the bar and for events at the new Gulfshore Playhouse Theatre and Education Center, which will feature several event spaces, with removable seating to allow for tables and chairs, plus other spaces for passed hors d’oeuvres.

Catering partner of choice for Gulfshore Playhouse, Roland and his team also currently lead all catering services at opening night receptions for every show, along with patron parties and thank you dinners.

To assist with Gulfshore Playhouse fundraising efforts, Crave Culinaire furthered their commitment to the professional theatre by donating auction dinners at events to help get more supporters involved.

“The amounts generated by the dinners has been doubling and tripling, raising between $40,000 and $50,000 per event,” said Mr. Roland. “It’s a pivotal year for Gulfshore Playhouse, and we want to continue to help them with fundraising and awareness,” said Roland. “They have a lot of work to do, and we are in their corner,” he said.

This holiday season, Roland’s experience with Gulfshore Playhouse won’t be limited to behind the scenes. He and his wife, Nicole, recently had walk-on roles in the Christmas production of “It’s A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play” — an auction item that was purchased by a donor at last year’s Gulfshore Playhouse Gala and given to the theatre. For more information about Gulfshore Playhouse, visit www.GulfshorePlayhouse.org or call 239-261-PLAY (7529). ■
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve events through December

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve stretches across 10,000 acres of pristine mangrove forest, uplands and protected waters, encompassing 40% of Collier County coastline. The Reserve is committed to preservation through research, education and land protection. Its headquarters are located at 300 Tower Road, Naples. Here’s what’s in store through the end of the year. Where noted that registration is required, visit www.rookerybay.org/calendar

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Paint the beauty of coastal South- west Florida and the wildlife of estuary waters at Rookery Bay Brush Strokes – water color painting class. Local Naples artist Jan Deswik offers step-by-step instructions and creative support that’s perfect for beginners or any- one inspired by the coastal environment who wants to bring it to life in a one-of-a-kind painting. Held in classrooms at The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, all materials are included. Participants will leave each class with a completed painted piece with mate.

Celebrate Winter Solstice
Friday, Dec. 20
BOGO (Buy one get one free) admis- sion
No registration required

You’ll get more than your money’s worth out of the shortest day of the year at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

Science Saturdays – Fabulous Fish
Saturday, Dec. 21
85 Admission for adults, free for kids 12 and under
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Facility is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Junior Campout at Rookery Bay
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 – 22
Ages 10 – 16, Co-ed
Registration is required

Friday, Dec. 20
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
$5 Admission for adults, free for kids 12 and under
$60
Gain outdoor skills and further your appreciation for the great outdoors of SWFL with the education staff of Rook- ery Bay Reserve. This is a non-campfire campout. Participants are required to bring their own camping gear. Pizza and light snacks are included.

Science Saturdays – World of Water
Saturday, Dec. 28
85 Admission for adults, free for kids 12 and under
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
In the Rookery Bay Gallery – Painting Annual
Through January 9, 2020
Included with admission to Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

The Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the Annual Painting Exhibition with works submitted by artists from Col- lier and Lee counties. Following Rookery Bay’s environmental mission, works share a central theme of flora and fauna.
HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE
What’s on your list? Great things to give and/or receive.

Does anybody really know what time it is? The lucky guy who sports a 40mm Rolex Submariner in emerald green ($9,050) will always be happy to tell you, right down to the second, with a flick of his wrist. Isn’t it time to get to Bigham Jewelers to pick one out?

Hats are just good thinking in Southwest Florida and, if you’re going to be giving a gift anyway, get the double-win with this Italian-made grosgrain straw beauty from Marilyn’s ($798). So why is it a double win? Because it comes in a fabulous hat box to boot.

Any proper host or hostess will appreciate “The Official Downton Abbey Cookbook.” As the thoughtful guest who gives it, you can hope for an invitation to high tea, perhaps, or the next hunt breakfast. We found it ($38) along with a host of Downton Abbey entertaining must-haves (traditional lemon curd, organic scone mix, even wine and bubbly) at World Market. Carson would approve.

The kid who deserves everything will delight in finding a pint-sized, battery-run, Masarati parked under the tree. It comes in red or white ($25) at www.dillards.com, where a child-friendly BMW 4 Series is also available.

A sparkly ornament for the tree makes a great hostess gift, stocking stuffer or office Secret Santa present. This dancing gator ($14) is among a dizzying array of ornaments we discovered at Dillard’s.

A Naples Artcrafters Fine Art & Crafts Show...
December 14, 2019 • Saturday 10-4pm
Cambier Park, Naples
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But Ivory Soap wasn’t just for kids. Later in life, I often took canoe trips into the wilderness of Canada’s Quetico Provincial Park, and a bar of Ivory Soap was a good choice to bring along, because: “It floats!” Other soap bars, like Irish Spring, worked well enough because the company has been selling soap to moms and canoeists all over the world. And I guess the sales pitch was a strong selling point to announce soap to moms and canoeists all over the world. And I guess the sales pitch worked well enough because the company has been selling soap to moms and canoeists since the 1840s. Although they currently own less than one percent of the soap market, Ivory is still there today, floating along in near-perfect purity.

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**THE VIEW FROM PLANET KERTH**

Floating the math of a tried-and-true purity pitch

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Artist Amy Moglia Heuerman reception at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery

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Naples Art hosts reception for three exhibitions

‘Fashioning Wearable Art’  |  ‘Narrative Interplay: Photographs by Penelope Breen’  | ‘America: What it Means to Me’

1. Courtney Estrada and Barbadoes
2. Participants in Scene to Be Seen 2019
3. Loki Anthony
4. Doug Olsen, Karen E. Harris and Amy Schotte
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Let’s Get Together for the Holidays!

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Youth Haven’s Sixth Annual Uncorked was held raised more than $100,000 to support Youth Haven’s programs and services, which benefit children ages 6 – 19 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or are homeless. The event featured an exclusive food and wine pairing, breathtaking views of the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico, live music and a silent auction. Youth Haven’s next event, Soiree on the Strip, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (Beach).
Holiday gifts for the wine lovers in your life

If you’re holiday shopping for just the right thing to give the wine fanatic in your life, the gifts you might consider can fall into three categories: accessories, information and wine.

For clients, business associates and your wine buddies, you can never go wrong with a bottle of something delicious. It doesn’t have to cost $300 a bottle, but it needs to be decent and maybe even a bit off the beaten track. The $9 per liter of Cabernet, Pinot Noir and Syrah. About $20.


In the $50-$100 range — Williams-Sonoma Bottle Top Aerator, a wine author, educator and consultant. $60.

In the $100-$200 range — Veuve Cliquot “Orange Label” Champagne, Spottswoode Cabernet, Pinot Noir and Syrah. About $100.

In the $200-$300 range — The Coravin – This device consists of a very fine hollow steel needle that you insert through the bottle cork. Then, you pressurize the bottle and allows you to pour out a small sample without actually opening the bottle or compromising the cork. It’s perfect for trying out expensive old bottles that may be over the hill. About $200.

In the $300-$500 range — A master of wine, Ms. Robinson is also the wine director for Delta Airlines. So she knows her stuff, and this book offers several basic principles that go a long way to increasing wine wisdom and appreciation. $40-$80.

Scheid Chardonnay Monterey 2017 ($26) – Blended from five separate vineyard sites, this delicately oaked white is full of tropical pineapple and citrus flavors, with a touch of pear. The bright acidity balances the plumpness of the fruit. $26.

Niner Estate Grenache Blanc Reserve Paso Robles 2017 ($30) — Fermentation and aging entirely in oak calms down the natural high acidity of this varietal. You’ll notice primarily pear aromas and flavors of quince, green apple and a hint of white flowers. $27.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. I’ve noticed that Prosecco from Italy has become really popular these days. Can you tell me why?

— Jena W., Fort Myers

A. The Associated Press reported that Prosecco, a sparkling wine made from the Glera grape in the hills of northeast Italy, is selling more bottles than Champagne — about 150 million per year worldwide. It’s made in a variety of styles, economically priced (about $14-$16), and crisply textured with easy-to-like flavors of apple, pear and melon. Many consumers have found it to be a good substitute for pricier versions of Champagne.

— Jerry Greenfield is the Wine Whisperer, a wine author, educator and consultant. Read his blog at www.winewhisperer.com.

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For the Drink:
1. Gather ingredients
2. Separate the egg white from the egg yolk and place each into individual bowls.
3. Add the cream of tartar to the egg whites and whip with a mixer until you have a meringue-like texture with stiff peaks.
4. Add the softened butter and sugar to the bowl of egg yolks and whip until it is fully incorporated and a liquid.
5. Gently fold the egg yolk mixture into the egg whites.
6. Stir in the cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, vanilla, and rum.
7. Cover and store the batter in the refrigerator until it’s time to make the drink.
8. Pre-heat the mugs you will use for serving.
9. Add 1 heaping tablespoon of the batter and 1 ounce each of dark rum and nutmeg, vanilla and rum.
10. Fill with hot milk or water (or a combination of the two), stirring constantly until the drink is foamy.
11. Garnish with grated nutmeg and serve.

To take Note:
Through the month of December, Aieili restaurants will offer their own signature cocktail to benefit Youth Haven. Featured drinks are the Murano Dragoness at Sea Salt (tequila, lemon, agave, sliced ginger and hibiscus salt), Misteltoe Martini at Barbabietle (lime vodka, maraschino liqueur, Changbo and lime juice), Ciderhouse Mule at Dorona (bourbon, apple cider, ginger beer and club soda) and Grappino Punch at Grappino (grappa, maraschino liqueur, pomegranate liqueur and house made lemonade). Guests at Sea Salt can purchase a handcrafted Murano glass with their cocktail for $35. www.youthhavenwfl.org.

Grappino, the latest addition to the Aieili Restaurant Group, will be open during regular operating hours starting Monday, Dec. 16. Guests can then enjoy the spot’s regional pizza and pasta dishes, as well as over 100 varieties of grappa from 11:30-2:30 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. each Monday through Saturday. 90 Ninth St. N. 239-331-1100 or www.grappinonaples.com.

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Toojay’s Deli offers holiday party catering, including a Hamakuhu meal with a beef brisket platter that includes mini latkes served with mushroom demi-glace and green pepper corned prime rib, mushroom risotto and more. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, $50 for children ages 4-12, $65 for adults. 1500 Fifth Ave. S. 239-274-1500 or www.naplesbayresort.com.

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Lemongrass Vietnamese Bistro brings flavors, fragrances of country to Naples

Karen FELDMAN

Like the country from which it gets its inspiration, Lemongrass Vietnamese Bistro is diminutive but worth exploring.

Vietnamese restaurants have sprouted up around the region, mostly in spaces that aren't much to look at. The appeal is the fragrant, herb-laden food. Lemongrass takes a simple approach, offering a limited menu in a small but nicely appointed dining space. Although the menu is limited, what's offered is fresh and made when you order it. The décor is lovely, with tall, thick lengths of bamboo forming something of a modern sculpture along a half wall that shields the dining room from the restrooms and glass containers of spices and coffee on the front counter.

The kitchen is open, which I always like as it means the restaurant has nothing to hide when preparing food. In fact, it's so open we could hear one of the cooks whistling along to the piped-in music.

In addition to the standard boba tea, which is a sweet flavored drink studded with chewy tapioca balls, they also offer little jelly-filled balls as well. I tried the macha green milk tea ($4.05) with passion fruit jelly. The balls are thinner and less chewy than the tapioca variety, delivering a sweet little burst of passion fruit amidst the milk tea.

Start off with a small plate — or order a few and make a meal of them. There are eggrolls — fresh or fried — or spring rolls, banh mi sandwiches, dumplings, popcorn chicken, fried tofu in lemongrass seasoning and something called Surf 'N' Turf Fries, consisting of steak, shrimp, cilantro, scallions, spicy mayo and white sauce atop a bed of fries.

The shrimp spring rolls ($6) came two to an order, cut in half and served with peanut-studded hoisin sauce. The shrimp were plump and fresh tasting, with a mound of jasmine rice a well as the sweet sauce that accompanied them.

My companion chose a shrimp rice plate ($12.59), while I dove into a good-sized bowl of pho ($8.95, a large is $11.95). The shrimp looked to be the same size as the rice that accompanied it. The broth was soothing and properly seasoned, the chewy noodles and crunchy bean sprouts added texture, and the peppers gave it some bite. Sriracha is available on the table, but I wanted to be able to taste the soup and hot sauce often obliterates the subtler flavors.

I'm not sure if Lemongrass offers desserts as there were none on the menu or on the board over the front counter. Nonetheless, we were full and the server set down a check as we were finishing our meal, an obvious sign that she believed we were done.

In this case, she was correct. We'd eaten enough, and all of it was good, not to mention inexpensive. This is a pleasant little spot, a place to grab a healthy meal in a peaceful setting. It's not often you can find such a place, especially during the winter months. And for that, I say to the staff, “ngon qua” (“or as we say, “delicious!”).
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Designer Q&A
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Judith Liegeois Designs masters elegant organic.
When you take over for a legend who also happens to be your mother, there's probably a bit of pressure to maintain the brand. Minka McDonald recently succeeded her mother, Jinx, as principle designer of Jinx McDonald Interior Designs. Luxe Living’s Michael Korb chatted with Ms. McDonald about her craft and how working for her mother shaped her aesthetics.

Q: You’ve just taken over Jinx McDonald Interior Designs now that your mother has chosen to retire. Can you describe the Jinx McDonald aesthetic?

A: Working side-by-side over the years, my mother has been an incredible mentor in sharing her vision of creating spaces for our clients that are truly comfortable and livable. While we both intend for our firm’s guiding principles to take the helm of Jinx McDonald Interior Designs

Comfortable outdoor living areas are essential in Southwest Florida. They should be relaxing and welcoming, and few things are as inviting as a bar that splits duty between the inside and outside living areas. No matter the weather, this lucky homeowner can entertain guests with the best of them.
Q&A

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to remain rooted in inviting, elegant design, I look forward to leading our design team in also continuing to push the envelope toward even more unique, transitional spaces.

Q: When it comes to design choices, how did you two differ?
A: We actually gravitate toward similar design features and often appreciate the same design styles, but I tend to be a bit bolder with my choices and might opt for stronger contrasts and a slightly more contemporary feel. Mom also accessorizes homes incredibly well so that they feel full and lived in. I tend to leave a little more space in my designs — and we joke about my preference for less silk greenery.

Q: What's the greatest lesson about design you learned from Jinx?
A: Mom has taught me so much, but I think the greatest lesson is to create spaces with joy so that they radiate happiness when you are in them. We all share her true passion for design and absolutely love helping our clients make their homes beautiful and joyful. She has also taught me to work hard but to not take myself too seriously. Her sense of humor is legendary.

Q: Can you talk a bit about the current state of Naples design? Where are we and where are we headed?
A: I think we’re all happy to have successfully moved on from the darker Mediterranean and Tuscan styles. Our team is loving the transitional, coastal and modern farmhouse/craftsman styles we have going on currently. We lean toward a blending of soft contemporary and organic/bohemian styles, and we even really enjoy the “new traditional” trend. Naples is full of creative homeowners, which makes it so much fun for designers.

Q: What’s the secret of making the tropical style your mom was famous for work in a transitional world?
A: I think the secret is to keep the core elements such as fabulous textures, gorgeous organic materials and references to nature and travel. Just lose the overdone monkeys and palm trees. Also, be sure to update your silk greenery and lose a few arrangements in the process. Less is always more where that is concerned!

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Clockwise from top left: This perfect parlor receives guests upon entering the home and makes a statement. The stunning shower wall is made from the latest in cement tiles. The West Indies/Colonial design aesthetic of this Venetian Bay home — which incorporates rattan, raffia and bamboo — blends beautifully with accents from the Far East. Meanwhile, this Talis Park guest bedroom uses coastal tones to create a relaxing atmosphere.

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Smart changes remove the Mediterranean from a Mediterra townhome

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

You don’t always have to rip out walls and spend a fortune in order to take your home from dated domicile to modern masterpiece. Just ask Colleen Wilson of Collins & DuPont Design Group.

Ms. Wilson was asked to remove the Mediterranean from this Mediterra townhome without major structural changes and to create a contemporary look in its place. The three-bedroom, three-bathroom, 2,800-square-foot Porta Vecchio unit was originally a model for the development and came fully furnished: Heavy wood trim, terracotta tile flooring and black wrought iron as far as the eye could see left guests wondering if Sophia Loren would saunter out of a guest bedroom at any minute.

With the owner ready for a change to something with a cleaner, lighter look, Ms. Wilson set out to renovate the living room, breakfast room, kitchen, dry bar, dining room and the master suite. Two guest bedrooms received new paint and carpeting.

In the kitchen, she kept the footprint and painted the cabinets, then tore out the backsplash and countertops. In the living room, over-embellished furnishings and ornate accessories were shipped out to make room for a new media wall and an electric fireplace. Contemporary seating circles a modern cocktail table with a zinc-finished cast resin mimicking a live edge over an acrylic base.

The man of the house requested a recliner, so a modern gray leather option with a chrome base was found that works perfectly in the space. Corbeled beams on the 12-foot ceiling were stripped to their minimalist roots and stained. Geometric-patterned draperies lift off light gray walls.

The adjoining dining room, which originally looked like a set from "The Godfather," was transformed by cleaner lines, a stunning crystal chandelier by ET2 and a glass and metal table surrounded by light gray upholstered seating.

The bulk of the construction work took place in the master bathroom, where a corner tub was removed in order to create his-and-her vanity seating. New porcelain flooring that resembles Calcutta marble was laid throughout, while a gray, gold and silver wallpaper ties in with the modern brass fixtures.

Overall, it’s an amazing change. The clients are thrilled with the transformation, Ms. Wilson says. "They tell me they walk around their home every day with a happy feeling."

— Collins & DuPont Design Group
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Left and above: The living room was transformed by removing the original entertainment cabinet and creating a new media wall with an electric fireplace with a split-face stone surround. Behind the TV is a textured wallpaper with a silvery metallic sheen. Flanking shelves have mirrored backing and LED lighting to show off statement pieces.

Left and above: Repainting the cabinets and walls made a major improvement in the kitchen. Collins & DuPont added a glass and stone backsplash in gray and brown tones, while the counter surfaces are a Cambria quartz with white and gray veining.

Right: Replacing the corner tub with his-and-her vanity seating made the space much more functional for the homeowners. Porcelain flooring that resembles Calcutta marble melds perfectly with light gray walls, while bronze fixtures play off the new wallpaper.

Right: From dark and dreary to light and welcoming, the dining room is worlds away from its Old World past. Lighter everything — walls, furniture and draperies — are the perfect frame for the statement crystal chandelier.
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High-rise luxury condos are a fascinating element across Southwest Florida. While the footprints tend to be similar within each respective building, the interior choices made by homeowners and their designers range from Tuscan to Bauhaus to country to cottage.

To see how it’s done right, look no further than this three-bedroom (plus study), 3½-bathroom residence in the Seaglass tower at Bonita Bay. The 3,900-square-foot space was created by Renee Gaddis Interiors as a counterpoint to the owners’ previous single-family property nearby.

“They really just wanted something different from what they had. They wanted it to be a little bit more transitional and simple,” Ms. Gaddis says. “They wanted modern and clean but also comfortable. So we added light and airy tones and, in fact, did a lot of tone-on-tone treatments.”

The result is a gentle balance of space and subdued color. Beautiful wide-plank rift oak runs through the main living areas, the lightness of the wood flooring allowing Ms. Gaddis to contrast with custom cabinetry throughout made of dark wenge.

And because the homeowners purchased the unit before construction even started, they were able to make some changes to accommodate personal preferences, such as enlarging a window and using Nanawall folding doors in place of standard sliders in the living room, where swivel chairs make it easy to take in the views of Estero Bay and beyond.

Furnishings in the living area are covered in a mix of fabrics and leathers, but they all work with Ms. Gaddis’ tone-on-tone scheme. A stunning tiled wall with a fireplace, television and bar completes the room, which opens to both the kitchen and dining area. It all adds up to make entertaining a breeze and allow conversations to flow unencumbered no matter where guests wander.
“In the kitchen they wanted a very sleek design,” Ms. Gaddis adds. “We expanded the island, making it larger than standard and topped it with a marblelook Cambria quartz.”

That surface is also found on the countertops and backsplash, playing nicely off the darkness of the minimalist cabinetry. The adjacent dining area is defined by an inset ceiling treatment over an extended custom-made dark rift oak table surrounded by upholstered mid-century modern chairs with horizontal tufting.

“She wanted to be able to do puzzles and things and wanted a lot of space,” Ms. Gaddis says about the expansive table. “It is an all-day area — for breakfast, work, games, dinner. It was very important to them. We wanted the chairs to be comfortable for hours, not minutes.”

Above the table hangs a 36-inch crystal chandelier purposefully chosen so as not to be affected by the breeze when the terrace doors are open. Ms. Gaddis made the nearby study multi-functional by installing a floating desk along the window wall to serve double duty as a home office. Anti-glare shades allow light to filter in without causing a problem for television viewing or computer work.

When the owners finally retire to the master bedroom, horizontal stripes direct the eye toward a breathtaking view of the bay.

“We wanted the stripes for feng shui because they’re very calming and relate to water,” Ms. Gaddis says. “The stripes on the draperies are a cool aqua with cream, and then we brought that color over to the channeled headboard.”

The master suite seating area features a cuddle chair as well as a bird-leg side table. A flokati-covered bench with acrylic legs rests at the foot of the bed, while rock crystal lamps reside on the nightstands, bringing more glamour.

Overall, it’s a comfortable, elegant way to overlook Southwest Florida while confirming that life really is better on the 14th Floor.

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Judith Liegeois Designs:
A gem of artistic, sophisticated bohemia

BY MICHAEL KORB
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Growing up along northern New Zealand’s Bay of Islands with its stunning coastline and natural surroundings, Judith Liegeois was instilled with a deep appreciation of nature and organic materials. And as you take one step into her beautifully curated shop, Judith Liegeois Designs in the Third Street South shopping district, you’re transported instantly to another world that embraces an organic sophistication.

The 3,600-square-foot space is a collection of treasures that reflect Ms. Liegeois’ aesthetic consciousness. From furniture and accessories to art and gifts, it seems impossible to think there isn’t something for everyone. Her taste and style give the rest of us access to items that we didn’t know existed or needed in our lives: fantastical lighting, luxurious angora pillows and stools, magical corals, unicorn candles that look like they came from the mind of Maurice Sendak.

“My intent was that you sort of feel you are stepping into the wardrobe of Narnia,” the designer says. “And a little bit of that is because the building is charming. It’s old. People look and think it’s a bit wonky. But then I hear ‘Oooo...’ I love that. “Not everyone who walks through the door buys, but 98 percent of the people have a reaction of wonderment. And that makes me feel like I’m doing something right.”

The store is an escape from traditional design and furniture stores. And in some ways, it’s a thoughtful experiment by Ms. Liegeois. To add to the unique experience of the space, she has created an artist-in-residence studio in the shop so that visitors can have more of a conversational and personal experience. Currently, artist Ran Adler is working there on his organic pieces, which adorn some of Southwest Florida’s most impressive homes.

The beauty of Judith Liegeois Designs is that there is always at least one piece to discover that will make your home better. Whether it be exquisite lighting, luxurious pillows, natural corals or chunky crystals, the shop defines a sophisticated organic aesthetic.

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“You can chat with him,” Ms. Liegeois adds. “People are naturally curious about the process.

“You have to have something like that in retail now. People can buy anything online now. I have to be different. And people like to buy from people they like.”

Of course, the irony is that the beautiful items and interesting experience encourage buying.

“I have to genuinely love it,” she says of her selections. “It’s not everyone’s cup of tea. I know that. Sometimes when I’m buying for the store I buy things I love myself and think maybe no one will buy it so I can end up with it.”

In addition to Mr. Adler’s artwork, Judith Liegeois Designs features pieces by Troy Campbell, Kernei Rey, Bridget Keller, Melissa Del Pinto, Leland Brinkman, Mike Brown and others.

The store will be moving to The Collective in the Naples Design District in late spring.

—— Judith Liegeois Designs
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Whether you call it bohemian chic or originally organic, the store is perhaps best known as a place to find amazing artwork. Every visit is a treasure hunt.

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Dr. Winter joined Comprehensive Foot & Ankle Care in 2017. She earned a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, IL. She completed a three year surgical residency in Podiatric Surgery at Westside Regional Medical Center in Plantation, FL. There Dr. Winter was extensively trained in foot and ankle surgery, wound care, and diabetic foot care. She also completed a mini fellowship focused on dermatology and pathology of the foot and ankle.

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Dr. Hollen is a native Floridian. He has performed prostate cancer research investigating the outcome of patients treated with Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy and has additional training in Proton Therapy. He has published on Head and Neck Cancer, and investigating the role of Human Papilloma Virus in cancers of the tongue and tonsil. His specialties include extensive training in Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for the treatment of primary tumors and oligometastatic cancer, brachytherapy, and intra operative radiation.

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Dr. Miller is Board-Certified in Radiation Oncology, Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine. He attended the University of Florida for Medical School. He completed training in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary disease and Critical Care at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. He trained in Radiation Oncology at Duke University. Today, he is the Medical Director of the Lee Health Lung Cancer Screening program. He has published articles on lung cancer and radiation therapy and contributed to ASTRO guidelines for treatment of lung cancer.
RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Kristina Mirabeau-Beale, MD, MPH
Clinical Expertise in Breast Cancer, Gynecologic Malignancies, Lung Cancer, Colorectal, Upper GI Cancers

Dr. Mirabeau-Beale is a Radiation Oncologist who is passionate about evidence-based medicine and maintaining patient quality of life during treatment. She earned her Medical Doctorate with honors from Harvard University. She completed her residency training at the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program, a joint program between Brigham and Women’s Hospital/Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital and earned a Masters of Public health degree during her training.

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A Board-Certified urologist, Dr. Scott Caesar completed medical school and urology training at University of Pennsylvania. He has researched and written articles about kidney cancer, laser treatment of BPH (enlarged prostate), and hematuria. His specialties include minimally invasive surgery for the treatment of cancer and benign diseases, minimally invasive treatments for BPH including UroLift® and GreenLight™, prosthetics including inflatable penile prostheses, medical and surgical treatment of urinary incontinence, removal of kidney stones, and sexual medicine.

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Alejandro Miranda-Sousa, MD
General Urology, Oncology, Urodynamics, Pelvic Floor Therapy

Dr. Miranda-Sousa is a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and Board-Certified in Urology. He completed his urology training with a fellowship at the University of South Florida in Tampa after graduating from the prestigious Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia School of Medicine in Lima, Peru. His specialties include Urologic Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Laparoscopic Surgery, Laser Surgery, Neurourology, Urodynamics, Urinary Incontinence, Erectile Dysfunction, Vasectomy, Treatment and Prevention of Kidney and Bladder Stones, and Treatment of BPH.

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Dr. Ornstein is a Board-Certified Urologist with expertise in urologic oncology and robotic surgery. He has completed more than 2,500 robotic surgeries for prostate, kidney and bladder cancer and specializes in patients with elevated PSA and hematuria. He has an undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his MD and completed a residency in urologic surgery at Washington University, St. Louis, MO. He completed a fellowship in Urologic Oncology and minimally invasive surgery at the National Cancer Institute.

Kendall Wise, MD
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Dr. Wise is a Board-Certified Urologist. He graduated Summa Cum Laude of the University of Mississippi. Earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt University and completed his Urology residency at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Wise specializes in general urology, treatment of benign and malignant diseases of the urinary system and the male genital system. He has published many articles and spoken at several national urology conferences. He also recently received his thirteenth consecutive selection as a Castle Connolly’s "Top Docs".

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Dr. Novotney is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia where he received his medical degree in 1994. After medical school, Dr. Novotney obtained his general surgery training at the University of Washington in Seattle. He completed his fellowship training in vascular surgery at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr. Novotney is Board-Certified by the American Board of Surgery in both general and vascular surgery.

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