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I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT IT FELT AND sounded like: a lightweight, gas-operated, semiautomatic rifle with a 30-round magazine pressed into my shoulder, staring through iron sites adjusted for wind and range, the sharp spat rather than booms when I squeezed the trigger — spat, spat, spat, spat — the subdued recoil allowing me almost effortlessly to keep the sight picture from one round to the next.

In less than 60 seconds and 40 years after last picking up a similar weapon — a Colt-made M-16 rifle of the same basic design — I could fire 25 rounds at 10

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Naples teen gets an early start in ad sales

Donates sponsorship funds from prom dress to charity

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A junior at Golden Gate High School who sold advertising space on her prom dress as a fundraiser has donated the proceeds to Guadalupe Center.

Aubrey Garcia, like many teenagers in Collier County, witnessed firsthand the

devastation caused by Hurricane Irma and searched for ways to help those in need. Ms. Garcia's fundraising idea was to sell blocks of advertising on her prom dress, and the 17-year-old student reached out to local businesses and organizations with her idea.

"I got a lot of rejections, but heard a lot of

positive feedback as well," Ms. Garcia said. The teen ended up collecting \$1,550 through eight sponsorships, and after careful consideration, she decided to donate the money to Guadalupe Center, citing the nonprofit organization's track record of

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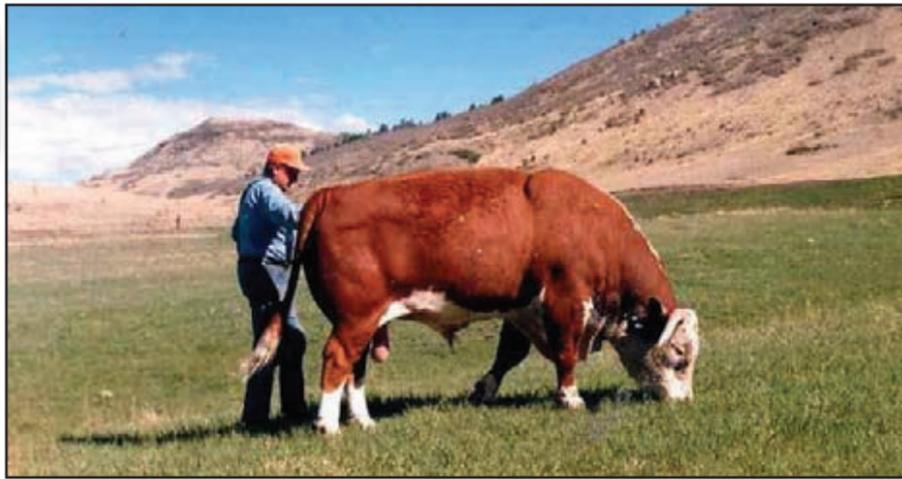


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Cows



B.F. Nash continued the family business begun by Roger Williams' grandfather, Walter Nash.

What many people don't know about cows is like what many people don't know about New York, where cows once thrived in its namesake city — they're not just cows. They're also science on the hoof. (And New York is not just New York City. It's also a vast and beautiful land of small towns, farms and wilderness.)

When you see cows along the roads in Florida or anywhere else, therefore, you're also looking at evolutionary biology. Every one of those cows is the consequence, in part, of human design, inspired by a still-robust beef economy.

Herefords, Braford, Angus, Charolais, Santa Gertrudis, Holsteins, Brangus, Brahman and Cracker cows, the criollo-type breed that could survive trans-Atlantic voyages sometimes of months in small sailing vessels and then live in the Florida scrub, first brought to North America by the Spanish conquistadors — all of them are here in the Sunshine State, although the finest cows in North America now exist only in one place: near Coldwater, Kan. More on that shortly.

About 94.4 million cows live in the U.S. today, according to government estimates, with the biggest cattle producers on the list the ones you might imagine: Texas, with 12.5 million cows and 13.24 percent of the cow population, followed by Nebraska, Kansas, Califor-

nia and Oklahoma, each with populations ranging from about 5 million to 6.8 million cows.

Colorado, where the Nash side of my family ranches, is No. 10, with 2.8 million cows. And Florida has fallen from its one-time status of second-biggest cow producing state (we've had cows here for 500 years) to No. 18 on the list today, with 1.63 million hardworking American cows. As a "cow-calf state," Florida's bulls and heifers produce about 800,000 calves for beef production each year. Farmers also manage about 100,000 dairy cows that can produce 2 billion pounds of raw milk every year, according to www.Freshfromflorida.com.

All those cows create a lot of flatulence and manure — a problem for the vast natural water systems intimately connected to grazing and dairy lands, but

that's another cow story.

If you don't like cows, you could move to a place with few or none: Rhode Island, for example, has only 5,000 cows. And New York City nowadays has none, to my knowledge. Although once while riding a city bus through the South Bronx or Spanish Harlem I rounded a corner and came into sudden view of a small, miserable-looking donkey, a red rooster and about four hens, all tucked into a dirt yard the size of a big bedroom surrounded by a little fence up against a six or seven-story building, itself pressed against scores of similar buildings.

Maybe some enterprising person has a cow as well as a donkey in the Big Apple — so let's put New York City down on the list for one cow, just in case.

I mention this because I'm proud of

my cousin, Jane Nash Deewall, who grew up on the Nash Ranch in Colorado just like my mother did. Her father, B.F. Nash, carried on the line-bred Herefords my grandfather, Walter Nash, started.

Jane has continued that breeding operation with her husband, cattleman Mike Deewall, on the ranch his family long-ago homesteaded outside Coldwater.

Once called (accurately, I'm certain) "the hardest-working woman in Comanche County" — or probably most other places — Jane also works smart, which is why she was able to post this passing comment on her Facebook page one recent day: "We have been told by at least two of our bull customers that their F1 calves outweigh their straight blacks by 90 to 100 pounds every year at weaning. I think that is what line breeding can do for a breeding program."

The woman who said that, with her husband, just received the prestigious "Graduate of Distinction" award for 2018, given to those with degrees in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University and "outstanding records of achievement and service ... in the field of Animal Agriculture." In 2014, the Deewalls also received the American Hereford Association Centennial Breeders Award.

It's the science of, the caring for and the many years of hard work put into cows — not only in Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas, for example, but also in Florida.

Hat's off to science on the hoof, and its remarkable practitioners, the cattlemen and women of America. ■

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OPINION

Trump is proving to be the most fearlessly pro-life president



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President Trump's critics were apoplectic last week when the president referred to MS-13 gang members as "animals." Of course, no one should be dehumanized. Yet many of the same people expressing outrage that Trump would dehumanize vicious gang members have no problem dehumanizing innocent, unborn children.

Trump has stood up for the humanity of the unborn child like no president in recent memory. And this is why so many Christian conservatives stick with him. Witness the foot-stomping standing ovation the president received May 22 at the annual Campaign for Life gala of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List. Not only was Trump reportedly the first president to address this incredible organization in its 26-year history, he used the occasion to deliver on yet another pro-life promise, one that his Republican predecessors could not, or would not, fulfill: He announced a new rule to stop indirect taxpayer funding of abortion through the Title X family planning program.

"When I ran for office, I pledged to stand for life, and as president, that's exactly what I have done," Trump declared. "Today, we have kept another promise. My administration has proposed a new rule to prohibit Title X funding from going to any clinic that performs abortions."

Any organization receiving Title X funds will be required to establish a bright line of both physical and financial separation between its family planning activities and any program or facility that performs or refers women for abortions. Since 1976, federal law has prohibited use of federal funds for

abortion. But today, Planned Parenthood clinics that receive federal family planning funds often essentially refer women for on-site abortions. Under Trump's Protect Life Rule, this will no longer be permitted.

The Protect Life Rule is a victory pro-life Americans have been awaiting for three decades. President Ronald Reagan first issued a version of the rule in 1988, but pro-abortion groups challenged it in court. The George H.W. Bush administration fought them all the way to the Supreme Court and won: In 1991, the court upheld the Reagan rule in *Rust v. Sullivan*. But the ruling came too late; Bill Clinton soon took office and withdrew the rule.



When George W. Bush was elected, he failed to reinstate the rule during his eight years in office. My former White House colleague Yuval Levin recently wrote that the reinstatement effort "was abandoned in the spring of 2006, in a deputies-level policy gathering that was one of the most contentious meetings I ever witnessed in government."

In the Trump administration, there were apparently no "contentious" meetings or hand-wringing over the impact

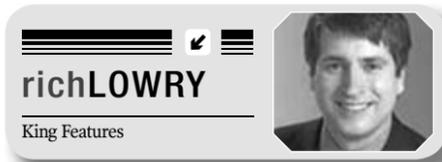
on Capitol Hill. He just did it. This fearlessness when it comes to the cause of life is what warms the hearts of Christian conservatives and makes them loyal to the president.

The left is, of course, outraged. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) called Trump's action "despicable," and the New York Times editorial page complained that the rule "could devastate groups like Planned Parenthood." That is, unfortunately, a gross overstatement, as Planned Parenthood gets three-quarters of its federal funds through Medicaid, which would not be impacted. But it is music to pro-life ears. And despite Democrats' anger, the new rule should have broad public support. A Marist poll released in January found that 60 percent of Americans oppose using tax dollars for abortion, while only 36 percent approve.

Since taking office, Trump has taken many steps to ensure our tax dollars are not used to subsidize the taking of innocent human life. He got a record number of conservative judges confirmed during his first year; allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood; defunded the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund; restored and expanded the Mexico City policy banning taxpayer funds for groups that perform abortions overseas; and exempted organizations with moral objections against providing abortifacient drugs from the Obamacare Health and Human Services mandate. He is, as SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser put it Tuesday, "the most pro-life president in our nation's history."

"Every life is sacred, and ... every child is a precious gift from God," Trump declared Tuesday night. "We know that every life has meaning and that every life is totally worth protecting." Trump is doing everything in his power to protect those lives. That is why pro-life conservatives stick with him. ■

The Chinese threat isn't just trade



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We are currently engaged in a high-profile negotiation that may or may not succeed in getting the Chinese to buy more of our stuff.

This is a fine goal as far as it goes, although that isn't very far. It doesn't matter if China buys \$14 billion of our soybeans or \$25 billion of our soybeans — it is still a mercantilist, revisionist power representing a significant geopolitical challenge.

China isn't just a commercial but a strategic competitor with the United States. It seeks to restore its former national glory, establish hegemony in East Asia and unravel Pax Americana. President Xi Jinping champions a national revival ("The Chinese Dream") that flies in the face of the expectations that economic growth would soften China.

China uses its economic clout to back self-interested investments around the world and has poured resources into a decades-long military buildup. As it has grown in strength, it has become

increasingly assertive in making maritime claims in the region. It harasses its neighbors it wants to cow into submission, as we are shouldered aside.

We have long failed to grapple with the Chinese threat because we have believed that rising per capita income would do our work for us by inevitably democratizing China; because corporate America covets the Chinese market; and because, as Miles Maochun Yu of the Naval Academy points out, we are always "playing the China card" in pursuit of some other strategic objective — currently, the denuclearization of North Korea — rather than focusing on China in its own right.

At the moment, we are in the midst of a collective national freakout about Russia, a second-rate power. China's economy is eight times bigger than Russia's. While Russia is associated with the weapons of the 20th century, China is heavily investing in high-tech weapons — cyberwarfare capabilities, hypersonic rockets, anti-satellite missiles and the like. "The United States cannot assume," the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission warned, "it will have an enduring advantage in developing next frontier military technology."

The comprehensive challenge of China deserves a comprehensive response. Diplomatically, we need

to strengthen relations with all those countries on China's periphery that feel threatened by it, Taiwan and Japan in particular.

Militarily, we need to spend more on research and development and on building up our Navy. And we need to make it clear to China, through robust patrolling, that we are committed to maintaining freedom of navigation in the region.

Economically, we need a better long-term approach to China's mercantilism than blustery threats of tariffs. This will require allies, which means that we should return to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The pact was designed to lock China out of creating trade norms in the region, but Trump abandoned it in a perversely self-defeating protectionist gesture.

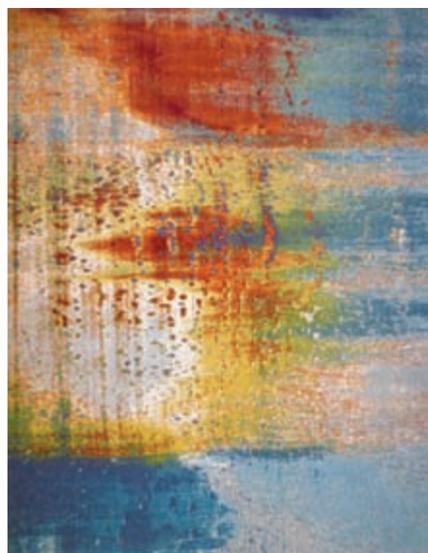
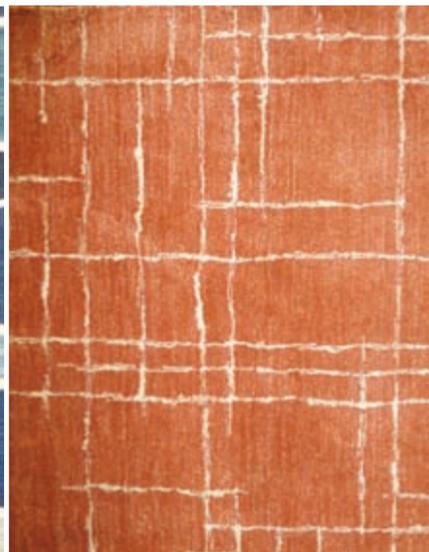
The Chinese flatter themselves that they have a long view that unstable American democracy lacks. When dealing with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, apparently desperate for any agreement he can wave around as a victory in the much-advertised looming trade war, they must feel confirmed in their belief. We need a strategy to convince them otherwise, and it will be the work of decades. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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PROM DRESS

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success within the community.

“On prom night, most students are focused on their hair, makeup and transportation,” said Dawn Montecalvo, president of Guadalupe Center. “I’ve seen the photos, and Aubrey looked stunning in her prom dress, but she was more concerned with using that special night to create an opportunity to help others in the community. She wanted to send a strong message that we need to look beyond ourselves. What an incredible young woman.”

Guadalupe Center, which has a mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee, selected 2018 Immokalee High School graduate Barbara St. Fleur, a senior in its college-preparatory Tutor Corps program, to receive the funds. Ms. St. Fleur’s laptop was severely damaged during the hurricane, and she’s been using a borrowed computer since last fall. Ms. St. Fleur, who is heading to Arcadia University in Pennsylvania on a full scholarship, needed to find a permanent solution.

Ms. Garcia and Ms. St. Fleur met earlier this month. It was the first time the two teenagers had met; through their first conversation, they realized that both were taking early admissions classes at Florida SouthWestern State College. After being presented with her new HP laptop from Ms Garcia. Ms. St. Fleur reflected on the positive gesture.

“You usually don’t hear about a dress or fashion unless a person is wearing something inappropriate, so for her to use her prom dress for a good cause is amazing,” said Ms. St. Fleur.



Aubrey Garcia wearing her prom dress at Golden Gate High School's prom. The skirt was adorned with sponsorships she sold to local businesses.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Dawn Montecalvo, Barbara St. Fleur, Aubrey Garcia and Marisa Garcia meet to present Ms. St. Fleur with her new laptop.

Golden Gate High held its prom on April 28 at the Hilton Naples, and Ms. Garcia wore a black skirt coupled with a white sleeveless top. The dress featured advertisements from Barron Collier Companies, the Maurizi family, Remnant Construction, S&J Renovations, Asset Management Solutions, FOX4, Goodyear and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, each printed on fabric paper, attached to a sash made by Ms. Garcia and pinned to her skirt.

Only a small group of friends knew about Ms. Garcia’s dress before prom night.

“Everybody is so stuck on graduation and prom, and what they want to wear,” Ms. Garcia said. “They all wondered, ‘Why are you wearing logos?’ After they found out, though, most of them thought it was a cool idea.” ■

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Second annual Naples Pride Festival set for June 2 in Cambier Park

The second annual Naples Pride Festival is set for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in Cambier Park in Naples.

Last year, organizers said, more than 4,000 people attended the event.

The family friendly public event includes entertainers, speakers, musicians, performers, vendors, exhibitors, kids activities, food and beer in a celebration in name of equality.

Naples Pride celebrates diversity and unity, educates the community on LGBTQ issues and promotes equal rights for all, organizers say.

The event features opening remarks by Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and brings back spin-master DJ Kooshie and MC Liquid, reprising his role as master of ceremonies. Other entertainers include classically trained Marco Kircher performing the national anthem, as well as participation by the Southwest Florida Gay & Lesbian Choir, the SWFL Burlesque Alliance, Rascals Productions, the TP Lords, the Bambusa Babes, House of Valentines and the True Blue Motown Band.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Rainbow Flag, the internationally recognized symbol of the LGBT community, this year's Naples Pride Festival will be opened with a Raise the Rainbow flag ceremony. The Rainbow Flag was designed by noted gay activist and artist Gilbert Baker and first raised in San Francisco in June 1978 at a gay rights march organized by Harvey Milk. This year's ceremony will be dedicated both to the memory of Baker, who died last year and would have celebrated his birthday on June 2, and to all those who have fought for gay rights and equality.

The vendors — over 80 will be in the park — include those offering food and drinks, grassroots organizers, retail exhibitors and political candidates. Organizers have expanded the festival perimeter to encompass all of Cambier Park.

A \$5 entry donation and funds raised during the event, combined with contributions from sponsors and vendors, will support the Naples Pride LGBTQ Task Force Emergency Fund.

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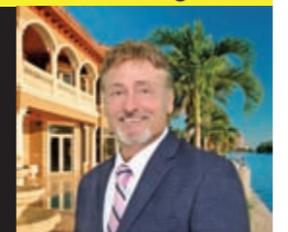
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Community delivers in Letter Carriers Food Drive

Southwest Florida raised more than 210,000 pounds of food for the 26th annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive earlier this month.

The exact preliminary number was 210,250 pounds of canned food, according to Harry Chapin Food Bank's Fort Myers Distribution Center. Food will continue to come in from other post offices in Lee County, but the nation's largest single-day food drive continued to be a hit in Southwest Florida.

"Stamp Out Hunger" is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by residents at their mailboxes.

The National Association of Letter Carriers holds the drive. Locally, the Harry Chapin Food Bank and the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee Counties partner with the letter carriers to make the food drive happen. Hundreds of volunteers assisted the letter carriers with picking up the food, and also unloaded and sorted the food at various postal drop-off sites.

Boxes and bags of canned food could be seen strewn across Southwest Florida mailboxes during the drive. As season comes to an end and the area enters its hot summer months, the excess food will act as a boon for locals in need throughout the toughest time of the year.

"We are overwhelmed by the sup-

port from our community," said Richard LeBer, president and CEO of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. "The outpouring of generosity means we will be able to feed many more people than we did before. We are so proud of our partnership with the Letter Carriers and the United Way."

Letter Carrier George Sciascia of the U.S. Postal Service, who coordinates the food drive locally for the letter carriers, also expressed his gratitude to the community.

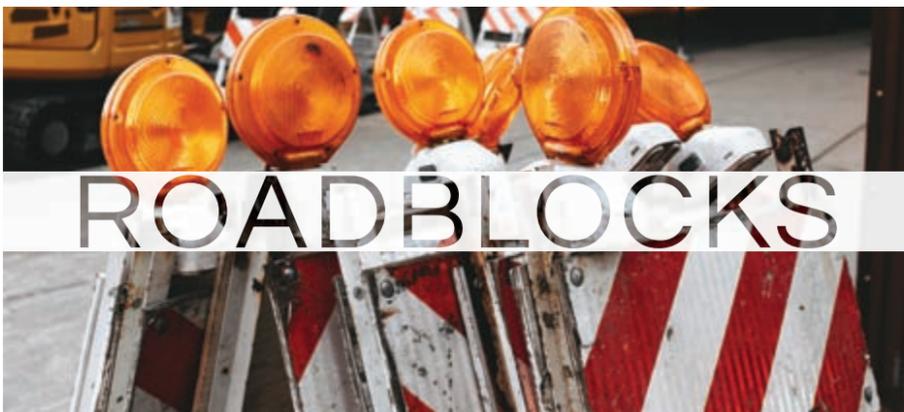
"Year in and year out the residents here in Lee County know that they are among the most caring folks in the nation by donating hundreds of thousands of pounds of food," he said. "Last year your letter carriers, along with hundreds of volunteer helpers, collected over 300,000 pounds of food, and while the final results aren't in yet, this year appears to be even better."

All food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other agencies. The food stays in the community.

The Letter Carriers' Food Drive helps food banks and the agencies they serve stay supplied with food during the summer months, when school is out and the need is great. Harry Chapin Food Bank serves 28,000 people per week through more than 150 partner agencies in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Glades and Hendry counties. ■



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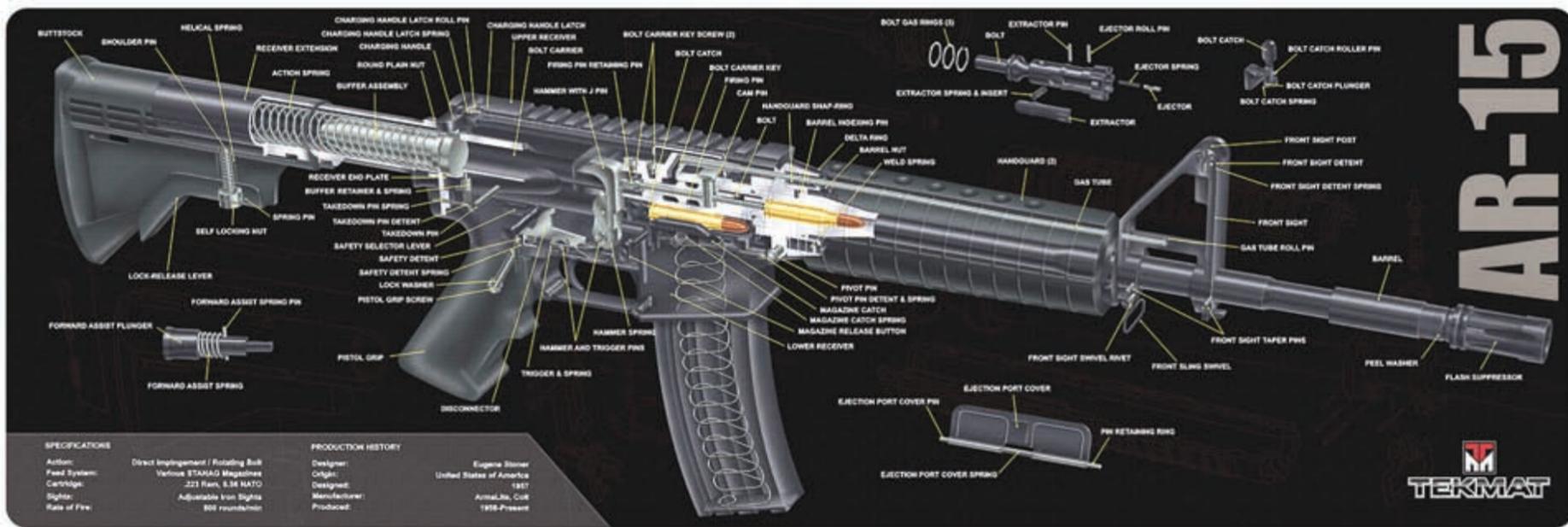
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Eugene Stoner created the first lightweight, gas-operated, semi-automatic AR-15 or ArmaLite Rifle for that company in the 1950s. It was simple to operate, but complex in engineering and design. Colt bought the design for \$75,000 and a future share of profits, in 1959. By the mid-1960s, the U.S. military had adopted it for use in Vietnam.

in the know

Common terms

- >> **AR-15:** The specific model designation of a Colt-made rifle, the term "AR-15" is also now generic, describing any of a family of military-style, lightweight, gas operated, semiautomatic rifles originally designed for military use by the ArmaLite company. AR-15s use high-capacity magazines carrying 10 to 100 rounds, commonly of high-velocity ammunition in the synonymous .223 caliber or 5.56 mm bullet.
- >> **Assault rifle:** Designed for military use.
- >> **Modern sporting rifle:** A gun-industry term used to describe assault rifles sold to civilians for self-defense, hunting, target shooting, competition shooting or collecting.
- >> **M-16, M-4:** Military versions of the AR-15 with selector switches allowing "safe," "semi," and "auto" or "burst" for automatic fire.
- >> **Selector switch:** A small switch on the rifle's receiver allowing a shooter to switch from "safe" (the rifle won't shoot) to "semi," or semiautomatic fire in the AR-15 — pulling the trigger once to fire one round, repeatedly without reloading.
- >> **Magazine:** A spring-loaded device that stores and feeds cartridges into the weapon. For AR-15s, magazine capacities range from 10 to 100 cartridges. The most common magazines carry 30 cartridges.
- >> **High-capacity magazine:** Any magazine holding at least 10 cartridges, but sometimes defined as 15-round magazines, or those with greater capacity.
- >> **Muzzle:** The open end of the barrel.
- >> **Bore:** The inside of the barrel.
- >> **Cartridge:** Includes the case, sometimes called the shell-casing, with the primer, gunpowder, and bullet itself.
- >> **Caliber:** The diameter of the rifle's bore, or the bullet itself. In a .223 caliber, the internal diameter of the gun barrel or bore would be .223 inches, or measured in millimeters, 5.56 millimeters.
- >> **AR-15 manufacturers:** There are many. Some names include Barrett, Bushmaster, Colt, Daniel Defense, Heckler & Koch, Mossberg, Patriot Ordnance Factory, Remington, Ruger, Savage Arms, SIG Sauer, Smith & Wesson, Stag Arms and Wilson. Each company has a unique model designation.
- >> **Smith & Wesson M&P-15:** An AR-15 variant, the weapon tested by Florida Weekly. Weight: 6.74 pounds unloaded. Cartridge: 5.56 mm or .223 caliber with a muzzle velocity of about 3,200 feet per second. Magazines: sold with one 30-round magazine; smaller or larger-capacity magazines available. Used by the Internal Revenue Service and a few city, county or state law enforcement agencies. The M&P-15 (for "Military & Police") has also been used in at least three mass shootings: an Aurora, Colo. movie theater in 2012 (12 dead, 70 wounded); a San Bernardino, Cal. shooting in 2015 (14 killed); at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Feb. 14 (17 killed, 17 wounded).

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targets, each spaced several feet apart, some closer or farther and none more than 30 yards from me, and hit all of them repeatedly.

Roughly five seconds after that, I could have a second magazine, this one with 35 rounds in a 40-round capacity to ease pressure on the spring, locked into my weapon with a round loaded, ready to fire.

Almost anyone could.

"It's part of why these are popular with recreational shooters — you can shoot with great accuracy at 25 to 50 yards," said Peter Lucier, a combat veteran of the Marine Corps and a Marine Corps Combat Marksmanship Coach who has written about AR-15s in the *The Washington Post* and *The Daily Beast*, among other publications.



LUCIER

"AR" is an acronym for the ArmaLite Rifle first developed in 1956, and sold to Colt three years later. The term "AR-15" is now used generically to describe a broad family of military-style, gas-operated, semiautomatic rifles marketed by domestic and international gun makers.

"Most indoor ranges are 25 yards. A lot of people can look really good (shooting there). When I trained with these, we shot at 500 yards, 20 times the distance. But I'd be surprised if the engagements in schools, for example, are happening at more than 25 yards. Not even that."

Given the now-significant role AR-15 rifles play in American culture, Florida Weekly decided to take a look at the weapon — not as the political icon it has become, but as an object most Americans have heard described, many Americans own or use in sport, and that some Americans in civilian life have been killed or injured by.

With my fellow reporter and son, Evan Williams, I bought one of the many versions now offered by American and other gunmakers, the popular Smith & Wesson M&P-15 (M&P is an acronym for Military & Police, for whom Smith & Wesson designed it originally), at a gun store called Shoot Straight, in Fort Myers.

The company operates stores in eight Florida locations, including Orlando, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Clearwater, Tampa, Lakeland and Sarasota.

With the purchase we included two extra magazines, one 30-round mag



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AR-15s made by different manufacturers, in prices from about \$500 to about \$2,000, fill the walls at Shoot Straight, a gun shop with locations in Fort Myers, West Palm Beach and six other Florida cities. A clerk said these weapons are delivered on a Wednesday, and sometimes the wall is almost empty by the following Wednesday.

and one 40-round mag for \$15 and \$20, respectively; a cleaning kit for less than \$15; and 120 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition, the military version of the .223 caliber round, at about \$15 for each 30-round box. The rifle itself was on sale for less than \$600. Total cost: \$702.

To buy the weapon, I gave one of the clerks my driver's license, filled out a brief form that asked if I was a felon, wanted by law enforcement, or an American, and waited three days.

Then I went back and picked up the gun and accessories.

Once, I could put rounds with such a weapon through a dinner plate-sized target 500 yards away, 300 yards away or 200 yards away from various shooting positions about 10 times out of 10 on a clear day with no wind.

I wasn't being shot at, I wasn't tired, I wasn't hunting and I certainly wasn't in a public school, a church, a business, a

theater or at a concert. I was on a military shooting range.

But that is not how the weapon has become prominently known in American culture.



Running the numbers

DON'T CALL AR-15s "ASSAULT WEAPONS," a political term used to vilify the rifle and other semiautomatic weapons, says the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Instead, the gun industry calls them "modern sporting rifles."

While they have made headlines for their role in mass shootings — since 2007, 220 people have been killed in mass shootings involving AR-15s, according to data compiled by the Stanford Geospatial Center and Stanford Libraries and USA Today — they're widely used for almost anything but

assaulting people. Owners buy them as collectors' items or for self-defense, hunting, target practice and shooting competitions.

Gun enthusiasts attest to their ease of use, military and historical pedigree, and especially their almost Lego-like modularity — they can be tricked out with an array of scopes, lights and grips, and reconfigured to shoot many types of ammunition in quantities generally ranging from 10 to 100 bullets.

The rounds used in an AR-15 style gun include most commonly the .223, but it can be built to fire a .22, .308, 6.8 SPC and .450 Bushmaster, among others. There are even shotgun versions, the NSSF says. The industry association calls AR-15s "among the most popular firearms being sold."

It is not known how many Americans own AR-15s and other semiautomatic rifles because there are no public records that track that information. Firearm industry estimates vary from 8 million to 15 million.

Guns have been a booming business in the U.S. for more than a decade, the most recent ATF figures show. U.S. manufacturers made 3.2 million firearms in 2005. In 2015, they made 9.4 million; 3.7 million alone were rifles.

In all, from 2005 to 2015, 70.8 million guns were made; 26.8 million were rifles.

The number of NICS firearm background checks used to determine eligible gun buyers (though it does not show how many ended up purchasing a gun) also more than doubled from 11.2 million in 2007 to 25.2 million in 2017.

AR-15s have repeatedly proven themselves devastating assault weapons in mass shootings, but they are used relatively rarely in homicides. The most recent FBI data shows that handguns were used in 7,105 homicides in 2016 while rifles were used in 258.

Amy Hunter, a spokesperson for the NRA Institute for Legislative Action in Fairfax, Va., said the term "assault weapon" is misleading.

"A lot of media are very uneducated about what these firearms (AR-15s) actually are, how they function, what role they play and what they're used for," she said. "They've demonized these firearms, which are functionally just rifles that have added cosmetic components."

Hannah Shearer, a staff attorney at San Francisco, Calif.-based Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, which advocates banning assault weapons, pointed out that the core pieces of the AR-15 are the same as an M-16.

"Overall, these are semiautomatic long guns that are modeled after military weapons and they're more deadly than other types of weapons," she said. "And when they're used in mass shootings it results in more people being shot, and more people being killed."

Mr. Lucier, recalling his extensive experience as a Marine with M-16s and M-4s, offered roughly the same opinion.

Asked by Florida Weekly to name any significant differences between a weapon such as the Smith & Wesson M&P-15, one of many versions of the weapon on the market, and the rifles he used in the Marine Corps, he didn't.

"They're not significantly different," he said. "These are the same weapons. The selector switch, and having the option (on military rifles) to shoot full auto is not a significant distinction. We don't shoot on full auto. If we have to go full auto we use heavier machine guns usually operated by a team of two or three. So it's a distinction without a difference."

That distinction is immediately noticeable in civilian versions of the military M-16 or newer M-4. The selector switch manipulated instantly with the thumb of the shooter offers two

options only: "safe" and "semi." There is no "auto."

Unless altered, therefore, it is a semiautomatic rifle, able to fire one round with each pull of the trigger. The military counterparts can fire either continuously on "auto" with a single compression of the trigger — in which case barrels can overheat, ammunition will rapidly deplete and accuracy will become nominal — or commonly in three-round bursts.



How they work

"THE SEMIAUTOMATIC AR-15 is built for the small-caliber, high-velocity concept," Mr. Lucier said.

"When you're shooting at people, you want to put a lot of shots, generally accurate, in the area of the people, so you can then close with them and kill them."

That's easier to do with a lightweight, smaller-caliber weapon using high velocity rounds.

"The M-14 (used early in the Vietnam War) shot the equivalent of a .308 Winchester — it was a 7.62 mm round. The .223 or 5.56 used by the military now is much more manageable.

"I can carry a lot more rounds with the .223, with a loaded 30-round magazine that weighs about a pound and a half. A 20-round mag with a .308 will weigh more than twice that. It can be a big factor in war."

Or in mass shootings.

"I can easily carry 30, 60, 90, 120 rounds on my person, which ups the death counts in these mass shootings. And because that recoil is much more manageable, I can continue firing accurately, especially at closer ranges. With the M-14 or say the .30-30 Winchester a lot of people use to hunt deer, there's a lot of recoil, and it's harder to shoot fast."

ArmaLite, the company that originally made these weapons 60 years ago in California, designed them for soldiers using a patented gas-operating system from engineer and inventor Eugene Stoner, still in use today.

The shooter loads the first round into the chamber by pulling back the "charger handle" and releasing it. In a process almost instantaneous, gas



A Colt Sporter ad published in 1964.

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against Americans by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong. Following a robust advertising campaign by marketers, sales shot up.

Starting in 1994, new federal rules signed by President Bill Clinton made selling "assault weapons" including the AR-15, illegal. Such weapons were defined as semiautomatic with detachable magazines and any two of five characteristics: telescoping or folding stocks, pistol grips, bayonet mounts, flash suppressors or grenade launchers.

But one decade later, in 2004 during the administration of President George W. Bush, the ban expired and Congress chose not to renew it. Demand for the gun surged with advertising, and most gun manufacturers developed their own versions of the AR-15.

Since then, seven states — California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, along with the District of Columbia — have passed laws banning assault weapons, the Giffords Center says. Those weapons are now defined

in part by generic features that make them easier to fire, and by their ability to hold high-capacity magazines.

The seven states, with Colorado, have also enacted bans on high-capacity magazines. Some states define "high-capacity" as holding more than 10 rounds; others as more than 15.

from every fired round is blown back through a tube, slapping the "bolt carrier group" backward to bounce off a buffer. The now-spent casing is ejected while the bolt carrier group snaps forward, loading the next round.



Some history

THE U.S. MILITARY ACQUIRED THE DESIGN in the early 1960s, called it the M-16, and deployed it in Vietnam, where it replaced the M-14 as a standard-issue rifle.

The weapons are lightweight and have little recoil, characteristics that make them popular and enhance their accuracy and ease of use by soldiers and civilians alike.

In 1959, Colt bought the rights to the AR-15 design.

During the next decade the company advertised a new AR-15 Sporter for "hunters, campers and collectors."

The weapon wasn't particularly popular, however, until 1989, when a shooter killed five children and wounded 32 others in an elementary school in Stockton, Calif., with an AK-47 — the gas-operated assault rifle once used



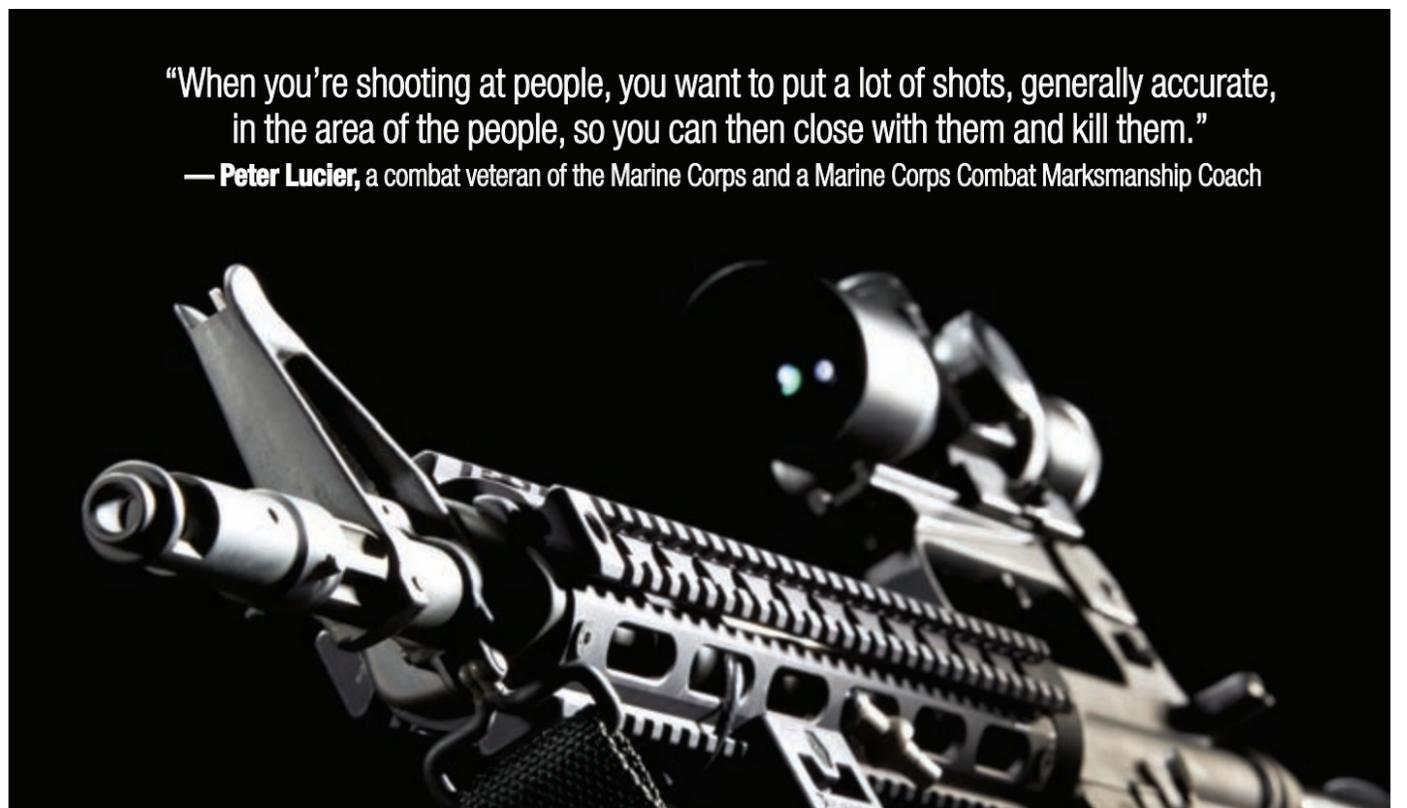
Improvements and aficionados

AS THE MILITARY IMPROVED DESIGN ELEMENTS of its guns over the years, some made their way into the civilian market. For instance, customers have a choice between AR-15s that utilize Mr. Stoner's original operating system or a "gas piston" system used in AK-47s and designed to be more reliable in some conditions such as the dusty Middle East, said Matt Mink, manager at Naples Guns & Ammo.

Mr. Mink says the AR-15s' popularity comes in part from its patriotic roots defending our country and in part because it simply "looks cool."

"But the reason it's so great is it's light, it's reliable, the recoil is moderate and you can build it up any way you

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want,” he said.

Charlotte County resident Leonard Dias, 49, said he owns about 20 AR-15s, part of a comprehensive collection of firearms that includes AK-47s, TEC-9s, shotguns and his favorite, a .30-30 Winchester rifle. He bought his first AR-15 for home defense, and finds it to be “a great rush” to shoot for casual target practice.

“I like the AR because as fast as you press that trigger the bullets will come out,” he said. “You could literally, if you shoot on a tree, you could knock the tree down. I just like the firepower that it has.”

Mostly, though, he has a passion for collecting all kinds of things, a habit he has extended to baseball cards, stamps and coins. Hailing from Boston, Mr. Dias didn’t get into guns until after he moved to Florida in the mid-1980s and friends introduced him to the hobby.

He funds his collections through a successful disaster cleanup and restoration business — anything from water damage to crime scenes. Noting that his business is “recession proof,” Mr. Dias said he’s not much interested in politics and doesn’t follow the debate about gun control.

He enjoys buying or upgrading his AR-15s with all the bells and whistles. One has a grenade launcher attached, another a high-powered “sniper” scope that would allow him to take long-range shots accurately. But he doesn’t use his guns for hunting.

“I don’t think I could shoot an animal,” Mr. Dias said, unless it was attacking him. “I just couldn’t shoot something that’s just standing there.”

Punta Gorda resident Matt Uebelacker Jr., 34, is a gun collector and certified NRA instructor. Many guns in the civilian marketplace are high-powered,



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Cpl. Peter Lucier in Afghanistan. He also served as a Marine Corps Combat Marksman-ship Coach.

semiautomatic rifles that allow people to shoot bullets relatively quickly, he points out, not just ARs.

“There are other firearms out there that have similar characteristics as an AR-15 but they don’t get talked about as much because they’re not as flashy,” he said.

But the AR-15 platform has a style and versatility that is appealing to many gun owners. He is adept at assembling AR-15s in their many configurations depending on personal preference and use.

“Do you want to shoot up close?” Mr. Uebelacker asks. “Do you want to shoot longer distances? Are you trying to shoot with a scope or iron sites? It kind of comes down to, what do you want to do for fun? Or is there a purpose?” such as home defense.

Mr. Uebelacker enjoys shooting many types of guns, including ARs.

“I enjoy the history behind them,” he

said. “I like what they’re about, and it’s our right to defend ourselves as Americans if need be, but that’s not the only reason to have firearms.”

Mark Oliva, a spokesperson for NSSF who lives in Virginia, has an AR-15 configured for hunting. Mr. Oliva scheduled an interview with Florida Weekly for Friday, May 18. But that morning he declined, per NSSF’s policy, as news unfolded of a mass shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas, where the murderer used a Remington 870 pump shotgun and a .38 pistol, according to news reports.

“Out of respect for the families we’re going to decline to make any comments regarding firearms,” Mr. Oliva said.

Law enforcement officials have also proved laconic in discussing these weapons. Florida Weekly contacted sheriff’s offices in Palm Beach, Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, and asked the Florida Sheriff’s Association for comments: How many AR-15 style weapons have they confiscated in the last two years? Does the existence of such weapons among civilians create extra work in training, or anxiety, for law enforcement personnel?

Only the Lee County Sheriff’s Office responded.

“From January 2015 thru present, we as an agency have had 4,420 guns pass through evidence,” wrote Sgt. Anita Iriarte. “This includes all firearms. Unfortunately we are unable to distinguish the make and model of the firearms.”



On the receiving end

WRITING IN THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY IN February, Dr. Heather Sher, a radiologist who treated victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, compared injuries from the gunman’s AR-15, firing .223 rounds with a muzzle velocity of about 3,200 feet per second, with wounds from handguns firing 9mm rounds at about 1,200 fps.

Bullets fired from a high-velocity rifle such as an AR-15 travel at almost three times the speed of a typical 9mm bullet, she pointed out. As a result, they cause far more damage to victims, especially when paired with a high-capacity magazine.

The 9mm bullet leaves a track through the body about the size of the bullet, she explained. A faster bullet does not cause it to pass through the body more cleanly, but just the opposite; the bullet damages the tissue around it, parting it “like waves of water displaced by (a) boat.

“This process is called cavitation; it leaves the displaced tissue damaged or killed. The high-velocity bullet causes a swath of tissue damage that extends several inches from its path. It does not have to actually hit an artery to damage it and cause catastrophic bleeding. Exit wounds can be the size of an orange.”

She compared the Parkland shooting to a shooting at the Fort Lauderdale airport in 2017, whose victims she also diagnosed. At the airport, the shooter

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Approximate muzzle velocities of rounds in feet per second:

- >> .22 long rifle, 1,400
- >> .30-.30 Winchester, 2,200
- >> .308 Winchester or 7.62 mm, 2,800
- >> .30-06 Springfield, 2,900
- >> 9mm pistol round, 1,200
- >> M1 Garand of World War 2, .30 cal., about 2,900
- >> M1 Carbine of World War 2, .30 cal., about 2,000
- >> .223 cal. or 5.56 mm, about 3,200

used a 9mm semiautomatic handgun.

“The gunshot wounds were the same low-velocity handgun injuries that I diagnose every day; only their rapid succession set them apart,” she wrote. “And all six of the victims who arrived at the hospital that day survived.”

At Parkland, she wrote, “Most of the victims died on the spot; they had no fighting chance at life.”

Another Southeast Florida trauma surgeon and Iraq War veteran, Dr. Robert Borrego, called Dr. Sher’s assessment of AR-15 and high-velocity gun injuries in The Atlantic Monthly “really accurate.”

“What happens is they impart so much energy when they go through the tissues that you get a blast effect and a pressure wave,” he said.

Handgun wounds are the most common type of firearms injury treated at St. Mary’s Medical Center in West Palm Beach, where Dr. Borrego is medical director of the trauma program.

He estimates that he has seen over the past 10 years at St. Mary’s “at least 25 to 50 victims with gunshot wounds that have been consistent with a high-velocity weapon.”

None were from mass shootings.

“The percentage of patients that will die or lose a limb in my experience has been higher in patients that have wounds from AR-15-type weapons rather than handgun wounds,” he said. “So they are riskier and more lethal. They cause more damage and the outcome is not as good.”

In Iraq, he served with an Army Reserve surgical team during the first six months of the war in 2003, and witnessed injuries to civilians and soldiers, including those who had been shot by M-16 rifles.

“The M-16 is built to shoot more rounds in a short period of time, (but) the M-16 wounds are pretty much the same as the AR-15 wounds. Except there may be more, in a military scenario.”

With a typical handgun injury, Dr. Borrego said that damaged organs such as the liver might often be saved with surgery, while that is not usually the case with a high-velocity rifle wound.

“With an AR-15 the blast effect is so damaging that (if) the liver gets pulverized, most of those patients don’t do well,” he said. “The same thing for any solid organs in the abdomen. Like if it hits a kidney or a spleen — with a high-velocity rifle the organ gets pulverized and there’s not much to save.” ■



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Law enforcement SWAT teams use AR-15-type weapons in training and practice, as this photo of Lee County Sheriffs deputies suggests. The photo hangs on a corridor wall in the Sheriff’s Office headquarters in Fort Myers with the caption “COPS.” Sheriffs’ deputies would not comment on the model or type of weapons they use.

Local historian honored by city of Naples with proclamation

One of the longest-tenured authorities in the history of Naples was recently bestowed a proclamation by the city for her work.

Lila Zuck of the Naples Historical Society earned recognition for contributions to Naples history with her book, "Naples, A Second Paradise: The History of Naples, Florida." City councilwoman Linda Penniman submitted the proclamation and it took place last month at Naples City Hall.

"Lila's commitment to ensuring the past is properly documented is a treasure to the community," said Elaine Reed, president and CEO of the Naples Historical Society. "This book illustrates her depth of knowledge and life-long efforts to research and capture the truths of our city's history."

After stepping into the role of archival auditor and historian in 2017, Ms. Zuck has helped the society maintain the integrity of its collections and provide valuable assistance with its oral history project and the all-important Council of Longtime Friends, an old-timer collaboration that celebrates those who know Naples history. The new 1,016-page book is a comprehensive history of Naples and includes many never-seen-before photographs.

"Naples, A Second Paradise: The History of Naples, Florida" is available for purchase through the Society at Historic Palm Cottage for \$120 (shipping extra). Proceeds from book sales will benefit Naples Historical Society's investment



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Naples historian Lila Zuck with Mayor Bill Barnett.

in the Archival Development Project.

Naples Historical Society's Historic Palm Cottage is a 3,500-square-foot museum listed as a landmark in the National Register and serves as the city's portal to Naples history. Historic Palm Cottage is a place many people go to learn about Naples history and heritage. Docents are available for all tours.

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The exterior is similar to the Hemi-powered SRT8 — one rung below this supercharged SUV on the power ladder. It makes sense that the Trackhawk would share its sibling's appearance. With a bulldog-like front end, deep intake ports in the hood, and all the trim blacked out from the headlight surrounds to the 20-inch wheels, it would be hard to improve the mean-factor any more on this package.

Inside is a pure upper-class experience that should also be familiar to anyone who has spent time in a premium Chrysler product. The special Trackhawk-embossed leather seats have the same deep bolster design as on other SRT (Street and Racing Technology) cars. Everything from a touch-screen infotainment system to heated and cooled seats are standard, so no one complains up front. In the rear, plenty of room for three keeps grievances to a minimum.

The center console houses the most unique and interesting part of the car. Where most Jeep 4x4s have a dial to select the terrain, the Trackhawk has much more. After all, when was the last time anyone has seen an off-road machine that also has a setting for the racetrack? This one even has launch control, readouts to record lap times and how much horsepower is being utilized at any moment.

A real-time power readout is probably nice for the racetrack, but the real reason this was likely added is because of how fun it is to watch a Jeep instantly dial up the kind of muscle that surpasses most family sedans. That's what happens with a 6.2-liter V8 topped with a 2.4-liter supercharger all sitting under the hood. The 707 horsepower this creates makes the Trackhawk the undisputed 0-60 mph king of all the SUVs.

It has a magical moment where the throttle gets pegged to the floor, the exhaust lets out a beastly growl, and then life begins to move in fast-forward. It's the SUV that loves hijinks, and yet can still tow up to 7,200 pounds — put-



ting it on the higher end of premium sports SUVs.

What's most impressive about the Trackhawk is the ride. The SRT8 felt a little too top heavy for its power. The sticky Pirelli street tires combined with the default bouncy shock setting results in a tipsy highway ride. In the Trackhawk, the Bilstein sports suspension is upgraded to a "competition" grade. It

makes the ride stiffer by default. While that's usually not what people want in a family SUV, it's exactly what this specialty Jeep needs to work in harmony with the rest of its performance upgrades.

The Hellcat motor lives up to its wild animal name in Dodge's rear-wheel drive Challenger and Charger. No tires can keep up with the amount of torque this tries to lay down when the accelerator is pegged from a standstill. This beastly nature is part of the fun.

But the Trackhawk is for those who don't feel like supervising an unruly animal. The all-wheel-drive system is great for enhancing grip. Plus, most of us have a survival instinct that doesn't allow high-speed cornering in a tall SUV. Jeep engineers have fought physics and made this worthy of the track, but most sane people won't test these limits. So instead of a hellcat, this is more like an agile mountain lion.

In fact, one of the wildest parts of the Trackhawk is the price — starting at \$86,995. It comes loaded as standard, but there are a few options that executive-level buyers will want (like the \$1,995, 19-speaker stereo system.) Add in a few of these features and the price rises close to six figures. Once that's achieved, BMW, Mercedes and Range Rover all have performance SUVs that can outmatch the Trackhawk's luxury.

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- Pine Ridge Road and I-75 on-ramps: Aggressive driving
- Pine Ridge and Goodlette Frank Roads: Red-light running
- Golden Gate Parkway and Airport-Pulling Road: Red-light running

Tuesday, June 5

- Golden Gate Boulevard West: Speeding
- Naples Boulevard: Aggressive driving

- Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41: Red-light running

Wednesday, June 6

- Collier Boulevard and Manatee Road: Speeding
- Grand Lely Drive and Collier Boulevard: Speeding
- Immokalee Road at Wilson Boulevard: Speeding

Thursday, June 7

- Immokalee Road at Randall Boulevard: Speeding



- Airport-Pulling Road and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving
- 97th Avenue North: Speeding

Friday, June 8

- Immokalee Road and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Aggressive driving
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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Oops

On May 1, as airmen of the 91st Missile Wing Security Forces traversed the gravel back roads of North Dakota between two of the nuclear missile launch sites they are charged with protecting, the back hatch of their truck fell open, allowing a 42-pound metal box of explosive grenade rounds to fall out. Despite deploying more than 100 airmen to walk the entire 6-mile route

the team had driven, The Washington Post reported on May 15, the ammunition still hadn't been found. The Air Force's Office of Special Investigations has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the box and has alerted local farmers and oil field vendors in the area that the box could be dangerous if damaged.

Animal antics

■ In Lodi, Calif., a small black cat took up residence on May 11 on a high ledge near the large outdoor sign of a Chili's restaurant and thwarted attempts by management, who self-identified as "cat people," to be rescued. As customers took pictures, Restaurant Cat, as it came to be known, stared down calmly, KTXL TV reported. But when Chili's employees used a ladder to try to reach it, the cat climbed behind the neon chili pepper and wouldn't come out, so they left food and water. Presumably it's keeping the pigeons away.

■ Meanwhile, in Perth, Australia,

another restaurant has taken a novel approach to a different animal problem: Customers at Hillary's 3Sheets are being offered water guns to shoot at seagulls, which have been ruining diners' waterfront meals. "It was bad," owner Toby Evans told Nine Network television on May 16, admitting the idea was "a desperate measure. Before, they'd wait until customers had finished and got up, but now they're getting cheekier and cheekier." Customers are on board, saying the pistols are working. (Maybe they need a Restaurant Cat of their own.)

But, why?

■ Making good on his promise, Welshman Mark Williams, 43, celebrated his third world snooker championship by conducting the post-match news conference at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England, in the buff. Williams, who beat John Higgins of Scotland on May 7, is the event's oldest winner in 40 years, Reuters noted. "I'm not going to say anything stupid ... but to be honest if I won this next year, I'd cartwheel down here naked," Williams promised.

■ The Daytona Beach International Airport was briefly evacuated early on May 11 when John Greenwood, 25, caused a ruckus as he rode around the

baggage carousel in the nude, trying to get out onto the tarmac, reported News-4Jax. Sheriff's deputies shocked him with a Taser, to which he responded: "We gotta get outta here, there's a bomb going to go off. I planted a bomb in the bathroom." After sweeping the airport, officials found no explosives, but Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood said they did find Greenwood's clothes in a backpack hidden in a hole in the bathroom wall. Described by Chitwood as a frequent flyer, Greenwood is known to local law enforcement, and he admitted taking drugs on Thursday night. He faces several charges after the incident.

Easy way out

Like any resourceful mom, Johanna Giselhall Sandstrom of Kyrkhult, Sweden, made lemonade out of lemons after she discovered a spelling error in her newly acquired tattoo. Sandstrom had asked the tattoo artist to entwine the names of her two children, Nova and Kevin, on her arm, and it wasn't until she arrived home that she realized the tattoo read "Kelvin" instead of "Kevin." "My heart stopped and I thought I

was going to faint," Sandstrom told local newspaper Blekinge Lans Tidning. Removing the tattoo would require multiple treatments, she learned, so Sandstrom decided instead to change her 2-year-old son's name to Kelvin. The Independent reported on May 16. "When I thought more about it, I realized that no one else has this name," she said. "It became unique. Now we think it is better than Kevin."

Weird science

For two years, Kendra Jackson of Omaha, Neb., "had a box of Puffs ... everywhere I went," due to constant sneezing, coughing and nose-blowing that started after she hit her face on the dashboard during a car accident in 2013, she told KETV. Multiple doctors told her allergies were the cause, but eventually she was diagnosed with cere-

brospinal fluid leak — her brain fluid was leaking into her nasal cavity at the rate of about a half-pint a day. In early May, Nebraska Medicine rhinologist Dr. Christie Barnes plugged the small hole between Jackson's skull and nostrils with her own fatty tissue, giving Jackson the relief she had been seeking for years.

Awwwwwww

Six baby squirrels in Elkhorn, Neb., found themselves in a sticky situation when their tails became tangled in tree sap and knotted together in their nest. When a man noticed what looked like a six-headed squirrely cluster moving around in a tree, wildlife expert Laura

Stastny, executive director of Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, got the call. Stastny told the Omaha World-Herald that her group sees a case like this every year or so. She covered the squirrels with a towel to calm them and then snipped the fur that held them together. ■

OurBus begins Miami-Tampa service with Fort Myers stop

OurBus, a tech company that specializes in intercity and crowdsourced bus routes, is introducing service to Florida, with a new route connecting Tampa to Miami, with stops in Sarasota, Fort Myers and Fort Lauderdale.

The new Sunshine State service started on May 25, with tickets available to purchase at www.ourbus.com. Service runs from Fridays to Sundays, expanding to seven days per week in July. Promotional fares are available for the first two weeks at just \$10 each way.

“Fort Myers and Sarasota are two of the largest cities in the country that don’t have express long-distance bus service,” said Axel Hellman, Ourbus co-founder. “The entire region between Tampa and Naples is growing rapidly, and this service is greatly needed. There are no flights from Fort Myers or Sarasota to Miami, so people here are used to making long drives. Taking the bus is more convenient, and more environmentally friendly.”

OurBus is partnering with My South Bus Tours, a Florida-based bus operator. “We’re thrilled to be partnering with OurBus to enter the intercity bus market,” said Joseph Philoxy, manager at My South Bus Tours. “After 15 years of serving the travel needs of South Florida residents, we’re proud to be offering express service from the Gulf Coast to South Florida.”

OurBus is starting several other routes that address “transportation deserts” in Florida — locations where there is limited rail, air or bus service — by

the end of 2018.

Boarding locations for OurBus in Florida include downtown Tampa (across from the Amtrak Station), Cattleman Transfer Center in Sarasota, Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Miami International Airport.

By using disruptive technology and crowdsourcing to bring efficient bus service to leisure travelers, students, and families on a budget, OurBus is bucking the traditional bus service model, which utilizes a point to point network concept, recognizing that travelers need reliable and efficient transportation that’s close to their home, with less transfers, and less time in the car.

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Assisted by Cindy Truxall, who has 11 years of experience with education, libraries and hospitals, Annette is a wizard at helping our rapidly growing medical academic community members — 12 medical residents (next month it will become 24), dozens of medical students, scores of nurses, countless technical staff, innumerable physicians, and others — find peer-reviewed and evidenced-based articles. Institutionally, NCH produces many quality projects, helps our colleagues complete research papers for advanced degrees, and assists clinicians searching for answers to help patients, as well as supports potential employees in completing job applications and current colleagues in complying with continuing education requirements.

All of these functions, although not normally associated with a hospital, are now indispensable as we evolve from a community hospital to an academic center. NCH has had a traditional medical library for at least the 41 years in which I have been on staff. We initially had many medical periodicals and an appropriate collection of medical textbooks set inside the Telford building with comfortable seating and workstations.

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Cancer mortality continues to decline, prostate cancer mortality stabilizing

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The latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer finds that overall cancer death rates continue to decline in men, women and children in the United States in all major racial and ethnic groups. Overall cancer incidence, or rates of new cancers, decreased in men and were stable in women from 1999 to 2014. In a companion study, researchers reported that there has been an increase in incidence of late-stage prostate cancer and that after decades of decline, prostate cancer mortality has stabilized.

The annual report is a collaborative effort between the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the American Cancer Society; and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries. The studies appeared online in *Cancer* on May 22, 2018.

“This year’s report is an encouraging indicator of progress we’re making in cancer research. As overall death rates continue to decline for all major racial and ethnic groups in the United States, it’s clear that interventions are having an impact,” said NCI Director Ned Sharpless, M.D. “The report also highlights areas where more work is needed. With steadfast commitment to patients and their families, we will be able to lower the mortality rates faster and improve the lives of those affected by cancer.”

The report includes mortality data through 2015. It shows that, from 1999 to 2015, overall cancer death rates decreased by 1.8 percent per year among men and by 1.4 percent per year among women. From 2011 to 2015, death rates decreased for 11 of the 18 most common cancer types in men and for 14 of the 20 most common cancer types in women.

Over the same period, death rates for cancers of the liver, pancreas, and brain and other nervous system increased in both men and women; death rates for cancer of the uterus increased in women; and death rates for cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx and soft tissue increased in men. From 2010 to 2014, incidence rates decreased for seven of



the 17 most common cancer types among men and for seven of the 18 most common cancer types among women.

In the companion study, researchers explored prostate cancer trends in more detail. They found that overall prostate cancer incidence rates declined an average of 6.5 percent each year between 2007 and 2014, from a rate of 163 new cases per 100,000 men in the population in 2007 to 104 new cases per 100,000 in 2014. However, incidence of distant disease — that is, of cancer that has spread from the original tumor to other parts of the body — increased from a low rate of 7.8 new cases per 100,000 in 2010 to 9.2 new cases per 100,000 in 2014. Furthermore, after two decades of decline between 1993 and 2013, prostate cancer mortality leveled off between 2013 and 2015. Although rates of distant disease increased in recent years, there was no increase in the rates of cases with aggressive histologic grade (Gleason score of 9-10).

This study also reports a decline in recent prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening in the population based on a

series of national surveys. The reported decline in screening occurred between the 2010 and 2013 surveys, for men between 50 and 74 years of age, and after the 2008 survey, for men age 75 and older.

“The increase in late-stage disease and the flattening of the mortality trend occurred contemporaneously with the observed decrease in PSA screening in the population,” said Serban Negoita, M.D., Dr.P.H., of NCI’s Surveillance Research Program and lead author of the prostate cancer report. “Although suggestive, this observation does not demonstrate that one caused the other, as there are many factors that contribute to incidence and mortality, such as improvements in staging and treating cancer. Additional research is needed to get a more comprehensive understanding of the recent trends and the possible relationship with PSA screening, as well as the relationship with other factors that may be associated with these trends.”

Findings in the first part of the report show that incidence and death rates for all types of cancer combined were higher in men than in women in every racial and ethnic group. For all cancer sites com-

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bined, black men and white women had the highest incidence rates compared to other racial groups, and black men and black women had the highest death rates compared to other racial groups. Non-Hispanic men and women had higher incidence and death rates than those of Hispanic ethnicity.

“There continue to be significant declines in the cancer death rate with significant differences in rate by sex, race, and ethnicity,” said Otis W. Brawley, M.D., chief medical officer for ACS. “We need to continue working to understand the reasons for the disparities and how to most efficiently continue supporting and, if possible, accelerate these declines.”

The report also describes five-year survival during 2007-2013 by cancer stage at diagnosis for four of the most common cancers — female breast cancer, colorectal cancer, lung and bronchus cancer, and melanoma of the skin. While five-year survival is high for early-stage disease for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, and melanoma, survival remains low for all

stages of lung cancer, ranging from 55 percent for Stage I to 4 percent for Stage IV.

“This report underscores that if cancer is caught early, when it has the best chance of being treated, patients can live longer,” said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “Early detection and timely, quality treatment are keys to saving lives.”

Increases in death rates for several cancers continue to cause concern. Researchers suggest that the increase in liver cancer death rates is related to the high prevalence of hepatitis C virus infection among baby boomers, as well as to the high prevalence of obesity in the United States. Obesity is also thought to have contributed to the increase in death rates from cancers of the uterus and pancreas. The recent increase in oral cavity and pharynx cancer death rates among white men is thought to be associated with human papillomavirus infection.

“It’s encouraging to see progress in decreasing death rates for many types of cancer,” said Betsy A. Kohler, executive director, NAACCR. “Yet the fact that death rates from several cancers are still on the rise means we need to keep working to find strategies to encourage prevention and continue to make improvements in screening and treatment.” ■

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Recent topics researched were not what I might have expected as traditional medical subjects. For instance, “What are best practices on rounding?” We have academic hospitalists teaching medical residents and students virtually every day, hour and minute of the year. In one instance, two different colleagues asked the



same question almost simultaneously. Getting folks together with common interests is also a worthwhile function.

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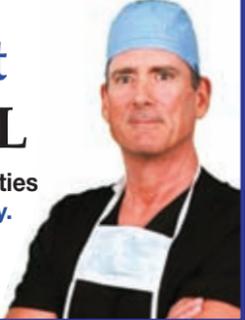
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PET TALES

Altered states

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Primrose, a 3-year-old Pyrenean shepherd, has always had a lot of nervous energy — to the point that her behavior could be annoying, says owner Deb Rabuck of Allentown, Pa.

After Rabuck had Prim spayed last August, the dog's behavior changed, and not for the better. Already aggressive toward unknown dogs and people, she began urine-marking in the house and developed signs of anxiety such as panting and pacing. Prim's behavior kept Rabuck from sleeping at night and disturbed her other dogs.

"I had to separate her from my other two dogs," she says. "I was afraid they would kill her. She drives them crazy with all that energy."

Rabuck took Prim to veterinary behaviorist Jacqueline Wilhelmy, VMD. After running lab tests to rule out possible health problems, Dr. Wilhelmy prescribed Prozac and gabapentin and offered behavior modification advice. It has been 11 days, and while Prim is still urine-marking, Rabuck is now able to sleep through the night.

Pet behavior problems such as separation anxiety; thunderstorm or other noise-related fears; compulsive disorders such as excessive chewing, licking, tail chasing or other repetitive behaviors; or aggression toward other animals or humans can all respond to many of the same psychoactive medications that help humans. They include fluoxetine (Prozac), a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor; gabapentin,



Drugs can help pets with behavior problems, but they're not a quick fix.

an antiseizure medication sometimes used off-label for pain and anxiety; tricyclic antidepressants such as amitriptyline; and benzodiazepines such as Xanax and Valium.

"Not in every case do we use a medication, but when it is indicated, it can really facilitate the progress of the case quite dramatically," says Patrick Melese, DVM, a veterinary behaviorist in San Diego, Calif.

Medications used in humans have the same or similar effects in dogs and cats because the nervous systems of animals and humans operate in a similar manner. The goal is to normalize brain chemistry and improve the way the animal processes information.

Shannon Gillespie's border collie Fizz has taken Prozac for more than five years because she would "explode" when frustrated or excited and was unable to calm down quickly. About four years ago, when Fizz's veterinarian prescribed gabapentin

for torn bicep and supraspinatus muscles, Gillespie noticed a further positive change in her behavior. Now Fizz takes both medications to help her maintain a calm demeanor.

"Medications can help decrease the animal's overall level of anxiety, aggressive behavior, and reactivity and help with impulse control, says Wailani Sung, DVM, a veterinary behaviorist at San Francisco SPCA Behavior Specialty Service and co-author of the book "From Fearful to Fear Free." "They are typically prescribed when the animal has a high level of anxiety, aggressive behavior and reactivity, (and) when the inappropriate behavior occurs daily or multiple times a week or is very intense."

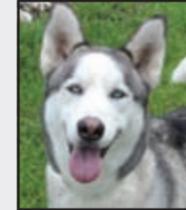
It can take several weeks on medication before pets become calm or relaxed enough to start learning new ways of coping or adjust to changes in the household or interactions with family members or other animals. How long medical therapy continues depends on the individual animal and situation. It can range from a few months to a year to a lifetime. Animals may stay on the same dose or have it gradually reduced as the situation improves.

Medication by itself won't solve a pet's behavior problems. Behavior modification and environmental changes, if needed, are a necessary part of treatment. (The exception, Dr. Melese says, is urine-marking in cats, which typically responds well to medication alone.) A veterinary behaviorist or certified applied animal behaviorist can develop a plan to help the animal respond more appropriately to the circumstances that trigger the behavior. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Lou** is a 1-year-old domestic shorthair. He is handsome, friendly and likes to be petted. His adoption fee is \$40.



>> **Klondike** is a 2-year-old husky. He is friendly, happy and knows the basics. His adoption fee is \$60.



>> **April** is a 1.5-year-old tabby domestic shorthair. She is playful, likes to explore and entertains herself. Her adoption fee is \$40.



>> **America** is a 2-year-old female brown and white terrier bully. She doesn't like loud noises, but is sweet and loves to sit beside you. Her adoption fee is \$60.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats range from \$20 to \$60 and dogs from \$30 to \$80. Fees include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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Can we not learn love from British royalty?

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I donned my bright red fascinator and carefully adjusted its jaunty tulle confection of an over-sized rose. I conducted a quick inventory of my ensemble in a full-length mirror — why yes, my scarlet chapeau did look quite fetching with my black nightgown and leopard print bathrobe. I applied some lipstick and commenced to setting out the mimosa flutes. It was 4 a.m. and my guests were set to arrive any moment.

There is very little that will coax me out of bed before 8 a.m. — maybe an early morning flight to somewhere wonderful, or there was the time I had knee surgery and had to be at the hospital by 5:30 or some ungodly hour like that.

But sharing the royal nuptials of divorced, American, biracial actress Meghan Markle and Prince Henry Charles Albert David with a gaggle of my friends over bubbly drinks, breakfast casserole and blueberry muffins was something I had been looking forward to ever since Prince Harry had gotten that Markle sparkle in his eye a couple of years ago.

And while I woke up at zero dark thirty for Harry's parents' wedding in 1981 when I was a teenager, and a lifetime later in 2011 for Harry's brother William's wedding — this one felt different. Even though Harry is the spare and not the heir, as an unapologetic royal watcher and anglophile, to me it felt momentous that the Windsors,



Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, leave Windsor Castle in an Ascot Landau carriage during a procession after getting married at St. George's. COURTESY SHUTTERSTOCK

with so many broken marriages in their family, threw the rules into the mote and finally let one of their own marry for pure love. Kate Middleton was a commoner when she married William, so it was a step — but Harry marrying Meghan seemed more like a giant leap into a bold, new future.

Meanwhile, here in the colonies, it felt like last week, and the week before that, and the one before that — yet again. The day before the royal wedding, at Santa Fe High School near Houston, Texas, at 7:30 in the morning, gunshots rang out as eight students and two teachers were murdered by a 17-year-old student at the school.

I found out on Facebook — I was there searching for articles about what

time the guests would be arriving at Windsor Castle for the royal wedding. And later that day, when I got online to look for a breakfast casserole recipe, I found this sobering fact reported in a CNN article: "This is the 22nd U.S. school shooting since the beginning of the year, and the third instance in eight days in which a gunman was on a school campus."

Later, when I started to surf around to find out who might be designing Meghan's dress, I learned that the shooter used guns belonging to his father.

The next day, my friends and I watched as the first biracial, divorced American became the Duchess of Sussex, as a black preacher from Chicago

and as a black choir singing, "Stand by Me" were spotlighted in a centuries-old church where King Henry the VIII is buried — and I realized that with time, things do change — societies can move forward.

And I wondered.

When it comes to smart gun control laws and protecting our children, when will we change?

When will WE move forward?

As I crawled back into bed at 10 a.m. after the royal couple had taken their carriage ride around the castle, I wondered if any of the 10 victims in Texas were planning on setting their alarms for 4 a.m. on royal wedding day, just as I did when I was 17. ■

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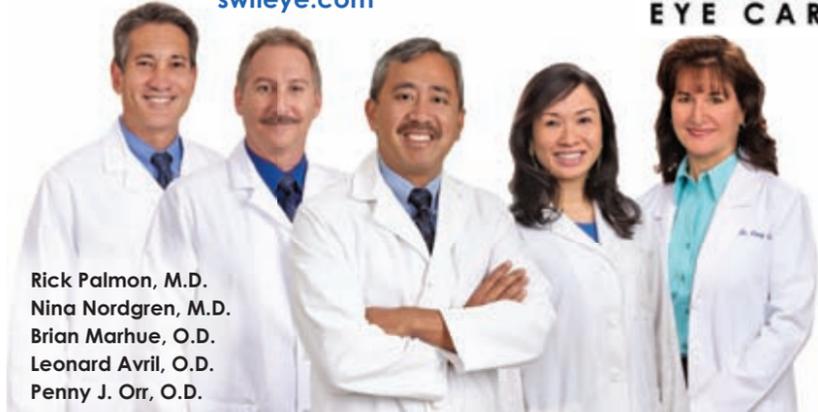
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FROM THE TOP

A different kind of adrenaline rush

Volvo Naples GM reflects on his transition from police officer to business owner

BY ROBBIE SPENCER

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Joe Parisi admits he sometimes misses his old life in law enforcement. But the New York native harnessed his passion for service to others and an entrepreneurial streak to thrive in the pressure-packed realm of car sales, creating a laidback, value-based experience for employee and car buyer alike with the recently opened Volvo Cars of Naples.

The Naples Boulevard location is the latest venture for Mr. Parisi, who has worked on acquiring and revamping local dealerships since 2013. He most recently sold his interest in past locations and now serves Volvo Cars of Naples as general manager and managing partner.

Mr. Parisi moved to Southwest Florida from New York in 1988, beginning a career in local law enforcement in Cape Coral and elsewhere in Lee County until he came to a crossroads in 2001.

“(Being a police officer) was my dream. I felt good that I did it, but then I ended up getting married and starting a family,” Mr. Parisi recalled. “At that point, I thought law enforcement wasn’t the wisest choice for my family.”

He made the fateful decision to leave his dream profession that year, in the name of lowering the risk factor for his family.

“I miss it everyday; the camaraderie, teamwork, and helping people.”

Mr. Parisi’s passion for service spilled over to his next profession as a car salesman.

It’s also why he quickly realized that despite his talent for selling cars, the



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Joe Parisi

status quo of service was not up to par by his standards.

“The business world has changed. In year’s past, you provided product at a price,” Mr. Parisi said. “But there’s so much competition now, both brick and mortar and online.”

So what separates someone in such a cutthroat business sector like car sales?

“How do we compel people to want to do business with us on a consistent basis?” was one of the many questions Mr. Parisi asked himself when he decided to venture on his own. “Provide better and more service. I seek people that have a different belief system, that truly want to be in service.”

Mr. Parisi believes it’s the right mix of pricing, amenities and the quality of product that sets people apart not only in car sales, but most business sectors.

That’s where his newest location

claims to set itself apart from its local counterparts.

Walking in to the store feels more like a spa setting than anything else; that’s by design, according to Mr. Parisi.

“It’s what you’d expect to see at a day spa,” he said. “A number of amenities, snacks, the décor.”

Volvo Cars of Naples has a fleet of loaner vehicles for those who come get their car serviced there. It not only offers new Volvo cars for sale, but pre-owned luxury products like Maserati, BMW and Mercedes as well as some domestic lines.

“We’re too small of a store to have the gimmicks and the games,” Mr. Parisi said, referring to other dealerships that focus more on marketing strategies. “Volvo cares about what’s important to you, making life less complicated. The look and feel of the store (is what sets us apart).”

Volvo’s well-known reputation for manufacturing safe, well engineered cars aligned with Mr. Parisi’s personal values as well as his reasoning for transitioning out of a riskier line of work in law enforcement.

“They care about their dealers,” he said of Volvo. “For us to do business, we need to have a product that people are willing to consider.”

And create a culture of service that resonates with people; Mr. Parisi believes he’s accomplished just that.

“It’s taken a lot of hard work and grit from each of our (38) employees. There’s a lot to do to maintain it,” he said.

“Pressure is a privilege.”

First job?

When I was 12 years old, I was hired as a bus boy at a restaurant.

What would you be doing if not this?

At this moment, I don’t know anything else I would do; probably something in the business arena, utilizing my entrepreneurial spirit.

Things you look for when hiring

Character, culture, drive, commitment. When I interview people, I tell them you have to be honest and ethical, and you can’t lie, cheat or steal.

Favorite business book?

“Customers for life” by Carl Sewell and Paul Brown

“1001 Ways to Reward Employees” by Bob Nelson

“The Go-Giver” by Bob Burg

Words of wisdom?

Be sincere and authentic in everything we do. Stay persistent, and keep good goals. Be truly exceptional. I always ask, are you giving the best version of yourself? To loved ones, coworkers, clients. Whether you did it right or wrong, if your intentions were real, you’ll be okay.

Last time you fired someone?

I’m lucky to have a great team. If you’re setting clear expectations, they’ll do it to themselves. We monitor things pretty closely; we don’t wait for them to do a bad job.

Any job openings?

Yes. We’re always looking for talented individuals to join our team in a number of positions; sales, customer relations and technicians. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

The AutoZone lesson: Look to the future when investing



Wouldn’t it be great to own a crystal ball that could tell you what a company’s earnings will be before they were announced? With such a device, you could see if the reported income was above or below the consensus estimate and then go long or short the stock, guaranteeing a profit. Or so it would seem. Wizards of the world who used their predictive device for AutoZone stock recently would have seen that the company handily beat its forecast earnings of \$12.94 per share by \$48 cents per share and bought the stock in anticipation of a steep rise in price. Instead, the stock tanked by almost 10 percent. So why did AutoZone fall and what can we learn about investing from this move?

AutoZone is the largest seller of retail auto parts in the U.S. with over 6,000 stores across the globe. The first AutoZone opened in 1979 under the name Auto Shack but quickly had to change its name after the Tandy Corp. accused it of infringing on its “Radio Shack” trademark. The company went public in 1991 at \$27.50 per share. By 2015, the company’s stock approached \$800 per share as the company expanded into 49 states as well as Mexico and Brazil.

This most recent quarter for



AutoZone was expected to be another very profitable one for the retailer with both revenue and earnings growing from the previous quarter. And earnings did not disappoint. A blowout quarter surpassed almost all analyst expectations. And while revenue did come in higher than the same quarter in 2017 by \$40 million, it was a little less than some analysts had hoped. Yet investors were still excited by the great earnings and the stock opened the day up 7 percent.

Soon after, during the earnings call discussing the quarter’s results, analysts realized that maybe things weren’t as rosy as the earnings number reflected.

The company’s CEO announced that he expects selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses to rise around 7 percent in the next year, mainly due to rising labor expenses. This is a very large increase in the context of a traditional retail store where margins are relatively thin. And with increased competition from online stores, Walmart and Amazon, many analysts believe that AutoZone will not be able to pass along these increased costs to consumers via higher prices.

The lower-than-expected revenue and unexpected higher future labor costs painted this earnings release in

a very negative light to analysts. The company tried to blame the low revenue on the weather saying, “Unfortunately, we had a very cold, wet spring through March and much of April and our sales didn’t respond until spring-like weather arrived in late April.” Investors weren’t buying it and the stock dropped like a rock.

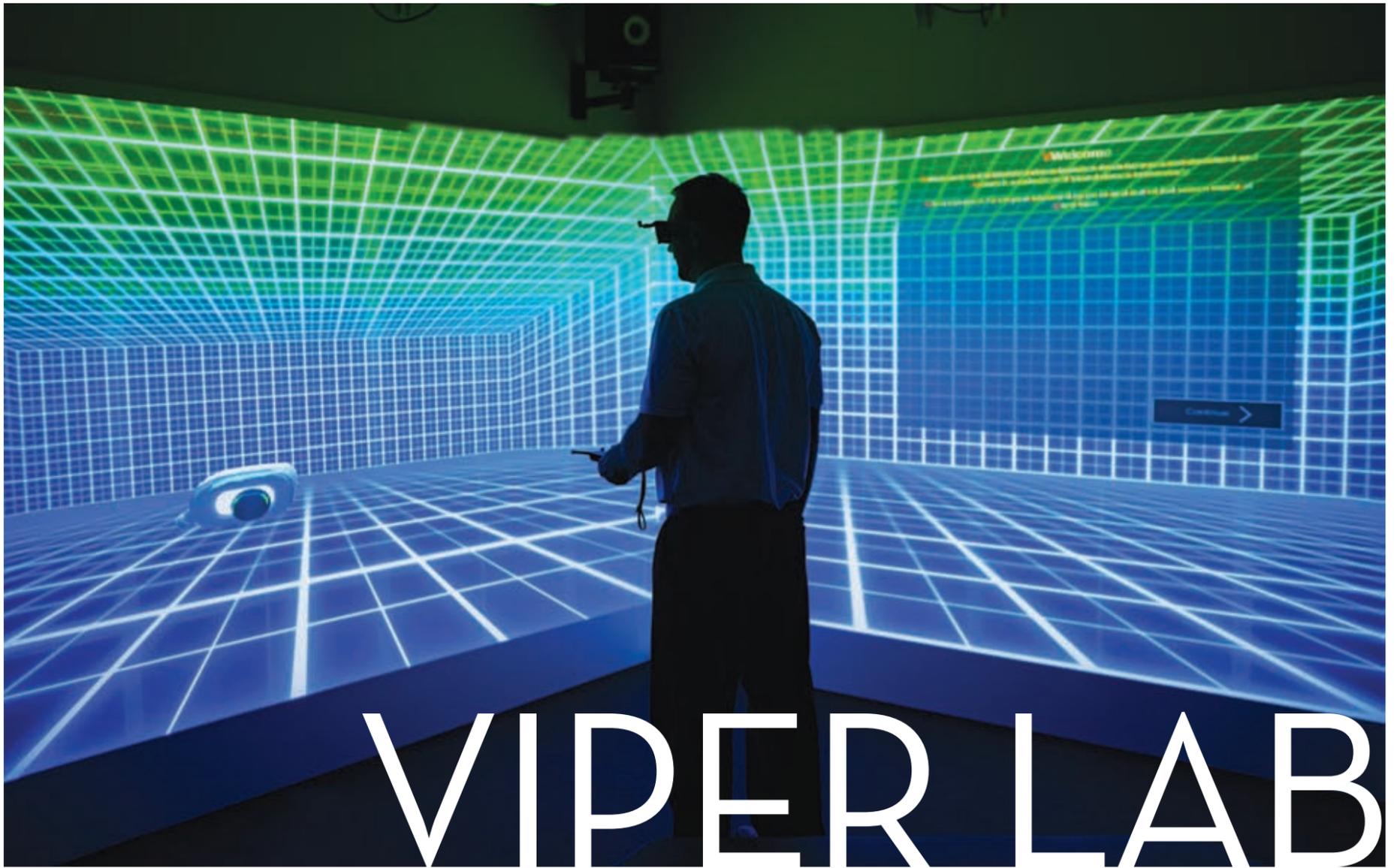
The AutoZone earnings report does highlight a couple of lessons for investors in general. First, the future is always more important than the past or even the present when it comes to stock price moves. Beating an earnings consensus for the latest quarter is great, but future guidance on what is to occur usually has a much bigger impact on a stock movement. This was true for AutoZone. It had an amazing quarter, but the stock price still fell because of what the CEO said about future quarters.

And second, knowledge about an industry is critical when analyzing a company. A 7 percent increase in labor costs for a growing tech company is not a big deal at all. But for a low-growth traditional retail company, it is critical. That’s why analysts focused on this part of the earnings call so closely and why it had such a sizeable move to the downside. And why I am staying far away from the stock as well. ■

— 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.

“The purpose of a 3-D model of the campus is, if the university wants to add a building, we can add it in 3-D to see how it looks.”

— **Antuan Vazquez**, a graduate of Ida S. Baker High School in Cape Coral who also holds a bioengineering degree from FGCU



VIPER LAB

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When one initially looks through the glasses, one sees a grid pattern.

FGCU College of Engineering brings future buildings to life

BY KEVIN LOLLAR

Special to Florida Weekly

Check your everyday reality at the door of the U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering's VIPER Laboratory and enter a world of virtual reality.

In VIPER Lab, you can put on a pair of three-dimensional glasses and use a hand-interaction wand to move virtual furniture around a virtual room or virtual buildings around a virtual college campus.

It's virtual reality, and it's a lot of fun, but it's not a game.

The lab's acronymic name indicates that the College of Engineering is doing serious stuff with virtual reality: VIPER stands for Virtual Interactive Portal for Engineering Research.

For those unfamiliar with the technology, virtual reality — or VR — is a computer-generated three-dimensional environment that a person can interact with and explore.

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FPL parent to buy Gulf Power for \$6.475 billion

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

In a major move in the state's utility industry, the parent company of Florida Power & Light said Monday it will buy Northwest Florida's Gulf Power as part of a \$6.475 billion deal.

NextEra Energy Inc. plans to buy Gulf Power, the Florida City Gas natural-gas company and ownership interests in two power plants from The Southern Company. The purchase of Gulf Power and the stakes in the power plants, which are subject to federal approval, are expected to close during the first half of 2019, while the Florida City Gas purchase is slated for the third quarter of 2018, according to a NextEra Energy announcement.

The deal would expand NextEra Energy's already-massive footprint in the state. Its Florida Power & Light subsidiary is by

far the largest electric utility in Florida, serving nearly 5 million customers. Gulf Power, with about 450,000 customers in eight counties, is the largest utility in the Panhandle. Florida City Gas has about 110,000 residential and commercial natural-gas customers in Miami-Dade, Brevard, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

NextEra said it will buy a 100 percent ownership interest in a power plant near Cocoa known as Plant Oleander, which has contracts to sell electricity to the Florida Municipal Power Agency and Seminole Electric Cooperative. It also will buy a 65 percent stake in a generating unit, known as Stanton A, at the Stanton Energy Center complex near Orlando. The unit is jointly owned by The Southern Company, the Orlando Utilities Commission, the Kissimmee Utility Authority and the Florida Municipal Power Agency, according to

information on The Southern Company website.

“These transactions will provide meaningful benefits for the state of Florida, and Gulf Power and Florida City Gas customers, as well as NextEra Energy shareholders,” said Jim Robo, chairman and chief executive officer of NextEra Energy.

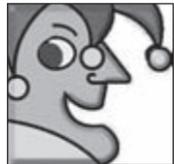
NextEra Energy plans to finance the deal through the issuance of new debt, according to the announcement. The \$6.475 billion total includes NextEra Energy assuming \$1.4 billion of Gulf Power debt.

Subsidiaries of The Southern Company, which is based in Atlanta, operate in numerous states. In addition to Gulf Power, the subsidiaries include Alabama Power, Georgia Power and Mississippi Power. The Florida Public Service Commission last year approved a settlement agreement that set base rates for Gulf Power.

In the announcement, NextEra Energy said that with the addition of Gulf Power, Florida City Gas and the power plants, the Juno Beach-based company “will be even better positioned to generate long-term shareholder value through a more robust financial profile, greater scale and an expanded platform for growth.”

But the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, which frequently intervenes in utility cases in Florida, expressed concern Monday about the purchase.

“While Southern Alliance for Clean Energy is still reviewing this deal, it raises concerns that any one monopoly utility would control such a significant percentage of Florida's energy market,” the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy said in a prepared statement. “Such consolidation of control may limit competition at a time when we need more and not less.” ■



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Wisdom from Omaha

At Berkshire Hathaway's recent annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, CEO Warren Buffett and his partner Charlie Munger took dozens of questions from shareholders, journalists and stock analysts over more than five hours. Here are some highlights, paraphrased:

• **On stock buybacks:** When asked about Apple's plan to spend \$100 billion buying back some of its stock, Buffett explained that it can make sense. (Doing so essentially retires those shares, reducing the company's total share count and making remaining shares more valuable.) Buybacks should only happen when the shares are undervalued, though, and when the companies don't have more productive uses for that money, such as reinvesting in further growth.

Buffett noted that via buybacks, Berkshire's 5 percent stake in Apple might grow to a 7 percent stake.

• **On women in management:** It's true that most of the managers who lead Berkshire's many businesses are men, but Buffett noted that many of them had the job when their company became part of Berkshire — there's little turnover. Still, about half of the

new CEOs Buffett has appointed in the past several years have been women.

Buffett suggested that the #metoo movement (of women coming forward about sexual harassment or abuse) will be good for the economy. He has pointed out in the past how half of the talent in America has been undertapped, and thinks that women are now more likely to have workforce opportunities.

• **On the importance of learning:** Munger opined: "If you're going to live a long time, you have to keep learning — what you formerly knew is never enough. So if you don't learn to constantly revise your earlier conclusions, and get better ones, you are — I always use the same metaphor — you're like a one-legged man in an a — kicking contest."

Read Buffett's enlightening annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. Roger Lowenstein's book, "Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" (Random House, \$20) is an excellent read, too. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Berkshire Hathaway.) ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Good Idea Isn't Enough

You can add WebVan to my list of dumb investments. It was a great idea with an unbelievably stupid ad campaign. The company had no clue who their core audience should have been. Their advertising targeted 20-something males when they should have been looking at working moms. Stupid.

— Z.S., online

The Fool Responds: You weren't alone in being disappointed with WebVan. The Wall Street Journal called it "one of the most glorious flops of the dot-com-bust."

The company's concept of groceries being ordered online and delivered to customers' doors was exciting — so much so that investors plowed more than \$800 million into it, when it wasn't even profitable. The company had smart management, invested heavily in infrastructure (such as high-tech warehouse fulfillment centers), and started out serving 10 cities and regions. In the year before it went out of business, the company took in only \$200,000 — in top-line revenue, not bottom-line profit.

The story reinforces the important lesson that a great idea isn't enough. Many great ideas never catch on — sometimes because their advertising doesn't get the right message out to the right targets. Investing in unproven companies is riskier than favoring established enterprises. Interestingly, many WebVan executives ended up doing well. Some now work for Amazon.com, which is building out a grocery delivery business — at what it hopes is the right time. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the 1927 opening of a root beer franchise in Washington, D.C. I was soon selling hot foods and preparing boxed lunches for airline passengers. I entered the lodging industry in 1957, launching the world's first motor hotel in Virginia. I was the first hotel company with a portfolio of brands — today it includes names such as The Ritz-Carlton, St. Regis, Westin, Le Meridien, W Hotels, Fairfield Inn, Residence Inn, Sheraton, Renaissance and SpringHill Suites. I offer more than 500,000 rooms worldwide, at more than 6,500 properties. Who am I? (Answer: Marriott International) ■



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Target-Date Funds

Q What are "lifecycle" funds, and should I invest in them?

— M.D., St. Augustine, Florida

A They're often referred to as "target-date" funds and are meant to help you invest for retirement.

People are often advised to hold mostly stocks when they're young and to shift toward bonds as they age. That can be a bother, so target-date funds do it for you. Each is focused on a particular year when shareholders would be expected to retire, and its asset allocation is adjusted over time as retirement approaches. If you plan to retire around 2040, for example, you might buy into a "2040" fund that will gradually shed stocks and add bonds over time.

Target-date funds vary widely, though. Before investing in one, consider each candidate's fees, holdings and performance. (Funds with the same target year can have different allocation mixes.) Keep your big picture in mind, too. You might invest \$25,000 in a target-date fund with an 80-20 stock-bond ratio, but if you hold \$100,000 in bonds separately and your retirement is 25 years away, your overall asset allocation might not be what you want or need it to be.

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Q How do I sell a stock when I have the stock certificates?

— C.U., Erie, Pennsylvania

A You can deliver them to your brokerage, which can then sell them for you, or you can ask the company what transfer agent it uses and sell through the agent. Sign the certificates first at a bank or institution that can stamp them with a "medallion signature guarantee." ■

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Name That Company

I came to life as a grocery-trading company in Korea in 1938. After some years, I entered the textile business, and later got involved in other lines of work, such as shipbuilding, heavy industry and, in 1969, electronics. I found success with televisions, video recorders, appliances and semiconductors, among other things. I developed mobile phones in the early 1990s and a smartphone in 1999. Today I'm one of the world's top brands



and largest companies, with more than 300,000 employees and No. 1 market share in TVs, smartphones, memory chips, refrigerators, display drivers and more. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Visa to Profitland

The world is transitioning away from cash, with Visa (NYSE: V) likely to be a major beneficiary. The company enjoys a host of competitive advantages — such as its scope. According to card payment analyst The Nilson Report, there were nearly 300 billion purchase transactions made on credit cards globally in 2017, and Visa processed more half of them.

Meanwhile, the barrier to entry in the payment processing industry is exceptionally high. Not only does it take a small fortune to set up the infrastructure to process payments, but it also takes a long time for payment facilitators to build rapport with merchants and consumers.

Visa expanded its geographic reach in June 2016 when it acquired Visa Europe.

With much of the world's transactions still conducted in cash, there are great growth opportunities in regions such as Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. In emerging markets such as India, Visa has a head start, with its CEO recently noting that Visa had more than a 50 percent share of debit and credit card spending in the world's second-most-populous nation.

Finally, Visa is relatively unaffected by economic swings. Though the company does rely on purchasing to drive the processing fees it collects, it's not a lender, so it doesn't have to worry about credit delinquencies. Give it some consideration. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Visa.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ **Business Networking International goal setters and networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Moorling Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information.

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■ The **CBIA Sales & Marketing Council** hosts FANTastic Marketing, a breakfast program with Meredith Oliver, president and creative director of a Raleigh, N.C.-based digital marketing agency, from 8:30-10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, at Quail West Golf & Country Club, 5950 Burnham Road in Naples. The public is invited. FANTastic Marketing will address website design and content management, search engine optimization and paid search marketing, social media marketing, online lead generation and conversion best practices, digital marketing trends and new marketing platforms. \$20 for S&MC members \$30 for CBIA members, \$40 for others. Registration closes June 1. To sign up or for more information, call the CBIA at 436-6100, email nancy@cbia.net or visit www.cbia.net.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Hilton Naples. Chamber President Michael Dalby will facilitate a discussion about the Collier County sales tax ballot initiative with panelists Scott Burgess, CEO of David Lawrence Center; Nick Casalanguida, deputy county manager for Collier County; and John Schmieding, senior vice president and general counsel of Arthrex Inc. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Applications are open for the **Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award**, sponsored by BB&T - Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank.

The award recognizes a small business that has overcome adversity to achieve

success. Finalists and the winner will be selected by an independent panel and announced at a Nov. 1 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

To be eligible for the award, applicants must be a for-profit business, based in Lee, Collier or Charlotte county, that has overcome obstacles to achieve success. Businesses must employ between four and 500 people, and have been in operation for at least three years.

Applications are due Sept. 4. They are available at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita Springs. Interested businesses can also request an application from BB&T - Oswald Trippe and Company at 239-433-7189 or smercado@bbandt.com. ■

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VIRTUAL

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A key word in VR is immersion, which is the perception of being physically present in a world that is simulated by software.

To many people, virtual reality means games such as “Robo Recall,” “Need for Speed No Limits” or “Star Wars Battlefront: Rogue One X-Wing VR Mission,” but to the more serious-minded, virtual reality is a technology that’s becoming a powerful force in business environments, including engineering, architecture, education and medicine.

One of VIPER Lab’s primary goals is to prepare students for this virtual reality business world.

“Virtual reality is the future,” said lab manager Antuan Vazquez, who loves virtual reality games, but doesn’t have time to play them. “We want students to be able to understand how this technology is being used by those at the cutting edge in the real world. We want them to be a step ahead so they’re not training when they get to the job site. Our students are developing 3-D models, learning the basics of how to create a virtual world.

“We want our engineers to be able to develop virtual reality, including games. As the world goes more and more into VR, this experience will make them more employable.”

Among current student projects is a virtual-reality model of FGCU’s campus being created by software engineering majors.

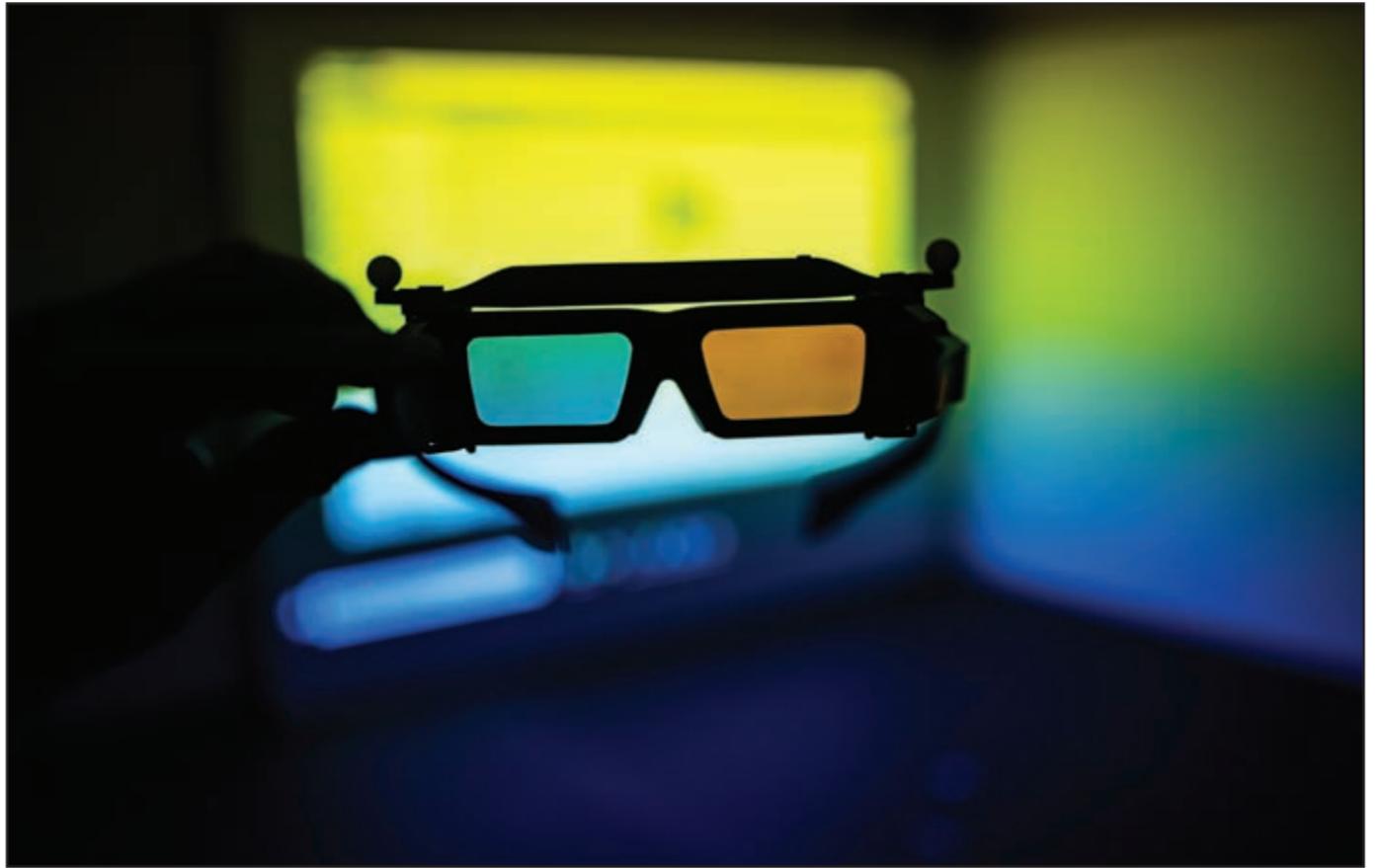
“The purpose of a 3-D model of the campus is, if the university wants to add a building, we can add it in 3-D to see how it looks,” said Mr. Vazquez, a graduate of Ida S. Baker High School in Cape Coral who also holds a bioengineering degree from FGCU.

Software engineering students are also working on a math game called “Math Worm” aimed at fourth graders. The game is based on the popular “Temple Run,” a 3-D “endless running” game in which the character, operated by the player, steals a golden idol from an Aztec temple and tries to escape while being chased by The Evil Demon Monkeys.

In “Math Worm,” “the avatar is riding a worm down a corridor while apples with math questions, say ‘two times four,’ are flung at the worm,” Mr. Vazquez said. “The worm must avoid the apples with wrong answers on them and catch the apples with the right answers. As the kid gets more answers right, the speed increases, and that makes the kid faster in math.”

This is a long way from the old arithmetic worksheets of the pre-VR days, just as VR engineering is a long way from drafting tables and T-squares.

Students from the Department of Environmental and Civil Engineering who



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In VIPER Lab, three-dimensional glasses are used for creation of a virtual room or buildings.

are interested in water management and flood control, for example, could create 3-D models of coastal communities to demonstrate how storm surges from different hurricane categories would affect them.

“Then you could bring in policy makers and say, ‘Hey, here’s your city, and these buildings will be flooded if you don’t take this action,’” said Mr. Vazquez. “That would motivate policy makers to take action.

“Or, for bioengineering courses, it would be amazing to show students 3-D models of the human heart. It’s hard to understand the anatomy of the heart from a 2-D picture. With a 3-D model, you can show the ventricles and valves.”

Mr. Vazquez hopes VIPER, which became operational in February, will have impacts beyond FGCU.

“A lot of things are dangerous or are unfeasible due to the cost, so you use virtual reality,” he said. “One of our goals is to involve companies that are already using VR or are interested in working with VR. Companies can use our facility for VR projects — this equipment is very expensive, and not everybody can afford it — and we hope to use resources from the community to teach our students.”

VIPER Lab is built around Corner Cave, a product of virtual reality innovator WorldViz (in VR-speak, CAVE is actually an acronym — often lower-case except for the “C” — for Cave Automatic Virtual Environment, and a Corner Cave is a cave that fits in the corner of a room).

The Corner Cave consists of a series of projectors that project images onto walls, and a motion tracking system, a series of networked cameras that track the movements of users in real-time, so they can move within the 3-D environment.

And, because sound is important to any virtual reality experience, VIPER uses a Dolby Atmos surround sound system, which produces sound in a three-dimensional space — one reviewer said Dolby Atmos “will allow you to hear sound in a 360-degree bubble.”

A virtual reality laboratory equipped with Dolby Atmos should be a big draw for potential engineering students, said Richard Behr, dean of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

“We have open houses every semester called Eagle Expo; we had one in February, and the VIPER lab was a big attention getter,” Mr. Behr said. “This state-of-the-art technology is very useful in recruitment.”

Mr. Behr said VIPER will have a major impact on the engineering college.

“It has widespread applicability in all engineering disciplines,” he said. “It can be used to simulate construction sites; you walk through the site in a virtual environment, and you can mitigate problems on the site during real construction. But you can also apply VR to civil engineering and environmental engineering.

“In bioengineering, instead of looking at a construction site, you look inside a human body. Or in environmental engineering, you can study pollution and climate change. And software engineer-

ing: The whole facility is orchestrated by software.”

In all, the set-up cost more than \$200,000, a one-time allocation from the state in preparation for introducing a Construction Management program in the College of Engineering.

Mr. Behr said that the construction management undergraduate degree program will commence at FGCU in fall 2019.

Given the ongoing projects, future projects, and recruiting potential of the VIPER lab, Mr. Behr and Mr. Vazquez are obviously excited.

“Virtual reality is a technology that’s amazing to a lot of people,” Mr. Vazquez said. “It’s drawing a lot of attention, attracting a lot of interest. When a lot of bright minds are drawn to it, a lot of good things will come out of it. And, when we have involvement with companies and the community, a lot of cool things will be happening in this lab.”

But while the VIPER lab is up and running, and students are already involved with projects, there is still plenty of work to be done, Mr. Vazquez said. Putting a virtual reality lab together requires a lot of trial and error.

“This is bleeding-edge technology, not cutting-edge,” he said. “A lot of things can go wrong that you have to fix. That’s where the bleeding comes in.” ■

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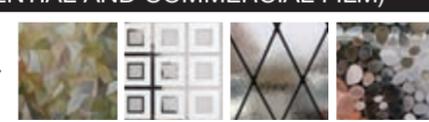


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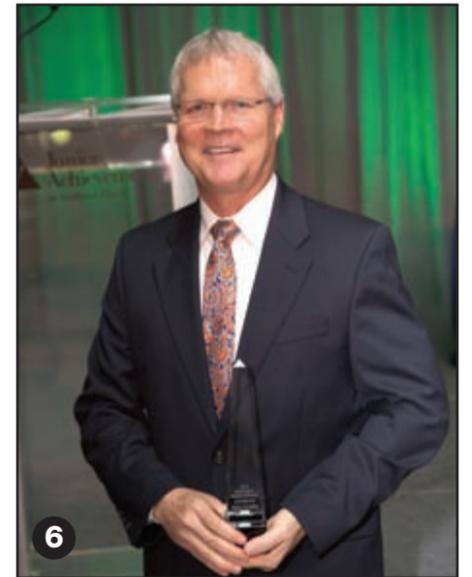
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House Hunting

3671 Grand Cypress Drive

On a large corner lot in Cypress Woods Golf & Country Club with spectacular views of the golf course, this rarely available Devon model has numerous custom touches and upgrades. There are two bedrooms, two baths and a den. Details include a screened front entry, custom paint colors, crown molding, tray ceilings with designer fans and light fixtures, plantation shutters, neutral tile and carpet plus new flooring in the master suite. The kitchen has pristine white

cabinets with crown molding, solid surface counters, wall ovens and new countertop range. The newly screened lanai is complete with an outdoor kitchen with custom hood and new refrigerator. Cypress Woods is a bundled golf community with renovated golf course and clubhouse.

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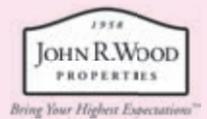
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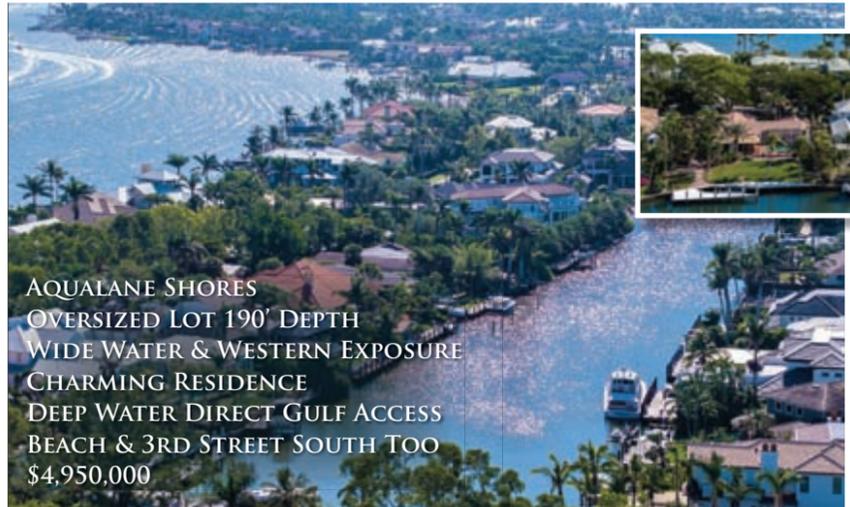
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Premier Sotheby's International Realty recently announced its acquisition of Stock Realty's Resale and Rental division at its location in Stock Plaza at Lely Resort. Premier Sotheby's will serve both residential and rental real estate customers in the area. Under terms of the acquisition, the former Stock Realty Resale and Rental office, located at 7711 Collier Blvd., Unit 105, Naples, will now operate under the banner of Premier Sotheby's International Realty. David Gape will serve as managing broker of the new office, in addition to his current leadership of Premier Sotheby's International Realty's Marco Island office. The 21 real estate

agents, formerly affiliated with Stock Realty, were invited to affiliate with Premier Sotheby's International Realty and remain with the newly acquired office.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty also announced new associates in its Southwest Florida office locations: Richard Adams, Marco Island; John Blackie, Broad Avenue; Bill Brundage, The Village; Shaelyn Dimiceli, Sanibel/Captiva; Tim Drobynyk, Captiva; Cavan Guenther, Bonita Springs; Tim Konarski, The Village; Brian McColgan, Captiva; Kate Sergeant, Captiva; and Becky Toole, Bonita Springs.

"We are very happy to welcome these new associates to Premier Sotheby's

International Realty," said CEO Judy Green. "Their real estate industry experience, deep knowledge of the Naples region and commitment to excellent customer service lead to making clients for life. We are so pleased to work with these talented associates."

Lynn Stein has joined the expanding staff of award-winning interior designers at the Naples Clive Daniel Home showroom.

The Michigan native earned a BFA in Interior Design from College for Creative Studies in Detroit where her team partnered with the downtown business community on commercial renovation

projects. She subsequently opened her own design firm, working with residential clients and collaborating on hospitality projects.

Ms. Stein also has over 15 years of experience in public relations and marketing in the Detroit area, backed by a journalism degree from Central Michigan University. Originally from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., she recently relocated to Naples to be part of the energy at CDH.



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Second tower under construction at Kalea Bay

Community's Club Amenity Center popular with residents

Just months after the successful sell out and move-ins of all developer units in Kalea Bay's first tower, construction on the second tower in the gated, luxury high-rise community located in North Naples is well underway.

"We've had record-breaking sales in Tower 200 during the first quarter of 2018," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "To be more specific, from January to May we sold 24 residences in Tower 200 totaling more than \$52 million. However, since launching sales in July 2017, we have sold more than 50 percent of all residences in the tower for a total of \$120 million."

Like its predecessor, Tower 200 is also 22-stories with 120 residences. Specifically, 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5 are 4-bedroom/4.5 bath plans with 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans with 3,919 total square feet.

"Residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

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

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

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

"Master suites, kitchens and main living areas in most units have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Lodge said.

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

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

Like the first tower, Tower 200 will also have rooftop amenities including a pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge.

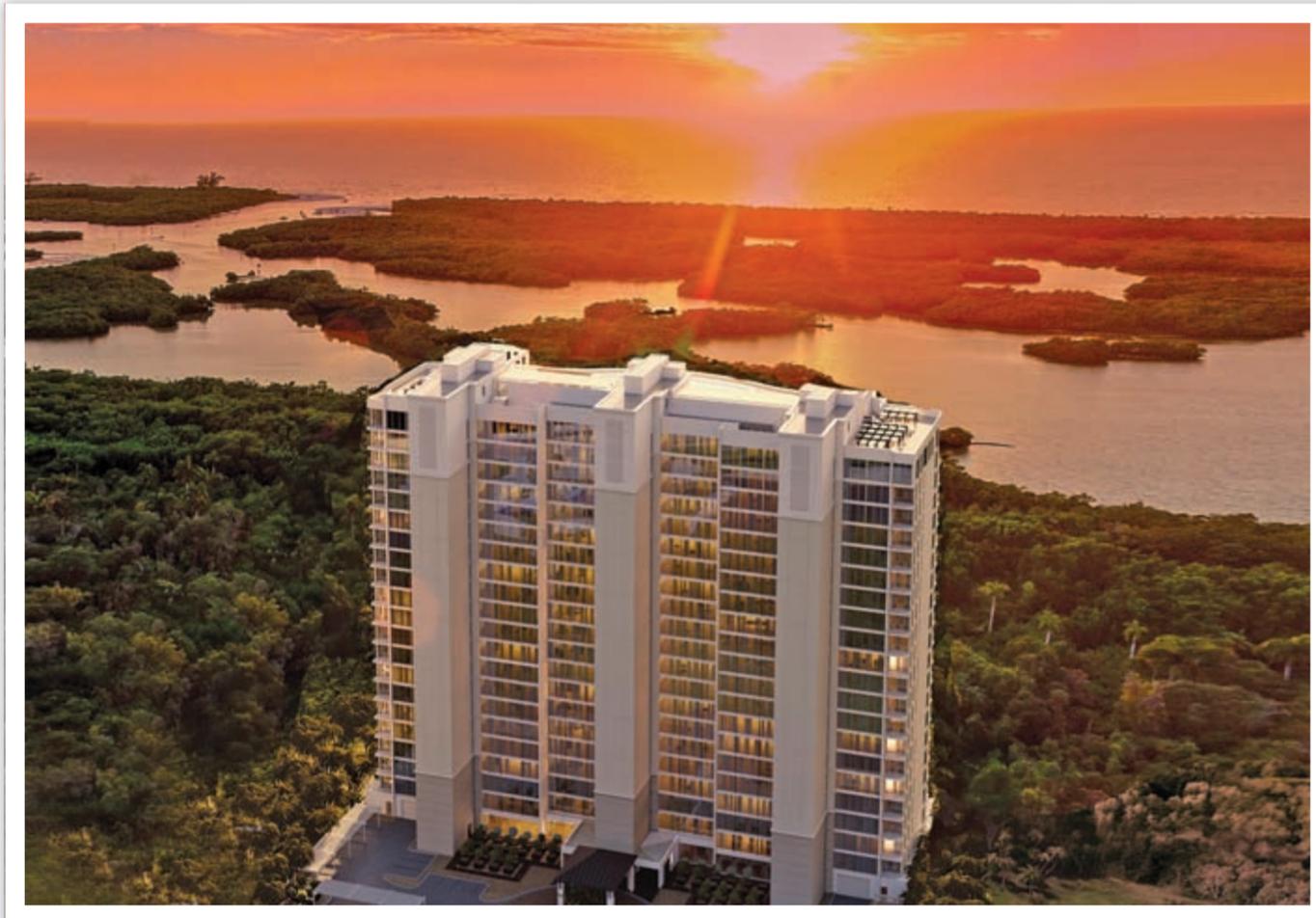
Prices in Tower 200 begin at \$1.4 million.

The residents of the first tower, along with their family members and friends, are already enjoying the community's Club amenity center. It opened in early January and is now the social and recreational centerpiece of the community.

"The 88,000-square-foot club amenity center is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance," stated Lodge. "Not only is it a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it's now the envy of every community in the Naples area."

She added, "Purchasers in Tower 200 can start using the club and its amenities the day they sign their contracts, affording them an unprecedented opportunity to utilize this amazing \$25 million world-class amenity center."

The clubhouse itself features three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air



Above: Below Right: Kalea Bay's second tower is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. **Right:** Kalea Bay's Club amenity center includes the clubhouse which features three separate pools, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, fitness center, open-air bar and Internet café. **Below Left:** The rooftop amenities at Kalea Bay's second tower will include a pool, open-air fitness center and sky lounge. **Below Right:** A fire pit at the clubhouse offers stunning views of the community's first tower on the opposite side of the lake. **Bottom:** The high-rise residences have very open floor plans.



bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, bistro, a fitness center, and lakeside fire pit.

"All three pools overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Lodge.

Expansive sun decks and lounge chairs separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

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

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis



courts, as well as eight pickleball courts. Guest suites can be reserved by members to accommodate overnight guests and are located on property.

Residents also have a shuttle service that originates from the clubhouse, and

takes them to the beach.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com. ■

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All three Phase III model leasebacks now sold at Ronto's Naples Square

The Ronto Group's three Phase III furnished models at Naples Square are now under contract.

The models feature the Phase III Biltmore, Chatham, and Dover floor plans and will remain open for viewing after completion of construction through a developer leaseback. Less than 25 Phase III purchase opportunities remain available. Sales transactions worth more than \$60 million have been processed and the Phase III building is more than 70% sold. Two of the Phase III floor plans, the Dorset and Emerson plans, are sold out. The Phase III building is scheduled for completion in spring 2019. Three Phase II furnished models remain open for viewing with a sales associate.

Situated at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples Square's walkable lifestyle and the availability of one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces continue to transform how people live downtown. Eight Phase III one and two-story floor plans from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air are base-priced from \$750,000 to \$1,645,000. The Phase III plans offer enlarged and re-named iterations of Naples Square's Phase I residences. The two and three-bedroom plus den plans feature 10' ceilings, open-air terraces, and designer kitchens with an enhanced appliance package with a gas cooktop and hood and a wall mounted oven and microwave.

Baer's Furniture's Linda Kaufman is creating the interior for the Biltmore model. The Biltmore floor plan reflects the enhanced Phase III space sequences. Base-priced at \$975,000, the 1,698 square feet under air two-bedroom plus den plan is based on the 1,529 square feet Phase I Ballard plan. In addition to offering 11% more air-conditioned space, the Biltmore's terrace is 20% larger and measures 242 square feet. Each Biltmore residence will overlook the Phase III building's landscaped courtyard. Just two Biltmore residences remain available for purchase. The great room plan includes a counter-height island kitchen with a stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and food preparation area. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the terrace.

Ronto enlarged the width of the Biltmore's great room, kitchen, and terrace by two feet. The enlarged width allowed Ronto to increase the glass slider panels opening to the terrace from four to six, a step that provides additional natural light while enhancing the courtyard views. An additional foot of depth was included in the new terrace design. The increased width and depth resulted in the 20% increase in terrace square footage. A wall of cabinetry was added to the kitchen design and is now standard in Biltmore residences. The re-design also expanded the size of the owner's bedroom that now measures 15 x 15-feet.

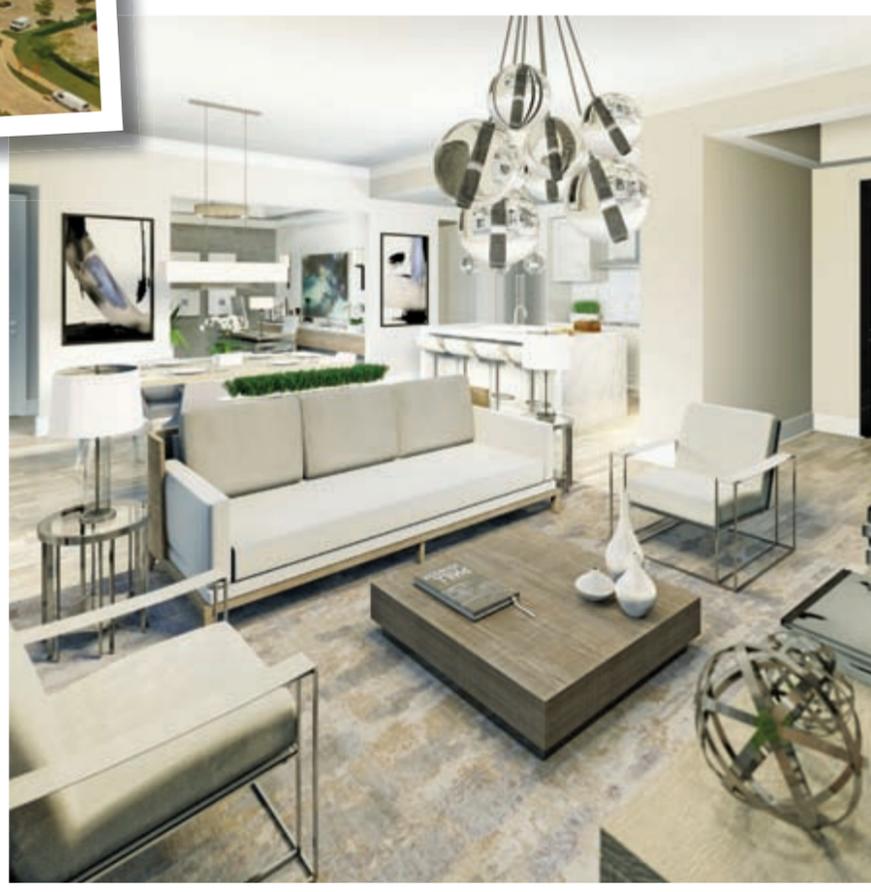
Robb & Stucky's Ingrid De Villiers is designing the Chatham model. Fashioned after the Phase I Chelsea plan, the Phase III Chatham two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath floor plan is base-priced at \$950,000 and includes 1,883 square feet under air and a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the balcony. The Phase



Top: The Phase III Dover residence will offer an exceptional level of livability to complement Naples Square's amenity rich walkable lifestyle. Just six of the Dover floor plan residences remain available. Above: Phase III sales transactions worth nearly \$60 million have been processed at Naples Square and the Phase III building is now nearly 70% sold. The Phase III building is under construction and on schedule for completion in spring 2019. Right: The Ronto Group announced that all three of the Phase III furnished models at Naples Square are now under contract. The models will remain open for viewing after completion of construction through a developer leaseback.

III Chatham is available with courtyard views or east and west city views. The flowing floor plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The powder bath is located in a hallway leading to the laundry room. The owner's suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities. Eight residences showcasing the Chatham floor plan are available. Two remaining Phase III Chatham penthouses are both west facing and priced at \$1,025,000.

Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors is designing the Dover model. Based on the 2,264 square feet Phase I Denison plan, the Phase III Dover floor plan offers 2,375 square feet of living space, an increase of 111 square feet. The Dover also includes a 314 square feet open-air balcony. Base-priced at \$1,200,000, the plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a great room and dining room, an island kitchen with counter height bar seating, and an L-shaped balcony that wraps



around the corner of the building. The great room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms open to the balcony. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony, double walk-in closets and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. The Phase III Dover is available with eastern, southern, western, northern, and courtyard exposures. Just six Dover residences remain available.

To enhance the Phase III Dover, Ronto pushed the corner unit's great room and dining area out toward the exterior of the building to increase the depth of the space by four feet and the width by two feet. The enhancement

allowed Ronto to add a third panel of glass to the great room window and to add a fourth panel to the slider that opens to the balcony. The additional panels will provide significantly more natural light. The changes in the great room also increased the size of the balcony. Ronto also increased the size of the Dover's study by 30% by repositioning the laundry room.

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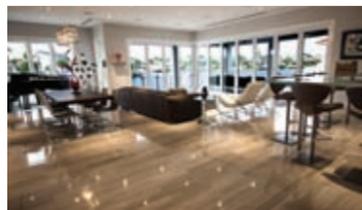
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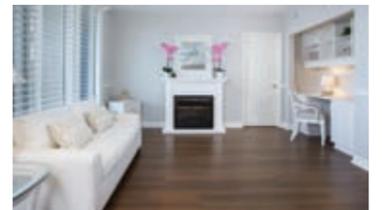
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Simplicity of coach home, terrace home and penthouse home living featured at Talis Park

Talis Park offers an expanded collection of new resort-style coach homes, terrace homes and penthouse homes in its Viansa and Corsica neighborhoods. The collection of residences provides a simplified, low-maintenance lifestyle with fairway, water, and nature preserve views and situated just moments from Talis Park's Vyne House clubhouse.

These new residences are thoughtfully designed with premium accoutrements for luxury home buyers seeking the convenience of new, "lock-and-leave"-style homes with minimum upkeep, security and privacy. Immediate access to diversified amenities encourages wellbeing by allowing residents to stay active without traveling across town to work or work out.

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"It's more about a whole lifestyle than just a place to live," added Laurie McArdle. "There's always something to do. People are friendly, it's beautiful surroundings. What's not to like?"

The newly-constructed Viansa terrace homes, penthouse homes and Corsica Coach Home residences offer open-concept floorplans which allow homeowners to relax and entertain year-round.

WCI/Lennar's Viansa terrace homes' refined designs balance everyday living with easy entertaining. At approximately 2,350 square feet, each residence includes a private elevator foyer, island kitchen and dining area, balcony off the guest bedroom, and great room opening to the covered lanai. Viansa penthouse residences are available in 2,930 and 2,950 square feet, three-bedroom plus den floor plans.

Two brand new model homes are available for viewing in Viansa.

The new Terrace Model is sumptuously furnished by the award-winning Naples design firm, Cinnabar Design. The Terrace home features a formal foyer that leads into an open kitchen and great room, with glass sliders that seamlessly blend the indoor space with the gracious lanai for an emphasis on alfresco living. The home is complete with three full bedrooms, three full baths, a powder room and a den. Terrace Homes at Viansa are priced from the low-\$600s.

The second model is the new Penthouse home at Viansa. Naples' own Beasley & Henley have stylishly designed the model with transitional furnishings, rustic touches, and light, fresh tones of cream, grey and aqua accents. The Viansa penthouse-style homes feature private elevators, breezy living areas, and ample space for entertaining indoors and out. Penthouse Homes at Viansa are priced from the low-\$900s.

FrontDoor Communities' resort-style Coach Homes at Corsica feature two floor plans with 2,532 and 3,382 air-conditioned square feet. From the \$700's including a sports membership, these homes are highlighted by open-concept living areas customizable to individual preferences, including unique den/study options and natural gas-powered outdoor kitchens. Each residence has a private garage accessible from the residence, private covered terrace off the owner's bedroom, dual walk-in closets in the owner's suite, covered lanai



Above: The Sienna coach home model by FrontDoor Communities. Left: WCI/Lennar's Viansa terrace home. Below: The Messina coach home model by FrontDoor Communities. Bottom: WCI/Lennar's Viansa penthouse home.



across the rear of the residence, and paved motor courts and walkways.

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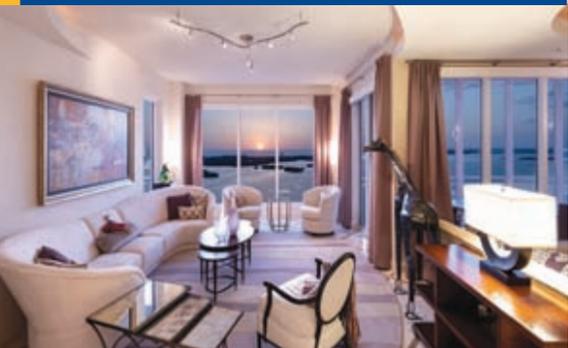
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4931 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1403, BONITA
 • Breathtaking Bay & Gulf Views
 • Sunrise for Coffee & Happy Hour Sunsets
\$1,975,000 MLS 218035663
 Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

PENINSULA AT TREVISO BAY



9873 MONTIANO CT., NAPLES
 • Quick Delivery Abaco Model
 • 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, TPC Golf Membership
\$1,899,000 MLS 218021041
 Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

TALIS PARK - PISTOIA CASA



16687 PISTOIA WAY, NAPLES
 • 3 BR, 3 Full BA, 2 Half BA + Den, 3,557 S.F.
 • Custom Built Home w/Every Luxury Detail
\$1,495,000 MLS 218007754
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BONITA BAY - SPRING RIDGE



26060 FAWNWOOD CT., BONITA
 • Elegant Brick-Front Estate Home
 • Circular Driveway, Gracious Entry
\$1,450,000 MLS 216069692
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

MARCO BEACH



786 ORCHID CT., MARCO ISLAND
 • Long & Wide Converging Waterway Views
 • 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Wraparound Lanai, Pool/Spa
\$1,450,000 MLS 218010046
 Liz Appling 239.272.7201

BONITA BAY - ANCHORAGE



27540 RIVERBANK DR., BONITA
 • Gorgeous 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den, Updated Villa
 • Rare 3 Car Garage, Wide Scenic Lake Views
\$1,050,000 MLS 218031434
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

OLD NAPLES - MODENA



380 10TH ST. S. #204, NAPLES
 • Beautiful 2 BR, 3 BA + Den Townhouse
 • Bright & Airy Floor Plan, 1 Car Garage
\$997,000 MLS 218009698
 Galietti Team 239.826.5897

BONITA BAY - VISTAS



4751 BONITA BAY BLVD. #1902, BONITA
 • Stunning Views of Bay & Gulf of Mexico
 • 3 Private Balconies
\$994,900 MLS 217009314
 Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



9084 WINDSWEEP DR., ESTERO
 • Hawthorne, Bardmoor Model, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den
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\$734,000 MLS 218027638
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TALL PINES



5801 WAXMYRTLE WAY, NAPLES
 • 3 Miles from the Beach
 • Walking Distance to Shopping & Dining
\$699,000 MLS 218029139
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SERRANO



27054 SERRANO WAY, BONITA
 • Custom 3 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, Quiet Neighborhood
 • Open Chef's Kitchen w/Lake View
\$625,000 MLS 218036689
 Vahle Team 239.450.7805

BONITA BAY - LAKESIDE



4081 BAYHEAD DR. #204, BONITA
 • 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage, 2nd Floor
 • Southwest Corner, Turnkey Furnished
\$539,000 MLS 217069250
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NAPLES PARK



517 92ND AVE. N., NAPLES
 • Walking Distance to the Beach
 • Short Bike Ride to Shops & Restaurants
\$489,900 MLS 218023197
 Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

VILLAGE WALK



28354 MORAY DR., BONITA
 • Immaculate 4 BR, 3 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage
 • SW Lake View, Private Lanai & Pool
\$469,900 MLS 217056950
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

NAPLES BAY RESORT



1025 SANDPIPER ST. #E105, NAPLES
 • Resort Style Living, 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey
 • 5 Minute Walk to 5th Avenue
\$459,000 MLS 217033486
 Roger Stening 239.770.4707

VILLAGES OF BONITA



28371 NAUTICA LN., BONITA
 • Popular 3 BR, 2 BA + Den, Oakmont Floor Plan
 • Pool, Lake View
\$430,000 MLS 218018885
 Vahle Team 239.450.7805

MOORINGS



2500 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #N6, NAPLES
 • Condo w/Boat Dock on Moorings Bay
 • Across the Street from the Beach
\$369,000 MLS 218034158
 Deborah Viglas 239.215.2035

TWIN LAKES



1060 ALHAMBRA CIR., NAPLES
 • Minutes to Shopping & Restaurants
 • Short Bike Ride to the Beach
\$349,000 MLS 218018629
 Dodona & Ornela, The Roboci Team 239.776.8123

SPANISH WELLS - MARBELLA



9340 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA
 • Beautiful Lake, Golf Course & Preserve View
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, Open Floor Plan
\$345,000 MLS 218017880
 The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BELLASERA RESORT



221 9TH ST. S. #307, NAPLES
 • 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
 • Sold Turnkey
\$335,000 MLS 218036349
 Tina Tusack 239.634.3810

TARPON BAY - NEPTUNE BAY

NEW PRICE



1720 TARPON BAY DR. S. #202, NAPLES
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage, 1,669 S.F.
 • Granite, Crown Molding, SS, Gas Available
\$267,500 MLS 218024360
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

HAWTHORNE

NEW PRICE



26407 LUCKY STONE RD. #101, BONITA
 • Peaceful Location on Preserve
 • 3 Bedroom Condo, 1,747 S.F.
\$259,000 MLS 218012111
 Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

HACIENDA VILLAGE



27911 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #217D, BONITA
 • Rare in Hacienda, 2 Bedrooms + Den
 • New Carpet, Tile & Paint, Offered Furnished
\$255,000 MLS 218018789
 Vahle Team 239.450.7805

VASARI - MATERA



28442 ALTESSA WAY #202, BONITA
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1,616 S.F., Turnkey Furnished
 • Beautiful Lake View w/Southern Exposure
\$249,900 MLS 218004534
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

BELLASERA RESORT

NEW LISTING



221 9TH ST. S. #406, NAPLES
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 • Sold Turnkey
\$189,000 MLS 218036329
 Tina Tusack 239.634.3810

VASARI - MATERA



12070 MATERA LN. #201, BONITA
 • 2 BR + Den, 2nd Floor Condo
 • Golf Course, Lake & Wildlife Views
\$182,900 MLS 218028964
 Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

LAKESIDE HIDEAWAY



10010 MADDOX LN. #315, BONITA
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 • 3rd Floor Unit w/Water Views
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• 3 Bedrooms + Den, Pool/Spa
\$1,199,000 MLS 218019976
Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507

BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW



4811 ISLAND POND CT. #1203, BONITA
• Penthouse
• 2,382 S.F. Under Air
\$1,100,000 MLS 217041042
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

SHADOW WOOD - CEDAR GLEN NEW LISTING



9194 HOLLOW PINE DR., ESTERO
• 4 BR, 3 BA + Den, 3,013 S.F., Lake/Preserve View
• 42" Cabinets, SS, Granite, Island w/Sink in Kitchen
\$895,000 MLS 218034775
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

BONITA BAY



3953 WOODLAKE DR., BONITA
• Enjoy Peaceful Sunsets from SW Facing Lanai
• Remodeled Kitchen, New Roof in 2011, 3,811 S.F.
\$885,000 MLS 218026675
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

VANDERBILT BEACH



9415 GULF SHORE DR. #301, NAPLES
• Spectacular Gulf Views, Beachfront Condo
• 2 BR, 2 BA, Furnished & Pet Friendly
\$869,999 MLS 217063949
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

FIDDLER'S CREEK - VARENNA



9225 MUSEO CIR. #201, NAPLES
• Pristine Lake View
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms + Den
\$539,000 MLS 217079143
Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.325.3505

TIBURON - CASTILLO



2843 TIBURON BLVD. E. #7-101, NAPLES
• Spacious 3 BR, 2 BA Condo w/2 Car Garage
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\$537,000 MLS 217050017
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

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5575 LAGO VILLAGGIO WAY, NAPLES
• Lakefront 4 BR Home w/Pool & Spa
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\$535,000 MLS 218027697
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

BLACK BEAR RIDGE



7209 ACORN WAY, NAPLES
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, 3 Car Garage
• Upgraded Kitchen/Breakfast Bar
\$529,000 MLS 218003021
Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

VINEYARDS - MONTELENA



6120 MONTELENA CIR. #2201, NAPLES
• Golf Views, 3 BR, 3 BA + Den
• Cherry Cabinetry, Granite, 18" Diagonal Tile
\$399,000 MLS 218017776
Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

BELLA TERRA



20283 TORRE DEL LAGO ST., ESTERO
• Former Model, Canterbury Floor Plan
• Move-In Ready, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage
\$389,000 MLS 218029931
Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

SHADOW WOOD - CYPRESS HAMMOCK



9520 CYPRESS HAMMOCK CIR. #102, ESTERO
• 1st Floor Former Model, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2-Car Garage
• Enclosed A/C Lanai, SS Appliances, Breakfast Bar
\$379,900 MLS 218034778
Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

SPANISH WELLS



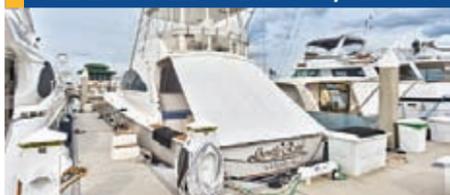
28729 MEGAN DR., BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2,248 S.F., 2 Car Garage
• Pool, Golf Course Views, Gated Community
\$374,900 MLS 217078975
Meli Chelon-Gumma 239.273.3974

MEADOWS OF ESTERO



3620 LANSING LP. #202, ESTERO
• Expansive Lanai w/Long Lake View
• Oak Staircase w/Wrought Iron Railing
\$335,000 MLS 218005211
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MOORINGS - BEACH ACCESS



820 KETCH DR. #2, NAPLES
• Newly Remodeled 2 BR, 2 BA Condo
• Tile Throughout, SS, Laundry in Unit
\$269,900 MLS 218018627
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

COUNTRY CREEK



21179 BUTCHERS HOLLER, ESTERO
• Lake & Golf Course Views
• 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 2 Car Garage
\$269,000 MLS 218007593
Jim Griffith, The Boeglin Team 239.322.2409

WILDCAT RUN



20130 GOLDEN PANTHER DR. #3, ESTERO
• Furnished Townhouse, 3 BR, 3 BA
• Lake, Preserve, Golf Course View
\$242,500 MLS 217067983
Carol Jones 239.250.4310

HACIENDA VILLAGE



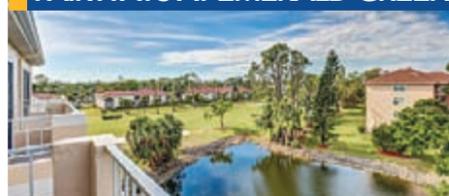
27870 HACIENDA EAST BLVD. #202C, BONITA
• 2 BR, 2.5 BA Townhouse, Great Location
• 2 Pools, Tennis, Bocce, Gated Community
\$225,000 MLS 218014683
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

VILLAGES OF BONITA



25756 AMELIA WAY #203, BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA, 2nd Floor, Remodeled Condo
• Spacious Living Area & Open Kitchen
\$199,900 MLS 217072418
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

FAIRWAYS AT EMERALD GREEN



992 WOODSHIRE LN. #D-309, NAPLES
• Charming 2 Story, 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo
• Located in the Heart of Naples
\$199,000 MLS 217076624
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

CEDAR HAMMOCK - TERRACE V



3770 SAWGRASS WAY #3424, NAPLES
• 2nd Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey, Elevator Access
• Lush Views of Greens & Large Lake
\$169,900 MLS 217049974
Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

GOLF VIEW MANOR



5651 RATTLESNAKE HAMMOCK RD. #C-105, NAPLES
• Beautifully Updated w/Golf Course View
• Freshly Painted w/New Water Heater
\$165,000 MLS 218008784
Sylvie Hall, Westerfield Group 239.300.3828

GLADES COUNTRY CLUB



197 HARRISON RD. # 1, NAPLES
• 1st Floor 2 BR, 2 BA Condo, Turnkey Furnished
• Golf & All Amenities Included
\$159,900 MLS 218011058
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

TIDES AT PELICAN LANDING



23710 WALDEN CENTER DR. #310, ESTERO
• Phenomenal Investment Opportunity
• 3 BR, 2 BA + Study, 1 Car Garage
\$154,995 MLS 218002531
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PENINSULA AT TREVISO BAY



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9938 MONTIANO DR., NAPLES
• Burano Model Home
• Leaseback Opportunity
\$2,697,900 MLS 216077530
Peninsula Sales Team 239.777.7209

PARK SHORE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4916 CRAYTON RD., NAPLES
• Totally Remodeled 3 BR, 2 BA, Pool Home
• Large Lanai w/Outdoor Kitchen
\$1,725,000 MLS 217064146
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

THE COLONY - FLORENCIA

NEW PRICE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23850 VIA ITALIA CIR. #105, ESTERO
• Rare 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, 1st Floor Unit
• Incredible Outdoor Patio
\$649,000 MLS 217039527
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

WATER'S EDGE



OPEN 6/2 12:00PM - 3:00PM

14720 LAGUNA DR., FORT MYERS
• Waterfront Boating Community w/Marina
• Immaculate, Gorgeous Home w/Water Views
\$449,000 MLS 217079048
Kelly Sackman, McMurray & Nette 239.810.7388

BONITA BAY



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

4520 RIVERWATCH DR. #101, BONITA
• 1st Floor End Unit, Lake View
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage
\$375,000 MLS 218019387
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.272.1196

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OPEN 6/2 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1059 MARBLEHEAD DR. #0-3, NAPLES
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\$4,475,000 MLS 217053800
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BONITA BAY - TAVIRA



OPEN 6/3 2:00PM - 4:00PM

4851 BONITA BAY BLVD. #804, BONITA
• Visit Tavira804.com for Details
• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den, 2 Car Garage
\$2,495,000 MLS 218002029
Gary & Jeff Jaarda 239.293.1507

PARK SHORE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

502 WHISPERING PINE LN., NAPLES
• Single Family w/Pool & Lake Views
• For Sale at Less than Appraised Value
\$1,699,000 MLS 217044781
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

ISLES OF COLLIER PRESERVE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

5718 CLARENDON DR., NAPLES
• 3 BR, Flex Room, 3 Car A/C Garage
• Brand New, Prime Lakefront Home
\$1,349,000 MLS 217031403
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

THE COLONY - FLORENCIA

NEW PRICE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23850 VIA ITALIA CIR. #406, ESTERO
• 3 Balconies w/Spectacular Views
• 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom + Den High Rise
\$799,000 MLS 217064749
Taylor Ekovich 239.370.7715

MEDITERRA GOLF COMMUNITY



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

17055 PORTA VECCHIO WAY #101, NAPLES
• 1st Floor, 3 BR + Den, Natural Preserve View
• Volume Ceilings w/Grand Foyer
\$559,000 MLS 218023488
Navarro Group 239.689.9339

BONITA BAY - WATERFORD



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3331 GLEN CAIRN CT. #204, BONITA
• 3 BR, 3 BA, 2nd Floor Condo
• Glassed-In Lanai w/Southern Exposure
\$524,000 MLS 218028761
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

SPANISH WELLS



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9844 TREASURE CAY LN., BONITA
• Outstanding 2 BR + Den, 2.5 BA, Pool/Spa
• Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
\$508,000 MLS 218024461
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

MOORINGS



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

2500 GULF SHORE BLVD. N. #S9, NAPLES
• On Moorings Bay & West of 41
• Quiet Private Location, Steps to Beach
\$419,000 MLS 218015799
Deborah Viglas 239.215.2035

BONITA ISLES

NEW LISTING



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9247 ISLA BELLA CIR., BONITA
• 2 BR + Den, Unbeatable Price
• Privacy Abounds, Quiet Setting
\$389,900 MLS 218036288
Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

ROOKERY POINTE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9681 RAVEN CT., ESTERO
• Waterfront, Islamorada Model
• 2 Master Suites, 3 BR, 3 BA, Pool
\$375,000 MLS 218017662
Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

STONEBROOK

NEW LISTING



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

21711 BRIXHAM RUN LP, ESTERO
• 3 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2 Car Garage
• Southern Exposure on Lanai w/Pool
\$339,000 MLS 218036511
Carol Jones 239.250.4310

FIDDLESTICKS COUNTRY CLUB



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 3:00PM

15510 QUEENSFERRY DR., FORT MYERS
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den, Pool, Golf Course
• Remodeled Kitchen w/SS Appliances
\$329,900 MLS 217005853
Debby Welsh 239.292.8839

SPANISH WELLS



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

9181 LAS MADERAS DR., BONITA
• 2 BR, 2 BA, Turnkey Attached Villa
• Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
\$295,000 MLS 218024948
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

SPANISH WELLS - LAS BRISAS



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

8990 PALMAS GRANDES BLVD. #102, BONITA
• 1st Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1 Car Garage Condo
• Beautiful Lake & Water Feature Views
\$269,900 MLS 218017846
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

COCONUT POINT - MIRASOL

NEW LISTING



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

23590 ALAMANDA DR. #203, ESTERO
• Custom Cabinets Throughout
• Stainless Steel Appliances
\$239,000 MLS 218036361
Danni Jones, The Martinovich Group 239.325.3507

GLEN EAGLE



OPEN 6/3 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6820 STERLING GREENS PL. #2104, NAPLES
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\$219,000 MLS 218027340
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The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

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

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

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

■ World-class amenities inspired by Collier history

The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community's center. Like the original Naples Beach Hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Residents and friends gather at The Isles Club for dining and social functions, swimming in the resort-style pool and lap pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

■ Waterfront Bar and Grill now under construction

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

■ Home choices to meet every lifestyle

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

For a limited time only, Minto is offering up to \$60,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready coach homes



and up to \$50,000 in savings on select single-family and villa homes.

■ Visit 16 furnished models

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

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-\$400s to \$600s. All include

two-car garages. Two-and-three-story coach homes also include private elevators. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto's distinctive luxury touches.

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

■ An award-winning master planned community

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include

Above: The Isles Club resort-style pool, lap pool, shaded cabanas and sandy beach area provide the ultimate environment for relaxation and socializing. The Isles of Collier Preserve is an award-winning master-planned community. Available coach homes offering up to \$60,000 incentive. Left: Available single-family and villa homes offering up to \$50,000 incentive.

three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including the 2016 Best in American Living Award for "Best Mixed Community", the 2017 Nationals Award for "Best Clubhouse", and the 2017 Best in American Living Award for "Best Community Facility".

The Isles of Collier Preserve also received the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year from the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC), the largest building industry trade show in the southeast, and the Community of the Year award at the Collier Building Industry Association 2016 Sand Dollar Awards.

Minto developed The Isles of Collier Preserve using its own funding sources, electing not to utilize Community Development District (CDD) funds, and saving homeowners at The Isles of Collier Preserve thousands of dollars in annual assessments.

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

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50 new home choices remain at Mediterra

Fifty new home choices remain available at Mediterra, the Collier Building Industry Association's reigning Community of the Year. Two-miles north of Immokalee Road on Livingston Road in North Naples, Mediterra is being developed by London Bay Homes. Forty-three homesites with water and preserve views and seven furnished models by London Bay with interiors by Romanza Interior Design offer an opportunity to enjoy a community designated as the Best Place to Retire in Florida and 10th best in the world since 2014 by Best Retirement Destinations. Purchasers of homes by London Bay are eligible to secure a full golf membership immediately rather than being placed on the membership waiting list as a Limited Golf Member. London Bay, an award-winning home-builder and developer in the Southwest Florida luxury home market for more than 25 years, manages all new home construction sales and marketing for Mediterra.

London Bay's new neighborhoods showcase single-family villa and estate homes with Coastal-influenced exterior architectural styles and open-concept interiors. Caminetto features 15 single-family villas from the high \$1-millions to the low \$3-millions. Five floor plans from 3,500 to 5,000 square feet are featured. Caminetto celebrates views of glistening lakes, nature preserves, and the nearby Parterre Garden. Homesites and the furnished Sonoma model are available.

Priced at \$3,125,000 furnished, the four-bedroom, 4,421 square feet Sonoma is Caminetto's only two-story floor plan. The Sonoma features a great room, a gourmet-inspired kitchen, and a dining room. The great room opens to a covered terrace, as well as an outdoor living, dining, and kitchen area. A bonus room with zero-corner pocketing sliding glass doors also opens to the outdoors. French double-doors in the master suite lead to the pool patio overlooking a pool with a sun shelf and spa. A private garden shower is accessible from the master bathroom and the pool patio. The second floor offers a lounge with a wet bar and a guest suite. A lake behind the home compliments preserve views.

Cabreo presents single-family villas from 2,800 to 3,200 square feet priced from \$1 million. Homesites 65 to 70 feet by approximately 130 feet offer course, lake, and preserve views. Cabreo showcases a rustic Mediterranean style with grand entrances, stone details, barrel tile roofs, and cobble-style brick paved driveways. The architectural designs feature open-concept floor plans. Cabreo is within walking distance of Mediterra's extravagant gardens.

Three furnished models are available in Cabreo. The Angelica model semi-furnished by Romanza Interior Design is priced at \$1,225,000 and includes 2,800 square feet. The three-bedroom plus den, three bath open-concept residence provides lakefront views and is a short walk from Mediterra's Parterre Garden. Priced at \$1,960,000 furnished, the four-bedroom, four-bath Bettina villa offers 3,110 square feet. The Bettina presents an open plan with a great room, dining room, and an island kitchen with a café. The outdoor living space includes an outdoor kitchen. The Clara model features 3,369 square feet. The three-bedroom, three-and-one-half bath residence is Cabreo's largest floor plan. The family room, living room, and master suite open to an outdoor living area with a pool and spa. The Clara is priced at \$1,995,000 furnished.

Mediterra's Cortile estate and single-family villa neighborhood will include eighteen 4,200 to 7,000+ estate residences and twenty-eight 3,100 to 6,200 square foot villas. Estate and villa homesites



Above: The Capriano model in Mediterra's Lucarno neighborhood epitomizes London Bay Homes' new approach to maintenance-free luxury one and two-story single-family villa design that blends the splendor of Naples with the intimacy of the Old World. Right: The Bettina residence is one of three completed models in Mediterra's Cabreo neighborhood. The open-concept floor plan includes 3,110 square feet under air and offers an exceptional level of livability. Bottom: The Sonoma model in Caminetto at Mediterra features an organic contemporary interior design that showcases numerous natural materials.

with golf course, lake or preserve views are available. Cortile's floor plans offer architectural detailing, rich finishes, luxurious options that come standard, courtyards, and secluded patios. Estate homesites are priced from \$875,000 to \$1.35 million and accommodate residences 4,200 to more than 7,000 square feet.

Priced at \$4,250,000 furnished, the two-story, 5,288 square feet Catalina model in Cortile features a great room, an island kitchen, and a café. The café opens to an outdoor space with a kitchen, island bar, and seating overlooking a resort-style pool, spa, and fire pit. The master suite opens to a trellis and patio, while the master bath features a garden shower. The first floor offers a formal dining room, bonus room, and two guest suites. The second floor includes a loft, wet bar, a guest suite, and a sunset overlook with a fireplace.

The Lucarno neighborhood will showcase 71 lakeside villas from 2,900 to over 4,000 square feet from \$1.5 million. Offered for \$2,885,000 fully-furnished, the two-story Capriano model's 4,402-square-foot plan features a great room with a fireplace, a wine bar, and a library that opens to an outdoor living and kitchen area. The home offers views of a lake and Mediterra's Parterre Gardens. The master suite features a bathroom with views of a water feature. An open staircase ends at a wet bar that serves a second-floor lounge, a guest suite with a balcony, and a sun deck.

The two-story, four-bedroom Isabella model offers 4,285 square feet in Mediterra's Serata neighborhood. A second-story covered balcony overlooks an outdoor living area, pool and spa. The model's great room plan includes a formal dining room, study, master suite, and an outdoor kitchen. The model is priced at \$2,895,000 furnished.

With two grand estate homesites



surrounded by preserves, the Il Cuore neighborhood is one of the finest estate properties in Naples. One home site that allows construction of a residence a minimum of 8,000 to approximately 15,000 square feet remains available. Il Cuore is reserved for those who value

the freedom to express their every desire in architecture, design, and luxury.

The Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Road two miles north of Immokalee Road and London Bay's models are open daily. Visit MediterraNaples.com. Call (239) 298-7600. ■

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London Bay Homes' Port Royal Estate is a boater's paradise



Part of London Bay's Naples Collection of homes from Park Shore to Port Royal, the 4395 Gordon Drive model showcases mesmerizing water views of Cutlass Cove and Keewaydin Island.

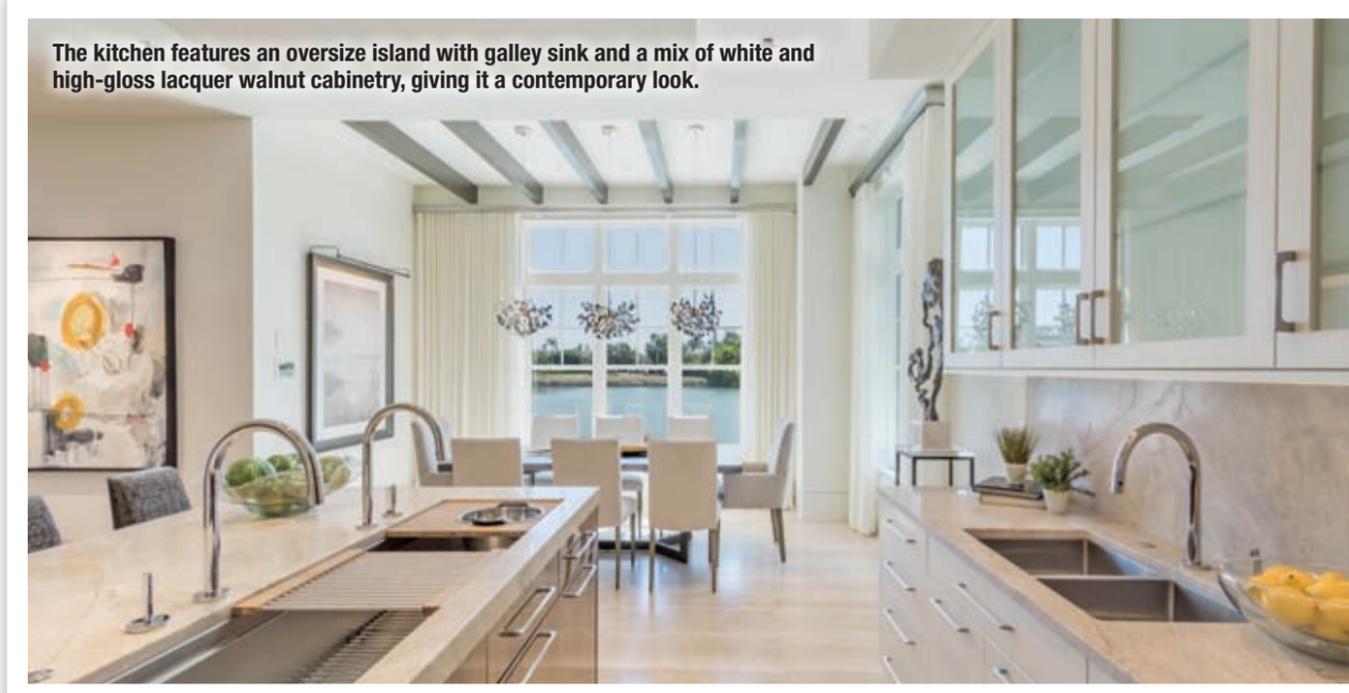
I can already picture it – morning sunrises with coffee in hand ready to take on the day. The home we've been eyeing at 4395 Gordon Drive is finally complete – and ready for us to take the final leap.

It seems like we had just begun the journey of finding our island paradise when our friends first told us about London Bay Homes. It didn't take long before we scheduled our first visit with Toby Cloutier, sales executive for London Bay Homes. It was still under construction during our first visit but we could already see it taking shape. We were so impressed by Romanza Interior Design's selection of 36-by-36-inch honed stone flooring; sapele, anigre and wenge woods; an extra-large kitchen island with a galley sink, and a wide-plank wood floor in the study. And we loved the idea that we could move in right away. No need to pick out furniture or even artwork. Romanza had selected everything, creating a clean-lined modern aesthetic that suits our personalities.

The home even has three guest rooms – one on the first floor and two on the second – and a luxurious wine room that can house our collection. Adding to the resort-style ambience of the home on the second floor is a full morning kitchen amenable to our visiting friends and family staying in the VIP Suite. Our friends can also make themselves at home in the downstairs guest room, with its own private full bathroom and built-in wardrobe, dresser and shelves with wood and lacquer finishes.

Jennifer Stevens of Romanza has truly thought of everything for the interiors. The Lighting design paints rooms in different moods, highlights art and complements the airiness of a wood and tempered glass staircase. The home also offers a large great room with two sitting areas for formal or casual gatherings.

And, of course, the master suite is just spectacular. Located on the second floor, the room is designed so the bed faces a wall of glass sliding doors showcasing the cove and mangroves. I can imagine it would be the best way to wake up. It also has a large private terrace with a



The kitchen features an oversize island with galley sink and a mix of white and high-gloss lacquer walnut cabinetry, giving it a contemporary look.

fireplace, and motorized shades that can be controlled from the bed.

But the real selling point is the pool and spa overlooking the cove. The first time we saw the view, it took our breath away: The quiet little cove and the beautiful greens of mangroves on Keewaydin Island just across the water. It's right on Cutlass Cove, perfect for our 29-foot boat and incredibly close to Gordon Pass and the Gulf of Mexico. And on days we'd prefer a dip in the ocean without the boat, we can simply go down the street to the beach with our membership eligibility to the Cutlass Cove Club – a private beach park with a tiki hut.

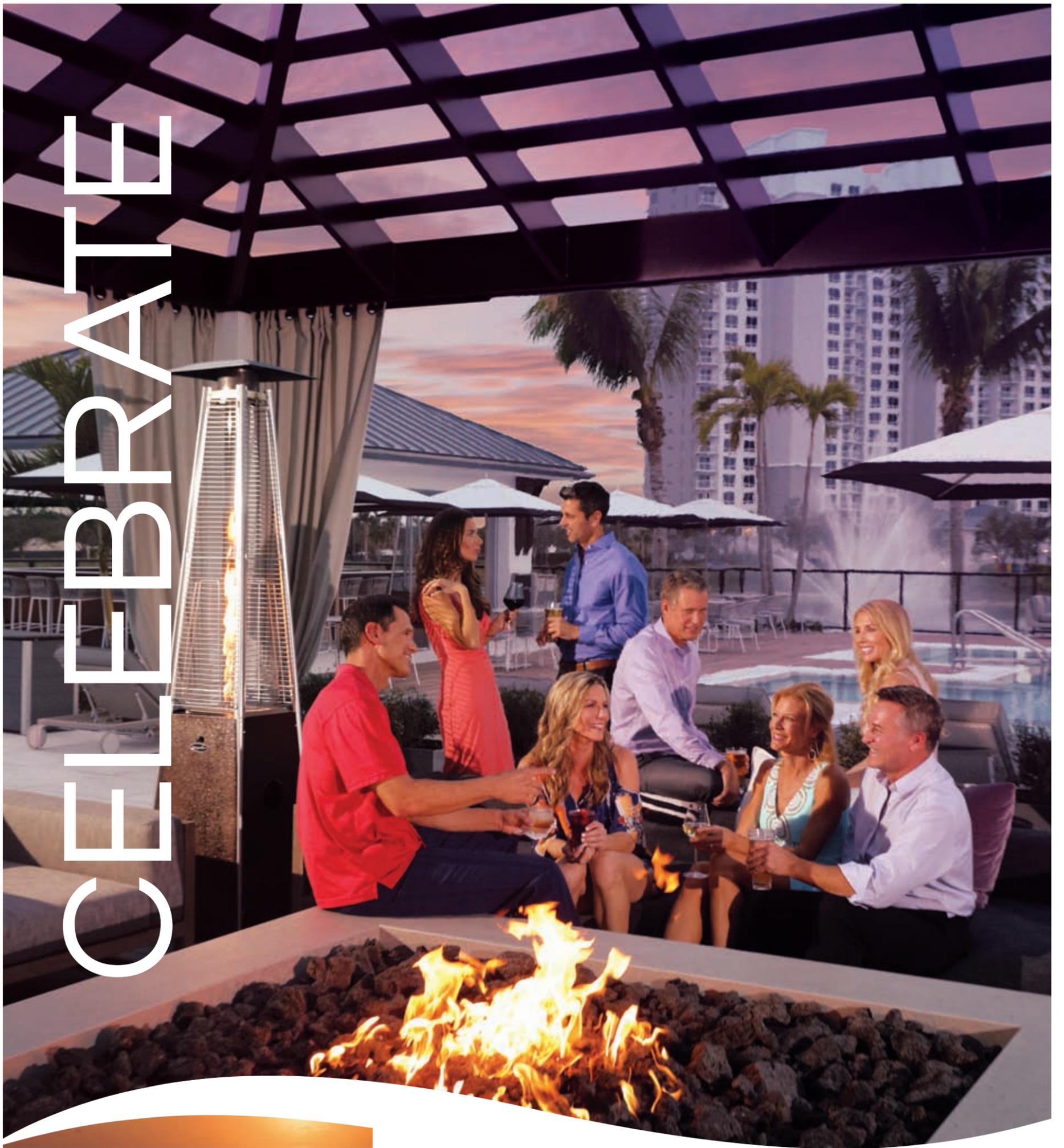
I think we'll make our final decision this evening over drinks just down the street at Sea Salt on Third Street South – another perk of living so close to downtown. I really can't wait to enjoy our new life in Naples thanks to London Bay.

London Bay Homes newest model at 4395 Gordon Drive in the exclusive Port Royal neighborhood is open for viewing. To jump in on this exclusive downtown opportunity, call Toby Cloutier at 239-280-7367 or visit LondonBay.com. ■



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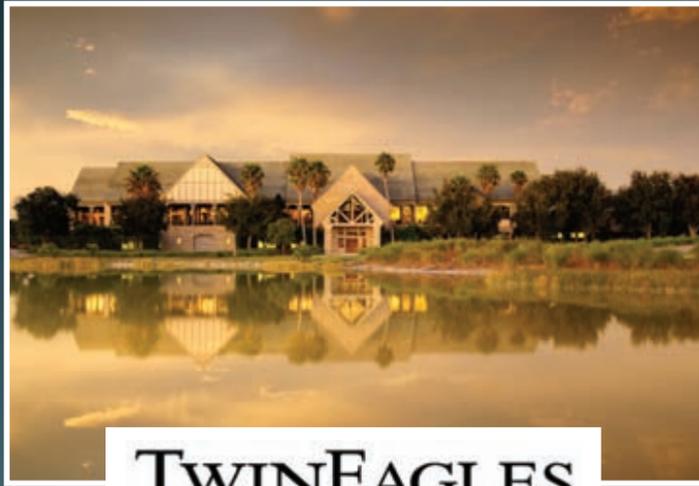
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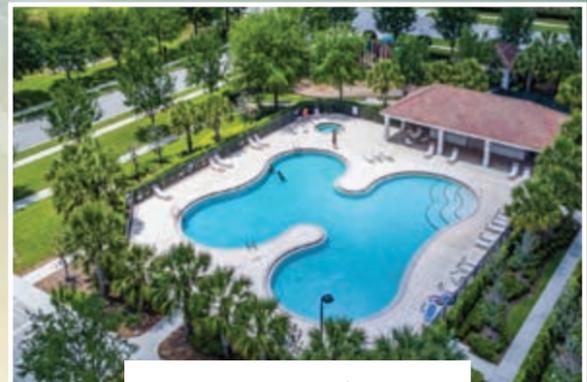
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Rethinking real estate valuations and alternatives to traditional appraisals

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Appraisals are a vital part of the real estate transaction and have traditionally been done in-person by an experienced appraiser, but efforts to reduce costs, increase efficiencies and incorporate more innovation, technology and data in the valuation process are expanding the use of alternative valuation methods.

That's according to speakers at a real property valuation forum during the 2018 Realtors Legislative Meetings and Trade Expo.

Traditional appraisal alternatives, like hybrid appraisals, broker price opinions and data-driven automated or desktop valuation models, can be incredibly useful and cost-effective tools. But many in the industry, including the National Association of Realtors, urge caution when waiving traditional, onsite appraisals for home purchase transactions to ensure purchases are based on sound financial principles and do not put undue risk on consumers or the market.

Ernie Durbin, chief valuation officer at Clarocity Corp., a provider of residential real estate valuations services, said alternative or hybrid appraisal reports is a misnomer. "Alternative or hybrid appraisal reports are simply reports with a different scope of work than a traditional report," he said. The Scope of Work rule from the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, or USPAP, was introduced in 2006 and gives appraisers the ability to tailor each assignment appropriately for the client and circumstances.

He said the scope of work for a non-traditional property valuation could include a desktop valuation that relies on third-party inspections and utilizes extraordinary assumptions, a sales comparison approach or a qualitative analysis that doesn't make adjustments to comparables.

Mr. Durbin also touched on compliance and said for appraisal alternative reports to comply with minimum appraisal standards they must conform to generally accepted USPAP standards, be written and contain sufficient information and be performed by state certified or licensed appraisers. He also said appraisers bear the responsibility of compliance, and when using alternate valuation products, they must determine if the scope of work is enough to provide credible results and ensure they are in control of the appraisal process and not limited by the form or format.



Mr. Durbin urged caution around alternative or hybrid appraisals, and advised using local multiple listing service data to select comparables, ensuring local appraisers have knowledge of the property type and specific market, and making certain appraisal reports and scope of work fit and are commensurate with the risk and complexity of the transaction.

"Hybrid appraisals and broker price opinions are going to be part of future, whether anyone likes it or not," said Mr. Durbin. "Appraisers cannot let down their guard, and we must ensure that these are appropriate for the scope of work for the assignment - and that's not for every transaction"

John Russell, of the American Society of Appraisers, agreed and said rather than simply searching for and expanding appraisal alternatives, the focus should also be on making better use of appraisers and modernizing and reinventing the traditional appraisal process, which is the gold standard.

"Businesses are aiming to save time and reduce costs, but you cannot toss out safety and soundness and consumer protections for the sake of the business decisions," said Mr. Russell.

Julie Jones, credit risk analyst at Fannie Mae, shared insights into the enterprise's decision last year to waive traditional appraisal requirements for some eligible purchase transactions through its Property Inspection Waiver program. She said Fannie's property inspection waivers, or appraisal waivers, are available for mortgages and refinances that meet specific eligibility requirements, including those with lower loan-to-val-

ue ratios, single-family and condominium properties, principle residences and second homes, and when Fannie already has a prior appraisal on the property, among others.

"It's important to remember that the lender and borrower do not have to exercise the property inspection waiver and may continue with a traditional appraisal," said Ms. Jones. She said the number of Fannie-financed purchase loans executed with a property inspection waiver made up less than 1 percent of recent purchase transactions. Overall, for purchase transactions, limited cash out refinance transactions and cash-out refinance transactions loans with PIWs

accounted for less than 12 percent of Fannie's book.

Lima Ekram, analyst and assistant vice president at Moody's Investor Services, said she's seen an increase in the use of appraisal alternatives in the market, which could impact the quality of the residential mortgage-backed securities they rate, where the most important thing is the collateral, or home.

"There are many different types of appraisal alternatives that are available in the market today, and as we assess the risk of bonds, we review them carefully and whether the use of appraisal alternatives is appropriate and that we understand the strengths and weaknesses of it, so bonds are treated as accurately as possible," said Ms. Ekram.

NAR sent a letter to Federal Housing Finance director Mel Watt last fall concerning the use of automated valuations in purchase transactions. In the letter, NAR encouraged Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to use caution after they announced a waiver of physical property appraisals for lower risk purchase transactions. Additional information and resources for real estate professionals about appraisals can be found at www.nar.realtor/appraisal-valuation.

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Mangrove Bay—featured model: Useppa III

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The Amenities Center will be breaking ground in June and will have a private onsite concierge to cater to every resident's needs, comprehensive property management services, state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and Yoga studio, a private boat ramp, as well as ground level storage area for resident's kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and jet-skis. Completion is scheduled for Spring 2019.

Exciting phase 2 site work is taking place now which comprises installing new sea walls in the southeast end of Mangrove Bay as well as building the boat ramp for the Amenities Center.

All Mangrove Bay homes feature Old Florida inspired architecture exclusively designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, with private Gulf access boat slips on the Gordon River included with purchase, a feature unique to Mangrove Bay. An outstanding waterfront address close to Old Naples, Mangrove Bay provides a world-class lifestyle, combining estuary views and Gulf of Mexico access with all the nearby shopping and entertainment venues of 5th Avenue South.

Each waterfront home has an optional guesthouse with a full bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette and sitting area. These guest accommodations add approximately 500 square feet of living space.

Additional floor plans include the single story Palm Cottage offering 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms in a lovely open great room setting with beach cottage aesthetics. This 2,514 square foot floor plan encompasses a spacious master suite and a generous living area for entertaining.

The single story Captiva floor plan features an attractive open concept design with soaring vaulted ceilings and expansive outdoor living space. It offers 2,586 of luxurious living space.

The Coquina II, at 3,232 square feet, is under construction at lot 13 and lot 25. These charming three bedrooms, two story cottage style homes are designed to maximize privacy and functionality in an exquisite floor plan.

Located on lot 26, The Amelia I with 3,098 square feet will exemplify open concept living with an expansive master suite, two guest bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a den on a single story.

The Keewaydin I on lot 41 will feature exquisite Old Florida architecture at 3,272 square feet. The second story features a loft living area allowing for picturesque views.

The largest and most versatile floor plan, the Useppa I will be located at lot



31. The Useppa I features 3,488 square feet (modified) with the option of additional flex space.

2 furnished model homes at 1315 1st Avenue South (Coquina I) and 1394 1st Avenue South (Coquina II) are ready for sale and tours are available Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm or by appointment.

Mangrove Bay is conveniently located near many exciting areas of Naples including Bayfront, with its colorful European architecture perfect for stroll-

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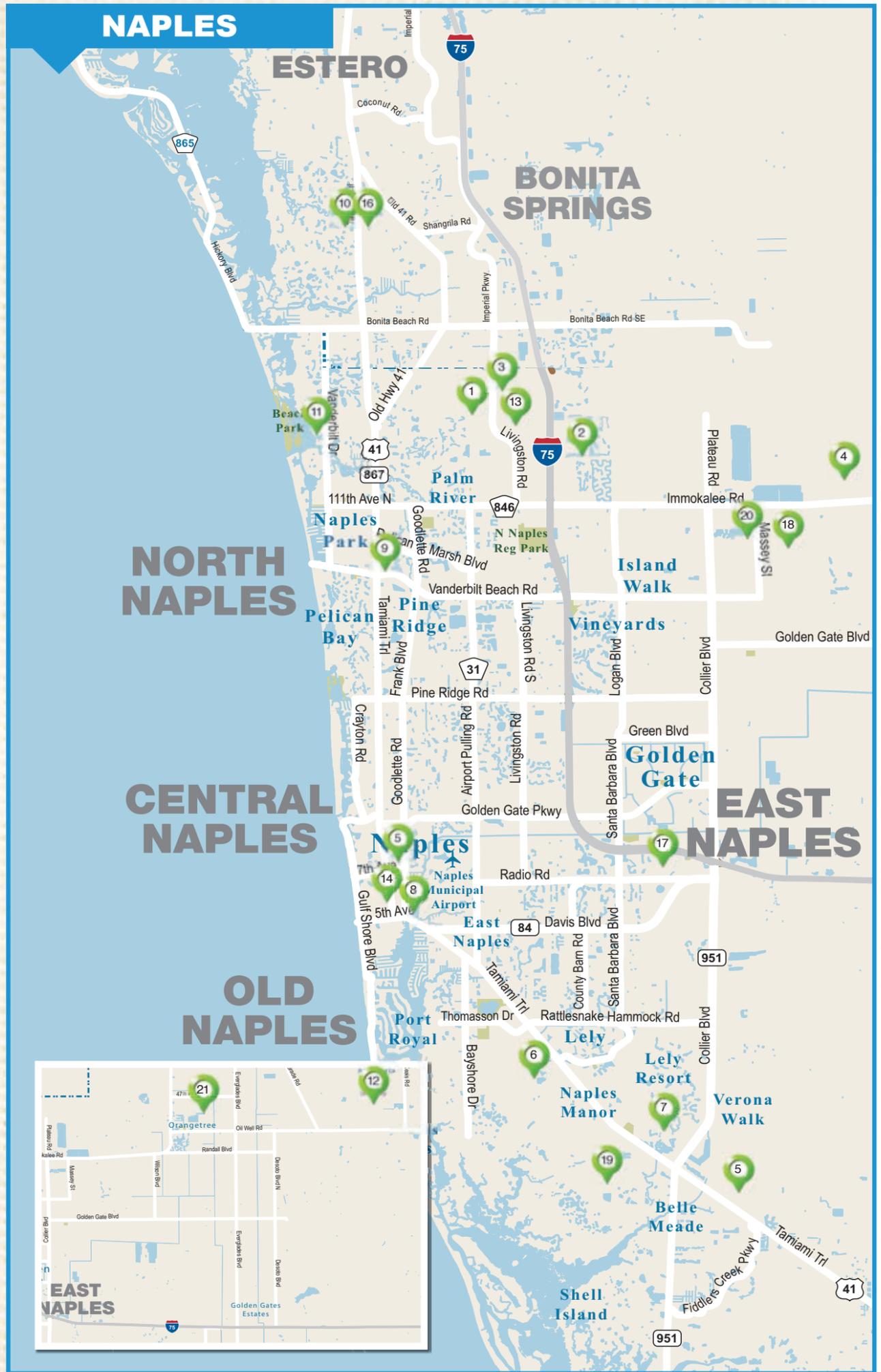
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The interior design team of **Clive Daniel Hospitality** has been awarded a contract to refresh the interiors of the social room of the luxury 25-story Vistas at Bonita Bay condominium in Bonita Springs.

The room will undergo a complete makeover to include a redesigned bar, walls, flooring, lighting and new furnishings as well as a refreshed kitchen area used for private parties for owners and guests.

The Clive Daniel Hospitality team will work in conjunction with South-west Florida general contractor BUILD.

Kalea Bay, the gated, luxury high-rise community being developed in North Naples, has started the construction of its second high-rise tower.

"Since launching sales in July 2017, we have sold more than 50 percent of all residences in the tower and have recorded a total sales volume to date of \$120 million," stated Inga Lodge, Vice president of sales and marketing for Kalea Bay.

Tower 200 is 22 stories with 120 residences. Six floor plans are available with pricing starting at \$1.4 million Tower 200 will have rooftop amenities including a pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge.

Purchasers in the second tower can start using Kalea Bay's \$25 million world-class amenity center the day they sign their contracts. The clubhouse itself features three individual pools, an expansive pool deck, open-air bar, indoor/outdoor restaurant, bistro, fitness center, and lakeside fire pit. Nearby is the tennis pavilion with four Har-Tru tennis courts and eight pickleball courts.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road. Call 793-0110 or visit www.KaleaBay.com.

d3 creative studio in downtown Fort Myers, an architectural visualization and interactive 3D firm, has developed an application that targets real estate agents, brokers and others in the real estate sector who want to select from custom-curated furniture collections.

A beta version of the app will launch later this year in the Southwest Florida region, where a high density of real estate agents and brokers will help test the features and functionality of the app.

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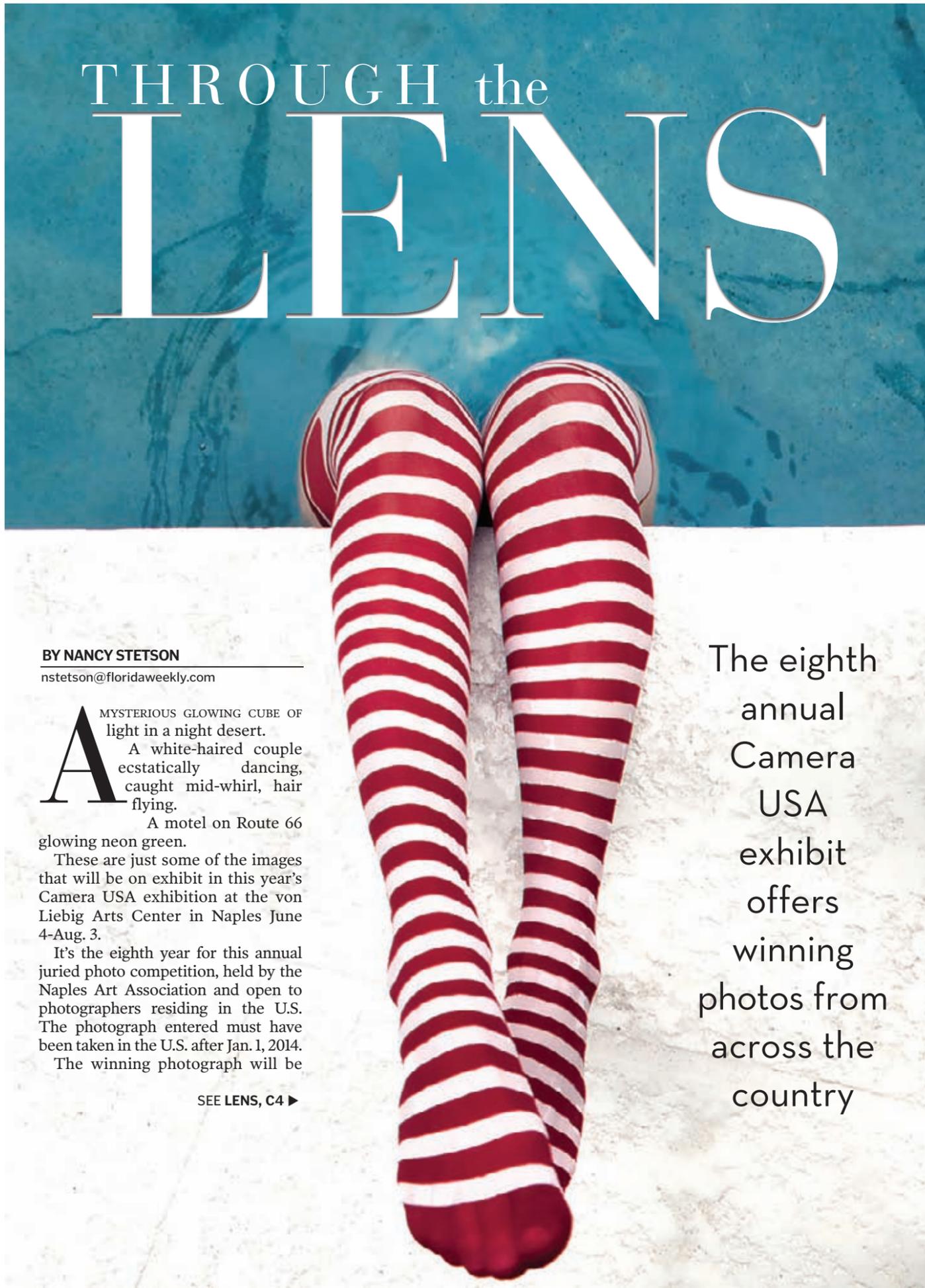
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THROUGH the LENS

BY NANCY STETSON

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A MYSTERIOUS GLOWING CUBE OF light in a night desert. A white-haired couple ecstatically dancing, caught mid-whirl, hair flying.

A motel on Route 66 glowing neon green.

These are just some of the images that will be on exhibit in this year's Camera USA exhibition at the von Liebig Arts Center in Naples June 4-Aug. 3.

It's the eighth year for this annual juried photo competition, held by the Naples Art Association and open to photographers residing in the U.S. The photograph entered must have been taken in the U.S. after Jan. 1, 2014.

The winning photograph will be

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The eighth annual Camera USA exhibit offers winning photos from across the country

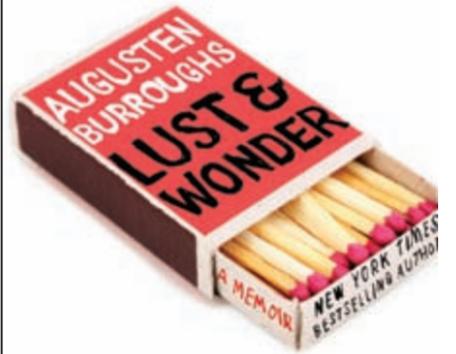
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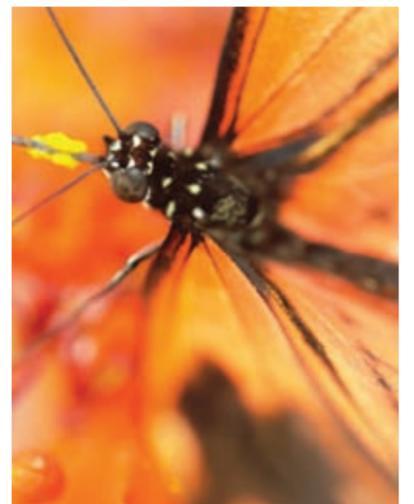
A portrait of the artist

World-renowned pianist travels to Naples for one show. C2-3 ►



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First-time author, 80, says age is 'not a destiny'

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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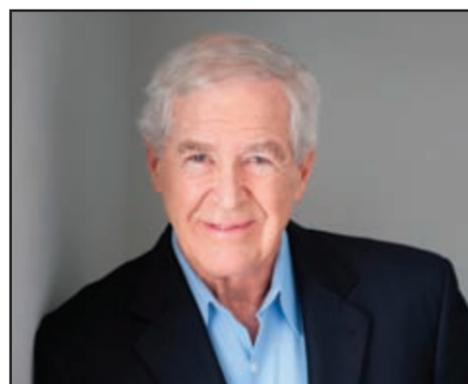
Here's a fact: making a living is a time-consuming business. How many dreams have been deferred to pay the bills, raise the children and fund retirement? There is, however, the hope that once all the must-dos of adulthood have passed and necessary milestones are reached, we can circle back to the activities and pastimes that made our hearts go pitter-pat when slogging through the drudgery of stacking cash.

For one Bonita Springs retiree, that time came at age 80. The dream was

writing a book. After a lifetime working in the health care field and still serving as CEO of a national health care foundation, Tim Norbeck just published his first fiction book, "Two Minutes."

Based on the life of his childhood friend, Andrew James Purdy, who lived with a congenital heart condition and died in his 30s, Mr. Norbeck created a protagonist named Andrew James to create a fantasy narrative that continued his friend's life into retirement. Growing up together in Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. Norbeck knew that Purdy always wanted to be a doctor though his health

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Bonita Springs author Tim Norbeck.

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A portrait of the artist Hyejin Kim

BY IVAN SELIGMAN

Florida Weekly Correspondent

HyeJin Kim started playing piano at age 5 in South Korea, and has played solo and with numerous orchestras and music festivals around the world.

Praised by critics for her, “passionate... polished and expressive,” performances, Ms. Kim is one of South Korea’s most thrilling young classical stars. She completed her studies in Germany, earning her MA in musical art as a “Konzertexamen” (highest distinction) from Berlin’s Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler. She is currently continuing her studies at the Colburn School as an “Artist Diploma” with Professor Fabio Bidini.

She will be in Naples for only one concert at 7:30 p.m. on June 7, at Trinity-by-the-Cove, playing Baroque to 21st century selections by Bach, Ravel, Schumann and Kapustin.

Ms. Kim first attracted international attention at age 17 when, as its youngest participant, she won third prize in the prestigious Busoni Competition in Italy. Andrea Bonatta, the head of the jury, said, “I am thrilled about her flawless musicality and technique, which promises success as an internationally recognized pianist.”

Since then, Ms. Kim has received numerous awards, including prizes at the 2008 Hong Kong International Piano Competition, the DAAD Prize, Steinway & Sons Advancement Award Competition and at the Toronto International Piano Competition.

Ms. Kim revealed her motivations, interests and passions in a question and answer session.



COURTESY PHOTO

Internationally recognized pianist HyeJin Kim.

Q: What or who has motivated you, both as a concert pianist and as a person?

A: I am inspired and motivated into music when I see magnificent landscapes such as Niagara Falls, Malibu’s ocean or Oregon’s Cannon Beach, when I visit historical places like Mozart’s house in Salzburg, the Thomas Church in Leipzig where Bach used to play, when I listen good music and when I learn new repertoire.

My parents are my role models for the

way to live a life. Without their generosity, wisdom and their values, I would not be here where I stand, and I would be only half of the person that my parents represent.

For a musical aspect, my teacher, Mr. Bidini, is one of the most inspirational and influential people in his teaching, playing and also as a human being.

Q: What are some of your interests?

A: I do love working out regularly, either going to gym or Pilates. It also helps my concentration and staying power for practicing time, especially for something really big like Rachmaninoff’s 3rd Piano Concerto.

I adored our cat ‘Sammy’ and still miss her a lot. She passed away two years ago after 17 years with my family. She was the most adorable, sophisticated and educated cat ever — she gave lots of loving

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Q: Can you name some of your favorite cities?

A: I like Berlin, Germany, because I spent most of my 20s there, and I have lots of precious memories. I especially miss all the little streets where I'd walk, and the lovely weather in summer. I like so much of Italy, especially Rome, Firenze, and Milan. It's an unbelievably amazing country with its historical basis, beautiful weather and nature, and "so good" food! I never had a chance to live in New York, but every time when I visit, I feel so alive. Every visit gives such a different impression of this city... I never get bored.

My dream city to visit is Paris. I do love where I am right now — Los Angeles. It's full of brightness and inspiration, and has a sublime nature.

Q: What would you like to do next, professionally or personally?

A: I love and enjoy what I am doing as a profession. Although there are many challenging moments and efforts needed behind the scenes, these are the part of my joy. The most fruitful moments are at the very end, and especially meeting the audience after the performance.

This fall I'll become a new faculty member of the community school at the Colburn Conservatory of Music, where I graduate with the artist diploma degree this May. As a teacher, I would love to contribute back to the community what I have learned from my teacher, Mr. Bidini, parents and life experiences.

On a personal level, I pursue the happiness, which means that I am happy when those in my community are happy because of my existence. I want to be a good part of the community and a person that gives a positive influence. That makes me the happiest.

I love to cook, especially for others; I love to travel, although I haven't had many chances for traveling without performing. I love to watch the sunset in the ocean and walk on the shore. Strangely enough, I still don't know how to swim — after almost three years of living in Los Angeles, I guess now it's time to learn swimming.

Q: What are some strange things that have happened to you while traveling or in a concert?

A: A minor thing — sometimes there often may not be a piano available backstage for practice, so I have to be on stage with "cold hands" without warming up. Luckily the concerts went successfully... so maybe it is just my psychological fear.

One time in Madrid, three hours before the concert, a thief stole my bag with all my ID, phone, etc. I was crying during the rehearsal — it was a nightmare. Fortunately, the concert again went well. I met a Korean Embassy member there who helped me to travel back afterward. On a pleasant note, I love to travel to "concertize," especially in new places. Last year I joined in the Marvão festival in Portugal. Marvão is a unique and gorgeous hill top town — I enjoyed being there.

I love to meet the audience after the concert, seeing them inspired or impressed by the music itself. These are the kinds of moments money can't buy, that I appreciate the most with my career.

I can't wait to be in Naples to share my music making and to see some dolphins and alligators, with such beautiful weather.

Tickets for the upcoming Naples show may be purchased at www.grandpiano-series.com. ■

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announced at the opening reception held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1. Suggested donation for the event is \$10. The winner receives a \$5,000 award. Five honorary mention awards of \$100 will also be given.

The three jurors who determined what images would be exhibited and which of those will receive awards are Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art; Mark Sloan, director and chief curator of the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston, S.C., since 1994; and Paula Tognarelli, executive director and curator of the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, Mass.

According to von Liebig curator Jack O'Brien, more than 200 photographers from all over the country entered the competition.

"This was our best turnout we've had," he says.

Photographs came from as far west as California (seven entries) and Washington state (four entries) to as far east as New York City (eight entries). In the end, the jurors picked 75 different images for exhibition.

Florida has a good representation, with 21 images.

That includes a quirky color photo, "Mermaid's Dream" by Marco Islander Mila Bridger, formerly of Fort Myers. Her photo shows a pair of legs in red-and-white striped stockings emerging from an aqua pool. The red-and-white legs against the blue of the water and the white of the edge of the pool give it an off-beat patriotic feel. Her artist's statement is one sentence: "I am a photographer who manufactures fantasy."

"Margarita Claro," by Lisette Morales of Naples, is a portrait of a resident of East Naples. Margarita Claro is a community organizer and a Frida Kahlo researcher. The photographer asked Ms. Claro, who is of Mexican descent, if she could photograph her in her native clothing, and she agreed. She shot the image in her living room, with light coming from the window.

"This year we had a wonderful turnout of photographers who are concentrating on the human figure," Mr. O'Brien says. "And that would be a portrait, or it could be the whole figure and the environment, but the main focus of the photograph is on the human figure."

Three different photographers entered photographs of boxers.

"The Boxer" is a self-portrait by Austin, Texas, photographer Ben Tanzer.

"The idea was to go back to the 1920s," says Mr. O'Brien. "He does (self-portraits) like Cindy Sherman, though she shoots images of herself as if she were in films."

"Celebrating Life," another striking image, this one by Seattle photographer Constance Brinkley, is a black-and-white photo of an older couple exuberantly dancing. She has caught the duo in "a decisive moment," says Mr. O'Brien, quoting the photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson: "Your eye must see a composition or an expression that life itself offers you, and you must know with intuition when to click the camera. That is a moment the photographer is creative. Oop! The moment! Once you miss it, it is gone forever."

Ms. Brinkley has done this in capturing "that exact moment," he says. "In a second, one of them may have turned away. She captures that very decisive moment."

And some photographers have done some interesting things with light.

Brooklyn photographer George Un-



"FILM NOIR" BY NICHOLAS FEDAK II



"CELEBRATING LIFE" BY CONSTANCE BRINKLEY



"CUBE #1" BY TOM WHEELER

derwood's "Cat — Joshua Tree Park" shows a Siamese cat on a kitchen counter, looking out the window. The compelling image is almost monochromatic, and infused with soft light. It's Mondrian-like in its various rectangles and right angles, creating by window frames, kitchen drawers and the dark rectangle of an open microwave atop the white refrigerator.

Tom Wheeler, of Palos Verdes, Calif.,

created an image of a glowing Lucite cube in the desert — "Cube #1."

"He's allowing the glowing light to fill the shot with light," Mr. O'Brien explains. "It's a long exposure in the dark. It's minimal and compelling. You can see the sand and the stars, all that texture in those mountains, and there's a bit of a sunset."

"It's simple, but simplicity is not simple."

"I'm so excited about the exhibition and the wonderful turnout we had and the amazing work the photographers created," he says. "They can only enter one photograph. They're offering up what they think is their best work, and it's just amazing to see." ■



"MARCELLA" BY CHRISTOPHER PRIEBE



"SUPER SCRUBBER" BY ERIC JOHNSON

in the know

Camera USA exhibit

>> **When:** June 4 – Aug. 3, open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday-Friday

>> **Where:** von Liebig Art Center, 585 Park St., Naples

>> **Cost:** free

>> **Information:** 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org

>> **Opening night:** There will be an opening night reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the von Liebig. Suggested donation for the event is \$10.

>> **Lecture:** Photography expert Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at The Ringling Museum of Art and a juror for this year's Camera USA, will present a slide lecture, "Rethinking Photography: Analogue Experience in the Digital Age," at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Naples Art Association at the von Liebig Art Center. Suggested donation is \$10.

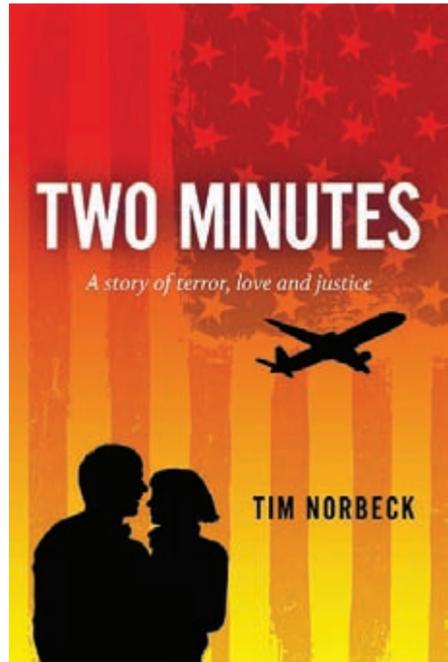
AUTHOR

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couldn't stand up to the rigors of training. In "Two Minutes," however, he's an elderly internist who unwittingly becomes a national hero and a target of the FBI.

"In my way, this book is my attempt to give him the life he wasn't able to live," Mr. Norbeck said. "I always wanted to honor him in some way, but I didn't know how, so it was percolating. And I love to write. I thought this was a great way to have him become a doctor."

Even though he regularly flies around the country to speak at conferences, Mr. Norbeck is at a stage in life where



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"Two Minutes" is available in paperback and hardcover on Amazon and through the Friesen Press website at www.friesenpress.com for \$13-\$17 and \$23-\$32. P.J. Boox in Fort Myers, located at 13550 Reflections Pkwy., is selling signed copies for \$15.

he isn't required to work the nights and weekends that accommodate doctors' schedules. Being a naturally self-disciplined person, he found that sitting down to pound out some pages was easier, as finding time was no longer an obstacle.

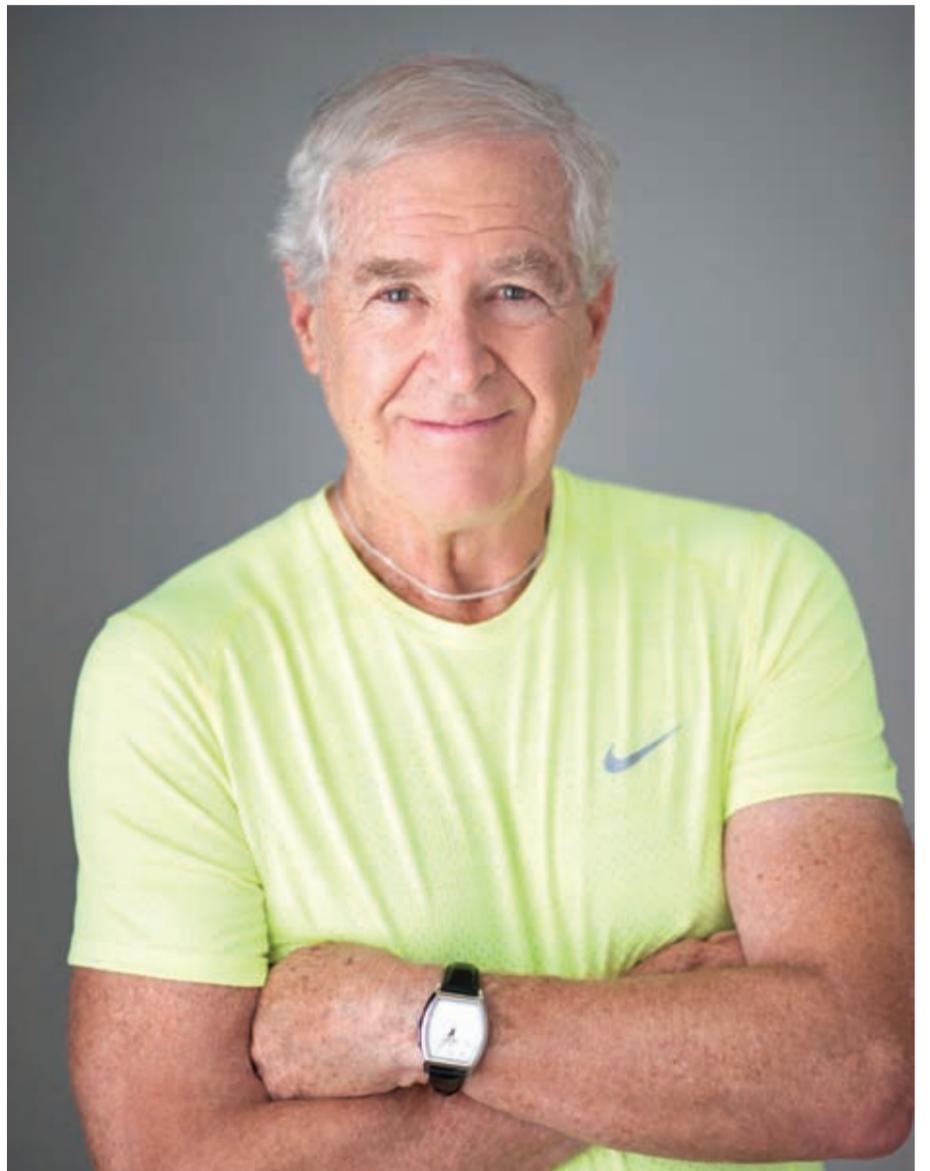
"For many of us who have worked hard, it's time to play golf or garden. But for the rest of us who want to pursue a passion, we can still do it. Age is just a number, not a destiny. Many of us still have some music in us."

"Two Minutes" took two years to write, with a six-month hiatus in the middle. He made an interesting discovery or two about himself during the process.

"I found that when I have a small window of opportunity ... maybe I was a lot more creative than I thought. Some good ideas popped into my head and that's what has made me feel so good."

Once word got around that he had published his first novel, retired friends felt motivated to pursue their own writing dreams. One 78-year-old friend might start on her book about online dating, another 55-year-old gym buddy might finally knock out that science fiction novel he's been sitting on for years.

"I would urge all my fellow senior citizens to follow your passions wherever they lead you. How many potential Oscar winners are waiting tables and never got the chance?" ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Author Tim Norbeck has been an inspiration to friends who are motivated to write.

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Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte - By The Laboratory Theater of Florida on select dates June 1-July 1. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. Brownpapertickets.com or 218-0481.

Murder in Paradise - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through June 10. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Ring of Fire - By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through June 23. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Agnes of God - By The Studio Players June 15-July 1 at Joan Jenks Auditorium. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

Chicago - By The Naples Players June 28-July 29 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.



Get schooled in the arts when Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at The Ringling Museum of Art, hosts a lecture titled "Rethinking Photography: Analogue Experience in the Digital Age" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Naples Art Association. www.naplesart.org

THURSDAY 5.31

Pups in the Garden - Put your favorite pooch in the car (don't forget the leash) and head to Naples Botanical Garden for canine-friendly hours from 3-5 p.m. (also 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday). Free for garden members and their dogs; regular admission for humans plus \$9.95 for their dogs. www.naplesgarden.org.

Free Concert - Naples Philharmonic Chamber Musicians perform works by Telemann, Molenhof, Thieriot and Mozart at 7 p.m. at Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Photo Expert - Naples Art Association hosts a reception and presentation by Christopher Jones, associate curator of photography at The Ringling Museum of Art, at 5:30 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for others. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

FRIDAY 6.1

Farmers Market - Find fresh local produce and more at the St. John Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. 625 11th Ave. N.

Art Reception - United Arts Council of Collier County hosts an opening reception for "Parallel Harmonies: Art & Nature," an exhibition of works by Paul Arsenault, Cesar Aguilera, Juan Diaz and Katia Miranda from 5:30-7 p.m. at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The exhibition runs through Oct. 26. Free. 300 Tower Road. 254-8242 or www.uaccollier.org.

Doc Screening - Path2Freedom hosts a screening of "American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us," a film about efforts to eradicate sex trafficking in the U.S., at 6:30 p.m. at Hilton Naples. The film will be followed by a cocktail hour with hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar. \$50. www.path2freedom.org.

Blues Notes - Blues guitarist Sean Chambers performs at 8 p.m. at Center for the Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Nailed It! - Comedian and television host Nicole Byer hits the stage at tonight and Saturday, June 2, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 6.2

To Market, To Market - Stock up on fresh produce and locally made goodies at the Third Street South farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Sail Away - Naples Model Yacht Club hosts radio-control model sailboat racing at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday behind Dick's Sporting Goods. 5955 Naples Blvd. www.naplesmyc.org.

All Aboard - Volunteer docents from the Naples Train Museum are on hand at the Naples Depot Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to help visitors of all ages enjoy the outdoor and indoor trains. Corner of 10th St. S. and Fifth Ave. S. www.naplestrainmuseum.org.

Om in the Swamp - Spiritual healer Bethanny Gonzalez leads a meditation at Corkscrew Audubon Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater at 9 a.m. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Pride of Place - The second annual Naples Pride celebrates the LGBTQ community with live entertainment, refreshments and business vendors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cambier Park. 213-3058 or www.naplespride.org.

Jazz It Up - Gypsy Sojourn performs from 2-4 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Dance Recital - Naples Dance Conservatory presents its spring performance at 6:30 p.m. at Opera Naples. \$25, tickets can be purchased at the door or by phone. 2408 Linwood Ave. 305-321-7797 or www.ndcballet.com.

SUNDAY 6.3

We've Got Pipes - Principal organist James Cochran performs works by Bach, Franck, Gigout and others at 3 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Fresh Produce - Take your grocery list to the Naples Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner Pine Ridge and Livingston roads.

As You Wish - Silverspot Cinema screens "The Princess Bride" (1987) at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. While sick in bed, a young boy's grandfather reads him a story. \$11.80-\$15.55. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Musical Moments - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts performances of cinematic masterpieces, including selections from "Jurassic Park," "Star Wars," and "Doctor Zhivago" at 3 p.m. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

MONDAY 6.4

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Doubt" (2008) at 7 p.m. A Catholic school principal questions a priest's ambiguous relationship with a troubled young student. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 6.5

Close Encounter - Get up close and personal with Dee Gee, Naples Zoo's anteater, when you make reservations for a special encounter from 11 a.m. to noon each Tuesday through June. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.com.

WEDNESDAY 6.6

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

COMING UP

Travel Talk - Preferred Travel hosts a talk with Insight Travel about their escorted tours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7. 707b Gulf Park Drive. 800-523-3716 or www.preferrednaples.com.

Grand Piano - Korean pianist HyeJin Kim performs works by Bach, Ravel, Schuman and Kapustin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Young Ones - Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia performs at 7 p.m. Friday, June 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Yes, And? - Improv Tonight! performs at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 8. \$25. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Rainforest Art - Venue Naples hosts an evening with woodcarver Nancy Koerner and her exquisite collection of rosewood burl pieces from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, with live music by Ray Cerbone. \$35, includes hors d'oeuvres and a glass of champagne. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venuevenues.com.

Bridal Blast - Naples Bridal Expo brings together the area's best wedding professionals to help couples plan their nuptials from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Hilton Naples. Free for brides who register, \$5 for others. 272-8477 or www.naplesbridalexpo.com.

Free Film - Paragon Theaters screens "The Croods" (2013) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 12-14, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Blues Concert - Four-time Grammy Award winner Keb' Mo' performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$47-\$149. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-eventcenter.com.

Ancient Ones - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a guided walk to its stand of old-growth bald cypress from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 13. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Interlude - Cabaret singer Abby Yetter performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25-\$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandarts.org.

Keep 'em Laughing - Stage 2 Improv hosts an interactive, family-friendly night of comedy at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Sugden Community Theater. \$10-\$20. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Friday Fun - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers themed activities each week through summer, starting with mammals from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 15. Free, but admission limited to three children per adult. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Red High Heels - "American Idol" alum Kellie Pickler performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$45-\$125. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflev-eventcenter.com.

Dad's Day Out - Venetian Village celebrates Father's Day with an antique car show, complimentary photos and more from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

Nerd Alert - SWFL SpaceCon celebrates comic and science fiction culture illustrious personalities from comic book, film, and book industries, as well as professional cosplayers, vendors, game demos, drop-in games, tournaments and much more Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, at Lee Civic Center. \$5-\$10. 11831 Bayshore Road. Nexus9swfl@gmail.com or www.swflspacecon.com.

Looky-Loo - Miromar Outlets hosts a grandfather/father/son look-alike contest at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, in honor of Father's Day. 948-3766 or www.miomaroutlets.com.

Eclipse - Pink Floyd tribute band Brit Floyd performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Germain Arena. \$31-\$50. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Free Film - Paragon Theaters screens "How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014)" at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 19-21, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Breakfast with the Birds – Shorebird expert Adam DiNuovo hosts a lecture with breakfast pastries and refreshments from 9:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.

Love That Dress! – Clive Daniel Home hosts a Love That Dress! collection party with live music, wine, hors-d'oeuvres and silent auction to benefit PACE Center for Girls from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20. Guests should bring a new or lightly used dress. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 261-4663 or mollie.martin@pacecenter.org.

Grand Cello – Cellist Sophie Shao performs works by Bach, Dvorak and Chopin at 7:30 Thursday, June 21, at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. \$40. 553 Galleon Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Family Funday – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts kid-friendly activities and educational opportunities on Friday, June 22. Free for kids under 18. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Easy to Love – Reggae singer Maxi Priest performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$30-\$50. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflevntcenter.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Show Biz Kids from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Get Your Spam On – Little Bar Restaurant on Goodland celebrates its kookiest celebration, Spammy Jammy, from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 23, with Spam sculpture competitions, pajamas, live music, crazy games and more. 205 Harbor Place. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.com.

'Til Touchdown Brings Me 'Round – The Rocket Man Show featuring Elton John impersonator Rus Anderson performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens "Captain Underpants" (2017) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 26-28, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Creative Arts – Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum hosts an arts and crafts exhibition of works created by students at the Seminole Tribe's Pemaayt Emahakv Charter School on Thursday, June 28. Free with admission. 17 miles off Exit 49 on I-75. 877-902-1113 or ahtahtiki.com.

Art Lecture – Art historian Annie Storr leads a lecture entitled "The Shock of Tradition: Citizenship, Art & Ethics" from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at United Arts Council of Collier County's headquarters. Free, but reservations required. 953 Fourth Ave. N. kdonovan@uaccollier.com or www.uaccollier.com.

Independence Party – Everglade City hosts its annual Independence Day celebration with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at City Hall, followed by a parade and family activities at MacLeod Park and concluding with a fireworks show at 9 p.m. 695-3781 or www.evergladehistorical.org.

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■ Comedian **Nicole Byer** brings the laughs Thursday through Saturday, May 31-June 2, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. — offthehookcomedy.com

■ Blues guitarist **Sean Chambers** performs at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. — artcenterbonita.org

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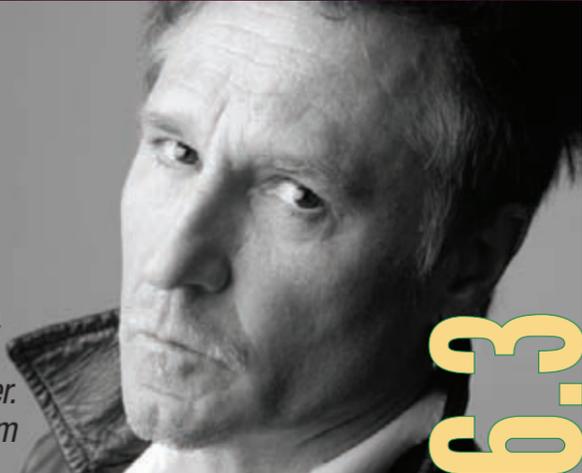
■ **Harry Connick Jr.** brings his "A New Orleans Tricentennial Celebration Tour" to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall June 1 and 2. — bbmanpah.com

■ It's all love when our local LGBTQ community celebrates **Naples Pride** with live music, entertainment, vendors and more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Cambier Park. — naplespride.org



#HEAR IT

■ **John Waite** performs at 8 p.m. June 3 at the Southwest Florida Event Center. \$30-\$65. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. — swflevntcenter.com



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6.5

■ "An Evening with **Kevin Nealon**," a comedy benefit for Hope Hospice, starts at 5:30 p.m. June 5 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. show. General admission tickets are \$65, and Meet and Greet tickets are \$150. — broadwaypalm.com — HopeHCS.org/Kevin



WHAT TO DO

Americana Night – The Americana Community Music Association hosts an evening of performances by local songwriters like Ray Cerbone, Joe Virga, Carlene Thissen and many more from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation in Fort Myers. \$10-\$15, tickets available at the door. 2756 McGregor Blvd. www.americanaacma.org.

Red, White & Awesome – Celebrate Independence Day downtown with the City of Naples' annual 4th of July Parade as it proceeds down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue South at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4. 213-1000 or www.naplesgov.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens "Trolls" (2016) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 10-12, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonteaters.com.

Skate du Soleil – Cirque du Soleil takes the ice at Germain Arena with its frozen acrobatic spectacle, "Crystal," Thursday through Sunday, July 12-15. \$48-\$133. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Jazz on the Sand – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts a free performance by Late Night Brass from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, as part of its annual SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Free Film – Paragon Theaters screens "Kung Fu Panda 3" (2016) at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 17-19, as part of its free kids' movies series through summer. 596-0008 or www.paragonteaters.com.



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ARTS COMMENTARY

The art of burning books



It works on a variety of levels: Burroughs has finally met his match, or struck a match. And, it hints at times in the past when a person would scrawl his or her name and number on a bar matchbook when they met someone.

“The State of Affairs: Rethinking Infidelity,” a nonfiction book by Esther Perel that was released

For Ray Bradbury’s firemen of the future, it was a pleasure to burn.

He named his prophetic novel “Fahrenheit 451,” claiming it was the temperature at which book paper catches fire and burns.

In his futuristic world reading is illegal and firemen are called to the houses of those hiding physical books; they set those hidden, personal libraries on fire. Intellectualism is scorned and thinking is deemed dangerous.

Francois Truffaut made a movie of the 1953 novel in 1966. It became a classic.

And now, HBO has just released a remake, starring Michael B. Jordan and Michael Shannon.

This renewed focus on “Fahrenheit 451” has me thinking of matches, books and matchbooks.

Apparently, it’s a pleasure for designers to create book covers with matches and matchboxes on them.

The 60th anniversary edition of Bradbury’s novel, though five years old, is still being published and its cover, designed by Matt Owen, is simple but clever. With just two colors, black and red ink, it has an illustration of a black book. At the bottom, the black tongue of a bookmark sticks out of the white pages. At the top of that book, a box of matches has been slid out of it, revealing a row of red-tipped matches.

It’s a genius image, a book that is both a book and a book of matches, the very thing that will ignite it and destroy it.

The cover has made me aware of other books with matchbox covers.

There is Augusten Burroughs’s latest memoir “Lust & Wonder,” which is about his previous boyfriends and how he finally met the love of his life, his literary agent, Christopher Schelling.

The cover, by Olga Grlic (with hand lettering by James Jacobelli) shows a photograph of a matchbox, open to display rows of wooden matches. The title and author’s name are written on the cover of the matchbox with other identifying info on the sides. The cover is clean and simple: the matchbox is surrounded by glossy white, while the image is rough to the touch.

in the fall, makes a bold image using a matchbox. The cover, by Adalis Martinez, shows a black matchbox, open at the top to reveal two matches, both with blue heads. The title and author’s name are on the black of the box top; it’s surrounded by blood red. The image looks like a bed, with two people sleeping it in. But one is tilted towards the edge of the box, and just outside is another match leaning against it — the perfect image of infidelity, using — who would have thought? — matches.

(The paperback version of her previous book, “Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence” show four open

Creativity, Artistic Process” by Joe Fassler. A match, with the editor’s name written on it, has been struck, creating a yellow cartoony light that takes up most

of the book cover. On the flame are written the book’s title and subtitle. And on the book of matches on the lower left are names of those who contributed essays to the book.

This is a visual representation of the spark of inspiration.

And the hardcover and paperback versions of Michael Frayn’s book, “Matchbox Theatre: Thirty Short Entertainments” turn the cover into a matchbox itself.

The paperback version (cover by M.S. Corley) looks like both a stage and a matchbox cover. Five matches stand upright, as if old-fashioned footlights. A black rectangle at the bottom of the cover gives the author’s previous works (“Noises Off,” “Copenhagen” and the Book Prize-Nominated Novels “Headlong,” “Spies” and “Skios”) but also looks like the area you’d used to strike a match.

But it is the book’s hardcover version (design by Faber) that is the most impressive and imaginative.

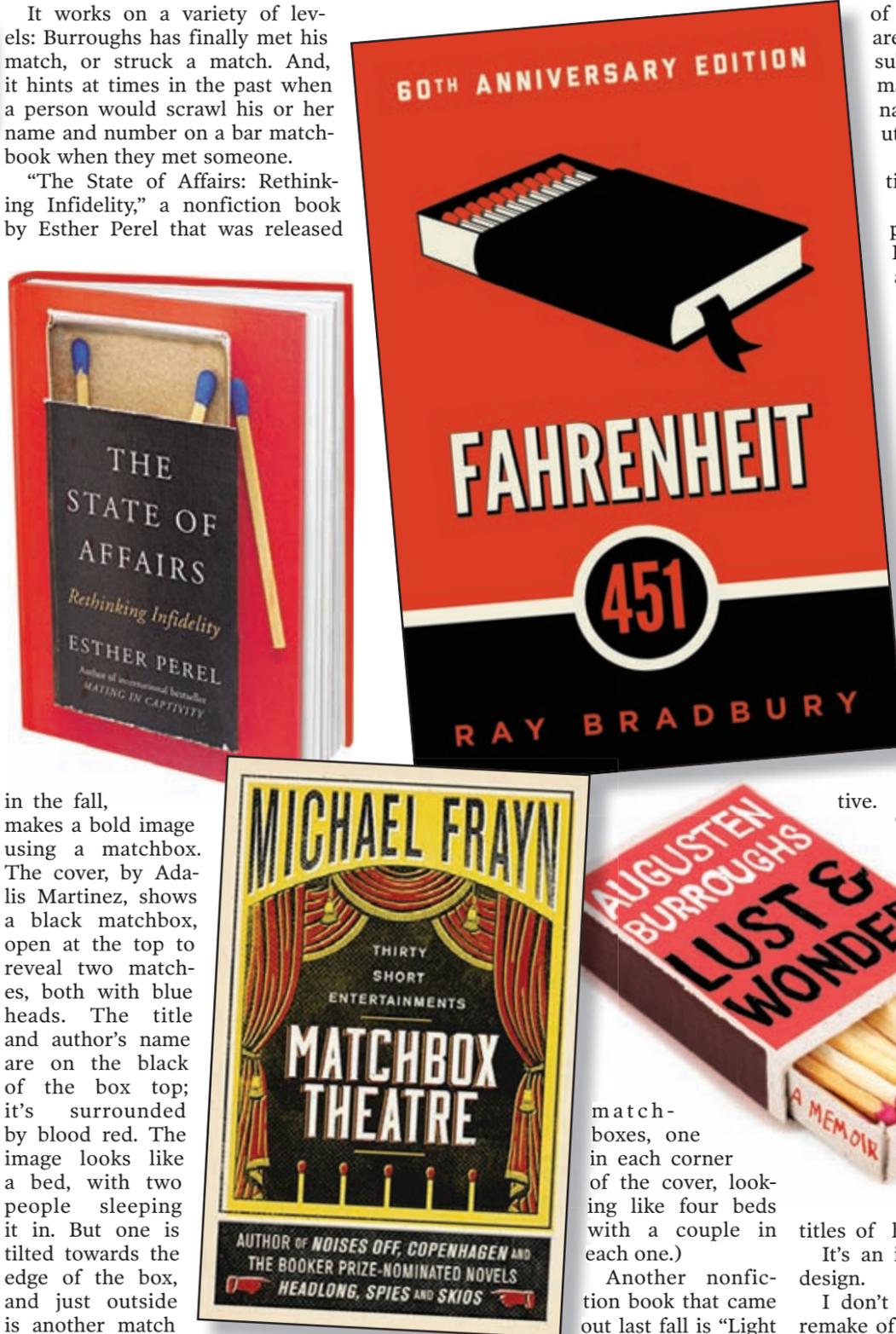
The cover could be mistaken for a matchbox itself, the graphic design and lettering are so perfect.

The hardcover book, which slides out of this wrapping, shows an illustration of a line of red-tipped matches.

And on the matches themselves are listed the titles of his 30 “short entertainments.” It’s an ingenious idea, an ingenious design.

I don’t know what I’ll think of the remake of “Fahrenheit 451,” but I know I want to go back and re-read the novel. It’s been a while.

I never thought, in the real world, that books and matches go together. But I must admit, on these book covers, it’s a pleasure to see. ■



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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Compote or comport? Either way, it's pretty and practical



scott SIMMONS
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Is it a compote or a comport? That is the question. Grandma always would have called any footed dish a compote.

But we would not have been comporting ourselves accordingly had we corrected her.

That's even though many glassware companies listed small footed dishes as "comports."

Others listed them as compotes, so how can we argue?

After all, a fruit compote is what is served from a footed dish, though perhaps it would be from a larger vessel than this.

Homer Laughlin always called the smaller dish in its Fiesta line a "sweet meat." I like that, but the term is archaic and folks might well think it's a dish containing animal products of some sort, rather than mints or other candies.

But the archaic and the arcane are part of the charm of antiques and anything with a history.

And that's the case with pieces like the Heisey compote I recently acquired.

I love these footed dishes and have them in an array of patterns.

But you seldom see new versions of the dainty glass and porcelain pieces.

That's a pity.

That uniqueness is part of what makes collecting antiques fascinating — never mind that this or that company turned out tens of thousands of an item back in the day. That item is unique today.

As for me, I like anything that I cannot buy at Target, Pier One or even Bloomingdale's, for that matter.

Think how fun a display of these footed dishes would be filled with candies, or Christmas ornaments, candles or whatever the season dictated? Picture them loaded with nuts at tea time — one nice object can make a whole table feel special.

Maybe you've wondered how someone might use a piece such as this.

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This Heisey Twist pattern compote was made in the company's Moongleam color between 1928 and 1935. It stands about 5¼ inches high.

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THE FIND: A Heisey Twist pattern compote

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The Skinny: This Heisey Twist pattern compote is a product of its time — look at the angular Art Deco lines that were so popular in the 1920s and '30s.

Heisey made its Twist pattern from 1928 to 1935. This piece, in the company's Moongleam color, stands about 5¼ inches high and would have stood on a buffet, ever ready to serve mints or nuts.

I've often said Heisey was the Cadillac of American glassware (Steuben would have been the Rolls-Royce). I think that still holds true — the glass is always clear and the colors almost always are consistently radiant. ■



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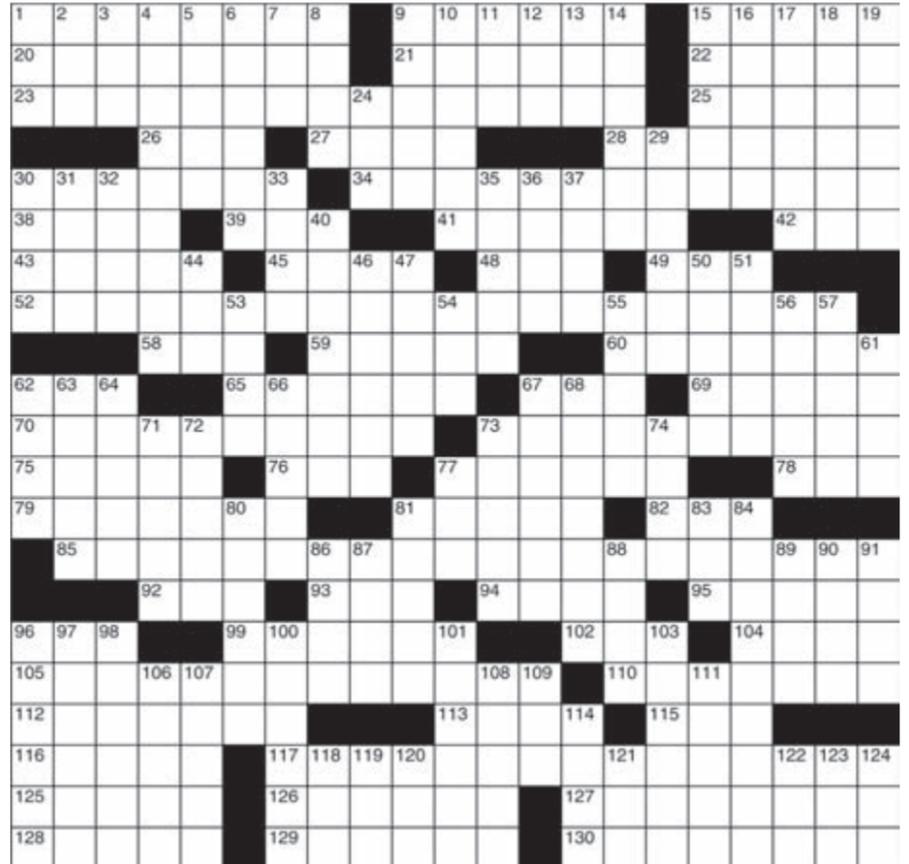
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- 1 Sovereign
 - 9 "And on and on and on": Abbr.
 - 15 Like saltines
 - 20 Fit to send via the postal service
 - 21 Old-time comedian Russell
 - 22 Designer Oscar de la
 - 23 Olive Oyl's guy, to a math lover?
 - 25 Hall's partner in music
 - 26 Chicken —
 - 27 "Have — a deal for you!"
 - 28 Increases, as debt
 - 30 2011-15 speaker of the House
 - 34 Huge grin, to a math lover?
 - 38 Meditative discipline
 - 39 "Oh really? — who?!"
 - 41 Old Carl Sagan series
 - 42 Guitarist Nugent
 - 43 Layer with a "hole" in it
 - 45 Hand lender
 - 48 Narrow coastal inlet
 - 49 R.E. Lee's org.
 - 52 Male Oscar category, to a math lover?
 - 58 Cry audibly
 - 59 Sir — Newton
 - 60 One like the previous one
 - 62 Suffix with leopard
 - 65 Will subject
 - 67 Lump of mayo, e.g.
 - 69 Harsh in tone
 - 70 "Les Misérables" author, to a math lover?
 - 73 More done than "bloody," to a math lover?
 - 75 Pretty up
 - 76 Mimic
 - 77 Ballpark bite
 - 78 Casual greetings
 - 79 Cry upon arriving
 - 81 Air, as an oldie
 - 82 Wallach of "The Misfits"
 - 85 Spinning measure, to a math lover?
 - 92 — while
 - 93 Extra NBA periods
 - 94 Petrol station name
 - 95 "— Marnier"
 - 96 Stick on
 - 99 Reporter, informally
 - 102 South, south of the border
 - 104 Tetra- + five
 - 105 Protective spirit, to a math lover?
 - 110 Motoring TV series
 - 112 No fewer than
 - 113 Burglarizes
 - 115 Jerry's uncle on "Seinfeld"
 - 116 Certain floor specialist
 - 117 1950 black-comedy film noir, to a math lover?
 - 125 Lift with effort
 - 126 Motionless
 - 127 Talked nonsense
 - 128 Pack-toting animals
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 - 130 Vampire novelist
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 - 4 Pachyderms
 - 5 Silky fabric
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 - 7 Height stat
 - 8 Utah City near Provo
 - 9 Belgian artist James
 - 10 Big name in breath mints
 - 11 Tax doc. pro subj.
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 - 14 Storied duelist with a big nose
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 - 16 Supply with a new weapon
 - 17 Have a hunch
 - 18 Remington of 1980s TV
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 - 24 Yolk's place
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 - 31 Seep
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 - 33 Get as profit
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 - 37 Hi-tech 'zine
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 - 44 Tijuana "that"
 - 46 Prescription measure
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 - 54 — kwon do
 - 55 One-named Italian model
 - 56 "Hey, I was thinking ..."
 - 57 Glossy proof
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 - 63 Nisan feast
 - 64 Win points
 - 66 SeaWorld killer whale
 - 67 Outfits
 - 68 Peculiarity
 - 71 Roman fountain
 - 72 Shallot's kin
 - 73 — code
 - 74 Many moons
 - 77 Mother bird
 - 80 Singer Morissette
 - 81 Bow rub-on
 - 83 Guitarist Paul
 - 84 Freezing up
 - 86 City
 - 87 "— trap!"
 - 88 Beat big-time
 - 89 Balm plant
 - 90 Mama's ma
 - 91 Old overlord
 - 96 Christie of mystery
 - 97 Import taxes
 - 98 City in Texas
 - 100 Annoys a lot
 - 101 Way to leave
 - 103 Arrive, as fog
 - 106 Christopher of "Superman"
 - 107 Ventures
 - 108 Bunch of, informally
 - 109 Diminish
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 - 114 Mixer choice
 - 118 Aztec cousin
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed

at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions and insist on each being fully answered.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions. ■

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By Linda Thistle

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The delicate art of larceny

BY STEVE BECKER

Anything declarer can do to induce an error by the defense is a legitimate part of the game. Deception plays an important role in bridge, and a contract stolen by a ruse counts just as much as one fulfilled on its merits.

West's notrump overcall was "unusual," showing length in both minor suits. After his initial pass, the notrump bid could hardly have its natural meaning, and so, by convention, showed interest in the minors.

South's four-spade bid was very dubious. North had passed originally and was scarcely likely to have a hand that would produce a game opposite a skimpy opening bid.

West led a heart, and South noted that there were four losers — two diamonds, a club and a heart. The only real chance to make the contract appeared to lie in somehow getting the defense to err. Declarer knew he had four losers, but he also knew that neither opponent could be aware of this.

From the opening lead and East's play of the queen of hearts, South could be sure that West had the jack. (If East had the Q-J, he would have played the jack, not the queen.) So South decided to capitalize on this knowledge and give West a chance to go wrong. He won the queen with the ace and drew three rounds of trump, ending in his own hand. Then he led the six of hearts.

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A Q 9 6 4		
♥	9 7 2		
♦	10 4		
♣	K 7 4		
		SOUTH	
♠	K 10 7 5 2		
♥	A K 10 6		
♦	9 8		
♣	Q 8		

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
1 NT	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Opening lead — three of hearts.

West was not anxious to take the lead, and it was difficult for him to conceive that declarer had started with the A-K-10-6 of hearts and would play in this fashion. So he ducked the heart, expecting East to win with the ten or king, but dummy's nine won the trick. South then cashed the K-10 of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy to finish with 11 tricks, which left West feeling very foolish indeed. ■

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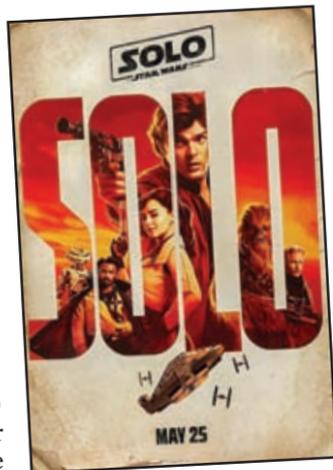
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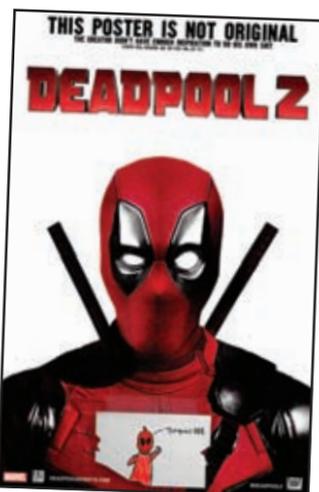
Solo: A Star Wars Story ★½

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



Deadpool 2 ★★★

(Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Julian Dennison) After a horrible personal tragedy, Deadpool (Reynolds) tries to protect a young mutant (Dennison) from a futuristic soldier (Brolin) out to kill the kid. Brash and meta wit are on satisfyingly full display amidst all the action, but an underdeveloped villain makes it a weaker film than the 2016 original. Rated R.



Life of the Party ★★½

(Melissa McCarthy, Matt Walsh, Molly Gordon) After her husband (Walsh) leaves her, Deanna (McCarthy) returns to college — where her daughter Maddie (Gordon) is a

senior — to get her degree. You’ll think it’s going in predictable directions, but it is delightfully surprising and funny. Rated PG-13.

RBG ★★★

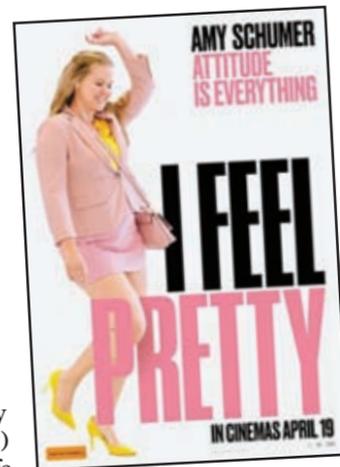
(Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Steinem, Bill Clinton) The life and career of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg takes center stage in this revealing tell-all documentary. We learn about RBG both personally and professionally, and by the end it’s hard to not have immense respect for her accomplishments. Rated PG.

Truth or Dare ★★

(Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey, Sophia Ali) College seniors enjoy spring break in Mexico, but return to school cursed to play Truth or Dare; if they don’t play, they die. It’s a fun idea to put real life-or-death stakes on a game so many of us have played, but the filmmakers don’t do quite enough with it to keep us entertained throughout. Rated PG-13.

I Feel Pretty ★★½

(Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams, Tom Hopper) A woman with low self esteem (Schumer) bangs her head and now views herself as beautiful, though she looks the same to the rest of the world. It’s got a great message and will be a great for a group of girl friends to enjoy together, but it’s not consistently funny for the rest of us. Rated PG-13.



Godard, Mon Amour ★★

(Louis Garrel, Stacy Martin, Berenice Bejo) The late-’60s personal life of famed French director Jean-Luc Godard (Garrel), including his marriage to a young actress (Martin) and social activism, is chronicled in

this nudity-filled drama. Director Michel Hazanavicius (“The Artist”) has crafted the most unflattering homage to a great director that one could imagine, to the point that Godard is easily the least likeable character in the film. As a result, there’s not much to enjoy. Rated R.

Avengers: Infinity War ★★★

(Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Josh Brolin) The Avengers and the rest of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) unite when villainous Thanos (Brolin) tries to take over the galaxy. Be prepared for anything, MCU fans, and rest assured the action, effects, and humor are all top notch. Rated PG-13.



Beirut ★★

(Jon Hamm, Rosamund Pike, Dean Norris) A U.S. diplomat (Hamm) in early ‘80s Beirut must negotiate the release of an old friend who’s been taken hostage by terrorists. It’s laborious to the point that you stop caring whether the hostage, diplomat, or anyone else comes out alive. Rated R.

Chappaquiddick ★★★

(Jason Clarke, Kate Mara, Ed Helms) In July 1969, Senator Ted Kennedy (Clarke) drives his car off a small bridge, killing passenger Mary Jo Kopechne (Mara) and putting his political career in turmoil. What happened, how, and the cover up that followed makes for compelling drama that presents the information as objectively as possible. Based on a true story. Rated PG-13.

The Death of Stalin ★★

(Steve Buscemi, Simon Russell Beale, Jeffrey Tambor) Following his death in March 1953, Josef Stalin’s underlings scheme for control of Russia in this highly effective farce. It’s silly, absurd and biting, and as darkly, morbidly funny as it aspires to be. Rated R. ■

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BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: It seems like a long time since new episodes of “Girlfriends’ Guide to Divorce” has aired. Please tell me it hasn’t been canceled!

— Christy R., via email

A: It has not been canceled, Christy — thank goodness. The fifth and final season of the hit Bravo show returns on Thursday, June 14, at 10/9c with six brand-new episodes. This season, Abby (Lisa Edelstein) is torn between an old and new love; Phoebe (Beau Garrett) flirts with a new experience and gets reacquainted with her estranged brother; Delia (Necar Zadegan) decides she wants a baby; Frumpkis returns from rehab, throwing a wrench in Jo’s (Alanna Ubach) new relationship with Albert; and Barbara (Retta) gets cold feet with Darrell. So, yeah, our favorite divorcees are not going quietly into that good night.

Q: Is it true that Connie Britton won’t be back for season two of “9-1-1”?

— Marie F., Norfolk, Va.

A: Connie initially signed a one-year deal with the first-responder drama and won’t be a series regular for the second season. However, that doesn’t mean that we’ve seen the last of her. Although no official announcement has been made as of this writing, she could return as a guest star.

What I do know, officially, is that Jennifer Love Hewitt is joining the cast as Maddie, firefighter Buck’s sister, who joins as a series regular and will portray a 911 operator. “9-1-1” returns to Fox this fall on Mondays at 9/8c.

Speaking of Connie Britton, she will play opposite Eric Bana in Bravo’s new true-crime series “Dirty John,” which is



DEPOSITPHOTOS
Connie Britton

based on Los Angeles Times reporter Christopher Goffard’s popular podcast of the same name.

Eric plays the titular character, John Meehan, who romances Connie’s character, Debra Newell, a successful interior designer and single mom, who is later pulled into John’s web of lies.

According to Bravo, “Dirty John” follows “the true story of how a romance with Meehan spiraled into secrets, denial and manipulation.” Connie also is an executive producer on the series, which has already been greenlighted for two seasons, the second of which will deal with an entirely different case.

Readers: I reported a few months ago that ABC had canceled Tim Allen’s sitcom “Last Man Standing,” and I suggested that another network could possibly pick it up. While my guess that CMT would be said network was incorrect, the popular series has been given new life by Fox.

Tim and the rest of the gang will be back for its seventh season this fall, with showrunners promising there will be minimal changes to the show that its fans know and love. ■

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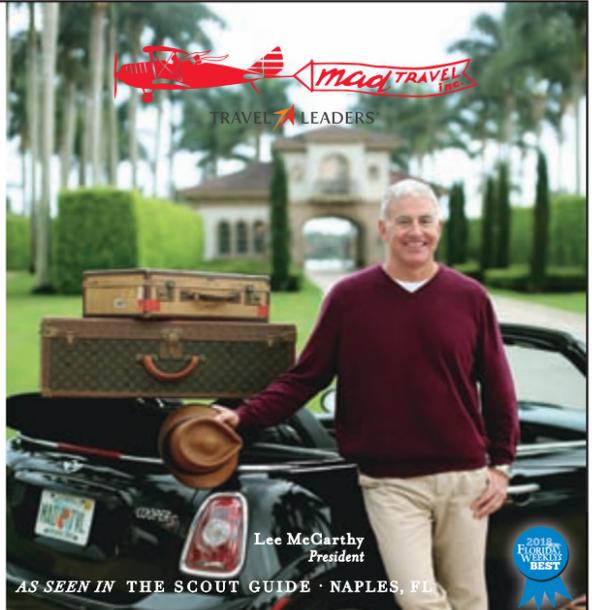
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■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is June 21.

For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.



■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** members meet from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. Members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a \$7 door fee; guests pay \$9.

Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.org.

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** creates and promotes recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members gather at a different restaurant at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner. For membership information, call Carey Hughes at 262-0278 or email careyjh@aol.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next gathering is June 2. All are invited to enjoy lunch together afterward at a location TBA. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.



■ The **Naples Press Club's** regular lunch meeting takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Tiburon Golf Club. The program will be a "Celebration of the Free Press and the Future of Journalism." Several of the club's journalism scholarship recipients will be introduced, including one who

has started a paid internship at The New York Times and another who has the same at the Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel. Jaynie Tice, a graduate of FGCU who is now a staff writer at eBella, will speak on behalf of all the recipients. The next regular lunch meeting will be in October.

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island are invited to socialize at the Angels on the Town May Mixer, from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Shea's at Lansdowne Street, 702 Fifth Ave. S, Naples, located on the alley adjacent to Vergina's. Pi Phi alums are also invited to the June Mixer, from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at The Wine Loft, 9118 Strada Place at Mercato, Naples. Reservations are requested. Contact Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com for more information on either event.

■ Serving Naples and Collier County since 1969, the **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Perkins Restaurant at Pine Ridge Road and I-75. The next meeting is June 12. All are welcome. For more information, call 293-6369 or 352-2827.



■ **CHESS on Marco Island** meets for casual games of chess from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd. (next to Winn-Dixie). Free and open to all. For more information, call club founder Wade Keller at 389-2525.



■ The **Naples Park Area Association** holds beginning lessons in Mahjong for anyone who would like to learn the game. Regular games are played from 1-4 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday. For information about lessons, send an email to Donna Caccese at naples-donnac@gmail.com.

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



■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** members meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is June 6. Members also serve a \$5 buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome, with proceeds benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is June 10. The Naples chapter is one of approximately 1,700 EAA chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaa1067.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meeting is June 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.



■ Collectors and admirers of Corvettes are welcome to meet like-minded others when **Corvettes of Naples** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. off Immokalee Road in North Naples. The next meeting is June 7. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaples.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** welcomes guests to its meeting Tuesday, June 12, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Bryan Mulcahy, reference librarian at the Fort Myers Regional Library, will discuss city directories and other records that are available free online from HeritageQuest. Attendance is free and all are welcome. After a break in July, August and September, monthly meetings on the second Tuesday will resume in October. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.



■ **Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters** invite early birds who want to gain confidence speaking in public to its meetings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meetings are June 5 and 19. First-time visitors are always welcome to observe. For more information, call 777-8851.



■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is June 14. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta** offers a variety of monthly programs throughout the year. For more information, call Cindy Slavin at 259-8919 or visit www.Naples.KappaAlphaTheta.org.

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'Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte' opening at The Laboratory Theater of Florida

On the heels of last year's hit, "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: A Parody of the Horror," The Laboratory Theater of Florida has unveiled its next production: "Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte."

The production embarks on a journey to a plantation in the Old South with Charlotte Hollis, a southern belle whose only companion is her daffy but loyal maid. Her community has shunned her since the long-ago mysterious murder of her lover. Now the family home is about to be torn down, so she calls upon her cousin, Miriam, to help. It aims to be a campy parody of the 1964 horror film, "Hush Hush, Sweet Charlotte," with a number of divas dressed in drag.

The theater's artistic director, Annette Trossbach, is directing this show. "Hush' is an over-the-top, fun, parody of 'Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte,' starring Bette Davis and Olivia de Havilland," said Ms. Trossbach.

Set in the decaying mansion in Louisiana, the play deals with lovely but ostracized Charlotte (played by Brian Linthicum), who is driven to the brink of madness as she struggles to save her family home. When Cousin Miriam (play by Randall Kenneth Jones) arrives to help, Charlotte and the whole situation spin dangerously out of control.

Part-time Naples resident Sue Schaffel is slated to play Agnes Moorehead, who played Velma in the original film.



Brian Linthicum as Charlotte and Randall Kenneth Jones as Miriam

"Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte' will keep the audience laughing and hooting and hollering, all while sitting on the edge of their seats in suspense," Ms. Schaffel said, noting that this will be her first entry into the Naples theater scene.

"Hush Up, Sweet Charlotte" plays from June 1 to July 1 at The Laboratory Theater of Florida. Performance dates are as follows:

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- 1. Bill Barnett, Linda Oberhaus, Steve Russell and Colleen Murphy
- 2. Kathy Ridenour and Tami Wellford
- 3. Laura Donovan, Carole Beauregard and Cyndi Fields
- 4. Volunteers of Distinction with service of 10 years or more
- 5. Andy Davis and Tami Wellford
- 6. Cathy Blair and Lise Descoteaux
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Avow's Salute to Armed Forces Day at Avow Hospice in Naples



1. USMC E.T. Brisson Detachment #063 colorguard, Jim Brandreth, Mike Nurmikko, Jim Buchholz and Doc Hemberger
 2. Kerri Ervin, Becca Gatian, Phyllis Hall and Kit Chamberlain
 3. Sgt. Maj. James Burch, Maj. Gen. Mike Coyne and USMC Capt. Jack Fulmer
 4. Judy Green with USMC veteran Jack Fulmer
 5. VFW Post 7721 of Golden Gate folding the flag
 6. Reg Buxton, Jerry Sanford and Sandra

Lee Buxton
 7. Zack Anselmi of Naples Young Marines pins veteran Roger Flynn
 8. WWII veteran John Wozniak and Lea Wozniak
 9. U.S. Army veteran Gary Wehr, U.S. Air Force Capt. and Chaplain Henry Braga, Annalise Smith and USMC veteran Dan Fahy
 10. Veterans Irene Johnson and Sarah Blanchette with Kristin Downey
 11. VFW Post 7721 veterans J.B. Holmes, Randy Cash, Fred Sexton and Ron Taylor



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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previously restaurant reviews:

Bill's Steak & Seafood, 4221 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 455-5111. Looking for a place to dine and dance? Bill's on the East Trail has what you're after. Never mind the somewhat drab exterior. There's valet parking and a thoughtful staff whose aim is to ensure guests have a great evening. Booths are most distant from the band so you might land one if you want it. Most people the night of our visit were more interested in proximity to the band and dance floor. There are no surprises on the New England-themed seafood menu, but it offers lots of choices for meat and seafood lovers. Salads were fresh and the New England clam chowder was laden with clams and potatoes. A surf and turf special included a tasty one-pound lobster, corn on the cob and a big baked potato along with the steak, which needed more seasoning. Both the wine list (bottle and glass) and cocktail menu contained a wealth of choices. And the band played almost the whole time we were there.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2016

Bleu Provence, 1234 Eighth St. S., Naples; 261-8239. This bastion of fine French food and wine has only gotten better since opening in 1999. Chef Lysielle Cariot and her husband/business partner, Jacques, see to that. Count on flawless French cuisine and impeccable service, a Wine Spectator Grand Award-winning wine list (one of 88 in the world) and a

sommelier and servers who enthusiastically guide you through it. House-made smoked salmon with strawberries, grapefruit and arugula sprouts was a delicious starter. A baked goat cheese salad, with julienned snow peas, radishes and walnuts in honey mustard mayonnaise dressing topped with a warm round of breaded goat cheese was equally creative. Pompano in lemon beurre blanc and rack of lamb with eggplant puree and potatoes au gratin were nightly specials worthy of the designation. And a plum tart with mandarin orange sorbet and the chocolate profiteroles were worth every calorie. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed October 2016

Jimmy P's Butcher Shop & Cafe, 25010 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs; 221-7428. Jim Pepper is a third-generation butcher and restaurateur specializing in prized Wagyu beef, hard-to-find heritage Berkshire pork and exotic game meats as well as less mainstream cuts of lamb and veal. This smokehouse/café/deli serves all-day brunch items, sandwiches, salads and more. Basic breakfast items like French toast are good, but Jimmy P's is truly hog heaven for meat lovers. From the revelatory pea bacon to the juicy Wagyu burgers to the stellar house-cured pastrami that is amazingly fresh, tender, moist, smoky and not overwhelmed by salt or spices, Jimmy P's is a carnivore's delight.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed October 2017



KC American Bistro, Pavilion Shopping Center, 885 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 566-2371. KC American Bistro has a loyal following and for good reason: Chef/owner Keith Casey is talented and creative and runs a first-class restaurant that's only gotten better over time. Dishes are grouped by the region of the country from which they originate and it's fun to mix and match. The Florida ceviche - consisting of black grouper and yellowfin tuna with corn and bell pepper in a citrus marinade and cilantro crème fraiche - was less spicy than most, but flavorful nonetheless. The Maryland blue crab soufflé was full of lump crab, lightly browned and crisp on a pool of sweet corn puree. Troll king salmon encrusted in pumpkin seeds came atop a stellar sweet potato gratin and the zinfandel braised short rib was fork tender and devoid of fat, made even better by a wild mushroom veal jus. Parsnip-laced mashed potatoes and Brussels sprouts were perfect accompaniments. For dessert: house-made chocolate ganache with wild berry coulis was decadently rich and just right for two. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed February 2017

Marlin Bar at Tommy Bahama, 23150 Fashion Drive, Coconut Point, Estero, 947-2203. The Marlin Bar is a casual concept by the retail fashion and restaurant chain Tommy Bahama, and it's a convenient alternative for shoppers who want to take a quick break for an al fresco pick-me-up or to unwind after a day of store hopping right on the main retail strip. True to the Tommy Bahama aesthetic, there are a half-dozen rum concoctions blended with pineapple, coconut and citrus. With food prices topping out at \$12, it's easy to try a broad sampling of the brief menu. So-called "snacks" include craft beer cheese and guacamole; salads and rice bowls are topped with proteins that make them substantial enough to serve as entrées; and "handhelds" constitute a couple of sandwiches and tacos with assorted fillings. The "world famous" coconut shrimp with mango-papaya chutney elevates a culinary cliché, and those rice bowls are colorful, bountiful and relatively healthful. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
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Sweetberry Bowls.

Sizzle SWFL Restaurant Week, formerly Naples Restaurant Week, returns May 31 through June 14 with a record 71 participating restaurants offering incredible savings on their best dishes. For the uninitiated, the promotion offers a 14-day opportunity for diners to enjoy prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus, which benefits the organization's FGCU Food & Beverage Scholarship. Restaurant Week includes dining spots from Marco Island to Cape Coral, with lunch menus priced from \$16 to \$21 and dinner menus from \$26 to \$36.

One of the event's goals is allowing diners to sample restaurants that would normally be out of their price range. It's also a great opportunity to hit all the hot spots, at a reduced cost, that are typically out of reach during season.

To participate, diners can log onto the event's website to see the restaurants' menus before making a reservation or walking in to request ordering from the Restaurant Week menu. For more information or to read the menus, visit www.swflrestaurantweek.com.

Sweetberry Bowls, a health-conscious eatery that provides a variety of bowls, smoothies, oatmeal, salads and more, plans to open its first Naples location at Berkshire Commons in late September. Menu items are customizable with granola, fruit and a variety of drizzles and dressings and owners Desi Saran, Kyle Kissane and Zach Elliott promise that everything will be fresh and made from scratch.

"The bowls are delicious and the store, with its tropical fruit bowls paired with the palm jungle décor and vine-covered ceiling will almost transport you to a warm summer day in a tropical paradise," Mr. Saran said. "Our menu is healthy and delicious, and we're looking forward to a long and tasty relationship with Naples."

Sweetberry Bowls also has seven other locations in Fort Myers and New Jersey. For more information about its menu, visit www.sweetberrybowls.com.

Take Note:

Purple Spoon hosts a four-course, farm-to-table dinner featuring produce from Cape Coral's Florida Microgreens from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 1. On the menu are kaffir lime and coconut soup, free-

range and braised meat with strawberry barbecue sauce and seasonal vegetables and a chef-selected dessert featuring seasonal fruits. \$78, includes wine pairings. 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive. 908-3842 or www.purplespoonfl.com.

Dagny's Spirits offers a free wine and liquor tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or www.dagnyspirits.com.

Sunshine Ace Hardware hosts its inaugural Big Green EGGfest grilling competition to find Southwest Florida's best grillmaster from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Riverside Park. The day will consist of tastings, family activities, live music and more and proceeds will benefit Youth Leadership Collier. Individuals and teams can register to compete and will receive a swag bag of Big Green Egg items and the winner will receive a Big Green Egg MiniMax. General admission to the event is \$30, while registration for the grilling competition is \$25-\$150. To purchase tickets or to register, visit www.sunshineace.com/eggfest.

Kareem's Lebanese Kitchen and 21 Spices by Chef Asif join forces to create a vegan Indo-Lebanese buffet to benefit aplantbaseddiet.org from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3. \$20, reservations required. 919-8830 or michel@21spicesdining.com.

Crave Culinaire's Brian Roland and David Robbins team up with Derrick Fox, runner-up in "Master Chef's" Season 6, to prepare a multi-course, elevated Southern food dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, June 8, at Venue Naples. \$125 per person, \$165 includes wine. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venue-naples.com.

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

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or www.surlatable.com - Coastal French Cooking: Thursday, May 31 (\$75); Everyday Vegetarian Cooking: Friday, June 1 (\$75); Date Night everyday Mediterranean: Friday, June 1 (\$85); Wine Night Out: Springtime in Italy (\$100); Coastal French Cooking: Saturday, June 2 (\$75); Perfect Pizza From Scratch: Saturday, June 2 (\$75); Date Night Down by the Shore: Saturday, June 2 (\$50.96); Summer Macaron Workshop: Sunday, June 3 (\$75); Indian Takeout: Sunday, June 3 (\$75); Date Night Dining in French Style: Sunday, June 3 (\$85); 5-Day Kuds Series American Road Trip: Monday through Friday, June 4-8 (\$300); Steakhouse Favorites: Monday, June 4 (\$85); Chinatown Favorites: Tuesday, June 5 (\$75); Backyard Cooking Party: Wednesday, June 5 (\$85). ■

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The Dish: The Granny Gear

The Place: Fit & Fuel Bicycle Café, 819 Vanderbilt Beach Road

The Price: \$8.75

The Menu: www.fitnfuelcafe.com

The Details: It's dangerous how close this place is to my office. I can walk there; I do so often, because I'm never disappointed with my choices. Its almost entirely guilt-free menu offers an array of breakfast and lunch items directed at the Naples Cyclery's continuously expanding community of cyclists. The Granny Gear is no exception; toasted French bread, roasted turkey, brie cheese and apple slices with honey mustard is the perfect mix of carbs, sweet and savory flavors for any-

one just getting done with a 30-mile ride (or an 8-minute, 30-second walk from their office...). The chips and salsa, which has a bit of a kick, is a nice, light side item to the heavier sandwich. I try not to get a gluten-free chocolate chip cookie every time I go, but it's quite difficult, as they're simply the best. The perfect blend of sweetness, gooey chocolate and light crunch sells itself.

One More Thing: If you've been to Fit & Fuel recently, you know it's going through a renovation process and operating out of a food truck. Fear not; rumor has it, the cafe is reopening its physical location in early June, with a whole lot more space — and possibly some dinner offerings. ■

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2 ESCARGOT 41 4339 N. Tamiami Trail, Naples;
793-5000, www.Escargot41.com

Escargot 41 has been the go-to place for French food lovers for over a dozen years. This cozy cafe is a local's delight, nestled in the Park Shore Shopping Center. It's an intimate setting with French paintings, low-key lighting, French music, white linen napkins, and beautiful chargers and plates. Start with the Escargot 41 (aka Escargot Dr. Ivan) with black trumpet mushrooms and a lightly creamed marsala sauce, classic onion soup, or lobster bisque. Savor fruits de mer aux morilles with jumbo shrimp, scallops in a light champagne sauce, beef tenderloin with creamed spinach and Swiss cheese, and finish with an exquisite raspberry souffle.

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CUISINE REVIEW

Phoenician brings Lebanese comfort fare to North Naples



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One of the trademarks of Middle Eastern restaurants — at least those in which I've dined in the Middle East and the United States — is the warm hospitality with which customers — regulars and first-timers alike — are treated.

That's how the evening began at the Phoenician on Immokalee Road during a recent visit. The new Lebanese/Mediterranean bistro recently took over the space previously occupied by El Gaucho Inca, Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits and Fred's Diner.

It still looks much like the stylish El Gaucho, with a change of art, of course, but the warm, dark tones and long, spacious bar remain, creating a cool, soothing space in which to dine.

We were just settling in when owner Sam Charaf stopped by to introduce himself and get acquainted, telling us a bit about his background and asking about ours. It was a nice, personal touch.

We ordered a Lebanese red blend from the wine menu only to find they were out of stock. Nonetheless, our young (and obviously new) server returned with a suggested replacement of equal value and like construction, offering us a taste before we decided.

The 2014 Chateau Ksara Le Prieure (\$45) she produced was a pleasant blend of Cinsault, Syrah, Mourvedre and Cabernet Sauvignon. Another employee, presumably a manager, appeared to instruct her in the proper way to remove the cork and pour the wine. While I think it would have been wise to school her prior to putting her out on the floor, at least he didn't leave her flailing at the table on her own.

Mezza (appetizers) are thoughtfully separated into vegetarian and non-vegetarian, making it easy to choose. We opted for a mix of the two, with the Tour of Byblos mezza (\$19) and the fried kibbie (\$9).

The former was an attractive sampler platter of vegetarian items — hummus, baba ghanouj, tabouli, falafel and stuffed grape leaves. The hummus was creamy, but bland. While the chickpeas from which it's made are naturally mild, this classic dip usually derives some zest from lemon and garlic, neither of which seemed evident.

The tabouli was primarily chopped parsley, but it, too, seemed lacking in the other more flavorful components such as onion, mint and lemon, although it did



The Phoenician mix grill includes shish kabob, shish tawook and shish kafta, rice and vegetables.



Shrimp ghallaba features shellfish with sautéed vegetables and a brown sauce.



The Tour of Byblos is a sampler platter of classic Lebanese appetizers including, from top left, grape leaves, tabouli, falafel, baba ghanouj, carrot, celery and cucumber sticks, and hummus.



Baklava is one of four desserts available at the Phoenician.

have good-sized chunks of tomato.

The grape leaves were under stuffed and what rice there was again needed more seasoning. The falafel were properly fried, moist within and had a light application of sauce on top. My favorite was the smoky baba ghanouj, a classic eggplant dip. This one has chunks of eggplant and was delicious with pieces of pita or the carrot and celery sticks that came with it.

The fried kibbeh appetizer consisted of two croquettes, both crisp and full of chopped meat and onion. They were accompanied by a small saucer of sauce that resembled tzatziki, which added flavor to the somewhat mild dish.

We hadn't planned to finish everything on the sampler platter, but our entrees were ready when we were about halfway through the first course. This is never OK, yet happens frequently. If servers waited to tell the kitchen to fire the order after the appetizers are at least halfway finished, this wouldn't happen. But servers don't always have the power to do that. Sometimes the kitchen simply whips through the orders as it chooses.

The shrimp ghallaba (\$25) was described as shrimp with assorted vegeta-

bles and special seasonings. That sounded appealing. The shellfish were good-sized and fresh. They sat upon a bed of sautéed vegetables — carrots, mushrooms, onions — that could have used several more minutes of cooking. There was just a touch of brown sauce beneath them. While it had a rich flavor, there wasn't enough to do justice to the food above it. A large mound of rice was fine.

The Phoenician mix grill (\$29) contained shish kabob (lamb), shish tawook (chicken) and shish kafta (ground meat with onions and parsley formed into a cylindrical patty and grilled on a stick). I'd ordered the lamb medium, but it and the other two kabobs arrived closer to well done. They came with grilled onions on the kabobs, raw onions on the side, raw tomatoes and sticks of something pink and lightly pickled I couldn't identify and forgot to ask about.

The best dish was the lamb shank (\$25), a large piece of meat that had been baked until it was fall-off-the-bone tender and seasoned with a harmonious blend of spices, among which I detected hints of nutmeg and cinnamon.

Our server offered us a choice of four

desserts, none of which are made there. I understand that. Get the basics right, then add the rest.

We ordered baklava and Turkish coffee.

The two squares of baklava were so hard, we could barely cut them with knife and fork. The crust was hard, not flaky, and there was no honey oozing out of the pastry, as is customary.

The coffee came in a lovely decorated Turkish coffee pot, but did not resemble the Turkish coffee with which I am familiar. It had no foam on top. It had no sugar and was woefully weak. It also had no grounds in it, indicating it had been filtered, which isn't the way it is traditionally made.

We left that, too.

Our server realized we didn't like them, apologized and took them off the bill, which was the right thing to do.

Phoenician has promise, but it also has problems. It needs a surer, bolder hand in the kitchen and a more thoroughly trained front-of-the-house staff. It has serious competition around town and will need to up its game this summer if it hopes to capture a share of the market. Considering that the family has successful restaurants in Michigan, I'm hopeful the problems we experienced are simply growing pains that will pass as it gets up and running. ■

in the know

Phoenician Lebanese Bistro

2700 Immokalee Road, Naples; 431-7928

Ratings:
Food: ★★☆☆
Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$7-\$19; entrees, \$19-\$29 (lunch, \$9-\$18)
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Seating:** Banquettes, conventional tables, at the bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Lebanese, Mediterranean cuisine
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
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