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Market Trends paints cautiously optimistic real estate picture

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COMMENTARY

The AR-15 ‘sports’ rifle

I’ve never fired an M-4 or an AR-15 rifle — the weapons of choice for United States Army and Marine Corps infantry units, or increasingly (in the case of the AR-15) for mass shootings by domestic terrorists.

But I’ll bet they’re a lot of fun.

Maybe more fun than firing anti-tank weapons, shoulder-held anti-aircraft missiles, .50 cal. and 7.62 mm machine guns, M-4s firing 5.56 mm rounds, like an AR15 in .223, M-14s (7.62 mm, like a 30.06), and M79 grenade rifles firing 40 mm rounds.

That last one in particular is a blast, a shotgun of sorts that will take down not just a goose, a duck, a pheasant or a quail, but a whole flock of geese along with a passing Piper Cub airplane or two and whatever hapless deer happen to be wandering the landscape below when they all come down in flames. And not just at 80 or 100 yards, but at almost 400 yards.

Like I said, a blast, I can’t for the life of me understand why more hunters aren’t using them, or why they aren’t part of every citizen’s home security arsenal, aren’t using them, or why they aren’t part of some updated versions. So they come in all shapes and sizes.

Oh, I know, it’s the f—ing liberals, trying to take our guns away. Trying to prevent us from our constitutional right to keep and bear arms in case the government invades our neighborhoods, destroying our freedom to go to fast food restaurants, which are bad for our health.

As a highly-paid professional opinion-ate, I draw the line right there: I’m totally opposed to the government telling us we can’t continue to be ignorant, overfed and unhealthy. You can try my Big Mac from my cold dead . . . well, never mind.

The weapons I’ve described — all of which I’ve fired, repeatedly, along with a couple of others — would have been invented and constitutionally embalmed by James Madison, who authored the Second Amendment, if he’d just thought of it.

But he didn’t because he wasn’t far-seeing enough to recognize we wouldn’t always have to rely on powder and ball. Which makes him something of a dim bulb.

Our forefathers were imperfect, yes, but we can’t blame them for their failings. They had sex and used outhouses with no toilet paper and fired muskets and kept slaves and came up with the Constitution. What are you gonna do?

Thank God we have the National Rifle Association to rescue us from their short-sighted ineptitude.

The NRA used to be a bunch of harmless old pious, teaching boys and the occasional girl with skinned-up knees how to clean their single-shot, bolt-action .22s after they fired a few rounds at tin cans or rabbits. I’m not sure whether those old boys used toilet paper or not.

Now, though, the NRA is a sleek, fit, ultra-modern, toilet-paper-hungry lobbying machine that stepped up to the plate — we, they’ve stepped up to the firing line.

Employing both the First Amendment (to scare the crap out of the gullible) along with the classic Art of Lobbying Politicians in America (to woo the greedy), the NRA has rescued us from James Madison and those other wig-wearing rich guys. Not constitutionally, of course, but fear-nationally.


So now fortunately, and thanks to the NRA, we have a lot of AR-15s and a lot of copy-cat, mass-murdering, homemade terrorists running around shooting the countryside up with assault rifles designed for rapid semi-automatic fire that can be upgraded to automatic, put out rounds traveling at almost 3,000 feet per second, kill you at 50 feet or 500 yards, or more, and be modified to perform all kinds of other fancy tricks.

Various models were banned for a decade, from 1994 to 2004, before President George W. Bush and Republicans in Congress let the ban expire.

The NRA says a lot of people use them for “sport.” And now we’ve seen them employed effectively in many places, including just in the last year or so at an Orlando nightclub (49 killed, 58 wounded), a Las Vegas country music concert (58 killed, 546 wounded), and a Texas church (26 killed, 20 wounded).

In the gun literature, the term of art for base model AR-15s made by companies such as Smith & Wesson, Armalite, Colt, and so on, is “platform.”

The rifle is a “platform” you can custom-fit to your needs. Say, for example, you want to take out a whole herd of deer at night and maybe a bear or two on the side, while firing from the waist like Rambo. You can custom fit the laser sights, the high-capacity magazines, the bump stocks if you need to go full-auto (Rambo would have), and so on.

Ammunition for these rifles isn’t cheap, but it’s not a deal-breaker, either. For example, you can get a box of 500 .223 Remington “Gold Dot” rounds for $86, and prices vary from there.

The rifles themselves run very roughly in the $800 to $2,000 range for the base platform, and they go up from there into the $2,500 range. So there’s money in it.

The NRA estimates more than 8 million Americans have AR-15s, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced 3.7 million were sold in 2015.

At an average price of $1,000, AR-15 rifles alone brought arms manufacturers $57.2 billion in 2015. If each buyer purchased $300 worth of ammunition in a year, that’s another $1 billion. Throw in a few accessories like gun lockers and cleaning equipment and range fees and you’re well up over $5 billion just for a 12-month period.

I can draw only one conclusion from this: Those deer better look out.
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Two very American heroes in Texas

Before the Texas church shooter encountered any police officers, he was run off a highway and dead. He had been shot and chased by two private citizens who took it upon themselves to respond to a heinous crime where no one with a badge was anywhere to be found.

The church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, is another heartbreaking chapter in the country’s epidemic of mass shootings. Devin Patrick Kelley, shot and killed 26 people and wounded another 20, accounting for nearly everyone in the small church. The senseless cruelty is hard to fathom.

The response by the two bystanders who refused to stand by is something else entirely. It was a characteristically small-town American act of self-reliance that shows, no matter how tattered our civil society may be, it still produces people who will risk life and limb for others without hesitation, unbidden by anything other than their own sense of obligation.

When Stephen Willeford, 55, heard of the shooting, he left his house barefoot with his AK-47 and started exchanging fire with Kelley outside the church. An expert shot, Willeford hit Kelley and reportedly aimed for the gaps on his body armor. When Kelley got in an SUV and sped off, Willeford jumped in Johnnie Langendorff’s truck and told him to give chase.

Langendorff, 27, didn’t ask any questions. He followed Kelley at 95 mph down the highway, until the perpetrator ran off the road. Willeford jumped out of the truck and rested his rifle on his body armor. When Kelley got in an SUV and sped off, Willeford jumped in Johnnie Langendorff’s truck and told him to give chase.

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In his interviews, Langendorff, with a scarred beard and a tattoo of a bull skull on his neck, invariably wears a cowboy hat. He is polite and matter of fact (“he said ‘chase him’ and so that’s what I did — I just chased him”), implying that anyone would have done the same.

This isn’t true, although it is almost certainly more true in America’s out-of-the-way places.

Self-help is imperative in these areas because the alternative is no help, at least not on a timely basis. Small towns might not even have a police department.

This gets to one of the root causes of America’s gun culture: In swaths of the country, a gun isn’t an optional extra layer of self-protection, but a necessary first defense.

Rates of gun ownership are highest in remote, sparsely populated states like Alaska, Idaho, West Virginia and North Dakota. In a poll of Texans a few years ago, nearly half of the people said they or a family member owned a gun.

Any gun-control measure that is sweeping enough to make a dent in the country’s gun stock and render gun ownership difficult enough to, at the margins, keep firearms out of the hands of psychopaths will inevitably affect law-abiding people as well.

In places like rural Texas, that would rightly be considered a serious imposition. Without a gun, if something goes missing, the only option is sitting and waiting for the authorities to show up.

And the likes of Stephen Willeford and Johnnie Langendorff, obviously, aren’t the waiting kind. — Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Don’t expect much help for Florida’s waterways

BY DAVE TRECKER

Our lawmakers would have us believe there are better days ahead for the environment. We are told big money is about to be unleashed to control pollution in and around Lake Okeechobee, rebuild our beaches, restore the Everglades and buy more conservation land. Something for everybody.

Gov. Rick Scott’s 2018-19 budget has $1.7 billion earmarked for state conservation projects. That’s up from $1.4 billion this year. And President Donald Trump has pledged federal money to help shore up the Herbert Hoover Dyke around Lake Okeechobee.

But don’t get too excited. Not much is going to happen.

Why? Federal promises have no credibility. The feds are already $1 billion behind on promised funding. And there will be lots of competition for state money next year.

Sen. Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples) says the state “will advance about $665 million next year. There will be increases in health care. And there will be increases in Medicaid costs. And there will be increases in health care...”

There are other approaches. Environmentalists have been pressing for reservoirs to be built on all sides of Lake O, most particularly to the south to control discharges to the Everglades. And earlier this year, the legislature actually delivered something.

Senate Bill 10 calls for the capture of runoff from the Kissimmee River to the north and farming areas to the south and west. To prevent a breach in the surrounding dyke, the lake water must be periodically lowered, sending the pollution west into the Caloosa-hatchee River and the gulf and east into the St. Lucie Canal and the Atlantic.

Beaches are flooded. Fishing is impacted. Tourists go elsewhere.

Gov. Scott says the answer is to speed up repair of the Herbert Hoover Dyke. Since 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has spent more than $870 million on the ancient earthen dam. The corps says another $930 million is needed. Unfortunately, that would handle only a fraction of the 2.1 million acre-feet the lake discharged in 2016. And at a cost of $1.5 billion, half from uncommitted federal funds, the new reservoir won’t be ready for at least five years.

A reservoir to the north is another possibility, a place to store the Kissim-mee water before it reaches the lake. The Army Corps is waiting for a report that will spell out options. Funding hasn’t been discussed, and reservoir construction is years away.

Storage to the east and west is also being considered, and Gov. Scott’s budget has $805 million for a reservoir to capture runoff before it reaches the Caloosa-hatchee. But matching federal funds are needed, so don’t hold your breath.

There are other problems. None of these projects have any provisions for cleaning up the polluted water, just for containing it. There are plans for regulating the flow but not for removing the pollutants. Costly filter marshes or the equivalent are needed downstream of the reservoirs.

And there’s more. Virtually nothing has been done to deal with leaky septic tanks, a problem in rural areas and another major cause of pollution. That’s slipped below the radar altogether.

Finally, the easiest fix of all has been ignored: toughening statewide water standards for nutrients. The Department of Environmental Protection could do that immediately and at little cost. Put the onus on the polluters to stop runoff pollution. Set tough specs for soluble nitrogen and phosphorus in our waterways — and enforce the standards, particularly in the sugar cane fields, phosphate-mines, vegetable farms and other areas where the worst pollution occurs.

This is a no-brainer. But business interests oppose it and it probably won’t happen.

Put it all together and it’s pretty discouraging. The fact is there won’t be meaningful cleanup of Florida’s waterways until our elected officials treat it as an imperative, a top priority that must be fully funded. Money off the top, not money that’s left over.

Elections are coming. We as voters will have a chance to deliver that message.

— A Ph.D. chemist, Naples resident Dave Trecker retired as a senior vice president at Pfizer. He is a founder of the Collier Citizens Council. Follow his blog at www.theresidentscorner.com.
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Rooms To Go donates furniture, cash to Irma victims in Collier

Rooms To Go has donated 80 rooms of furniture, along with a $25,000 donation, for Hurricane Irma victims in Collier County through the Collier Comes Together Fund, held at the Community Foundation of Collier County in partnership with the United Way of Collier County.

The delivery of 40 rooms of bedroom furniture and 40 rooms of living room furniture were sent to a donated warehouse space in the Ave Maria community on Nov. 9. Volunteers from Ave Maria and nonprofits were on hand to unload the furniture, which will be delivered to pre-selected families based on need by the Community Foundation of Immokalee, East Naples, Golden Gate, Everglades City, Chokoloskee and Plantation Island, which were affected by Hurricane Irma.

“As a Florida-based company, we are happy to help in the recovery of Hurricane Irma,” said Janis Altshuler, senior vice president at Rooms To Go. “The storm had widespread damage throughout the state and Rooms To Go is working with local organizations from Jacksonville to the Keys. It is our pleasure to provide a significant donation to southwest Florida via the Community Foundation of Collier County.

“According to Collier County Government, over 70 structures were reported destroyed and over 1,000 structures were reported to have incurred major damage, so we are thrilled to receive this amazing donation from Rooms To Go that will help so many families in need,” said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Community Foundation president & CEO. “This is a great example of a generous community being proactive in finding ways to get help where it is needed most.”

The Collier Comes Together Fund has received more than $15 million in commitments to distribute to nonprofits for Hurricane Irma victims. More than $1 million has been distributed to nonprofits to provide for immediate disaster relief and long-term housing needs. 100% of donations collected are distributed by nonprofits to hurricane victims, with no administrative fee.

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Grants from the Collier Comes Together Fund have been distributed to the following nonprofits:

- Baby Basics
- Catholic Charities
- Collier Child Care Resources
- Collier County Public Schools
- Goodwill Industries
- Golden Gate Senior Center
- Grace Place for Children and Families
- Greater Naples Fire Foundation
- Greater Naples YMCA
- Guadalupe Center
- Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida
- JFCS of Southwest Florida
- Legal Aid of Collier County
- Marco Island
- Marco YMCA
- Meals of Hope
- Our Daily Bread Food Pantry
- RCMA
- Reach out Everglades
- Rural Neighborhoods Incorporated
- Salvation Army Naples
- Senior Friendship Center
- SWFL Community Foundation
- United Way

To donate to the Collier Comes Together Fund, visit cfcollier.org to donate online or checks can be mailed to the Community Foundation at 110 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 200, Naples, FL 34108.

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Walk of shame

A presumably humiliated opossum “ran off” in late October after three Pennsylvania men posted photos on social media of themselves giving it beer and kissing it. The Pennsylvania State Game Commission was unamused by the antics of Michael Robert Tice, 18, of Newport; David Mason Snoon, 19, of Redsville; and Morgan Scott Ehrenzeller, 20, of McAlisterville, and charged them on Nov. 2 with unlawful possession of wildlife and disturbing the peace. According to TribLive, Tice kissed and held the animal while Snoon poured beer on its head and into its mouth. The men couldn’t be reached for comment.

Be kind to animals

Donna Byrne, 53, of Polk County, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, 2, but held her motorized transportation that earned her an animal neglect charge. Byrne was riding her horse, Boduke, down a busy road in Lakeland in the middle of the afternoon. When officers reached Byrne, she was staggering and had red, watery eyes — explained by her breath alcohol level, which was more than twice the legal limit, Polk County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Brian Bruchey told the Orlando Sentinel. Boduke got a ride to the sheriff’s Animal Control livestock facility, but Bruchey said he’d most likely be returned to Byrne, whose rap sheet includes cruelty to animals and drug possession.

Nakedly weird

Tempers flared in Minot, N.D., before 33-year-old Cornelius Marcel Young was charged with terrorizing after attacking his fiancée’s brother at a trailer park on Nov. 3. The Minot Daily News reported that Young yelled at the brother, punched him in the face and knocked him into a wall after he had turned up late. The brother threatened to call police, Young brandished a knife, as his fiancée jumped on his back and bit his ear “to distract him.” Two children were in the trailer during the fight but were uninjured.

Smooth reactions

A Chicago wiener stand was the scene of a crime gone south on Oct. 31 when Terrion Pouncy, 19, accidentally discharged his gun, which he was trying to conceal in his pants, and shot himself in the stomach. The Chicago Tribune reported police were called to the Original Maxwell Street Polish at about 6 a.m., after a hooded man threatened employees with a small-caliber pistol. One of the employees gave him money from the cash register, according to the complaint against Pouncy, who saw the robber steal the man’s cellphone and wallet, and ran outside, stuffing the gun in his pants, but it went off twice, striking his “groin” and thigh. Pouncy kept running his pants, but it went off twice, striking his “groin” and thigh. Pouncy kept running and eventually called 911 to report that he’d been shot. He was charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, but couldn’t appear for his bond hearing, considered whether the “non-species-appropriate transport” could be a violation of animal protection laws.

Unusual hobbies

Kung fu master Li Weijun used his bare hands to smash 302 walnuts in 55 seconds on Nov. 1, breaking a Guinness World Record. The previous record, held by a man in India, was 212 walnuts in one minute, according to United Press International. Weijun accomplished the feat in Foshan City, Guangdong Province, China, with video cameras rolling to capture the proof, which has been submitted to Guinness for official recognition.
The Naples Depot Museum announced its staff-curated Sites & Scenes: Collier County’s Historic Places is now remaining open through Jan. 27, 2018.

Collier County, with its sandy beaches and warm winter weather, is known mainly as a vacation destination. Yet, if one takes the time to truly explore the county, they will find a treasure trove of history. Nineteenth century homes, a railroad depot from the Roaring Twenties and an engineering marvel are just some of the sites and properties that have survived the passage of time and the inevitable allure of progress. While not every important site and structure has been preserved, this exhibition highlights some of the county’s historic landmarks and the stories behind them.

Added programming has been scheduled related to the historic places and historical organizations within Collier County.

Dec. 6, 2017, 2 p.m.: “Collier County’s Historic Archaeological Preservation Board” by board members Betsy Perdichizzi and Stuart Miller.

The Historic Archaeological Preservation Board serves as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Preservation Board is vested with the power, authority and jurisdiction to designate, regulate and administer historic and archaeological resources in the county under the direct jurisdiction and control of the BCC. Two current board members will explain how their duties are carried out and how you can participate.

Jan. 10, 2018, 2 p.m.: “Historic Places of Naples” by Lodge McKee.

Mr. McKee is the president of South Florida Heritage, Inc., the local organization that saved the Naples Depot in 1975-76. A longtime Naples resident and local history aficionado, his tales of places and times gone by are sure to delight.

RSVP is encouraged as limited seating is available. RSVP online at www.CollierMuseums.com.

For more information about the Naples Depot Museum’s Sites & Scenes: Collier County’s Historic Places, please contact the museum at 262-6525 or visit www.colliermuseums.com/exhibits. The Naples Depot Museum is located at 1051 5th Ave-S, Naples, FL 34102.
The Collier County Museums and the Friends of the Collier County Museums will host the 28th Annual Old Florida Festival on Nov. 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Collier Museum at Government Center.

The Old Florida Festival features authentic re-enactors portraying the last 500 years of Florida's history, featuring two full days of music and special entertainment, demonstrations and local food vendors.

Reenactment portrayals include the Calusa, Spanish Conquistadors, Revolutionary War, Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Seminole Wars, American Civil War, Pioneer Florida and World War II.

Entertainment includes performances by the Eli Mosley Band, the Good Bad Kids, Karibbean Groove, storytelling from members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, clogging by Country Ribbon Cloggers and other programming. Proceeds from Old Florida Festival benefit the Friends of the Collier County Museums. Their mission is to broaden community support for Collier County Museums and to actively encourage their growth and development as educational and cultural institutions of excellence. For more information about the Friends of the Collier County Museums, visit www.FOCM.com.

For more information about the 28th Annual Old Florida Festival, visit www.colliermuseums.com.
Deadline nears for low-interest disaster loans

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The U.S. Small Business Administration has extended the deadline to apply for physical disaster damages in Florida. Businesses and individuals with physical damages caused by Hurricane Irma have until Friday, Nov. 24, to apply for an SBA low-interest disaster loan.

As of press time earlier this week, SBA officials reported 8,474 disaster loans had already been approved in the amount of $306,038,300 in the Sunshine State.

“The SBA encourages anyone who has not applied to take action right away,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. “Our mission is to help businesses and residents rebuild and resume their normal lives as quickly as possible,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

The need for SBA disaster loans is as unpredictable as the weather. In fiscal year 2016, the administration approved more than 100,000 new loans for more than $1.4 billion; since the program’s inception in 1953, more than 2 million disaster loans have been approved for a total of more than $56 billion in the wake of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, tornadoes and other physical disasters.

The Hurricane Irma-related disaster declaration covers 48 counties and includes Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. Florida’s disaster declaration covers 48 counties and includes Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

Economic injury disaster loans are available to both physical and economic injury disaster loans.

SBA disaster loans are available to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to cover uninsured losses from the disaster. Economic injury rates are as low as 3.305 percent for businesses, 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.75 percent for homeowners and renters. Loan terms can be up to 30 years.

Economic injury disaster loans are available to provide disaster-related working capital to small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. These loans can be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The filing deadline for economic injury disaster loans is June 11, 2018.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362.
Farm City BBQ of Collier returns for 62nd edition

In an effort to help Southwest Florida residents rebuild and replant after Hurricane Irma, Keep Collier Beautiful (KCB) and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) have partnered with Farm City BBQ of Collier County to give away 3,000 trees at this year’s event. The 62nd Annual Farm City BBQ, held at Cambier Park in downtown Naples on Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., is expected to bring thousands of business and agricultural leaders together in support of the next generation of local leaders. Proceeds from the event benefit the 4H Association, Youth Leadership Collier, Junior Deputies and Kiwanis’ Key Clubs. Read more about the afternoon on page C39.

Earlier this year, Collier County was officially certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by NWF. Collier County is the 96th community in the country to receive this honor and is currently the sixth largest community habitat in the state of Florida. The trees were generously donated to the residents of Collier County through the National Wildlife Federation’s Trees for Wildlife program, which is dedicated to educating youth and communities about trees and their importance to our environment, as well as inspiring communities to plant and care for trees.

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The Salvation Army Naples Annual Christmas Toy Shop is now open. The Salvation Army collects toys for children every year in Collier County. This year nearly 7,000 children will receive toys through the program. To donate new, unwrapped toys, please drop them off at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road or at any local business with a Toys for Tots drop off box. The age range is 3 to 12, with toys for boys and girls ages 7 to 12 the most in need. Visit the Christmas section at http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/naples/ to learn more.

Moorings Park Foundation
doles out $200K for local seniors

The Moorings Park Foundation Board, through its executive committee, challenged the residents of Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks, along with members of the various operating boards of Moorings Park, to raise charitable support for senior who are struggling in the greater Naples community.

“Since its inception, the Moorings Park Foundation’s mission has been to create a culture of philanthropy which provides opportunities to benefit the residents of Moorings Park, its employees, and the greater community,” stated Dan Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park. “These wonderful awards continue this important tradition.”

“Due to an incredible effort this year, nearly $200,000 was raised by the various Moorings Park-related entities and recently distributed to five recipient agencies, many of whose patrons live below the poverty level,” said Karl Sheffield, chairman of the Moorings Park Foundation.

Those agencies include AVOW Hospice, Collier Senior Resources, Jewish Family Community Services of Southwest Florida, Senior Friendship Health Center and Step Smart Collier.

AVOW Hospice received $10,000 to purchase virtual reality systems to be used to provide memory-boosting experiences for patients in hospice and palliative care.

Collier Senior Resources received $25,000 to provide crisis assistance, such as food and shelter, to low-income seniors at the Golden Gate Senior Center.

Jewish Family Community Services of Southwest Florida received $49,420 to provide staffing and supplies for an art therapy program related to dementia.

Senior Friendship Health Center received $85,000 for ophthalmology equipment and Friends-in-Need aid for treatment of increasing numbers of diabetic patients.

Step Smart Collier received $25,000 for public education programs that teach seniors about the risks of falls and how to prevent them.

For information regarding the Moorings Park Foundation call 919-4692.

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Rookery Bay to host Henderson Creek cleanup

The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is hosting a mangrove cleanup event of Henderson Creek on Saturday, Nov. 18. Henderson Creek is a frequent destination for Rookery Bay visitors who enjoy getting out on the water.

Stand-up paddlers and kayakers are encouraged to participate. Water enthusiasts from all over Florida will join to paddle through the mangroves of Henderson Creek to pick up trash, debris and downed branches that have clogged up the waterways and impacted the marine habitat after Hurricane Irma.

A food truck will be on site with refreshments for the event.

For more information, visit rookery-bay.org/calendar.

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■ The St. Matthew’s House Heroes for Homeless 5K Run/1-Mile Walk takes place Saturday morning, Nov. 18, around the lakes in Ave Maria. Runners, joggers and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Registration is $27 through Nov. 17 and $30 on event day ($15 for ages 7-22). For more information or to register, call 774-0500, email info@stmatthewshouse.org or visit www.stmatthewshouse.org.

■ The 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer’s takes place Saturday, Nov. 18, at North Collier Regional Park. The opening ceremony takes place at 9 a.m. and the non-competitive walk steps out at 9:30 a.m. Form a team, join one that is already registered or sign up as a volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up, registration, water stops and more. There is no registration fee, but every participant is asked to make a personal donation and collect pledges to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. To sign up or for more information, call 405-7008 or email alefcakis@alz.org.

■ The fifth annual Gulf Coast Runners Thanksgiving 5K sets out at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, from Cambier Park. There’s also a 1K for ages 7-14 and a 100-yard dash for ages 6 and younger. 5K participants can run, walk or run/walk the course. Registration for the 5K is $30 through 9:59 p.m. Nov. 22 and $40 after. Moe’s Southwest Grill will donate 1 pound of rice or beans to St. Matthew’s House for every registered runner. For more information, visit www.gcrunner.org.

■ Pilot Club of Naples hosts its Pilot Holiday 5K Walk/Run on Sunday morning, Dec. 10, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is $15-$35. To sign up or for more information, visit www.pilottc.org.

■ Girls on the Run of Collier County holds its fourth annual Reindeer Dash on Saturday morning, Dec. 16, at Community School of Naples. Participants can enjoy seasonal treats and a visit with Santa and his elves. Registration is $15-$35. To sign up or for more information, visit www.gotrcc.org.

■ Humane Society Naples hosts its 12th annual Run for the Paws to support the organization’s rescue and adoption efforts at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Naples Municipal Airport. Participants can bring their dogs for a timed 5K walk/run. Registration is $25. For more information or to sign up, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.org.

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

■ New Horizons of Southwest Florida hosts the ninth annual Swing for New Horizons golf tournament Saturday morning, May 5, at Worthington Country Club. Registration for $150 includes lunch, awards ceremony, stories from New Horizons students and a performance by the Super Kids Club Choir. To sign up or for more information, call 948-4146 or www.newhorizonsoffwfl.org.

— Email news about charity sports events to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida invites any parent whose child struggled with any mental health issue to attend a support group from 10-11:30 every Wednesday. Members are encouraged to listen to each other, share their concerns and fears and raise questions related to the same issues. Attendance is free.

The association holds similar support group meetings for those suffering depression from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and for veterans from 7:30 p.m. also on Wednesday.

Meetings are at the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida office at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Attendance is free. For more information, call Veronica Garib at 263-5450 or visit www.mhawfl.org.

Here are some more support groups that meet regularly around the area:

• The Naples area Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation support group meet from 5-6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Dec. 7. For more information, call Paul Allman, 662-1356, email paulallmansearch@gmail.com or visit www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

• The Parkinson Association of Southwestern Florida Inc. has two support groups for anyone who has Parkinson’s disease and also for those who care for them. Newcomers are always welcome from 1-2 p.m. every Tuesday at the clubhouse at Aragon Golf Club, 4800 Aragon Gardens Way in Pelican Marsh, and/or from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every Thursday in the clubhouse at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 2680 S. Bay Drive in Bonita Springs. For more information, call PASFI at 472-4365 or email our office at pasfi.org.

• Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites all who are blind or visually impaired to meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the center, 2685 Horseshoe Drive in Naples.

The nonprofit also hosts a brown bag lunch and program at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for visually impaired people and their caregivers. The next program is Nov. 21.

Find support for what ails you

Healthy Living

You start eating, and you feel like you just can’t stop.

“Vomiting is not just a lot of over-eating,” explains Dr. Cynthia Bulik, an expert on eating disorders at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. “It’s a sense of loss of control. When you start eating, and you feel like you just can’t stop.”

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People with bulimia nervosa eat very little. They often eat until they feel very uncomfortable. Afterward, they’re usually so overcome by feelings of guilt, shame and distress.

They are often obese.

When binge eating is followed by “purging,” it’s called bulimia nervosa. People with bulimia nervosa might follow binge eating by vomiting or taking laxatives to purge, by fasting or by over-exercising. They’re often able to maintain a normal weight because their purging compensates for the extra calories. Bulimia nervosa can cause other health issues, like heart irregularities or problems with the digestive system.

On the other extreme, people with anorexia nervosa eat very little. They see themselves as overweight, even when they are dangerously underweight. It’s the least common of the eating disorders, but is often the most deadly.

An eating disorder can develop for anyone, at any body weight or shape and at any time. But most eating disorders start in the teen or young adult years.

“When young people show signs of an eating disorder, there is this tendency to think that they might outgrow it or that it’s just a phase,” Dr. Bulik says. “But the most likely path is in the direction of developing a full-blown eating disorder.”

What causes eating disorders isn’t known. Genes and family history, mental and emotional health, as well as environment and culture can influence whether someone develops one of these complex conditions. Some NIH-funded researchers are studying possible genetic causes for eating disorders. Others are looking for changes in the brain. They hope their studies will help guide how eating disorders are diagnosed and treated.

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New FGCU program focuses on careers in senior living industry

As baby boomers retire and growing numbers move into senior living facilities, the need for trained staff will increase exponentially. In anticipation of that need, the Office of Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University offers the Senior Living Leadership Certificate, a new program that prepares learners for careers in this growing industry.

Certification includes a blend of gerontology fundamentals classes taught by health-care professionals and FGCU faculty; leadership and professional development classes taught by senior living industry executive leaders and regional/national subject matter experts; and classes about senior living operations taught by facility practitioners.

The program begins Feb. 24, 2018, at FGCU and will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 33 Saturdays over 10 months. (As an alternative, registered students can view the class from anywhere via the internet.)

In addition to the classes, participants complete a one-week externship at a senior living facility or do an approved independent study to earn the non-credit-bearing certificate.

Those who wish to take individual classes are welcome to do that as well.

The cost for the complete certificate is $2,999; individual classes are $109 each.

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Saving species

Train, aka Mr. T or Big Brown Mon-ster, has made four trips to Misiones, Argentina, a rugged and rainy province with an economy that relies primarily on agriculture and logging, as well as some tourism. He’s not a sightseer — rather at least not in the usual way. Train detects the scat, or feces, of jaguar, puma, ocelot, oncilla and bush dog. What he finds helps Washington University researchers analyze the paths the animals travel. This allows them to plan habitat corridors that protect the ability of wildlife to travel through territory while limiting their impact on surrounding environments, which include public and private wildlife reserves, privately owned plantations and farms, and roads and pathways.

Conservation dogs like Train hold jobs around the world. Besides sniffing for scar, they seek out turtle nests that need protection, detect pests that attack plants and monitor the presence of invasive fish species in streams and other waters. The dogs are employed by wildlife researchers; local, state, and national agencies; and international organizations where they help to track poachers by finding the scent of ammunition or contraband such as rhino horn. You may also see them at work in airports, where they hunt for smuggled products or animals such as bear bile and gallbladders, snakes and even baby monkeys.

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Malinois/German shepherd cross named Levi search for cheetah scat. What they find is analyzed in CCF’s genetics laboratory.

“We can do DNA and understand more about population structure and find out what the cheetah has eaten, so we have prey analysis that we can use as well,” says Laurie Marker, Ph.D., CCF’s founder and executive director.

Finn has been on the job for approximately eight years and is still active at 10 years old. Levi is his younger understudy, capable of covering more ground. They work off leash in the bush, accompanied by a handler who rewards them with a toss of a ball or toy when they give an alert. They need stamina and drive to work for long periods without getting bored.

“They work for play,” Dr. Marker says. The dogs are capable of learning to identify multiple scents, making them valuable in a number of situations. In addition to identifying cheetah scat, Levi — trained in South Africa — knows rhino horn and ammunition and is being trained on leop- ard. Together, the scents give him a well-rounded skill set.

In addition to his work in Argentina, where his repertoire odors include tapir, armadillo, pig, tapir, peccary and paca, Train has helped with mountain lion surveys for Nebraska Game and Parks and for the Missouri Department of Conservation. Dr. DeMatteo is planning to expand his repertoire to include spotted skunk to help find this endangered species in Missouri, where she and Train live.

“Even at 10 years old, he shows no sign of wanting to slow down,” she says.
Vampires should not be forced to change their body clocks

For the past two weeks, I’ve been conducting an elaborate science experiment on my body and my brain — and I’ve found that as a subject, science, much like math, doesn’t appear to be my forte.

I’m attempting to answer the age-old question — can you teach a not-so-new (I refuse to use the word “old”) dog new tricks?

Basically, I’ve been trying to reset my body clock — which at this point is like trying to set the leaning Tower of Pisa upright, or changing the ending of “The Titanic” so that Jack actually fits on that floating door with Rose, or attempting to change a Fox News viewer’s mind about Donald Trump on a Facebook thread — some things are just not possible.

Still, I’m trying. After an entire life of being a dedicated night owl, I’m doing everything in my power to become an early bird. After all, “the early bird gets the worm;” “Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise” (hopefully, that applies to women as well); “The key to success is getting up early.”

I don’t know if all that’s true — in fact, I know a few early-risers who aren’t particularly wise, successful or healthy — but, still, I want to see if resetting my vampire-like ways when I read a study conducted by the genet-ics company 23andMe that stated that whether you’re a night owl or an early bird can be genetic and that I might not be able to change my sleeping habits any more than I can change my height from my dwarf-like 5 feet 2 inch size to a more willowy 5 feet 10 inches.

I looked back at my mother’s side of the family. My Grandma Ya Ya was an artist who painted her most vivid abstracts late at night. I remember staying with her when I was little, waking up in the middle of the night, and finding her in her studio in her nightgown, a cup of hot coffee steaming on the table next to her, a cigarette between her lips and a paintbrush in her hand as she covered the canvas in bright acrylics.

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For me, it doesn’t matter how early I wake up, how hard I exercise in the morning or work during the day, or even stress out about the dishwasher breaking, paying the bills or forgetting to make my annual mammogram appointment — I come alive at 11 at night. That’s when I suddenly feel creative, energized and inspired. I want to rearrange my closet, binge watch “Stranger Things,” pluck my eyebrows and Skype with my friend who lives in Taiwan.

So, I’ve been trying to trick my body and brain by going to bed at 9 p.m. I take my trusty ZzzQuil and melatonin supplement along with some hot Sleepy Time Tea — and indeed, I fall asleep — until about 1:30 when my eyes pop open and my mind starts racing. Knowing that my alarm is going off in a mere four hours does not seem to help my case.

It’s been a challenge and even though I’m achy and bleary-eyed, I’m determined to rise early, get that worm, and be healthy, wealthy and wise. But, I can’t help but wonder — what’s so great about worms anyway? ■

Two of my friends motivated me. They want me to join them on early morning walks at 6 a.m. — which means I have to be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed by 5:30 in the morning. And quite frankly, unless I’m scheduled for surgery or I need to catch a plane, my body’s algorithms struggle with rising when it’s still pitch black outside.

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Some businesses were hammered by Irma, others fared OK. Bridge loans are helping.

John Greene pushes Harley-Davidson brand forward with value-based leadership

Did you know roughly 3 percent of the population ride motorcycles? Contending with that other 95 to 97 percent, along with the many preconceived notions of riders and the industry, is one of the biggest challenges faced everyday by John Greene, chief branding officer for Naples Harley-Davidson and Six Bends Harley-Davidson.

The Naples location was recently honored as a business of the month by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Collier County Commissioners. Mr. Greene was on hand to accept the award on behalf of his team and co-owner of the dealership, Scott Fischer. They also co-own the Six Bends location in Fort Myers and several dealerships in New Mexico.

“Those are ‘want’ products, certainly not a ‘need,’” Mr. Greene said of his company’s motorcycles. “Some consider it a luxury ... there is also a component of safety that bothers some people.”

The Naples Chamber recognizes a business each month that has “enhanced the community through financial, volunteer and active involvement in organizations and programs that assist in creating a better quality of life for all citizens in Collier County.”

So how does a dealership known for selling the most iconic two-wheeled vehicle in the industry become so well respected in the community?

It starts with the litany of initiatives Naples Harley-Davidson employs to promote rider education, according to Mr. Greene, as well as monthly bike nights that get people to come out in the name of charity.

“At the beginning of the year, the staff said they wanted to add a charitable component (to our bike nights),” he said. “So every month there’s a different charity or individual that benefits. That’s what got the chamber thinking about us. They saw we’re a business that gives back to the community.”

Naples Harley-Davidson has supported a local Blessings in a Backpack program and consulted and raised funds for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, among other local initiatives through their monthly Bike Nights. Despite the obvious national brand name, Mr. Greene says he and Mr. Fischer like to keep their charitable efforts local whenever possible.

“The Collier commissioners were there recognizing employees for decades of service among other commendations, so it was cool to get that (recognition),” he said.

The Naples Harley-Davidson has been a fixture in the community for over a decade, sporting a 27,000-square-foot store just off Pine Ridge Road. Mr. Greene said he and his staff are mindful

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My dumbest investment was buying shares of Valeant Pharmaceuticals — or, rather, holding on to them through the stock’s collapse. I am now trying to use some options to make back some of the loss.

— C, online

The Fool Responds: Many people buy stocks that seem promising but then end up cratering. With their Foolish Fears, it’s invaluable to investigate why it’s falling: If there’s a temporary issue such as a fire at a factory that will delay shipments of a new product, it’s often best to just be patient. But if the company is in potentially longer-lasting problems, such as a major scandal, spiraling debt or a competitor running away with the market share, selling may be the best option.

Valeant’s shares traded for less than $10 in 2008, only to pass $200 in 2015 before plunging again. They recently sold for less than $2. What happened? Well, the company was slammed by allegations of improper behavior and faced intense criticism over its steep drug prices. Its debt soared to more than $30 billion, too. At recent levels, some feel it’s fairly priced now and that its future is potentially healthy. I remain bullish on the stock.

If you agree, it can make sense to keep holding on. Otherwise, think about moving your money into one or more stocks in which you have more confidence. Don’t try to recoup your losses in a stock in which you’ve lost faith.

Last week’s trivial answer
I trace my root back to the 1971 merger of a tabulating machine company, a meat slicer and scale manufacturer, and an industrial clockmaker. I’ve been a progressive employer, paying my workers by the hour when others paid by the piece, and in 1958 making them all salaried. My punched cards once dominated data processing, and my Selectric typewriters dominated offices. Today, I’m a tech titan employing more than 4,000,000 people globally and offering services such as cognitive computing technology, platform brands, big data processing and financial services. I rake in close to $80 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: IBM)

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ Business After Five for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. $15 for members, $25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Naples Women’s Association, Neapolitan Chapter meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Red Horse, 5604 Miromar Lakes Blvd., Estero. Theme: “The Importance of Emotional Intelligence.” Free. For more information, call 242-4696 or emailing naples@nwawomen.org.

■ The Public Relations Society of America, Gulf Coast Chapter meets from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Naples Daily News, 1100 Immokalee Road. Guest speaker Amy Oshie, anchor for “Behind the Headlines” on USA Today Network, will discuss “Best Practices in Creative Stories with Video.” Holiday fare will be catered by Jamie & Jacob Catering. $30 for PRSA members, $35 for PRSA non-members, $40 for students. Reservations are required by Nov. 24 and can be made at www.prsaflorida.org.

■ The Sale & Marketing Coun-

tel of the Collier Building Industry Association meets at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Old Vine Cypress Country Club, 17350 Hammond Blvd., Parkland. Cheryl Willett is managing partner at Account- ing for Profitability LLC. $25. Sign up at www.scmnaples.org or call 480-0081 for more information.

■ The Above Board Chamber holds its holiday party from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at The Arlington Naples. Guests are asked to bring items non-perishable food for dona-
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Rob Wilson
Vice president/general manager at Enterprise Holdings

An uncompromising commitment to customer satisfaction

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?

As TheInformation.com news site reported in early 2017: "Enterprise, a 60-year-old company that owns and rents more cars in the U.S. than anyone else, is gaining newfound attention in Silicon Valley and Detroit, judging by conversations with tech executives lately. The reason is simple: Enterprise is one of the few companies that can manage large fleets of cars at scale. That’s a skill likely to be in demand as more companies launch ride-sharing services using self-driving cars."

Name the top three elements or practices that have been absolutely critical in the success of your business?

Our adherence to a set of guiding principles established by our founder, Jack Taylor, who started the business with a fleet of seven cars in the basement of a St. Louis Cadillac dealership in 1957. These founding values have served as the foundation for our growth and success for nearly six decades.

As a privately held company, we are in a unique position to make decisions for the long term. Our philosophy is that business is a marathon, not a 100-yard dash. We approach new opportunities conservatively, always placing a higher value on the long-term impact on our business than on the potential for short-term gain.

As the leading employer of college graduates, each year Enterprise hires thousands of smart, motivated men and women into our Management Training Program. This program teaches employees how to run a business and serves as our pipeline for future leadership. That promote-from-within culture is a driving force behind our success and our need to hire so many college-educated individuals each year. In fact, nearly all of the company’s current senior management started their careers as management trainees.

Within the context of your current marketing/promotional strategy, how do you differentiate your company from your competitors?

Enterprise Holdings’ heritage is unique: We pioneered and developed significant market demand for convenient, affordable car rentals away from the airport — right in the neighborhoods where customers live and work. That market segment then evolved into an insurance replacement business for consumers whose vehicles were in need of repair and, under the Enterprise Rent-A-Car brand, grow into a robust neighborhood business that currently rivals the airport market.

What's your superpower?

Our uncompromising commitment to customer satisfaction. That is the principle that has guided our company along our journey since the beginning, and it remains our goal today. Since 1957, we have focused on providing customers with a level of service that keeps them coming back to our flagship Enterprise Rent-A-Car brand as well as to our National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands.

How are you growing and developing your employee skills?

Enterprise Holdings’ network of independent regional subsidiaries has earned a reputation as a great place to work, offering an attractive mix of hands-on training opportunity to advance; and a strong, values-based culture.

The Enterprise Management Training Program helps new employees learn and advance their careers in a highly respected management development program. And their promote-from-within culture means significant opportunity for personal growth, professional advancement and performance-based compensation.

Some of the best training in any industry is offered, teaching employees the skills needed to run a business and prepare for long-term success, including a thorough grounding in highly respected service standards for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car customers. And employees are provided a chance to advance their careers at a faster pace than many other entry-level management employers.

How are you recruiting new talent into your organization?

Through a national recruiting strategy that is executed at the local level, Enterprise Holdings’ network of 200 talent acquisition specialists work diligently to communicate the company’s culture of opportunity to job candidates. Enterprise Holdings recruiters remain active on campuses, attending career fairs, facilitating seminars, coordinating mock interviews and working with student organizations.

To find qualified candidates for our management training program, Enterprise also uses several online career resources such as job boards (CareerBuilder, Monster), job aggregators (Indeed, Simply Hired) and social media — in addition to posting jobs on the Enterprise Holdings careers website, go.enterpriseholdings.com.
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We were prepared for something that we thought would be extremely devastating and I think that we fared extremely well,” said Ms. Specht.

Business Development Office, post-storm survey, about 90 of businesses are open and more than 90 percent of damaged businesses are experiencing a business interruption of more than five days due to power outage, which was the primary problem reported. Coming in second was flooding, which damaged buildings and equipment and limited access to facilities.

In addition, 84 percent of businesses reported Irma-caused economic damage or damage to facilities and the Lee EDO is currently working with companies that request help in a variety of ways.

The survey's organizer, Rachel Busch, the Lee EDO's strategist, had been assisting ager, said the agency is assisting businesses with paperwork questions or new locations because of storm damage.

Warren Baucom, a business assistance specialist with the Lee EDO, said that businesses whose companies whose operations were interrupted by the storm by finding temporary work for displaced employees by referring them to CareerSource Southwest Florida.

“There are a lot of the temporary jobs in hurricane recovery through the SBA and other agencies that can allow these people to have income until their employer is back up and running,” he added.

I think that all of our clients on the business community weren’t quite the same it was with Charley,” Mr. Baucom added.

Some businesses say that at least it didn’t hit Lee later, during the season. Their concern was that they still had business but so we can have a still regular season. If they had to close down during high season, they would really lose cash flow. If there’s silver lining, it’s that came in the off-season.

The growth of up to one week disrupted Charlotte County’s retail and service industries, but those losses were offset by increased engagements preparing for the storm, said Lucienne Pears, the county’s director of economic development.

Charlotte’s construction industry bounced back immediately after the storm, she added, and the tourism industry actually received a boost because of Irma.

“Due to mass evacuations ordered for Keys and the East Coast, and recovery work having to do with the storm, hotel occupancy was up more than 37 percent in September 2017 vs. September 2016, which can be increased to a one-month month,” said Ms. Pears.

A Q&A with John Greene:

Favorite business book?

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Mindy DiPietro
Chief operating officer, Aesthetic Treatment Centers

Offering integrity, customer service and medical innovations

What is the most significant change you’ve seen in your industry over the last year?
Innovations in the non-invasive and minimally invasive cosmetic space are making services and procedures safer, more effective and more comfortable than ever.

What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?
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Name the top three elements or practices that have been absolutely critical in the success of your business?
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What’s your superpower?
My superpower is the ability to focus in the success of your business.

How is social media impacting your business?
Social media is critical! We are a visual industry and as they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. We care how much you know until they know how much you care.

What’s in store for 2018?
How is your superpower?
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How are you finding inspiration in today’s business climate?
It is always that tribe of amazing business women in Naples and throughout the country who inspire me and keep me going. I am blessed beyond belief to have these women in my corner. I am particularly impressed with the entrepreneurial spirit of the next generation of female business leaders who are making things happen in a world where the security of a corporate career is much less stable. I am extremely inspired by my daughter Sophia, who is getting a degree in business management from the University of Central Florida but is taking her future in her own hands with the successful Raw Entrepreneur’s Podcast and is working with a group of young business leaders who started Core Sports and are becoming the leaders in youth recreational sports training in the Orlando area.

Who is a mentor to you within your industry?
Charles Hallberg, our founder and CEO, has been a wonderful mentor over the past year. He was the founder and CEO of Member Health, a leader in the discount pharmacy industry which rose to a multi-billion dollar company. He was a pioneer in the start-up industry long before that was cool. A little over a year ago, a mutual business associate brought us together. He had a great idea with Aesthetic Treatment Centers but the business lacked leadership with experience in the med-spa industry and was not on the right path. He didn’t sugar coat the gravity of the state that the business was in, however, he formed an instant connection that centered around a desire to bring the best standards of care, customer service, technology and integrity to the industry.

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What wise words would you tell young people entering the work force today?
Figure out what you’re passionate about and work 10 times harder at it than your competitors are willing to. Think outside the box.

Mindy DiPietro
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of observations and data points aimed at helping prospective buyers and sellers make informed decisions that positively impact the region. They come out with a quarterly review of the real estate market in the form of a book available to anyone for free on their website, landsolutions2020.com.

“Market Trends 2020” was a culmination of the research, with the tone of the evening being mindful of uncertainty regarding the effects of Irma, but cautious optimism about the sustained growth in Southwest Florida since the Great Recession of 2008.

“Our 2017-18 market is very similar to a hurricane,” Mr. Thibaut said to a smattering of chuckles from the crowd. “There’s things we need to watch for. If we’re not prepared, we could get slammed.”

Mr. Thibaut’s stat-based observations provided a big picture look at some of the reasons for the current growth trajectory of Southwest Florida real estate, and a window into what went wrong before the crash. Residential building permits issued provides context to the state of affairs a decade ago, and according to Land Solutions, an encouraging sign that current growth is sustainable.

According to Land Solutions data, the total number of residential building permits issued in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties hovered around 10,000 in the year 2000, then ballooned to 44,000 in 2005 amidst the real estate boom. That number plummeted to just over 2,000 permits in 2009.

The number of residential permits has ticked upward ever since, returning to pre-recession levels with just under 13,000 permits projected through the end of 2018.

What’s different this time? Many factors, according to Mr. Thibaut, but a big one is the shift from smaller home builder outfits to national powerhouses such as DR Horton, Toll Brothers, Pulte Homes and Lennar.

Mr. Thibaut says the Board of Lee County Commissioners’ focus on keeping impact fees low and the lower price of land in Charlotte County has allowed these national outfits to focus on the value-conscious buyer: people looking for land in Charlotte and Lehigh, as reasons these builders are able to continue offering affordable homes.

“Financing has been a bit of a challenge since we recovered from the downtown,” said Mr. Pentecost, citing new lending requirements and buyers’ renewed focus on their monthly payment. “(Buyers) want their payment to fit their lifestyle.”

Mr. Thibaut said Collier County’s high impact fees keep builders from investing in affordable housing, pushing them toward Lee and Charlotte.

“We saw Collier’s residential permits flatten out last year,” he said. “That million-dollar buyer will always be there, but how do you produce that under-$300K price point? You have to keep in check the cost to do business. That includes impact fees and permit fees.”

Another video from Mike Timmerman of Meyers Research, a national real estate data firm, provided another positive insight to the real estate scene.

“Pricing has leveled off than in prior years… moving forward in these markets, we expect to continue seeing solid, slow growth, which is what we really want to have,” he said.

Mr. Thibaut cited a number of significant land deals occurring across Southwest Florida that should continue to have lasting, positive effects on the region. He cited Stock Development’s purchase of a land parcel near the Ritz-Carlton off Vanderbilt Beach Road; DR Horton’s land investment past Winkler Road in Fort Myers and Tucker’s Grade by Tucker’s Land in Charlotte County. He mentioned the Whole Foods currently being constructed in Lee County as a game-changer for the area.

Right now, we’ve got a healthy market and blue skies,” Mr. Thibaut said near the end of his presentation.

Despite all the positive signs, Mr. Thibaut admitted it’s still very difficult for the value-conscious buyer to find a good deal without sacrificing location.

“The dynamics of our market are rapidly changing. Baby boomers are coming with less money in their pocket thanks to low interest rate portfolios, low income, they’ve tapped into their equity … instead of buying that $400K retirement home, they’re targeting $250K,” Mr. Thibaut said. “For Millennials, the future is uncertain for their ability to afford a new home.”

With interest rates expected to rise in the near future and impact fees projected to rise throughout the area in 2018, “They’ll be forced into apartments and/ or renting, unless they’re willing to forgo location,” he said.

He cited several factors to watch as the region’s positive trend continues to tick over one of the longer periods of growth in recent memory, including interest rates, being mindful of using home equity for cash, changes in the local political climate, and the increase of impact fees.

“The statistics and the natural order of things are telling us that we need to be careful,” Mr. Thibaut said.

Mr. Thibaut says it goes back to the effects of Hurricane Irma on the builders’ ability to operate affordably.

“You never know what’s going to come from this storm,” said Darin McMurray, regional vice president of Lennar Homes. “Not only did we have power issues, we had sod issues, screen enclosure issues. The storm will continue to affect us…is it months or it years?”

Labor shortage and a lack of affordable land also comes into play according to Mr. Thibaut. With materials and laboring going toward massive recovery efforts in Florida and Texas, coupled with rising fees and interest rates, the long-term outlook is murky.

Matt Walsh of Observer Media Group opened the program by highlighting some potential dilemmas with the population growth Southwest Florida has seen of late. “A lack of diversity of the economy, and housing affordability,” Mr. Walsh said. He cited Dr. Chris Westley of Florida Gulf Coast University’s Regional Economic Research Institute with providing housing statistics. They provided a daunting picture for the average SWFL resident: the cost of housing in Collier consumes fifty percent of a worker’s paycheck, nearly 40 percent in Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota, yet only 20 percent in Hillsborough County.

Mr. Walsh is optimistic that the population growth will create an environment forcing local elected officials to act accordingly.

“Local governments will be challenged to create the right economic and regulatory climate to let the marketplace work. No one can stop Florida’s growth…so rather than fight it and make it prohibitive to live here, why not embrace it?”
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Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac conservatorship takes center stage

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Nearly a decade after the federal government took control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac through conservatorship, little progress has been made in finalizing housing finance policy that can take the secondary mortgage market beyond the status quo.

Leaders on the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance took steps to change that earlier this month with a hearing titled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform.”

Industry leaders, including the National Association of Realtors, testified at the event. Kevin Brown, chair of NAR’s Conventional Financing Committee, told members of Congress during his testimony that Realtors have two key objectives in the housing finance reform discussion.

“First, Realtors want to ensure that in all markets affordable mortgage capital will always remain available for creditworthy Americans,” Mr. Brown said. “And second, Realtors believe that taxpayer dollars should be protected.”

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, both considered “government-sponsored enterprises,” are responsible for providing liquidity to lending institutions through a secondary mortgage market, where loans are securitized and sold to investors. This activity affords banks and other lending institutions the liquidity to continue making loans, while incentivizing them to make mortgage products like the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage available to middle-class consumers.

NAR has argued that it is time to move Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac out of conservatorship, which Mr. Brown said is unsustainable in its current form. Instead, he offered a clear vision for a “government-chartered, non-shareholder owned” system that puts its service to homeowners and:

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taxpayers ahead of profits.
“NAR believes this structure, with clearly defined roles and enhanced safeguards, is the best model for the new authorities because it establishes a separate legal identity from the federal government while serving a public purpose,” he said. Unlike a federal agency, government-chartered organizations are established to be politically independent and often are self-sustaining — not requiring appropriations from Congress, he added. “The ability of the authorities to focus on their mission, without the need to chase risky profit-driven opportunities, is an important criteria for Realtors.”

As part of the reformed system, Mr. Brown outlined some important criteria for success including:
■ An explicit government guarantee of the new authorities.
■ Putting profits toward capital reserves to alleviate losses that occur during market fluctuations and economic downturns.
■ Converting Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into the new authorities to utilize existing infrastructure and capabilities and minimize market disruption.

The government-chartered authorities are preferable to nationalized or fully privatized systems, Mr. Brown said, because they could respond to market downturns effectively, while also minimizing taxpayer exposure to losses. He also suggested that the new authorities should utilize a regulated, retained portfolio, which could be tapped during a downturn or to test innovative mortgage products.

“The stakes have never been higher for the housing market and the broader economy,” Mr. Brown told members of Congress. “Yet there are sizeable challenges and risks associated with the ongoing conservatorships of the enterprises. Comprehensive housing finance reform enacted by Congress will help address many of these issues.”

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**Ronto creating legacy in Southwest Florida**

With different communities in development, The Ronto Group continues to create an impressive legacy within Southwest Florida’s luxury homebuyer market. From TwinEagles’ classic country club ambience, to Naples Square’s walkable lifestyle, the glittering Seaglass tower at Bonita Bay, a new project on Central Avenue in downtown Naples that will launch this month, and the resort-style Naples Orange Blossom community, Ronto is shaping how people live in one of the most desirable locales in the world. Ronto was named recipient of the Gold Award for Best Developer in the Naples Daily News’ 2016 People’s Choice Awards.

When the real estate market collapsed in late 2008, growth at TwinEagles subsided. In September 2010, Ronto acquired TwinEagles and focused on enhancing the community’s amenities, enrolling a group of Preferred Builders, and introducing new product offerings and neighborhoods. Under Ronto’s leadership, six neighborhoods have sold out, and three new neighborhoods have been introduced.

After just 28 sales in Ronto’s first two years at TwinEagles, things shifted in 2013 when 65 sales were processed. That was followed by 95 sales in 2014 and a similar number in 2015. In 2016, 184 new construction sales contracts worth $208,000,000 were processed. This year, sales have topped $50 million and the community is nearly 90% sold.

A tranquil natural setting and an array of world-class amenities, including two championship golf courses, continue to attract homebuyers. The LII-acre gated community was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club.

TwinEagles’ Talon Golf Course will host the Chubb Classic PGA Champions Tour in February. The 2018 event will mark the seventh consecutive year and 12th time overall TwinEagles’ Talon course has served as the Tournament site. The community’s Eagle Course was named “Best New U.S. Private Course of the Year” by Golf Magazine. A 47,000 square-foot clubhouse pays homage to St. Andrews where the game of golf was born. The Clubhouse offers an unparalleled dining experience created by the 2015 ACF President’s Medallion recipient Chef Chas Tatiyan. The Clubhouse is complemented by a community swimming pool and fitness center. The complex includes a 2,500-square foot pool with a spa, a zero-entry feature, and a sunning deck overlooking a lake. An outdoor tennis, dining venue, and lighted Har-Tru tennis courts are located adjacent to the pool. The fitness center includes locker rooms, areas for aerobics and yoga, as well as an expansive fitness hall.

At Naples Square, Ronto embraced the trend toward transforming downtown areas from serving as attractive destinations to places where people are fully engaged in city life. This new form of urbanism puts every aspect of life within walking distance. Below Right: TwinEagles’ Talon Golf Course will host the Chubb Classic PGA Champions Tour in February. The 2018 event will mark the seventh consecutive year and 12th time overall TwinEagles’ Talon course has served as the Tournament site.

Above: With nearly $143 million in sales already processed and construction scheduled for completion next summer, luxury homebuyer traffic and sales continue to expand at Ronto’s 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower.

Ronto has announced plans for the Shops at Naples Square. The project will be a combination of retail and restaurant space on the eastern edge of the Naples Square site. Ronto anticipates retail openings in 2019. In addition, Gulfshore Playhouse is poised to close on its purchase of a three-acre tract within Naples Square and is developing plans for the construction of a multimillion-dollar 56,000 square feet complex that will include two theaters and an education wing to support programming for children, adults and families. With nearly $84 million in sales processed and construction scheduled for completion next summer, sales continue to expand at Ronto’s 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay that was named one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. With the combination of the building’s tower floor plans, Bonita Bay Club membership opportunities, and an array of world-class amenities, Seaglass is redefining the luxury high-rise experience in Southwest Florida. A choice selection of tower residences priced from just over $1 million remains available.

Ronto is developing an 83-acre site for a new luxury homebuyer traffic and sales continue to expand at Ronto’s 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower. Right: At Naples Square, The Ronto Group embraced the trend toward transforming downtown areas from serving as attractive destinations to places where people are fully engaged in city life. This new form of urbanism puts every aspect of life within walking distance.

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- MAJESTIC II – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 4/4
  - 3,843 sq.ft.
  - WAS $1,608,290
  - NOW $1,549,990

- REGENCY MANOR – FURNISHED SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 4/4.5
  - 3,669 sq.ft.
  - NOW $1,592,355

**HIDDEN HARBOR**

- RUFFINO – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/2.5
  - 2,585 sq.ft.
  - WAS $1,064,650
  - NOW $949,990

- SIESTA – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/3
  - 2,630 sq.ft.
  - WAS $601,055
  - NOW $551,055

**LEYL RESORT 2017 COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR**

- WENTWORTH – COACH HOME
  - 2/2.5
  - 2,096 sq.ft.
  - WAS $472,990
  - NOW $417,990

- CAPRI – VILLA
  - 3/2
  - 1,916 sq.ft.
  - WAS $501,350
  - NOW $461,350

- SAN MARCO – FURNISHED COACH HOME
  - 3/3
  - 2,919 sq.ft.
  - WAS $649,990
  - NOW $594,990

- SAN REMO III – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 2/2
  - 1,809 sq.ft.
  - WAS $932,685
  - NOW $818,685

**TWINEAGLES**

- MURFIELD V – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 4/4.5
  - 3,375 sq.ft.
  - NOW $1,362,850

**NAPLES RESERVE**

- BELFIELD – PARROT CAY – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/3.5
  - 2,812 sq.ft.
  - WAS $954,860
  - NOW $929,860

- VENICE – SPARROW CAY – FURNISHED SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/2.5
  - 2,643 sq.ft.
  - WAS $891,750
  - NOW $856,750

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**FIDDLER’S CREEK**

- BELFIELD – FURNISHED SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/3.5
  - 2,812 sq.ft.
  - NOW $1,327,120

- MADISON II – FURNISHED SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 3/4.5
  - 3,054 sq.ft.
  - NOW $1,433,825

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- ROCOCOPLUM – SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 4/4.5
  - 3,641 sq.ft.
  - WAS $1,364,495
  - NOW $1,314,495

- MARIGOLD – FURNISHED SINGLE FAMILY HOME
  - 4/4.5
  - 3,578 sq.ft.
  - WAS $1,586,885
  - NOW $1,536,885

**QUAIL WEST**

- AHERTON – FURNISHED ESTATE HOME
  - 4/5.5
  - 4,554 sq.ft.
  - WAS $3,286,980
  - NOW $3,266,980

- CRISTALE – FURNISHED ESTATE HOME
  - 4/4.5
  - 4,427 sq.ft.
  - NOW $3,580,105

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The first residential tower at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-style, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, is 90 percent sold. Of the 120 residences in the 22-story tower, only 12 remain.

“The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2 earlier this year,” stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. “Currently, the number of residences already under contract in the second tower exceeds the $60 million mark.”

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

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/0.5 bath plans with 3,040 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,290 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,290 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 of which are 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, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

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

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

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

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

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

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at $1.3 million in Tower 1 and $1.4 million in Tower 2.

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community’s clubhouse area which is also under construction and due to be completed when the first residences move into their new homes.

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

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

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

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

“What better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico,” said Lodge. “This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

“The Club at Kalea Bay will be in excellent hands when it opens. That’s because Stephen G. Jones, CCM, has been hired as the Club’s General Manager. The same holds true for its tennis program with the recent hiring of the club’s new Director of Tennis Nestor Nunéz.

Kalea Bay’s Inga Lodge and Lori Pheasant are also among the best in their industry. During the recent Sand Dollar Awards, sponsored by the Collier Building Industry Association, Lodge and Pheasant took home the Sales Person of the Year award.

The three furnished models at Kalea Bay, which are located in Tower 1, also received several prestigious Sand Dollar Awards in a multitude of categories including, two for Interior Design of the Year and two for Best Specialty feature.
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Stock Development and Stock Signature Homes invite you to open your hearts by attending a company-wide open house event this weekend. The Open House Open Hearts event will benefit the 2017 Toys and Joy Holiday Toy Drive, an initiative of the Collier Building Industry Association for more than ten years. The event brings holiday joy to 2,000 girls and boys in Southwest Florida each year. Share an unwrapped gift as you visit dozens of beautiful model residences and move-in ready homes in Stock’s distinctive communities and neighborhoods. The Open House, Open Hearts event begins Saturday and Sunday, November 18th and 19th from noon to 4:00 p.m. and continues through Sunday, December 10.

Stock offers a broad portfolio of homes available for immediate occupancy. Stock has move-in ready and soon to be completed homes available on Marco Island and in Quail West, Lely Resort, Naples Reserve, The Isles at Collier Preserve, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, Fiddler’s Creek, Twin Eagles, Renaissance, Babcock Ranch and Hidden Harbor.

Stock recently opened models in the Marsh Cove neighborhood at Fiddler’s Creek.

Stock’s secluded enclave consists of 50 homesites along two intimate cul-de-sacs. More than half of the homesites offer water views.

Stock’s offerings in Marsh Cove include seven single-family custom estate floor plans. These residences feature three and four bedrooms plus a study and range from 2,812 to over 3,600 square feet of air-conditioned living space. The homes offer three-car garages and multiple outdoor living areas overlooking the lakes and fairways of the Arthur Hills-designed Creek Course. The base price for Stock’s homes at Marsh Cove start at $494,990, plus lot. Homesite prices range from $25,000 to $425,000.

The Madison II plan includes 3,054 square feet under air and a 686-square-foot outdoor living area. The great room, island kitchen and dining area open to the outdoor space that can include a fireplace, outdoor kitchen, pool and spa. The plan also features three bedrooms, a fourth bedroom or bonus room, a three-car garage, full baths, half-bath, and a three-car garage. The furnished Madison II model has an interior by Soco Interiors.

The Belfield plan includes a great room, optional wet bar, island kitchen and breakfast nook that open to a large outdoor living area that can include a fireplace and outdoor kitchen. It also includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, a formal dining room, and a three-car garage. The Belfield model features an interior designed by Clive Daniel Home.

Stock Signature Homes also offers several other extraordinary opportunities for homeowners in the area.

Stock’s Majestic II is located in Esplanade Golf and Country Club of Naples, a community that is a part of Stock’s company-wide open house event. The company is also putting the finishing touches on a new furnished Regency Manor model, which will debut within a few weeks.

The Majestic II four-bedroom, four-bathroom home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,235 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Outside the brick paver driveway leads to a courtyard area in front of the attached, side-loaded, three-car garage, which offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at $1,549,990.

On spectacular Marco Island, Stock Custom Homes has completed its furnished Polynesia model. The 3,903-square-foot, two-story Polynesia features an interior by Soco Interiors’ Daniel Kilgore. The open concept plan includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, an upstairs loft, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa. The Polynesia model is priced at $2,979,000.

Please join us this weekend for a tour of Stock Signature Home’s furnished models and move-in ready homes!

Stock Development encourages you to join in its support of non-profit agencies in Southwest Florida that are committed to improving the quality of life for children and families. Stock gives back to the community as a partner of the Naples Education Foundation’s Champions for Learning, the Boys and Girls Club, the PACE Center for Girls Collier County, Builders Care of Lee County, the Golisano Children’s Museum, and the American Heart Association.

Stock Development CEO Brian Stock was inducted in Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida’s Business Hall of Fame, Collier County for his service as a role model for ethical and moral conduct among youth and business peers.

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Pre-construction incentives top list of reasons to visit Babcock Ranch

Solar-powered town has full calendar of holiday events

Babcock Ranch is serving up plenty of reasons to spend some time at in the solar-powered city over the next few weeks. In addition to pre-construction incentives being offered by builders through the end of the year – the new town is offering up a full calendar of activities and a sweet new destination at Founder’s Square for its very first holiday season.

Located off State Road 31 north of the Lee County Civic Center, the environmentally-friendly town being built by Kitson & Partners will eventually include 19,500 homes, nearly 50,000 residents and six million square feet of commercial space. The very first residents will be settling into their new homes in the Lake Timber neighborhood in early January. But there is already a bustle of daily activity at the heart of the new town, and the latest addition to Founder’s Square seems destined to quickly become a favorite gathering place.

“All of my fondest memories of growing up in a small town revolve around the ice cream shop. Every Friday night after a football game, families would walk over for ice cream,” said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners. “I want to deliver that same kind of experience for families who make their home at Babcock Ranch.”

Square Scoops Ice Cream served up its first cones and sundaes as part of the “Make the Move” event November 4th that kicked of pre-sale of homes in two new neighborhoods at Babcock Ranch with prices starting in the 200s. Located on Founder’s Square just across the street from Babcock Neighborhood School, it’s quickly become a favorite for students and parents alike. In addition to 16 flavors of ice cream, sorbet and sherbet for an after-school treat, its selection of craft coffees makes it a handy place for parents to get their morning caffeine jolt. Sweet deals planned for the official Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, November 17th from 3-5 pm include $1 Double Square Scoops and $1 Coffees.

Holiday lighting tours this year should definitely include a stop at Babcock Ranch. Founder’s Square will flip the switch season on December 2nd with a tree-lighting celebration featuring live music from Whispering Pines Clydesdale Horses, photo opportunities with Santa, and performances by the Babcock Neighborhood School chorus, the Alva School Chorus and “Charisma” from Charlotte High School. All are invited to participate in the free event which will get underway at 6:30 pm.

On December 9 starting at 7:30 am, running enthusiasts can get ahead of their holiday calorie intake at the Jingle Bell 5k and 10k at Babcock Ranch. Later that day, a Classic Car Cruise will bring car enthusiasts out to showcase their collections at Founder’s Square. The free event will run from 4-8 pm. Other events on the calendar include live music at Table & Tap December 3, 9 and 10. The lakefront farm-to-table restaurant will be serving from its special brunch menu December 16 and 17. Curry Creek Outfitters is adding some evening activities to its offerings – including full moon nature hikes and sunset cruises on Lake Babcock aboard an electric powered boat.

“The great thing about Babcock Ranch is that you don’t have to live here to be part of what we’re doing,” Kitson said. “We’re creating a real hometown, an inviting place where people from all around the area can connect with nature and with each other. It’s exciting to be able to establish traditions that will carry forward and create give our town a true sense of place.”

Pre-construction incentives being offered by homebuilders through the end of the year are spurting rapid growth for Babcock Ranch. Builders came away from the “Make the Move” event with full calendars of appointments with prospective buyers. Model homes at Lake Timber and Parkside neighborhoods can meet with representatives of Lennar and Pulte at the Hatchery, the collaborative workspace located upstairs from Slater’s Goods & Provisions.

“We’ve got an outstanding roster of builders who are helping to deliver on the promise of a real, multi-generational home town. The two new neighborhoods now under construction bring in a variety of floorplans in the price ranges where we’ve seen the greatest demand – particularly from young families and empty nesters,” Kitson said. “The season got off to an early start and we’re excited to see what the rest of the year brings.”

All three neighborhoods currently under construction at Babcock Ranch are within easy walking distance of Founder’s Square. Babcock Ranch will celebrate its official grand opening on March 10, 2018, when the final building at Founder’s Square, the health and wellness center, will open for business. Learn more about Babcock Ranch events, activities and homes at www.babcockranch.com.
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Stunning design, impeccable service and signature style
created by London Bay Homes

More than 300 industry awards recognize London Bay Homes and its design affiliates for its luxury homes throughout Southwest Florida. The celebrated homebuilder and developer, along with its in-house team of architects, interior designers and landscape and pool architects, has defined the region’s luxury lifestyle for nearly three decades, creating private custom estates and stunning fully-furnished model homes that set new trends in building, interior design and outdoor living.

People who walk through their homes are often awestruck by the attention to detail, the quality of construction and the refined yet unrestrained imagination they experience at every turn, in every room and outdoor living. Homeowners still rave years later about the signature style created exclusively for them and the designs that stand the test of time.

“Every home we build is designed to capture the personal expression of the homeowner,” said Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes. “Whether we start with a model or a new custom design, our No. 1 goal is complete satisfaction and impeccable customer service.”

London Bay Homes accomplishes this through stunning architectural and interior design and homes that live for the individual client. Its brand promise of “Private Label Living” is a design-led process that provides customers the flexibility to work with the entire London Bay team from concept to completion, enlist the advice of their experienced staff in the Selection Studio or partner with their preferred architect and designer.

“The 3,500-square-foot Selection Studio has been designed to reinforce London Bay Homes’ brand promise of Private Label Living and ensure that each home is a personal expression of the homeowners’ distinctive needs,” said Wilson.

The Selection Studio offers intimate vignette spaces with varied designs featuring state-of-the-art finishing selections for every element needed to build a home – from flooring and cabinets to countertops and appliances. Instead of considering products from a catalog or online, the studio offers a first-hand, tactile experience tailored to each client.

Many choose the full-service approach working with London Bay’s award-winning design affiliates, which includes Romanza Interior Design and Acquatico Pools, and its expert designers who guide clients through every step of the process – an approach to homebuilding customers praise.

“They used a team approach, and everyone on the team was extremely knowledgeable and professional in designing and building our home,” said one Naples homeowner. “They made the process simple and efficient.”

“Every decision builds off the last one, and we didn’t have to come back and undo it all,” said clients Rodney and Christine Chase. “It’s a great concept, a winning way of working.”

When working with Romanza, clients are involved in every decision, from selecting tile and flooring, cabinetry to door pulls, furniture and accessories.

“We’re designing a home that reflects the individual,” said Steve Miller, chief operating officer for Romanza. “We really get to understand how they want to live in their home, how they want to express themselves.”

The Romanza team also creates the interior design for many of London Bay’s luxury model homes. Its creativity spans a variety of design styles as reflected in the Naples Collection, the homebuilder’s exclusive offering of home sites and custom estate homes from Park Shore to Port Royal. The three-bedroom, 4,227-square-foot Chelston model in an established Old Naples neighborhood at 631 Broad Court North is open for viewing and features stunning coastal contemporary architecture and interior design with hints of tropical inspirations.

The Chelston as well as two grand estates currently under construction at 4395 Gordon Drive and 4375 Gordon Drive in Port Royal showcase different lifestyles, captured in Romanza-designed interiors and expansive outdoor living areas.

An additional custom estate is also under construction on Fifth Street South, close to close to the city’s top restaurants, major shopping destinations, art and theater venues and famed Gulf of Mexico beaches. Find the design that fits your lifestyle by calling 239-298-7605 or visiting www.LondonBay.com.

Left: Located just blocks from the white-sand Gulf of Mexico beaches and close to Naples’ famed Fifth Avenue South, the three-bedroom Chelston model features a coastal contemporary ambience, drawing inspiration from Old Florida and other tropical ports of call. Below: The luxurious Watlington model underway on 5th Street South will showcase a modern take on West Indies-inspired architecture with a combination of board-and-batten and lap siding, pitched roofs and a carriage-style, two-car garage with pergola.
Maintenance free condominiums, terrace homes, & coach homes amplify luxury living at Talis Park

Talis Park offers a collection of new penthouse-style condominiums and terrace home residences, all outfitted with top-of-the-line accountrements designed to meet the desires of luxury home buyers seeking the convenience of newly-constructed, “just bring your toothbrush” residences.

These sophisticated residences, with minimum upkeep, offer a simplified lifestyle without the hassle of maintenance. Immediate access to Talis Park’s amenities encourages wellbeing by allowing residents to enjoy active lives without paying separate gym fees or traveling across town to work out.

“I love the place,” said condominium resident Brian McArdle. “It’s so comfortable and I can actually work from my condo which makes it great. I love the driving range that’s right there. The putting green and the fitness center are fantastic. I’m always busy.”

Talis Park’s Vyne House is the center of activity for residents who enjoy socializing. The nearby Sports Complex offers tennis and bocce courts, pro shop and clubhouse, lap pool, and play-luxes. “There’s always something to do. It’s just a place to live,” added Laurie McArthur, Beach Runner, Talis Park’s exclusive beach shuttle.

Mansiones告别的Sport Complex and Viansa Coach Home residences offer open-concept living areas and elegant finishes. Completed, 2,900 square feet penthouse-style condominiums with wraparound loggias are available for immediate occupancy in Lennar’s Carrara neighborhood, from the $800’s. A private Carrara hospitality area features a pool, covered gathering area, and grills. Viansa’s 2,350 square feet terrace homes’ refined designs balance everyday living with easy entertaining. Priced from the $600’s, 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 2,900 and 2,950 square feet, three-bedroom plus den floor plans, from the $900’s.

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 perfect for sports enthusiasts. Members also enjoy beach access via the Beach Runner, Talis Park’s exclusive new beach shuttle.

“It’s more about a whole lifestyle than just a place to live,” added Laurie McArdle. “There’s always something to do. It’s so beautiful. You walk up to the gym, you walk over to play tennis, I come up here to happy hours and it’s just always a good time. People are friendly, it’s beautiful surroundings. What’s not to like?”

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My first visit to the models in Caminetto at Mediterra

I’ve been reading my missteps every Friday, you know I’ve been searching for a new home in a community where I can live the way I choose to live. After checking out just about every place in Naples, a couple of weeks ago I visited the Mediterra community on Livingston Parkway in North Naples for the first time. Do you believe in love at first sight? If I didn’t before, I do now. Mediterra is a beautiful place with every amenity on my checklist: a private $3 million floor plan, how it flows so easily, all the natural light, and how every area of the home seems to gravitate to the outdoors. The great room and a café off the in-law kitchen have pocketing sliders that open to an outdoor living area and outdoor kitchen overlooking a pool, spa and a fire table. A French door in the master suite leads to the pool patio. To top it off, a private yoga garden is accessible from the master bathroom. I would say the interior design style is transitional - classic lines, textures, and patterns punctuated by soft contemporary art and accessory selections. The whole look is upscale, and inviting feeling. The designer chose a sophisticated on-trend color palette that mixes white and grey tones with blush, gold, and bronze. Really stunning! Beautiful beamed ceiling details work beautifully in the foyer, great room, dining room, and kitchen. The beams and the baseboards and crown molding throughout the home are painted grey. I love how the kitchen’s white and grey painted cabinetry works with the polished quartz countertops and a mixed-size horizontal mosaic backsplash.

Above: The Carmela model in Caminetto at Mediterra features a transitional interior with soft contemporary influences designed by Melissa Allen, senior interior designer at Romanza Interior Design. Left: Life in London Bay Homes’ Caminetto neighborhood at Mediterra celebrates views of glittering sapphire fountained lakes and nature preserves along with short walks to the Parterre Garden. Below: Mediterra’s amenities include two Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses.

Long-plank driftwood-toned oak flooring really ties everything together and has a rustic feeling. Oh, the Carmela is 3,858 square feet under air and has three bedrooms, a study and a butler’s bar off the kitchen that has a wine refrigerator. I looked at Lisa. She smiled and said, “It’s $2,850,000 with the furnishings.” It was my turn to smile! Next up was the Sonoma model. It’s a two-story home with plenty of room: 4,421 square feet under air, four bedrooms, a big great room, a bonus room, and an upstairs with a lounge, wet bar, and guest suite. My first thought was, “Wow! What a great floor plan! So many places to go. It’s perfect for entertaining or having out-of-town guests!” This plan also makes it pretty easy to incorporate the outdoors in your lifestyle. The great room opens to an intimate covered terrace, and the outdoor living, dining, and kitchen area. Zero-corner pocketing sliding glass doors in the bonus room also open to the covered outdoor spaces. 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.

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I am back at Mediterra to visit the model homes in the Caminetto neighborhood with my Sales Executive, Lisa. Here’s what she’s told me: there are two completed Caminetto models, and a third is planned. It’s the newest of the Lake District neighborhoods developed by London Bay Homes, an award-winning homebuilder and developer in the Southwest Florida luxury home market for more than three decades who manages all new home construction sales and marketing for Mediterra. Single-family villa homes are priced from the high $1-millions to the low $3-millions. When Lisa and I first drove through Caminetto, I was struck by how it’s so peacefully connected with its natural surroundings. It’s as if life celebrates the natural beauty and how every area of the home seems to gravitate to the outdoors. The great room and a café off the in-law kitchen have pocketing sliders that open to an outdoor living area and outdoor kitchen overlooking a pool, spa and a fire table. A French door in the master suite leads to the pool patio. To top it off, a private yoga garden is accessible from the master bathroom. I would say the interior design style is transitional - classic lines, textures, and patterns punctuated by soft contemporary art and accessory selections. The whole look is upscale, and inviting feeling. The designer chose a sophisticated on-trend color palette that mixes white and grey tones with blush, gold, and bronze. Really stunning! Beautiful beamed ceiling details work beautifully in the foyer, great room, dining room, and kitchen. The beams and the baseboards and crown molding throughout the home are painted grey. I love how the kitchen’s white and grey painted cabinetry works with the polished quartz countertops and a mixed-size horizontal mosaic backsplash.

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where I went it seemed as if I could be inside and outside all at the same time! The interior designer really got the Sonoma’s connection with the outdoors. She created what I say is an organic contemporary design with natural materials, including limestone, natural oak, grass cloth, and bark cloth. The look is highlighted by 36 by 36-inch honed limestone flooring finished in a distinctive champagne tone. The flooring is complemented by ivory-toned walls and slate-blue and chamois accent elements. The design is sophisticated, but the use of all the natural materials really connects the home with Caminetto’s beautiful surroundings. I wanted to touch all the materials and textures! This time when I looked at Lisa, her smile was even bigger. “It’s $3,125,000 furnished,” she said. All I could do was nod my approval!”

Stay tuned - I’ll let you know about the models in the Cabreo neighborhood next time! Visit the Mediterra Sales Center at 15836 Savona Way off Livingston Parkway two miles north of Immokalee Road. The Sales Center and model residences are open daily. Visit Mediterra online at MediterraNaples.com.
Two new luxury models are now open at AQUA at Pelican Isle in Naples.

According to Darline Hillard, director of sales at AQUA, the contemporary and coastal interior designs show the versatility of how residences at the boutique marina front high-rise tower community can live.

“People love that they can see several ways the residences can be furnished,” explains Ms. Hillard. In fact, many people buying at AQUA have been visiting the models for decorating ideas, she adds.

Both models have a great room and a living room — floor plans that appeal to people moving from a single-family home to a maintenance-free waterfront lifestyle. Each model reflects the modern architectural style of the high-rise and showcases several features of AQUA’s sophisticated and refined design, while offering distinctively different floor plans and finishes.

The contemporary model spans 4,171 square feet under air and includes three bedrooms, a den and three-and-a-half bathrooms. The fully furnished model is priced at $2.545 million.

The coastal model mixes Florida and California styles. At 3,940 square feet, this three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath condo is listed at $2.445 million. The master bathroom features a two-person built-in tub nestled against a big picture window that overlooks the water. A silk hand-knotted throw by Ann Gish styles the bed in one of the guest rooms. The second guest room is a blush pink. The den has a long built-in desk and cabinets nestled in the wall.

Everything in the residence features texture and the textures are varied: smooth glass flooring next to marble flooring, warm wood floors in the bedrooms, and wallpaper of various textures. The coastal model mixes Florida and California styles. At 3,940 square feet, this three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath condo is listed at $2.445 million. The master bathroom features a two-person built-in tub nestled against a big picture window that overlooks the water. A silk hand-knotted throw by Ann Gish styles the bed in one of the guest rooms. The second guest room is a blush pink. The den has a long built-in desk and cabinets nestled in the wall. The coastal model mixes Florida and California styles. At 3,940 square feet, this three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath condo is listed at $2.445 million. The master bathroom features a two-person built-in tub nestled against a big picture window that overlooks the water. A silk hand-knotted throw by Ann Gish styles the bed in one of the guest rooms. The second guest room is a blush pink. The den has a long built-in desk and cabinets nestled in the wall. The coastal model mixes Florida and California styles. At 3,940 square feet, this three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath condo is listed at $2.445 million. The master bathroom features a two-person built-in tub nestled against a big picture window that overlooks the water. A silk hand-knotted throw by Ann Gish styles the bed in one of the guest rooms. The second guest room is a blush pink. The den has a long built-in desk and cabinets nestled in the wall.

The sunrise terrace features what Gaddis refers to as the orb. It is an oversized round table with a canopy on top. “It is a very welcoming seating area.”

Gaddis added some rustic touches such as wood beams in the ceiling and barn doors on a storage area mixed with beach elements. The wooden shell of a kayak hangs on the wall near the entry. Turtle shells cover another wall. The master bedroom has black coral framed in shadow boxes along with a spray of white coral on a circular table.

The guest area has a private entrance with a wet bar between the two rooms.

Both guest suites have doors to the sunrise terrace, and both have white cottage-style ceiling planks.

Aqua opened its first 11-story tower with 38 condos in December 2008. The second 32-unit tower opened in May.Prices range from $1,995 million to $4,850 million.

Contracts for AQUA Tower II are ongoing, with Naples-based PACT Realty serving as the exclusive listing agent. The two furnished models are available for purchase and open daily for viewing.

For further information about the select opportunities at AQUA or to schedule a tour of the decorated models, please call 239-591-2727, visit online at www.aqua-naples.com or stop by the information center located at Wiggins Pass Road, 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34108.

Both new luxury models are now open at AQUA at Pelican Isle in Naples.
Naples Reserve has attracted homebuyers with its affordable, social lifestyle and resort-style community of Southern Coastal-inspired attached villa, single-family and custom estate homes. The time is right to discover your new home and casually awesome lifestyle in this best-selling South Naples community. A select number of move-in ready lakefront homes are still available in Naples Reserve’s Sparrow Cay, Savannah Lakes, Evergreen Landing and Mallard Point neighborhoods.

When Felipe and Cristina Duran started their new home search, Naples Reserve’s amenities and value set it apart from other communities. “The look and feel of the community really appealed to us,” said Cristina. “The lot sizes and affordable and comprehensive HOA fees were added incentives.”

The Durans, who purchased a lake view home in the Savannah Lakes neighborhood, said they regularly take advantage of the Island Club’s fitness center and pool. “We also enjoy Fire Pit Friday!” said Cristina.

Naples Reserve residents enjoy a full social calendar planned by Lifestyle and Fitness Director Carri Adam, who themes many of the events around activities and amenities offered in the community. “Our events are a great way for residents to get to know their neighbors as they familiarize themselves with Naples Reserve’s amenities and all of the opportunities offered within the community,” said Adam.

Adam also regularly hosts educational and entertaining presentations. During these events, residents have learned paddleboard basics, practiced bocce ball and brushed up on their CPR technique. Adam also manages Naples Reserve’s clubhouse, has planned a tennis expo at Naples Reserve’s newly opened March Point complex and a hydro Bike demo on Eagle Lake. Upcoming events include a Holiday Lights trolley tour, with dinner at Mercato followed by a tour of Victoria Park and other holiday light displays.

Residents are already filling their 2018 calendars with a Polynesian Luau in January, Casino Night in March and an exhibit in June to celebrate the end of another fun season at Naples Reserve.

From ladies’ “Lunch Bunch” to weekly mahjong games and community ice cream socials, Naples Reserve makes it easy to get to know your neighbors and make new friends.

“All of the experiences residents share make it a close-knit community,” said Adam.

Naples Reserve residents Tom and Sue Marquardt lived in Annapolis, Maryland, for 36 years prior to moving to Naples Reserve. A year ago, the couple selected the Minorca, a three-bedroom, three-bath Ashton Woods home with 2,663 square feet of living space in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood.

As new residents, the Marquardts took “getting social” into their own hands and organized progressive dinners with their Sparrow Cay neighbors. “It was something we enjoyed doing with our friends in Maryland, and it’s a great way to bring people together,” said Marquardt.

A year later, the dinners have grown to a quarterly event for eight couples. Their next dinner? A complete meal planned around a regional theme.

Retired from the newspaper publishing industry, Marquardt now has more time to devote to activities like kayaking on Naples Reserve’s Eagle Lake, swimming laps in the pool and biking, but he enjoys more social pursuits as well. He and Sue haven’t missed one of Adam’s community events. In fact, Marquardt – an oenophile who has a website and writes a weekly syndicated column, “Wine Etc.” – helped coordinate a wine tasting event in the spring at the Outrigger Center that was attended by more than 50 Naples Reserve residents.

“We’ve never been in a community that has been this active. There is high energy here and a thriving drive to get to know each other. We’ve made so many new friends,” said Marquardt. “Moving to Naples Reserve was the smartest thing we did in retirement.”

Star has completed the community’s initial lakefront resort-inspired amenities, including the 57,000-square-foot Island Club social center featuring a 5,160-square-foot clubhouse and an additional dog park and a meandering linear park for biking, hiking and jogging. Kid’s Cove, a playground and picnic area, was added against the Picayune Strand State Forest, as well as a mile-long stretch of lakefront to explore by water, nestled against the Picayune Strand State Forest, a 76,000-acre state park with protected pinelands, cypress swamps, marshes and abundant wildlife.

Naples Reserve residents receive complimentary one-year social memberships at Walker’s Hideaway Marina of Naples, a yacht club along the Gordon River offering a marina, indoor storage for 600 boats, two waterfront restaurants, outdoor pool and sauna, and access to Naples Bay.

Naples Reserve was created by iStar, which was named 2015 Developer of the Year by Builder and Developer magazine for its commitment to creating exceptional communities and lifestyles with an emphasis on energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

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The most significant change is actually a constant: The consumers’ need and desire to talk with someone who is local and not in another state managing their vacation or rental experience. They want to know that the guidance that is being given is first-hand and not being read from a script. Online companies simply cannot provide the same or better level of service and knowledge as a company whose local team works, lives and plays here in our paradise. While we and other online companies grow, we still interact with each guest and owner personally. Our housekeeping and maintenance teams with their fleet of 50-plus vehicles ensure each guest receives the treatment they expect; the treatment they deserve. For Royal Shell companies, “customer service” is not just a buzz word that is part of some mission statement or core values that sit in a desk drawer. It is a calling, a way of life and a belief that our staff embraces with my first internet company, when we were paving the way in the early ’90’s, I enjoy it more than ever today.

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How are you recruiting new talent into your organization?

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What do you truly love about working here in Lee County/Collier County?

I get to work where people from around the world come to vacation. I love the variety of Southwest Florida — from shopping on Fifth Avenue in Naples to no stop lights on Sanibel. Baseball, golf, fishing, boating, the beaches — there is never a lack of opportunity to enjoy the area.

How do you find inspiration in business or business climate?

I believe you either wake up inspired or you wait to be inspired. We wake up inspired and look for ways to take advantage of any business climate. Opportunity is always there to succeed — it just changes the way it looks from time to time. I do find inspiration daily when we help families find their own place in our paradise. We’ve helped buyers find a multimillion dollar beachfront compound. We’ve also heard from families who have visited our area for years and share the memories of their childhood with their parents vacationing here. And now they want to keep those memories alive for their children. That’s the nature of our business and inspires us each day.

What wise words would you tell young people entering the work force?

Stay focused and just keep working. It’s not what those around you are doing that will be responsible for your success. Take responsibility for your failures and successes. True success only comes from you and I’ve never met a successful person who did it working 9 to 5.

Michael Polly

WHAT DO I LOVE?

NAME: Michael Polly

TITLE AND COMPANY: President and managing broker — Royal Shell

YEARS WITH THE COMPANY: 8

YEARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA OR YEARS IN COUNTY: 18

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Real estate sales, annual and seasonal rentals, vacation rentals

EDUCATION: University of Kentucky — studied electrical engineering, real estate broker, real estate — Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist (CLHMS), Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI), Certified Negotiation Expert (CNE)

HOMETOWN: Lexington, Ky.

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Ms. Strezeva is a founding member of the award-winning Manhattan Piano Trio, which has been described as one of the most creative and dynamic young ensembles in America. She has performed throughout the United States, Australia, South Africa and Italy.

A native of Russia, Mr. Belov is a graduate of the Juilliard Opera Center. Equally at home with opera, oratorio and concert repertoire, he has presented more than 60 recitals and has performed at Carnegie Hall and The Kennedy Center.

The instrumental and vocal teaming of Ms. Strezeva and Mr. Belov is part of CAPA’s Spectrum Series of concerts, which continues as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 13: “Holiday Brass” with the Naples Chamber Brass
Friday, Feb. 9: “Classic Barbershop Harmony” with The Paradise Coastmen chorus

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From the Buckeyes to the Boo Bash, and more to-dos around town.
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Book reviewer Phil Jason says Patricia Gussin delivers a detailed, fast-paced thriller.
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GOD PLAYING BY NANCY STETSON

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If you think God is an old white man with a long gray beard, you’re wrong.
(I always think of Him as probably more like Gloria Foster, or her replacement, Mary Alice, in the “Matrix” movies: a cryptic

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Miguel Cintron lands the holiest — and most irreverent — role of all

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Rob Green, Miguel Cintron and David Yudowitz.

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Remember 2011, the year of the Arab Spring? That tumult in the Middle East provides a backdrop for Patricia Gussin’s fast-paced thriller, “Come Home.”

Plastic surgeon Ahmed Masud, middle son in a wealthy Egyptian family, is called back to Cairo from his home in the U.S. to help prepare for his family’s future after the Mubarak regime collapses. Their wealth derives favor from Mubarak’s son, who has handed them an Egyptian cotton empire. Also, Ahmed’s parents wish to see his 5-year-old son, Alex, succeeding to their pressure, and unsettled by medical malpractice lawsuits, Ahmed steals Alex away to Cairo, rashly jeopardizing his marriage and the American Dream lifestyle he and his wife, also a plastic surgeon, have shared.

Readers will be puzzled by Ahmed’s sudden sense of family duty, as was his plastic surgeon, have shared. Wanting her wife, Dr. Nicole Nelson, who is outraged...
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An interview with God

Black woman sitting at a kitchen table, smoking cigarettes, the wisdom of the universe at her fingertips.

She might be surprised to learn that God is 5-foot-8-inch, 41-year-old Latino named Miguel Cintron who grew up in the tough Bushwick section of Brooklyn, NY.

At least, that’s how it is in “An Act of God,” up next at Laboratory Theater of Florida.

Mr. Cintron — who calls himself a “Nuyorican,” which is Spanglish for a Puerto Rican from New York — didn’t even have to audition for the lead role in the off-kilter comedy.

“Annette (Trossbach, artistic director and founder) from LAB, she was like, ‘This part is yours if you want it,’” the actor says. “She really felt like it was mine.”

Does that mean he’s especially godly? He laughs.

“The show is irreverent,” he says. “I think that’s why she wanted me to play this part; I’m good at irreverence. I grew up in the church. Both my father and grandfather were Pentecostal pastors — which is why I’m an irreverent person.”

From the hypocrisy behind the scenes, he says, but still deliberately believes in God and plays the drums every Sunday morning in his church in Fort Myers. He doesn’t want to reveal its name.

“I don’t want any of them to come,” he says of his fellow worshippers. He’s not sure they’ll get the humor. While his wife and daughter are very supportive, he says, his sister is a different story.

“Come on, sister, she’s asking, ‘Why are you playing God? Why are you being in a show that’s irreverent like that? You know better than that.’ But she’s still going to come and see it.

“And she’ll laugh. She’ll huff and puff, but she’ll laugh,” he predicts.

He says “An Act of God” is irreverent in many ways as it pokes fun at the ridiculousness of organized religion.

“It’s kind of like God coming down and making a joke about how people take everything so literally,” Mr. Cintron says. “Certain things make sense, and that’s OK. But certain things in the Bible don’t make sense, and we poke fun at it.”

The premise of the show is that God comes down, chooses a local celebrity and inhabits his or her body in order to communicate.

God goes into my body, but I have no idea that I’m actually on stage at the Laboratory Theater,” he says. God then proceeds to hand down 10 new commandments and talk about certain things that happened in the Bible, explaining what really happened.

“For example,” he says, “God actually did create Adam and Steve first, but had to change things around, because Adam and Steve ate from the Tree of the Knowledge That Your Lifestyle is Sinful. That’s what it’s called the script. And once they ate of that, then God decided to make Adam and Eve.

“It pokes fun at the whole idea that God is anti-gay,” he says. “It’s not making fun of gays, but of the whole idea that God would be anti-gay or anti-any human being.”

Dave Yudowitz and Rob Green play his archangels, Gabriel and Michael, respectively. “They’ll be dressed to the nines in white suits and wings,” he says, while God wears white robes and sneakers.

The show was a hit on Broadway with Jim Parsons (“The Big Bang Theory”) and then Seeley Hayes (“Will and Grace”) playing God.

The script, written by David Javerbaum, multiple Emmy-Award winning head writer on the original “The Daily Show,” jokes about “everyone and everything,” says Mr. Cintron – Christians, Jews, Muslims, racists.

The play was originally a series of Tweets (“Life would make a lot more sense if you could hear the laugh track”): @TheTweetOfGod, and then a book, “The Last Testament: A Memoir of God.”

“It’s possible people will come in and be uncomfortable, but if they stick it out, they’ll see it all come together in the end and it’s very funny,” Mr. Cintron says.

“It’s basically God telling them to believe in themselves, and in all the things they can do, that humanity can do.”

God (Miguel Cintron) in the center, with his archangels Gabriel (Rob Green) on the left and Michael (David Yudowitz) on the right.

Why do you feel so far away sometimes?

God: I don’t know if I want to have a strong personal relationship with you as most would believe. I feel like perhaps there are too many people doing things in My name that people are getting the wrong idea of who God is, who I really am, and what My job is.

Sometimes I want to step back and see what mankind is going to do.

I’ll come in and save everybody at the end, like I always do.

What do you want from us?

God: I want people to believe in themselves like they believe in Me. And love the people they’re around and respect the things that are tangible, the evidence that’s around them. I want people to know that basically, belief and faith are no excuses for abandoning sound judgment.

When I die, am I going to hang out with you? Are we going to have fun?

God: Oh, yeah. It’s going to be fun!
I must be one of the most fortunate people anywhere. Half of my family is from the Mid-west. The other half hails from Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. And miraculously, they all got along, especially when it came to sharing grandchildren and holidays.

Add to that, food. I remember the food — the squash casseroles and scalloped potatoes, all made with Velveeta, but heaven-sent nonetheless. Green bean casseroles, generally made with pole beans grown at local farms, and desserts of fresh-baked pound cakes and prefab pumpkin pie.

Turkey was the one constant at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sometimes, we brined it. Other years, we simply rubbed it with butter and salt, and had to set a second table with luncheon plates. By that time, I had learned to check and had to set a second table with luncheon plates. By that time, I had learned to check the top of the turkey for the offal bits — those pieces.

I was used to finding them jammed in the turkey's rear, but one year, I found no neck, gizzard, heart or liver, so I shrugged and stuck the turkey in oven. When I went to carve the bird, I found them neatly tucked in a pouch above the breast.

It was embarrassing then, but I can laugh at the memory now. Decades earlier, it was Aunt Cleo's turn to bring the turkey. She got up early and roasted half a bird — yes, it was split from stem to stern — and brought it from Pahokee to Fort Myers. It looked pretty funny on the platter, but was Cleo's way of being thrifty — why cook more than necessary?

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Turkey was the one constant at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sometimes, we brined it. Other years, we simply rubbed it with butter and salt, and had to set a second table with luncheon plates. By that time, I had learned to check the top of the turkey for the offal bits — those pieces.

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I also recall the tricked food into eating oyster dressing — everyone wondered why the dressing that year was so much richer than usual.

Grandma always deemed Ocean Spray canned cranberry jelly to be sufficient, but Cleo made a wonderful relish of fresh cranberries, celery and pecans from the family farm. I'm sure gelatin was a key ingredient, but in the palate of my mind, it was ambrosial.

We served the meal on Grandma's Lenox china — the set had been her mother-in-law's. I remember she fretted that the service for 12 had been divided when her mother-in-law had entertained so elegantly and so effortlessly, and had died too young.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THURSDAY 11.16

Jewelry Workshop – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a jewelry workshop with their resident artist from 9-11 a.m. $25 per person entry fee, 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.gov.


Curious George and the Golden Meatball – By Broadway Palm Children’s Theatre through November 19 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a talk about maney and white sapote from 10 a.m. to noon. $15 for members, $20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Classic Film – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens the classic Gene Kelly film, “American in Paris” (1951) at 1:30 p.m. Three friends struggle to find work in Paris and things get complicated when two of them fall in love with the same woman. $6 for members, $8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Piano Duo – Pianist Milana Streveya and baritone Anton Belov perform Russian and Italian art songs at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner Opera Center. $10-$50, 2408 Linwood Ave. 779-2800 or www.watercapcenter.org.

Art Talk – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about impressionist JW. Turner from 2:30-4 p.m. at Brooks Commons Club. $20 for members, $25 for others. 9930 Coconut Road, 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Last Man Standing – Comedian Tim Allen performs at 8 p.m. at Arts–Naples. 597-8900 or www.artisnaples.org.

SUNDAY 11.18

To Market, To Market – Third Street South hosts a farmer’s market from 7:30-10:30 a.m. 434-6333 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Market – St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church hosts a flea market from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. 2345 Rivers Road. 348-0828 or www.stpaulnaples.org.

Tree Sale – Collier Fruit Growers, Inc. hosts a sub tropical fruit sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fred W. Coyle Memorial Park. 1510 Golden Gate Pkwy. rtayform@comcast.net.

Swamp Walk – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a guided walk through its old-growth stand of bald cypress and white sapote from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $70-$85, 348-9151 or www.corkscrewwild.org.

Art Fest – Dozens of artists sell their wares at Bonita Springs Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Esplanade at Bonita Bay. 294-2753 or www.promenadeartshows.com.

Art Alive – The galleries and studios of Naples Art North of pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling Road welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Friday 11.17

Psychic Night – Evidential medium Cindy Kaza acts as a liaison between audiences and their passed loved ones tonight and Saturday, Nov. 18, at The Hook Comedy Club. 250 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 278-6901 or www.theHOOKcomedy.com.

Saturday 11.18

Frigid Fandango – Members of Naples Botanical Garden welcomes leashed dogs from 8-11 a.m. Free for members, $9.95 for others. 434-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

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

Lunch & Learn – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts lunch and a multimedia presentation entitled “Patrick Smith’s Florida Is A Land Remembered” from noon to 1 p.m. $15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookerybay.org.


Wednesday 11.22

Wild Wednesdays – Napoles Botanical Garden’s conservation team leads a walk though the garden’s natural areas in the Smill Uphland Preserve from 9 a.m. Free with regular admission. 434-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

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

Crystal Clear – The Gypsy Sea Witch hosts a crystal bowl meditation at 7 a.m. at Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero. $15-$20, must pre-register at website. 574-444-9797 or www.thehyp-syccawich.com.

COMING UP

Jazzy Christmas – Saxophonist Dave Keal performs a Christmas concert with a variety of special guests at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at Arts–Naples. 597-9090 or www.artisnaples.org.

Sugarplum Dreams – Moscow Ballet’s Balanchine’s “The Nutcracker” at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28-29, at Arts–Naples. 597-9090 or www.artisnaples.org.

Joyful & Triumphant – FGCU’s choirs will perform traditional holiday selections and works by modern composers at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Mooring Presbyterian Church. Free, but reservations encouraged. tpadue@fgcu.edu or www.fgcu.edu.

Field Trip – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy arranges an excursion to the Fisher Mansion in Palm Beach that includes a Gilded Age tea lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. Transportation included and departs from North Naples. $95 for members, $115 for others. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

Art in the Park – Members of Naples Art Association sell their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Coconut Mall. 262-6357 or www.napat-bart.org.
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Choral Concert – Genesis Ensemble performs a festival of Advent carols at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. 434-5811 or www.fflcnaples.com.

Jazz Concert – The Dan Heck Blues and Truth Sextet perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Wang Opera Center, $10-$50. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or www.capacenter.org.

Scaramouche – Queen tribute band God Save The Queen performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Germain Arena. $53-$63. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.


Christmas Market – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts a holiday bazaar with unique vendors, live entertainment, crafts, carriage rides and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Free with park admission. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.gov.

Downtown Christmas – Fifth Avenue South hosts its 44th annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting with performances, music, a tree lighting at Sugden Plaza and more from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Free. 692-8436 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

Artist Talk – Artist Bill Farnsworth talks about his process illustrating “Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto” from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. Free for members, $10 for others. 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org.


Art ALIVE – The galleries and studios of Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge and west of Airport-Pulling roads welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. More than 40 professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstrate their medium. Free. Look for the magenta and white flags. 263-9070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.


Take a Hike – Crew Land & Water Trust leads a guided walk focused on mosquitoes and their role in the local ecosystem from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 8. 315-522, 677-2237 or www.crewtrust.org.


WHAT TO DO

WHERE TO GO

Holocaust Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture entitled “Thank You for the Bomb, Mr. Hitler,” from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 11, at Hodges University. $12 per lecture, $60 for the series. amay@hodges.edu or 598-6153.

Art Show – Naples Artcraters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcraters.com.

Oldies but Goodies – Dick Fox’s Golden Boys featuring Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. $70. (800) 218-0007 or www.moreneparadise.com.


The Sound of Silence – Art Garfunkel performs selections from his collaboration with Art Garfunkel, as well as his solo compositions at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

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Cast of Gulfshore Playhouse ‘Leading Ladies’ elevates farce

In Shakespeare’s time, men would play both the male and female roles. In Ken Ludwig’s “Leading Ladies," a pair of Shakespearean actors are once again pretending to be women — but they do so in attempts to swindle a dying woman out of her money by claiming to be her long-lost nieces.

The two men, Leo (William Connell) and Jack (Zach Martens) assume the identities of Maxine and Stephanie, respectively.

They’ve been bumbling around for 10 years, acting, but are still at rock bottom. If their scene at the local Moose lodge is any indication, we can understand why. The two have a sword fight while quoting a hodge-podge of lines from various Shakespearean plays.

When they learn that a dying woman, Florence (Mary Stout) is looking for her relatives, Max and Steve, in order to leave them her millions, they pull a couple of dresses and wigs on to impersonate Maxine and Stephanie.

In Ken Ludwig’s “Leading Ladies,” a pair of inoffensive and retentive men, one of whom is deaf and mute, look like Harpo Marx with his curls and angelic face. He gestures wildly in made-up sign language.

Mr. Connell is the dashing male lead who always gets the girl; as a woman, he’s… well, handsome.

Their dresses! Wonderfully horrid! Even in New York, Pa., of 1958, no normal woman dressed like Cleopatra or Titania.

Of course, there are complications.

This is a farce. There are always complications.

Ms. Stout, as the dying Aunt Florence, was endearing. And anything with Aunt Florence in it.

At one point, during Act II on opening night, the actors actually broke character, unable to contain their own smiles and laughter at the action onstage. It was endearing.

If you’re up for something silly and light and frothy, “Leading Ladies” might just be what you’re looking for.

In Shakespeare’s time, they did it. In Ken Ludwig’s “Leading Ladies," it’s even funnier!
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Ble it surprised you, too — didn’t it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy’s reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won’t want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you’ve resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don’t overdos it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don’t fall into a protracted catnap yet. There’s still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate — two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

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Wonderstruck ★★½
(Julianne Moore, Millicent Simmonds, Oakes Fegley) In separate storylines set 50 years apart (1927 and 1957), deaf 12-year-olds (Simmonds and Fegley) in New York City search for what they feel their lives are missing. Strong performances, great visuals and masterful direction from Todd Haynes (“Carol”) make this one of the nicest and most fulfilling movie experiences of the year. Rated PG.

Suburbicon ★★
(Matt Damon, Julianne Moore, Oscar Isaac) In a perfect 1950s American town, a home invasion kills Gardner’s (Damon) wife (Moore), leaving him with his son (Noah Jupe) and sister-in-law (Moore again) to care for. There’s much more to the story than that, but it doesn’t matter because nothing about this movie is in the least bit entertaining. Rated R.

Breathe ★★★
(Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Tom Hollander) Paralyzed in his prime from polio, Robin (Garfield) finds new meaning in his life thanks to his wife (Foy) and other loved ones. Garfield and Foy are strong as the leads, and it’s ultimately a hopeful story that’s not as depressing as it looks. Rated PG-13.

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Victoria & Abdul ★★★
(Dev Patel, Ali Fazal, Michelle Gomez) The friendship between Queen Victoria (Dench) and an Indian servant (Fazal) late in her life is chronicled in director Stephen Frears’ latest. It’s a bit scattered in terms of narrative tone, but overall the touching, symbiotic friendship is a welcome sight to see. Rated PG-13.

American Made ★★½
(Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright) Airline pilot Barry Seal (Cruise) is recruited by the CIA to take pictures over Central America, then becomes involved in drug and gun smuggling. It’s a captivating story that will keep you rooting for the anti-hero, but it doesn’t have the visual panache this kind of film should feature. Rated R.

Only The Brave ★★★
(Miles Teller, Josh Brolin, Jeff Bridges) Firefighters in Arizona bond and battle wildfires in this dramatic true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. It’s not perfect, but it’s moving enough to do the real people justice. Rated PG-13.

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Is it worth $10? Yes

“Daddy’s Home” (2015) was a predictable lark of unfunny gags, faux machismo and pandering sweetness. To our surprise, “Daddy’s Home 2” is just the opposite: The gags (except for one) don’t play out the way we expect, the machismo is Mel Gibson-ed up to a new level and the pandering sweetness is Christmas-themed, which I’m admit tedly a sucker for.

If you’re looking for something fun to do to inspire holiday spirit with the family this year, look no further.

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In case you’re wondering: Scarlett Estevez does not appear to be related to actor/director Emilio Estevez.

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Straight No Chaser aims to keep a cappella act fresh and new

BY ALAN SCULLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

“Six Pack: Volume 3,” the third in a series of EPs from the a cappella group Straight No Chaser, may only include six songs. But that doesn’t prevent the group fromspanning eras and musical styles, sometimes within the same track.

The variety of “Six Pack: Volume 3” is no accident, and in fact, was meant to reflect what Straight No Chaser tries to achieve any time the group performs or goes into the studio.

“That’s kind of what we try to do in our live shows,” Steve Morgan, one of the group’s nine vocalists said in a recent phone interview. “It’s what we try to do on our (full-length) albums. We want to have something there for everybody, so something new, something old. We never want to skew too young or too old. We want to give you a spectrum of things because ultimately I think the consistency is that it’s a cappella. The consistency is the sound and trying to surprise people with what you can do without instruments.”

In the case of “Six Pack: Volume 3,” there’s something truly retro in the 1962 version of the Sam Cooke, “Twistin’ The Night Away,” something new in the versions of Bruno Mars’ “That’s What I Like,” Jon Bellion’s “All Time Low” and a “Beyonce Medley” featuring Ms. Knowles’ hits “Put a Ring on It” and “Crazy In Love.” In addition to the R&B/hip-hop stylings of those songs, there’s country-tinted pop in the rendition of Bonnie Tyler’s ‘70s hit, “Total Eclipse of the Heart” and pure pop in the group’s mash-up that brings together the Eurythmics’ ‘80s signature song “Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This)” and Fitz and the Tantrums’ recent hit “HandClap.”

As with all of the group’s music, the songs on the new EP are rendered entirely with voices, as the nine members of Straight No Chaser harmonize, vocalize percussion and sing signature instrumental parts to the songs.

The group began as a college project at Indiana University, with its 10 vocalists banding together under the Straight No Chaser name to perform around campus.

For almost a decade, it looked like Straight No Chaser would remain strictly a college group. But then came a 10th anniversary of the original group in 2006. To generate enthusiasm for the occasion Straight No Chaser alum Randy Stine...
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made DVDs of a 1998 Straight No Chaser concert and posted a performance of the group’s wacky rendition of “The 12 Days of Christmas” to You Tube. It went viral and became 2007’s most viewed video.

One person who saw the clip was Craig Kallman, the chairman and CEO of Atlantic Records, who tracked down Stine and eventually signed the group. Today’s lineup includes Stine, Morgan, Dave Roberts, Walter Chase, Jerome Collins, Michael Luginbill, Mechling, Tyler Trepp and Seggie Isho.

The immediate future involves a tour that will have the group on the road right through the end of the year. The Nov. 17 show at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers falls right around the time Straight No Chaser may start to shift its set to include some Christmas tunes along with non-holiday material. “In the past, that’s normally how it’s been,” Morgan said. “We start putting in Christmas music right around a week or two before Thanksgiving, mixing those in. And then come the week after Thanksgiving, the whole second set is pretty much Christmas.”

Straight No Chaser

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Assume you’re in three notrump and West leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

It may be tempting to finesse the queen of hearts, but this is demonstrably the wrong play — and in the actual deal would prove fatal. Instead, you should go up with the ace, reasoning that if West has the king of hearts and has led the jack from a suit headed by the K-J-10, dummy’s queen will serve as a second stopper later on. And if East has the king, the queen is surely the wrong play.

After rising with the ace, you should then attack clubs, forcing out the ace. In the actual deal, West has the ace, but he cannot harm you, whatever he returns. If he shifts to a spade, you win and take the diamond finesse. East has the king, but whatever he leads next, you have nine tricks in the till.

If West returns a heart after taking the ace of clubs, you are on perfectly safe ground. If he leads the ten of hearts, you cover it with the queen to establish a second heart trick with your nine; if he leads a lower heart instead of the ten, you follow low from dummy to accomplish the same result.

For practical purposes, the contract can be guaranteed by going up with the ace of hearts at trick one. You assume from the opening lead that West has the ten of hearts, and that he also is the one with the heart length. If these suppositions are correct, nothing can stop you from making three no trump.

The deal demonstrates once again that you don’t take a finesse merely because it’s there. There often are other factors to consider.
“Building trust to create change...”

— Sarah Owen, CEO and president of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation

Has someone ever told you, “I’ve got your back!”

It’s a powerful statement of loyalty and support, knowing someone cares and is watching out for you. Think about a mother holding the arms of a toddler just taking his first step. It’s a beginning to bigger things.

If someone didn’t have our back, would we dare to try something new? Test an idea? Pursue our big dreams?

When someone has our back we become more courageous, more inspired and more inclined to step outside our comfort zone. We dare to face the unknown when we have support.

Support can also be a catalyst for change.

And it takes on many forms – financial, emotional, social and physical. The Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s mission is to cultivate regional change for the common good and on any given day, we’re involved in got-your-back moments made possible by donors, partners, neighbors, nonprofits and businesses.

For the longest time, the Community Foundation was primarily perceived as a granting and funding organization for nonprofit organizations and awarding scholarships to college-bound students. It’s all a very important part of what we do. Our donors’ generosity makes that possible. Last

NO MATTER THE NEED, WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK

GO AHEAD FALL BACK, WE’LL CATCH YOU, SARAH!”

I remember these words from my earliest days of team building exercises and I imagine many of you have participated in something similar.

In order to build trust among a team, members are asked to stand with their back to their colleagues and perform a blindfolded free fall into their arms. You can’t see them back there but you have to trust that they will catch you.

You have to know they will have your back in both the exercise and the work that is to come for the team.

The theme of this year’s Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s Annual Report to the community is We’ve Got Your Back, Southwest Florida and I couldn’t help but think of that trust building exercise.

The Foundation wants to be a trusted resource and partner to our region and residents, someone you can count on when it comes to creating your vision for positive change, generosity and community involvement.

In this report, you will see the impact YOU have helped create through establishing funds to guide your giving, supporting others in times of disaster and joining us in community initiatives like workforce transformation and attainable housing.

You will also read about our record assets and strong investments, grants to empower nonprofits, and scholarships to assist students in completing college and certifications, as well as our community leadership work.

Go ahead, fall back. We’ve got you and we love working with you.

Here we go —

SEE BACK, 4

In Gratitude,

Sarah

Owen

President & CEO

Southwest Florida Community Foundation

PHOTO BY BRIAN TETZ

NO MATTER THE NEED, WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK
Money at Work: Record Assets and Strong Investments

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation hit a major milestone during fiscal year 2017. We reached over $112 million in total assets. We also had a strong return on investments of 12.8% for the one-year period ending June 30, 2017. Our total assets increased by 19.4% from the previous fiscal year while investments rose 12.2% percent from the previous fiscal year. The increases are a result of new funds, New Market Tax Credits, additional contributions and investment returns. Since its inception 41 years ago, your Community Foundation has received $120 million in contributions and distributed $71 million in direct support to the community.

In addition to overseeing the Foundation’s assets and investments, the Board of Trustees’ Finance Committee also reviews quarterly results presented in our financial statements and annually recommends the budget to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees’ Audit Committee oversees accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, the Foundation’s internal controls and the independent audit of financial statements. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing IRS Form 990 prior to filing the foundation’s tax return and reporting to the Board of Trustees.

The Community Foundation has earned the highest level of recognition offered by Guidestar, the world’s largest source of nonprofit information, and is in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Money at Work:

- Record Assets and Strong Investments
- Total Assets: $112.5 million as of June 30, 2017
- Investments: $112.5 million as of June 30, 2017
- Equities: 63%
- Cash Equivalents: 3%
- Alternative Investments: 4%
- Fixed Income: 29%
- Socially Responsible Investments: 1% or $613,624

Copies of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s IRS Form 990 and IRS Form 990-T and the current annual audit are available for review online at www.floridacommunity.com or at our office by calling (239) 274-5900.
We’ve Got Your Back, SWFL
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

We’ve got your back on:

Giving & Investment Solutions
Surpassed $100 million in assets providing more money for grants to nonprofits and funding for the Foundation’s work.
- First endowed fund created by living donors for $5 million to support the work of the Foundation in the new Collaboratory & Tech Hub to open in summer 2018.
- Our Socially Responsible Investment fund has grown by 5% to provide conscientious options for the Foundation fundholders.
- More people gave more money through the foundation last year with a total of $6,641,501, a 30% increase over last year.

Grantmaking to Nonprofits
Granted more money to nonprofits to help them create change in the region and partnered with nonprofit leaders to improve the health of their organizations in the areas of leadership, communications, board governance and finance.
- Nonprofit capacity (or organizational health) has improved steadily since 2014, based on our annual capacity survey.
- Received record number of ideas from regional nonprofits with plans to create change and improve the community.
Funded over $4.3 million and a total of 745 of grants through:
- Donor Advised Funds
- Specialty Funds
- Women’s Legacy Fund of SWFL
- LGBT Fund of SWFL
- Bonita Springs Community Fund
- Environment Fund of SWFL
- Field of Interest Funds
- Annual Nonprofit Agency Funds
- Donor Designated Agency Funds
- Designated Funds
- Field of Interest Funds
- Scholarship Funds

Community Leadership
Invested in sustainable improvements to the community.
- $10,000,000 New Market Tax Credit deal closed for the Collaboratory & Tech Hub and the Foundation’s new home, a space where collaboration will be cultivated.
- Hertz Employee Relief Fund was established to provide grants made to corporate-wide employees for personal hardship and natural disasters.
- Responded to statewide and local disasters with funds for:
  - Pulse Nightclub
  - Together Fort Myers Fund – Club Blu shooting
  - Lee County/Bonita Springs Floods Fund
  - Hurricane Irma Relief Fund
- Started Land of Opportunity Fund focused on immigration legal services.
- Partnered on collective leadership projects for Affordable Housing and Children’s Behavioral Health.
- Connected donors to help support the United Way 211 line for veterans.

Served as backbone organization for a collective impact initiative:

FutureMakers Coalition
- Exceeded the goal of # of students filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Increased # of nonprofits experimenting with new innovative programs, 29% more FutureMakers Coalition projects.
- Decreased # of Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) openings in businesses in the region by 72% in persistent openings.
- More partners have stepped up to support the coalition with nearly $250,000 in investments.

you care about
- more students and families so more students can achieve a degree or certification.
- more scholarships to help 150 students in the region.
- more applications by 55%

For more information, visit www.floridacommunity.com/annual-report or call 239-274-5900.
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year we awarded $4.3 million in grants and scholarships plus nearly another $750,000 in programs that provided us with a 100-percent success rate for the inau-
gruence and special events venues, and shared

through conversation and working together.
When people find themselves together, there's an energy that just happens," said Mrs. Owen. "What happens in the Collab-
arra, focusing on the 3-acre campus.

Authoritative Education based on the success and reportable gains. "The mechanics program is a great example of educators understanding the needs of busi-

Residents of the Gulf Harbor com-

"Collaboration works best when it evolves organically

“Beyond Granting and Funding”

By working with the scholarships, we have found an effective way of grant-
ing funds through a competitive process that
dores the collaborative and cohort funds which were also supported by state-of-the-art Florida Lambda-

Mr. Lopez was then appointed to head the conversation and one of the coalition's key
ting funds through a competitive process

to put our money with someone to man-

"The mechanics program is a great example of educators understanding the needs of busi-

Our Many Meaningful Purposes

having one's voice heard, a need," Mrs. Owen said. "Mike indicated there were a lot of job

collaborations with local organizations. It was a

"I really pleased with the results," said Mike Swindle, director of workforce development who fully expects the pro-
gram to be funded by the Florida Depart-
CELEBRITY EXTRA

‘Nashville’ fans rejoice! And what’s Mireille Enos up to?

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you give me any news about “Nashville”? It will be back for another season, correct?
— Damian R.
A: “Nashville” will indeed return to TNT this coming January for its sixth season (no exact date as yet). And don’t forget, if you don’t have TNT, you can catch each new episode of the show the day after air on Hulu.

I also have some casting news: Josh Stamberg has been cast in the recurring role of Darius, the extremely charismatic founder of a self-actualization movement that has transformed many lives. Also, musician/songwriter and acting newcomer Jake Etheridge has been cast in the recurring role of Sean, who is a recent military veteran suffering from severe PTSD who has yet to embrace his talent and passion for music. Also of note, in season five, Jake co-wrote six songs featured on the show, including “Burn to Dark” and “As the Crow Flies.” Rainee Lyleson has been cast in the recurring role of Alannah, a beautiful singer-songwriter who starts out as a backup singer but soon will be discovered for the star she is meant to be. Nic Luken has been cast in the recurring role of Jonah Ford. Jonah is a famous male pop star who’s handsome, extremely confident and charming, exuding all the qualities of a superstar. And finally, Dylan Arnold has been cast in the recurring role of Twig, a childhood friend/confidante member to Jonah. Twig navigates this lifestyle by guarding his anxiety and pain with a caustic, brilliant sense of humor.

Q: Now that “The Catch” has been canceled, can you tell me what Mireille Enos is up to?
— Christina M., via Facebook

As Mireille has been cast as War, one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, in Neil Gaiman’s upcoming television adaptation of his novel “Good Omens.” There’s a boatload of talent already on board for this project, including Michael Sheen, David Tennant and Jon Hamm. The series, which is now shooting in the U.K., is set for a 2019 premiere on Amazon Prime.

The versatile actress also is filming the HBO movie “My Dinner with Herve,” with Peter Dinklage, Jamie Dornan, David Strathairn and Andy Garcia. Peter portrays Herve Villechaize, co-star of “Fantasy Island,” the hit fantasy/drama series that ran on ABC from 1977 to 1984. Mireille plays Kathy Self, Herve’s longtime girlfriend.

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Friday, Feb. 16: “Virtuoso Violins, Jazz and a Hoedown” with violinists Glenn Basham and Daniela Shtereva (with an interval of interpretive dance by Naples Ballet)

Saturday, March 17: “From Paganini to Piazzolla” with Ms. Shtereva and classical guitarist Marco Sartor (with an interval of interpretive dance by Naples Ballet)

Tuesday, April 3: “Classics with a Twist” with the Apollo Trio

Two more series
CAPA also brings back its Jazz & Blues and its Rising Stars concerts series this season.

Dates and artists for the Jazz & Blues Series are:
Wednesday, Jan. 10: “The Sweet Sounds of Jazz” with Jazz Simpatico.
Friday, March 2: “Jazz Meets the Blues” with the Rick Howard Quintet (Lynn Richardson on vocals).

The Rising Stars Series showcases young artists at the beginning of their performance careers.

This season’s dates and artists are:
Friday, March 2: Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus
Wednesday, May 2: Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra (as part of the “Fresh Sounds of Jazz” Spectrum Series concert).

All CAPA performances start at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Ave. Individual tickets $40 for adults, $30 for students/children and $50 for VIP seating.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call CAPA at 775-2800 or visit www.CAPAcenter.org.
THIS WEEK ON WGCU-TV

THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 9 P.M.
Doc Martin, Season 6
The Practice Around the Corner
Mrs. Tishell returns to the village. Martin has to work out what is wrong
with beachcomber Lorna. Al and Morwenna each have an internet dating
disaster, and romance is blossoming for Bert.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17, 9 P.M.
Great Performances: Indecent
See Paula Vogel's Tony Award winner
inspired by the true story of the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of
Sholem Asch's "God of Vengeance." The play with music looks at an explosive
moment in theatrical history.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 9 P.M.
As Time Goes By
Jean and Lionel try to rekindle their flame after 38 years.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 8 P.M.
The Durrells in Corfu
Season 2, Part 6 (finale)
With two women in labor plus a stab
ning victim, Dr. Petrides has his hands full. Louisa, Leslie and Spiro come to the rescue. Gerry's otter is also giving birth.

MONDAY, NOV. 20, 9 P.M.
The Mark Twain Prize
David Letterman
In 33 years on late-night television,
Letterman hosted 6,028 episodes of "Late Night" (NBC) and "The Late Show" (CBS), surpassing his mentor,
Johnny Carson, for the longest-running
late-night broadcaster in American history. He's awarded the prize for humor
at the Kennedy Center.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 8 P.M.
Finding Your Roots, Season 4
Relatives We Never Knew We Had
Actresses Tea Leoni and Gaby Hoffmann's lives have been shaped by family mysteries. They are introduced to
the identities and life stories of their biological ancestors, thanks to DNA
 detective work.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, 8 P.M.
Nature: Nature's Miniature Miracles
Uncover nature's biggest little secrets from mini nocturnal monkeys to sand-scultping puff fish.

**The Durrells in Corfu,** Nov. 19

**The Mark Twain Prize: David Letterman,** Nov. 20
Members of The League Club voted unanimously to make a special grant of $43,000 to the Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund. “A day does not go by without further news of Hurricane Irma’s impact on the lives of so many of our residents,” President Liz Winebrenner said. “The $43,000 grant is a continuation of our commitment to help our community.”

Buckeyes in Naples hold their annual fall Welcome Back Buckeyes cocktail party from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Wells Fargo Private Bank in Mercato. Cost is $40, with all proceeds going to Ohio State University scholarships for local students. RSVP at www.naplesbuckeyes.com/events. Buckeyes alumni and fans are also invited to game watch parties at Bokamper’s, Stevie Tomato’s and Mercato. Cost is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.

Naples Garden Club’s 2018 House & Garden Tour goes on sale to the public at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, for $275 at www.naplesgardencal.org. Patrons can purchase up to five general admission tickets ($150 each) at the same time. In addition to first choice of tour times, patrons receive a preferred parking pass and free admission to NBG on tour day.

Taking place Saturday, Feb. 3, the 64th annual House & Garden Tour goes to four homes with gardens in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and Old Naples, via luxury motor coaches departing from Naples Botanical Garden.

Patron tickets will be available Nov. 17-29. General admission tickets go on sale Dec. 1. Last year the public release of general admission tickets sold out in five hours.

All tour proceeds are returned to the community in North Naples. The next meeting is Nov. 18 and Dec. 2. Members should bring their works in progress and be pre pared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald’s.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit www.pflagnaples.org.

The Naples Music Club invites the public to “Music Carnival,” a free recital by club members starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S.

Alliance Française de Naples has its annual Beaujolais Nouveau Wine Tasting from 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at a private residence in The Strand in North Naples. The evening includes a raffle of French items donated by area merchants and members of the club. Cost is $85 for members and $40 for others and includes one glass of wine and one plate of French tasting bites provided by private chef Pyro Rodriguez. A cash bar will be available for additional wine by the glass or bottle, mineral water and soft drinks.

For reservations, call Denise Jenkins at 592-7765 or 592-0447 or visit www.afnaples.org.

Naples Writers Forum welcomes writers of all levels to meet and discuss their craft from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 11th Ave. S. For more information, call 949-3621 or 773-732-9982.
CLUB NOTES

■ 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 Tuesdays of every month at Mooring’s Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. The next meetings are Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. First-time visitors are always welcome to observe. For more information, call 777-8851. For more information about Toastmasters International, including other area chapters and where and when they meet, visit www.toastmasters.org.

■ Naples Writers’ Workshop consists of two groups for fiction writers: one for those who write short stories and one for those who have a novel in progress. Each group meets twice a month, on alternate Wednesday evenings, for members to share their works and give/receive feedback among peers. For times and locations or more information, email Kristine Gill at Kristine.gill@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.naplesmug.com.

■ The Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region members meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at First United Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meetings are Nov. 27 and Dec. 11. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.

■ Tech4Good SWFL, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 640 Napa Woods Way in Naples. The club helps people learn about using technology to advance their organization’s mission, community engagement and fundraise. The next meeting is Dec. 5. Admission is free and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org. For more information about the organization, visit www.tech4goodswfl.org.

■ Ikebana International Naples Chapter #160 resumes its monthly meetings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Naples Botanical Garden. The ginza market will be open prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the program. All are welcome. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com or follow Ikebana Naples on Facebook.

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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 Dec. 6. Meetings are at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Worthington Country Club. A plein air group meets from noon to 1 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the program at 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

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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 Dec. 6. Members also serve a 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. Admission for $5 includes all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, donuts and pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee, with all proceeds benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Dec. 10. The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit www.eaa1067.com.

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Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Dec. 7. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaples3.com.

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The Southwest Florida Pastel Society encourages and promotes member pastel artists through monthly meetings and programs, workshops, activities and exhibition opportunities. New members are always welcome. Regular meetings are at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Worthington Country Club. A plein air group meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. For information, visit www.pastelsociety.org.

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THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF COLLIER COUNTY meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. All are welcome to enjoy the program. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call Jeanne Bruehler at 877-9276 or visit www.thegecc.org.

The Naples chapter of Sons of the American Revolution meets for lunch and a program at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at The Club at Longshore Lake, 1219 Phoe- nix Way (Immmokalee Road at I-75). The next meeting is Dec. 14. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Tom Woodruff at 732-0602 or visit www.NaplesSAR.org.

Questers, a club for anyone who loves antiques and preservation, meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month for a field trip or a program at a member’s home. The next meeting is Dec. 14. For more information, call Roberta Raas at 560-8995.

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 Dec. 14. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reserva- tions are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable efforts on brain-related disorders including autism, Alzheimer’s disease and Down syndrome, among others. The Marco Island Civilian Club meets the second Tuesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the fourth week of every month. The Naples Civilian Club meets the first Wednesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the third week of the month. For more information, call 724-2623 or e-mail swflcivitan@gmail.com.

The newly formed Naples Beta Theta Pi alumni organization meets for lunch and a program at noon Thurs- day, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8, at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. For reservations or more information, call Dave Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email david.nordhoff@gmail.com.

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Civilian Clubs are dedicated to serving the needs of the community with an emphasis on the disabled. The Civilian International Research Center is dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer’s disease and Down syndrome, among others. The Marco Island Civilian Club meets the second Tuesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the fourth week of every month. The Naples Civilian Club meets the first Wednesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the third week of the month. For more information, call 724-2623 or e-mail swflcivitan@gmail.com.

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
Boca Grande’s grand dame
The Gasparilla Inn is ready for its 104th season

BY MARY THURWACHTER
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With a storied history including notable visitors like Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Katharine Hepburn and the George H.W. Bush family, Gasparilla Inn & Club opened its door for its 104th season this fall.

“We are thrilled to welcome guests back for another memorable season,” said Jon Reecher, general manager of The Gasparilla Inn & Club in Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island. “Our new guests discover the gracious hospitality and gentility of our resort — whether they seek an unforgettable golfing experience or a relaxing getaway at our beautiful Beach Club.”

A member of Historic Hotels of America and listed on The National Register of Historic Places, the grand resort offers 142 accommodations in the heart of Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island, between Sarasota and Fort Myers on the Gulf of Mexico.

Anytime is a good time to go, but the holidays — Thanksgiving and Christmas — offer special events to make a vacation even more appealing. A special turkey dinner on Nov. 23 is always a hit; and in December, the inn will host its annual “Twelve Days of Christmas” package. Besides typical resort activities, guests will be treated to Old World hospitality and festive merriment as they prepare for the arrival of Santa. Festive activities include gingerbread house decorating, tree-trimming for kids, Christmas Caroling and even Christmas Eve in The Living Room of the inn, complete with milk and cookies.

Damage from Hurricane Irma was minimal,” Mr. Reecher said. “We had some trees down, lost some shingles on cottage roofs, some siding here and there, but in general, we were really lucky.”

The island has 2,400 households, 600 year-round residents, and during peak season the population swells to 5,000. Part of the Gasparilla’s charm is that there are no traffic lights and no chain restaurants.

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During the social season, Dec. 21 through March 31, hotel guests are often referred to as the Tarpon Capital of the World.

Bridge is king at the resort. “There are large groups that will get together and bring in an expert and play for three or four days straight,” Mr. Reecher said.

The Pete Dye 18-hole championship golf course offers fairways with a view of Charlotte Harbor.

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Guests can relax at a pool or join in bridge.

Try a citrus-glazed doughnut at The Inn Bakery.

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SOCIETY

Ohio State University Buckeyes Care Fashion Show for Healthcare Network of SWFL Health & Smiles Mobile

1. Caryn Buechel and Scott Burgess
2. Nancy Gaughinis and Ellen Harris
3. Tiffany Keeter, Ingrid Averi and Nancy Gaughinis
4. Jeff Fields and Joy Hartington

‘Restoration, Rejuvenation & Recovery’ luncheon at Sea Salt for the David Lawrence Center

1. Diane Luberto, Hank Pearson and Sue Vogel
2. Marisa Meeks, Kathy Potter and Cheryl O’Connell
3. Carol Bunn
4. Sonja Williams, Debbie Schon and Marilyn Post
5. Mike Ellis and Steve Wheeler
6. Karen Smith and Tara Bencomo
7. Eileen Pearson
8. Karen Smith

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SAVE THE DATE

NAMI of Collier County welcomes mental health advocate Judy Collins as keynote speaker at the 2017 Hopes Shinse luncheon set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For tickets or more information as the date nears, call 775-3200 or email info@capacenter.org.

Tea at the Ritz to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For tickets or more information as the date nears, call 775-3122 or email icollanto
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ution to the arts in Southwest Florida. This year’s honorees are: Dolly Bedell, Susan Earl and Dr. Anne Kerr. The evening’s key-
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The dinner event is entirely under-
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Big fun at Waterside Shops for ‘Boo Bash’

1. Nataliya Basile and Vera Basile
2. Victor Obregon, Van Obregon and Gabriel Obregon
4. Adam Peters, Sailor Peters, Fin Peters and Emma Peters
5. Isaac, Cayenne and Marnie Cadrey
6. Ailsa Ughi and Danielle Ughi
7. Mia Mudge and Cindy Mudge
8. Jameson Fitzpatrick and Keran Fitzpatrick

Howl-o-Ween pet parade and fun fair at Saturnia Lakes

1. Ava Romero with Branson
2. Ava Romero and Rascal, Ashley Rochin and Daisy, Sherrit Weidmann, McGruff the CCSO Crime Dog and Emma Dever
3. Alyssa Ughi and Daniele Ughi with Bentley
4. Ailsa Ray and Turbo
5. Shannon and Alex Davies with Layla
6. Barbara Hulteen and Richard Hulteen with Buster the Wonder Dog

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The seventh annual Fifth Avenue Halloween Spooktacular

1. Carole Hoffman and Debbie Wood
2. Roger Esser, Lila Marie Esser, Rick Guyton, Patrick Guyton, Andrew (fireman in front), Kristin Guyton and Jane Guyton
3. John Schmadtke and Mark Medick
4. Justin Andino and Jessica Rosillo
5. Stella, Isabelle, Mike, Andrew and Joseph
6. Marilyn Boyer and Jim Boyer
7. Bailey Hartly and Mackenzie Hartly
8. Gemma Wilson, Stephen Wilson, Jessica, Georgina, Mark Wilson, Claire Wilson and Annabelle
9. Leah Paige and Ron Paige
10. David Walters and Amanda Walters

Florida Weekly welcomes submissions for the Networking photo pages from business events, grand openings, professional association meetings, etc.

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Anyone else out there who doesn’t feel inspired to slave for days in a kitchen to serve the most commercially mutated and flavorless bird on the market? You have a few options, but only two are appealing.

First, you can suck it up and martyr yourself for the sake of family tradition. This is a terrible option and the one us turkey-haters are most likely to take. The second is to pay professionals to use all their expertise and fancy equipment to make a belligerent and aggressively stupid bird palatable for your family (we’ll get to that in a minute) and the third is to simply serve something else.

There are many other festive and labor-intensive holiday options that are worth the hassle so much more than turkey, like crown roast of lamb or beef wellington. Duck or goose are exponentially more flavorful than turkey because they aren’t bred to over-deliver lean white meat, and who wouldn’t want to collect the rendered fat for an amazing potato side?

If you’re interested in options for your Thanksgiving meal, we’ve provided a recipe for inspiration and information on several local establishments who are aching to cook (and clean!) for you on Turkey Day.

Recipe preparation

Preheat oven to 425°. Set ducks, breast side down, in a large roasting pan; pour in ½ cup water. Roast ducks, breast side down, in a large roasting pan, pour in ½ cup water. Roast, turning pan occasionally, until duck fat starts to render, water is evaporated, and skin is golden brown, about 40 minutes. Remove pan from oven and transfer ducks to a platter or baking dish. Carefully pour rendered fat into a dish. Carefully pour rendered fat into a dish. Place ducks, breast side down, in a large roasting pan; pour in ½ cup water. Roast, turning pan occasionally, until duck fat starts to render, water is evaporated, and skin is golden brown, about 40 minutes. Remove pan from oven and transfer ducks to a platter and let rest at least 10 minutes. Serve duck with figs and potatoes.

Roast Ducks with Potatoes, Figs and Rosemary

Ingredients

2 5-pound whole Pekin ducks
2 large onions, quartered
1 bunch large rosemary divided
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 pounds small Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
2 pints fresh black Mission or Turkish figs, halved.

Recipe preparation

Preheat oven to 425°. Set ducks, breast side down, on a work surface and score fatty areas along backs and thighs with a paring knife, being careful not to cut into flesh. Turn over and score fat, concentrating mainly on breasts and extending to tops of legs. Poke a few holes around extra-fatty areas of cavity. Stuff ducks with onions and all but 4 sprigs rosemary; season generously with salt and pepper (much of the seasoning will melt away as the fat renders). Place ducks, breast side down, in a large roasting pan, pour in ½ cup water. Roast, turning pan occasionally, until duck fat starts to render, water is evaporated, and skin is golden brown, about 40 minutes. Remove pan from oven and transfer ducks to a platter or baking dish. Carefully pour rendered fat into a dish. Carefully pour rendered fat into a dish. Place ducks, breast side down, in a large roasting pan, pour in ½ cup water. Roast, turning pan occasionally, until duck fat starts to render, water is evaporated, and skin is golden brown, about 40 minutes. Remove pan from oven and transfer ducks to a platter and let rest at least 10 minutes. Serve duck with figs and potatoes.
The Dish: Pesto Chicken Quinoa Bowl

The Price: $9.89

The Place: First Watch

Locations and the full menu: www.firstwatch.com

The Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily

The Details: I've had the Pesto Chicken Quinoa Bowl for breakfast and for lunch, and at three First Watch locations in Naples and Fort Myers. It's been just as delicious — and its 700 calories have filled and fueled me for whatever lay ahead in my day — each time.

The bowl starts with a heaping serving of quinoa into which bits of kale, shredded carrots and house-roasted tomatoes are mixed with a just-tangy-enough basil pesto sauce. A healthy handful of chunked, all-natural chicken breast comes next, and then it's all sprinkled with feta crumbles and fresh herbs. I wish I were tucking into one right now.

There's a Power Breakfast Quinoa Bowl on the menu, too, with Italian sausage, house-roasted Crimini mushrooms and tomatoes, kale, Parmesan cheese and EVOO topped with a couple of hasted cage-free eggs. For $9.49 and at 820 calories, I'm sure it's a winner, too. Maybe I'll try one next time — if I don't let my sweet tooth lead me to the Lemon Ricotta Pancakes (820 calories, $9.79) or the Floridian French Toast (1,210 calories, $9.79).

— Cindy Pierce
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Angelina’s Ristorante, 24041 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 290-3187.

When Angelina’s Ristorante opened in April 2008, it unquestionably raised the bar for Italian cuisine in Southwest Florida. Other Italian innovators have followed yet none can compare to the complete dining experience here: food that honors yet elevates Italian ingredients and flavors; an award-winning wine program; elegant, sprawling dining rooms; and a highly trained service staff eager to accommodate and enlighten diners. It’s worth indulging in both the “primo” course of small pasta portions and the “secondo” of heartier entrees; the handmade pastas are so sheer that they won’t leave you too full for such stellar entrees as scallops paired with slowly roasted pork belly or the Hey Lucy! omelet with chorizo, sautéed onions, green chiles and cheddar. A Belgian waffle and gluten-free pancakes were top-notch as well. A bonus: The staff is uniformly welcoming and efficient. Lunch served, too. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed January 2016

Flaco’s Mexican Specialties & Steak House, 2371 Vanderbilt Beach Road; Naples; 431-8733.

This long-time purveyor of Mexican fare recently relocated to spacious new digs at the Shoppes at Vanderbilt. While the space is large and bright, it’s also extremely noisy. Mercifully there’s an outside patio for those who need a more tranquil setting. The menu remains wide ranging, with an array of combo dishes as well as ceviche, mole and other Mexican favorites. Zesty salsa came with fresh chips as soon as we arrived. The ceviche and drunken prawns were a large bowl of house-made gravy, fruit and quinoa with strawberries, blueberries, bananas, coconut and vanilla Greek yogurt; the Bacquezo, an omelet with cream cheese, bacon, chorizo, Monterey Jack and green onions; and the Hey Lucy! omelet with chorizo, sautéed onions, green chiles and cheddar. A Belgian waffle and gluten-free pancakes were top-notch. A bonus: The staff is uniformly welcoming and efficient. Lunch served, too. Beer and wine served.

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Reviewed November 2016

Another Broken Egg Café, 670 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 300-0696.

While Another Egg offers traditional items, there’s lots of unusual fare, too. Crab cakes topped with poached eggs and Andouille-infused Hollandaise, for example. Omelets with lobsters and Brie and even some breakfast appetizers. I can personally attest to the deliciousness of the Baked Brie Delight – a slab of warm cheese served with apples, raisins and pecans lightly sautéed in Grand Marnier butter sauce paired with toasted French bread. Other winners were a large bowl of house-made granola, fruit and quinoa with strawberries, blueberries, bananas, coconut and vanilla Greek yogurt; the Bacquezo, an omelet with cream cheese, bacon, chorizo, Monterey Jack and green onions; and the Hey Lucy! omelet with chorizo, sautéed onions, green chiles and cheddar. A Belgian waffle and gluten-free pancakes were top-notch as well. A bonus: The staff is uniformly welcoming and efficient. Lunch served, too. Beer and wine served.

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★ ★ ★ Fair
★ ★ Poor
★ Drab

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 menu, but the New England-themed seafood menu is solid with 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
The Farm City BBQ of Collier County moves to Cambier Park in downtown Naples for 2017. Hosted by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County and with deep roots in the local business and agricultural communities, the 62nd annual feast is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Over the years the pre-Thanksgiving tradition has raised more than $300,000 for nonprofit organizations that benefit local youth development programs.

The National Farm City Council was formed 62 years ago in an effort to help bring together business and agricultural communities. Their goal was to demonstrate the interdependence of a vibrant network of farmers and business owners that help support the economy and provide the basic essentials that every citizen needs. From the truck driver to the rancher, the fisherman, the future broker and the biotechnology scientist, they all play an important role in making sure that Americans have access to a healthy and abundant supply of food.

In Collier County, the Farm City BBQ was formed in a similar way, business volunteers remember when area farmers had a bad year of crops. The business leaders reached out to the farmers, visiting them for a barbecue and sharing in the little produce that was available so that their families wouldn’t go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. A year later, the Immokalee farming community wanted to reciprocate the hospitality, so they invited the business leaders for a BBQ in the “country.” Since then, the event has rotated from “city” to “country” locations; last year’s site was Seminole Immokalee Casino, and the year before was Naples Municipal Airport.

Beneficiaries of the 2017 barbecue are the Collier County 4-H Association, Youth Leadership Collier, the Collier County Junior Deputies League and Key Club International.

About the beneficiaries

The Collier County 4-H reaches more than 7,600 students every year. In addition to participating in traditional agricultural programs, Collier County 4-H’ers learn how to build and program robots, create maps using drones, write and deliver speeches and become leaders through numerous other hands-on experiences. Programs take place in Collier County Public Schools during the school day, in after school settings and with key organizations and encourages students to come back to (or stay in) Collier County to begin their careers and contribute to all qualified candidates regardless of socioeconomic background.

In cooperation with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, the Collier County Junior Deputies League helps prepare local youth to become responsible, law-abiding citizens. The league’s 34-acre site in eastern Collier County is used for youth activities throughout the year, and plans are underway to add a pavilion, camp centers with restrooms, six camp sites with fire rings and a fishing dock to expand programs for Collier youth.

Twelve Collier County high school key youth leaders will provide more than 600 members with opportunities to perform community service and be mentored in leadership, communication and other vital development skills. Funds from Farm City BBQ help send students to the annual District Leadership & Education Conference in Orlando.

The 2016 Farm City BBQ brought a record attendance of 2,400 people out to Immokalee.

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The Leadership Collier Foundation sellsaffle tickets every year at the Farm City BBQ to raise money for local youth programs. This year’s beneficiaries are: Youth Leadership Collier, Collier County 4-H, Collier County Junior Deputies League and the Key Club of Collier County.

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NY FLORIDA STORY BEGINS IN THE IMMEMORIAL PAST WITH the influences of three powerful rivers of change: climate, water, and the more recent flood of human beings.

Those sibling rivers happen to be converging now in our lifetimes. That’s why Dr. Harold Wanless, professor and for 19 years chair of the Department of Geophysical Sciences at the University of Miami, found himself standing one August morning on the centerline of a street studded with well-manicured, multi-million-dollar homes in Miami Beach. Above him: a sun-splashed blue sky. At his feet: water, lots of it, lapping at his ankles in a seemingly shallow lake that covered the street, the flawless lawns and the entire neighborhood.

Climate change and expensive but shortsighted planning had resulted in a local flood from a rainstorm the night before — a flood that swept toxic pollutants right past new seawalls and pumps and into the beleaguered eco-system of...

Dr. Harold Wanless among the million-dollar homes on Miami Beach after a typical Florida rain storm.
South Florida, he said.

That’s not good for the eco-system, obviously. And it’s not good for property owners and taxpayers now, or Floridians in the not-so-distant future.

This week, Florida Weekly offers readers a sobering panorama of some-times shortsighted environmental and urban planning that will inevitably lead to profound community challenges throughout Florida in the next few decades. Those challenges — those now apparently insurmountable difficulties — stem from man-made environments in real estate and agriculture, and the influence of humans on climate.

Nearly all growth planning in the Sunshine State begins with water; if done foolishly or unwisely, it may end with water, too.

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RBAN OR SUBURBAN SPRAWL HAS PROVEN AN APPEALING SUGARPLUM TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FOR DECADES IN FLORIDA — AND for decades, from the 1970s until 2010 — state regulations to control growth were also supported by many local government officials, in spite of aggressive challenges from developers.

But the regulations, based on growth planning, more or less succeeded, in the eyes of those who were there to see it happen at the beginnings of their careers, in that they were still fighting near the ends of their careers — fighting to make growth work by saving the environment.

It can’t be done any other way, they say, and that means not everybody can get rich whenever and wherever they want to.

This is their story — the story of a decades-long planning fight.

In the eyes of Wayne Daltry, a retired planner and former Smart Growth director in Lee County who worked to harness a regional vision that would help everybody, the planning history started a long time ago with the Calusa Indians, who built the first canal on the west coast of Florida across Pine Island, connecting Charlotte Harbor on the island’s west side with the mangrove-mottled waters on the east, not far from the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River.

The canal allowed them quicker and much easier access to the mainland and inland upriver. The earth-scape of its western terminus — arguably the first real example of transportation planning and man-made alterations of natural water systems in the lower Florida peninsula — is still visible to any visitor in a little thumbprint of a park at Pineland, complete with a commemorative sign.

Although it offers only the tiniest hint of what would come, nearly every aspiration of Floridians, Indian or European, from the 16th through the 20th centuries and beyond seems to lie in that shallow Pine Island trough.

When the Calusa were doing their planning and engineering, Mr. Daltry said, “Dr. Robin Brown (a retired medical doctor and expert in the Calusa civilization) estimated the population to be 40,000. Their kingdom stretched across Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties, and at least as far to the east as Lake Okeechobee.”

After the Spanish arrived five centuries ago, the Calusa population dropped to roughly 1,000; ultimately, they disappeared from the planet.

Not until the advent of World War II did the population of the southwest coast regain the 40,000 mark. Then the Americans moved in suddenly, not

just as scrappy pioneers or “Crack- ers” but as military personnel prepar-

ing for war.

And now climate change is here among the Americans, pounding on the door, but not only climate change: Floridians also face the consequences of reconfiguring land and water systems beginning in the 1880s in Florida in ways that might have horrified the Calusa.

The energetic new Floridians completely altered a Florida environment at once. The Everglades so profoundly rich and languid that now it’s almost hard to imagine — and at less than half the size of its once grand north-to-south stream never can be regained, says Michael Grunwald.

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The politics of planning growth are clearly seen in this shot from the Florida Everglades.

Developers themselves were not always the problem, as Jim Beever remembers it.

A long-time county planner who arrived in the mid-1980s, Mr. Beever is now a senior planner at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, created to analyze the effects of new development across a six-county region from Sarasota south.

“Development changed because of the state’s Growth Management Plan (1977), which improved to the State and Regional Planning Act of 1984, which was a big watershed. The requirements for concurrency were improved,” he said.

Mandated by the state Legislature at the time, “concurrency” required county governments and planners to produce County Comprehensive Plans and update them every five years.

One of the most memorable results was coming, and agriculture was still doing well,” explained Mr. Beever. He was sitting in a small suite of offices filled with maps and planning charts at the heart of an aging outdoor shopping and commercial center in Fort Myers, where shop-front glass windows, some with for-sale signs in their corners, peer out on pools of water and mechanical fountains flanked by narrow walkways.

Some developers embraced these ideas — a compact urban core, some areas set aside for agriculture and some for preserves — but not all, Mr. Beever said.

“When those approaches were good for almost everybody, we did have resistance from what I call speculative real estate, as opposed to real real estate.”

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CURRENT Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann first put his boots on the ground of the state legislature in Tallahassee, to which he was elected by local voters in 1975. Real-estate Askew was still governor, and in those days there was no such thing as planning,” he recalled.

The scale development had begun—the Gulf American Corporation and General Development were just two of the hundreds of companies amassing all over Florida with no thought of how communities would look, of how many lots they could sell them, with no thought whether there would be room for commercial or industrial uses, with no set-asides for police or fire stations—none of that existed prior to the mid-70s.

“Taxpayers are still paying for that lack of foresight,” he said.

“Now there’s an effort to eliminate the regional planning council,” Mr. Judah said.

“By the mid to late 1970s, however, nearly a million lots had been sold as part of the planning vision of life, only about 10 percent with construction. So retrofitting would prove to be inevitable.”

The population of Southwest Florida reached 348,000 by about 1980, just after Bob Graham was elected governor for the first time. He hit 600,000 a decade later, and by 2000 residents in Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties numbered 833,000. And still, only about 33 percent of the platted lots sported homes.

The way the city of Naples was designed, the best-designed and best-planned community of county officials has sometimes been far from pre-emptive. For example, the Collier Commission was to weaken the DRIs—the Development Review Incentives, to which he committed). Mr. Judah explained it this way: “The Lee County Commission reduced impact fees by about 80 percent, and then a couple of years ago implemented a slight increase so it’s a reduction of 5 percent from the amount that was once was.”

“The way the city of Naples was designed, the best-designed and wealthiest cities in the nation, the city of Naples has the reach of current infrastructure, for example. It is beach parking. In early ‘80s planning’ the county commission did not plan beach access in terms of growth. So now I think we have five or six beach access places in the county, and the city of Naples has 48 beach accesses.”

“When a developer or Realtor came who wanted to condo-ize south of the Beach Club, all the way down to the coastline, all the way down to the shoreline, the people said, ‘You’re not going to do this.’ They had a vision, a philosophical, an environmental feeling that was well-coming.”

The county, instead, with a vision of what the future exists today, as well, even when it comes to developing new communities in sensitive places.

“The business of Collier County is the buying and selling of Collier County. Somewhere there are owners of Collier land who all have dreams of a pot of
gold, and they all believe their land will glow from that pot of gold.  

But it’s not true if we’re looking to the future — and the growth button is on. The pressure to develop, though, is enormous.

Just as it was when Naples restricted high-rises and created beach access. That’s how it went when they let properties go, the commissioners at the time sold the access in condo after condo from Vanderbilt to the bay, even at Peli- can Bay,” said Commissioner Taylor.  

“It’s private, and they allowed it. It could have gone differently and been a very sad story, and we’re facing problems with that today.”

For any region of the state, the Big Picture planners still strongly recommend regional — not just local — planning and regional input aimed at accom- modating growth.

“Local communities are starting to understand the realities, but sometimes the politicians refuse, Democrat or Re- publican,” noted Steve Bourassa, professor and direc- tor of the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida Atlantic University, one of the most noted universities in the United States.

“I’d say this about planning in Lee County or anywhere,” he added: “What’s needed is a broadly understood regional approach to planning. One is- sue is transportation. There’s a real need to integrate land use and transportation more effectively and on a regional scale.

“So doing away with a regional plan- ning council is not a good move. Also, we should think about land use patterns consistent with public transportation, with walkable communities, with community water and sewer infrastructure, not septic, which is so much worse for our marine environments, as hard as that may be to accept, now. Things are different.”

Modern times  

so they say — the shape of the future in Florida — depends on who takes the reins in Tallahassee and what future governors and legislators may require of local government planning departments in the future.

“There has been pinched between two definitions of What is Florida?” said Bob Graham, the state’s 38th gov- ernor and retired U.S. senator, who stepped out of Washington in 2005 after 18 years in the Senate. He now heads the Florida Conservation Commission.

“One group says it’s a commodity of no distinctive value, and therefore un- deserving of our protection. If you want to fill in a wetland to build a shopping center, or build marinas on a dry land, you can do it.

“The other group sees it as a treasure, and serves as a generation’s efforts to protect and pass it on to the next genera- tion.”

The commodity side was in control for most of the 20th century, and is now in control again.”

In the 2018 and 2020 will decide how Floridians see their state going for- ward — either as a commodity, or as a treasure, he added.

Many hope for a return of the some- times feisty, sometimes careful system optimists of once upon a time who could work across party lines in govern- ment to make decisions that would help future Floridians, they say.

Commissioner Mann, now a Republi- can, was a Democrat and state legisla- tor at the time who helped implement state rules that controlled growth at the county level for decades — a witness to those heady planning days.

“In one case when he was governor, Bob Graham recalled, a group of legisla- tors backed by prominent business own- ers made a strong bid to build a cross- state canal project that would have started near Cedar Key and infused ma- jor aquifers with salt water, ultimately destroying part of the Everglades.

“We killed that sumbitch,” Commis- sioner Mann said, describing how he worked closely with Republicans to do the right thing — including the late Sen. Warren Henderson, from Sarasota.

Meanwhile, growth development continues anew, sometimes with little seem- ing regard for what’s about to hap- pen in the next 30 years.

About 230 new condominium build- ings came under construction last year in Miami-Dade alone, many along Mi- ami Beach, noted Dr. Wanless.

Across the state, high-rise condomini- ums continue to appear on the Calo- sahatchee riverfront in downtown Fort Myers, where they were completely submerged at the end of August after a few inches of rain (that was before Hur- ricanes Irma); in Collier County north of Naples, where thousands of permit- ments for years have permitted high-rises and other de- velopment on or near the beach; and at such massive development sites as Bab- cock Ranch in Charlotte County, where the first of 1,900 homes are rising east of I-75 on a 17,600-acre sprawl that will include 6.5 million square feet of com- mercial space — but all of it wrapped in sod and smart-vehicle use built into the plan.

At build out, Babcock could include 50,000 residents.

Whether the planners have antici- pated its full impact on regional infra- structure remains to be seen; but taken at a glance, observers say, it’s the best- planned development in Florida history, with sophisticated infrastructure and state-of-the-art technologies including solar and smart-vehicle use built into the plan.

But in any development, the proof is in the pudding, suggested Mr. Daltry.  

“We’re going to have 15 million more people in Florida than today in the not-so-distant future. We have to plan this so we aren’t overwhelming Florida’s unique quality of life.”

“Water, beaches, springs, state parks — I am proud to be someone who rec- ognizes that growth is positive. But we need to be managing this growth in a smart way, with regulations that have buy-ins from those being regulated so we have benefits for all.”

And time is pressing.

“You only have one chance to do this right, in terms of reversing some of the damage that’s been done. We’re not go- ing to stand in the way of growth, but we won’t let it (destroy) us.”

For Dr. Wanless, the first step in good planning is to face reality.

All the evidence points to what is now an inescapable tsunami of environmen- tal change and growth bearing down on the Sunshine State. Nothing like this has happened either in the memory or the history of any humans here. Not, at least, since the first Europeans arrived and ultimately destroyed the Calusa.

In fact, he insists, some contemporary beachfronts will become future shallow marine environments, as hard as that may be to accept, now. And they can have the potential to spawn a healthy ecosystem — if they’re cleaned up start- ing now.

“Without intense and responsible ef- fort (those waters) will become highly polluted from inundated waste dispos- als, polluted ground on industrial sites, and pollution released from inund- ated buildings and infrastructure,” he said.

We are too late to alter the inevitable change, but we can adapt to it if we con- front the realities now and with trans- parency: Our state and regional growth planning must become more rigorous and better coordinated. And our on-go- ing efforts to clean and prepare the en- vironment elsewhere, especially across the entire Everglades system from Or- lando south, must be hastened, experts say.

“I am almost 81, and I have been an optimist all my life,” said Sen. Graham, who grew up on a dairy farm near Coral Gables.

“I have seen Florida when it was on

its knees, particularly after devastating climactic events, primarily hurricanes. And I’ve seen it on its knees after eco- nomic collapses that have seemed to occur on roughly 20-year intervals,” he recalled.

In all these cases it’s recovered with a stronger sense of its future and a stronger economy. But I am concerned now. Things are different.”
When it comes to our receding beaches, the struggle is real.

“It’s important to make it clear you cannot stop this,” Mr. Beever said. “But we can adapt. We can slow the acceleration. The only thing humans can affect is manmade.”

Left to run its course, Mother Nature would shift barrier islands and deal up beach-climbing storms, redepositing them elsewhere. But now, cities and counties are shelling out millions of dollars to keep beaches in the same place, reactively re-sanding them to stay on top of storm surge and armor- ing the shoreline with seawalls, which impact turtle nesting and pose other adverse environmental consequences.

Collier County renovated its shoreline to the tune of $3.9 million in 2016; Charlotte County is facing a po-tential $30 million project to save its shoreline, part of which could include reclaiming Manasota’s disappearing beaches and creating a natural under-water barrier to tame waves. Storms have scraped away sand, leaving four acres of bare, hard limestone.

Nearly 44 miles of Southwest Flor-idia’s beaches are critically eroded, ac-cording to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Erosion is con-sidered critical if there’s a threat to or a loss of upland development, recreation, wildlife habitat and impor-tant cultural resources.

Threatened beaches remain on the list despite renourishment projects to aid the state in acquiring future fed-eral funding for larger scale projects. More than 14 miles of Collier’s beach fall in the category. In Lee County, 22.4 miles of its 47 miles of coastline is considered critically eroded and those portions of former beachfront along Manasota Key toward Char-lotte’s northern boundary are among the county’s 6.5 miles of shoreline rat-ed as critically eroded.

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NE MORE MAJOR STORM AND DRAKE BLISS’S Manasota Key home likely will be a lit-tle closer to the beach. Since purchasing the property 12 years ago, Mr. Bliss has watched the Gulf of Mexico claim most of the 30- to 40-foot-wide swath of beach and a man-made sand dune he estimates was once 20 feet tall.

“When I first bought the prop-erty there was a large beach there,” said the Cape Cor-al Realtor. “A half-mile or more has just disappeared in the last three years. All that’s left is riprap and rocks where the dune used to be. Every major storm started taking swipes at it.”

And that was before Hurricane Irma took out a 200-foot section of Manasota Beach Road.

Mr. Bliss’s home, a vacation rental built in 2011, is safe. It’s on the eastern side of the island’s major road-way and built to stringent hurricane codes. The owners of condos and a single-family home right on the beach haven’t been so lucky. After Tropical Storm Colin and Hurricane Hermine dealt a one-two punch last summer, their homes were deemed uninhab-itable with cracked foundations and eroding concrete structures. But the 1950s homes are way below the flood zone and people can’t afford flood insurance.

“IT was ground zero,” Mr. Bliss said. “Storms come in, breach the seawall and trash the place. My house is de-signed to take the flood, it’s new con-struction. But the 1950s homes are way below the flood zone and people can’t afford flood insurance.”

Along Southwest Florida’s beaches, erosion is one of the many sides of cli-mate change caused by growth and the “hardening” of the coast — seawalls, riprap and other structures designed to protect multi-million dollar mansions, waterfront businesses and munici-pal recreational facilities. Scientists say climate change will lead locally to increased hurricane events, extended droughts and shorter but more intense rainy seasons and the introduction of tropical diseases to livestock and hu-mans.

Those flooding rains in August and Irma in September were just a harbin-ger of what’s to come.

Southwest Florida and Florida, for that matter, are among the most sus-ceptible areas in the world threatened by rising seas. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council has been tackling climate change for two de-cades, studying the area’s vulnerabil-ity and how policy changes can reduce the acceleration of the inevitable.

Back in 2009, when Jim Beever, a geobiologist and the council’s principal planner, began assessing the impact of climate change, the general consensus estimated a 1.2-degree temperature in-crease and a 12- to 18-inch rise in sea level by 2100.

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NE MORE MAJOR STORM AND DRAKE BLISS’S Manasota Key home likely will be a little closer to the beach. Since purchasing the property 12 years ago, Mr. Bliss has watched the Gulf of Mexico claim most of the 30- to 40-foot-wide swath of beach and a man-made sand dune he estimates was once 20 feet tall.

“When I first bought the property there was a large beach there,” said the Cape Coral Realtor. “A half-mile or more has just disappeared in the last three years. All that’s left is riprap and rocks where the dune used to be. Every major storm started taking swipes at it.”

And that was before Hurricane Irma took out a 200-foot section of Manasota Beach Road.

Mr. Bliss’s home, a vacation rental built in 2011, is safe. It’s on the eastern side of the island’s major roadway and built to stringent hurricane codes. The owners of condos and a single-family home right on the beach haven’t been so lucky. After Tropical Storm Colin and Hurricane Hermine dealt a one-two punch last summer, their homes were deemed uninhabitable with cracked foundations and eroding concrete structures. But the 1950s homes are way below the flood zone and people can’t afford flood insurance.

“IT was ground zero,” Mr. Bliss said. “Storms come in, breach the seawall and trash the place. My house is designed to take the flood, it’s new construction. But the 1950s homes are way below the flood zone and people can’t afford flood insurance.”

Along Southwest Florida’s beaches, erosion is one of the many sides of climate change caused by growth and the “hardening” of the coast — seawalls, riprap and other structures designed to protect multi-million dollar mansions, waterfront businesses and municipal recreational facilities. Scientists say climate change will lead locally to increased hurricane events, extended droughts and shorter but more intense rainy seasons and the introduction of tropical diseases to livestock and humans.

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“When the acceleration to higher temperatures seems to be coming on faster than previously thought,” he said. “It looks like we’ll get there sooner, around 2080. It’s getting hotter sooner. The rate of sea level rise for our region has been about the thickness of a Velveeta cheese slice, each year. It doesn’t seem like much, but stack it up and you get a Velveeta box before long.”

Internationally, the just-released and most comprehensive study of climate change ever, the Climate Science Special Report, outlines in over 600 pages a 1.8 degree Fahrenheit increase in global temperature since 1902 and a sea level rise of 7 to 8 inches during the past 117 years with a 3-inch increase since 1993. It also attributes these changes to human activities.

Just as growth is inevitable for Southwest Florida, so too, is a changing climate which will unleash a range of complications and challenges. While it’s impossible to stop this natural process, it can be slowed down through smarter planning, better building codes and land development, an emphasis on green building, reduced vehicular emissions and a host of other measures.

“It’s important to make it clear you cannot stop this,” Mr. Beever said. “But we can adapt. We can slow the acceleration. The only thing humans can affect is manmade.”

Left to run its course, Mother Nature would shift barrier islands and deal up beach-climbing storms, redepositing them elsewhere. But now, cities and counties are shelling out millions of dollars to keep beaches in the same place, reactively re-sanding them to stay on top of storm surge and armor-ing the shoreline with seawalls, which impact turtle nesting and pose other adverse environmental consequences.

Collier County renovated its shoreline to the tune of $3.9 million in 2016; Charlotte County is facing a potential $30 million project to save its shoreline, part of which could include reclaiming Manasota’s disappearing beaches and creating a natural under-water barrier to tame waves. Storms have scraped away sand, leaving four acres of bare, hard limestone.

Nearly 44 miles of Southwest Florida’s beaches are critically eroded, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Erosion is considered critical if there’s a threat to or a loss of upland development, recreation, wildlife habitat and important cultural resources.

Threatened beaches remain on the list despite renourishment projects to aid the state in acquiring future federal funding for larger scale projects. More than 14 miles of Collier’s beach fall in the category. In Lee County, 22.4 miles of its 47 miles of coastline is considered critically eroded and those portions of former beachfront along Manasota Key toward Charlotte’s northern boundary are among the county’s 6.5 miles of shoreline rated as critically eroded.

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The regional planning council cites three reasons why communities have failed to address climate change: “uncertainty over or delay of climate change and its mitigation failures to include the true economic, social, and environmental costs of present policies that encourage, allow and subsidize such risky development; and legal tenets of private property rights.”

On the flip side are the taxpayers who believe the environment-friendly agendas of liberal state and national government are crying wolf. During the administrations of former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and President Barack Obama, the Environmental Protection Agency generously doled out grants to fund climate change vulnerability studies and money for resiliency implementation.

“At one time the federal government was much more interested in this,” Mr. Beever said. “But then we changed governors and we changed presidents. There were mandates and programs encouraging planning and funding that planning but they went away.”

Climate change’s impact on Southwest Florida won’t be the stuff of an apocalypse movie. No coastal cities under water or high-rise towers swept into the ocean (although it might make it easier for some to step out their door and fish, Mr. Beever quipped).

“The issue of doom is overdone on this,” he said. “We want to be able to live in a way that makes sense.”

According to the planning council’s research, the impacts of sea-level rise are already evident throughout the region — salt marshes have moved inland about the length of a football field since the 1950s, coastal flooding has increased and storm surge is more pronounced during tropical storms. And it’s not just coastal communities that will incur the complications of climate change.

“Island, Labelle is experiencing major inland flooding, increased droughts and other tropical diseases are showing up in cattle. Zika, dengue fever and other mosquito-borne diseases are increasing, and products and also increased tropical diseases will grow. We anticipate more tropical diseases in small amounts in all communities of Southwest Florida.”

Mr. Beever sees evidence some local cities and counties are taking climate change seriously. “Municipalities are more a leader on this than the state,” he said. “One reason is mayors have to get things done. They can’t just sit around and talk philosophy.”

He’s completed 15 climate control resiliency studies, having just wrapped up one for Cape Coral.

The regional planning council has presented to Charlotte County and completed the Lee County Resiliency Plan in 2010. The latter included more than 70 suggestions for educating the public, reducing fleet emissions, incorporating climate control measures in building and land codes, and protecting and enhancing key environmental areas. In November 2010 the county also launched its involvement as one of the eight inaugural adaptation communities in the country to participate in the Climate Resilient Communities program.

Yet despite all the fanfare, the county has yet to implement a single recommendation or take steps toward adopting a climate resiliency plan and reducing its vulnerability, which were also outlined in its CompleteLee sustainability plan. Jonathan Romine, a principal for EnSite, a Fort Myers design firm specializing in sustainable planning, civil engineering, urban design and landscape architect, worked on the plan, which took three years to develop. He reads aloud the recommended actions outlined in the document.

“They didn’t do that,” he said. “No, that one didn’t happen either. They didn’t do that … We prioritized goals, conducted public workshops on climate adaptation and the steps they could do to adapt.”

There was also funding available to help with implementation, Mr. Romine said.

“Coastal communities need to be doing things to address climate change,” he said. “One thing the county was supposed to do as a priority was to improve facilities so they would be better prepared for a natural disaster. There were things they could have been doing that would have better prepared the community for Irma. Imagine if it had landed in Estero, Cape Coral or Fort Myers.

“Charley wasn’t the hurricane. It was just an example.”

Collier County has been taking steps to address climate change. Before breaking for summer recess, commissioners learned the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had approved a $1 million grant for Florida Gulf Coast University Professor Michael Savarese and his colleagues from the University of Florida to map out and analyze sea-level rise risks and climate change to the entire state.

Funded by BP monies under the RESTORE Act following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the three-year web-based project will include emissions and projections and analyze and predicting the impact of sea level rise in 2060 and 2100 and the impact of magnitudes and storm scenarios. “It provides a suite of possibilities for what the region might look like in the future as sea level rise continues and as storms continue,” Mr. Savarese told the board.

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From the beginning of its climate change discussions the city involved the public who knew all too well the power of the sea and hurricanes. About 100 people attended the first of a three-day workshop.

"A lot of times you start talking climate stuff and people start politicizing," Ms. LeBeau said. "You have to introduce and explain the science first and start with baby steps to help move and get people realizing this is coming. Having buy-in made a world of difference. The plan came to council with the backing of the community."

The city’s final adaptation plan identified several strategies for addressing climate change at little to no cost. The city has implemented all but two or three. Components of the document call for building infrastructure on higher ground, restoring oyster bars and mangrove fringes to add structural integrity to weakened shorelines, and trumps federal and state building codes to push foundations an additional .25 inches higher.

"There are both positive and negative impacts," Ms. LeBeau said. "Updating the building codes and raising the base flood elevation is more costly to developers who have to add another quarter of an inch but in the long run it buys you time."

She points to Tangier Island, Virginia, as a dramatic example of sea level rise.

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**Coastal erosion during a king tide at Dania Beach south of Fort Lauderdale.**

Since 1850, the island’s landmass has diminished 67 percent, cemeteries are underwater and moderate sea-level rise models project the town will likely be abandoned in the next 50 years.

Ms. LeBeau’s department also is working with the Southwest Florida Conservancy to determine the feasibility of creating a living shoreline on the northwestern side of the city and hopes to present the project to council soon. Implementation would help soften wave action on sea walls.

"The reason we’re pushing ahead on this is because one of the businesses in town is excited by the stuff were doing in climate change and sea level rise," she said. "We want something more natural that helps soften the hard edge. We spent a million dollars on Harbor Walk and want to protect it."

Fertilizer, however, remains the city’s — and the entire Southwest Florida region’s — most challenging panacea, contributing to algae blooms in waterways throughout the area and impacting overall water quality.

Punta Gorda was named one of the most progressive cities in the world by the 2014 National Climate Assessment and the CHNEP was cited by the EPA as one of the six initial Climate Ready Estuary pilot programs in the country.

"Punta Gorda is the very best example," Mr. Beever said. "When a critical facility reached the end of its life, it was moved to a safer inland location. The city has a whole new building code everyone is doing and being consistent. There are no exemptions. One of the things that will make a plan not work is if everybody can get out of it."

A living document, the plan will be updated continuously. "Any course we take, we’re going to vet first and make sure it’s the right thing for Punta Gorda," said Ms. LeBeau. "We’re dealing with things our current population might not see in their lifetimes. We have a group here that is progressive and sees it as: we’re going to raise this up another quarter of an inch because there’s no way we’re going to give up on this."

"My kids will be here and I want to do something."

Meanwhile, Charlotte County is dealing with the plight of its shoreline, putting together a 10-year feasibility and management plan after state legislators denied funding. How and who will pay for beach restoration is one of the key unknown factors.

"We’re in the public workshop stage right now," said county spokesperson Brian Gleason. "We’re working through identifying the scope of the project and funding."

Charlotte County’s comprehensive plan doesn’t reference climate change specifically, however it does address coastal erosion and sea level rise through zoning and its coastal management plan, Mr. Gleason said. The only way property owners can circumvent the county’s prohibition of hardscaping on its barrier islands, is by emergency declaration from the state, likely after a significant storm.

"We don’t allow any type of construction, development or land use projects to pass codes or flood-level requirements. Buildings are inspected by the county several times before a certificate of occupancy is issued. "It’s inconceivable that much of an epic fail could occur."

Without enacting climate control measures, coastal communities could be forced to armor up against flood waters and sea level rises or retreat to higher ground. Back in 2009, Mr. Beever priced out alternative climate change controls for Punta Gorda, estimating construction of a surge-blocking bulkhead at $381 million; a view-blocking earthen dike with pumps as high as $3.8 billion; and the "Venice approach" of raising buildings above storm surge zones at $1.2 billion and already underway in Galveston, Texas.

"The take home message is there is time to do a climate adaptation plan and if you plan ahead you’ll be happier," said Mr. Beever. “Those that don’t do anything aren’t necessarily doomed but they’re going to be pretty miserable. They could become communities left behind."

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**BY THE NUMBERS:**

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Possible rise in inches of sea level by 2100 in Florida.

**44**

Miles of Southwest Florida’s beaches critically eroded.

**$3.9 million**

What Collier County spent to renourish its shoreline in 2016.

**1.8**

Degrees the global temperature has increased since 1900.

**6-8**

Feet of sea level rise estimated on the planet by 2100.
Water.

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WHEN A STRONG SUMMER SQUALL FLOODED Miami Beach one day in August, the incident was a harbinger of what’s to come, not an anomaly, said Dr. Harold Wanless, a University of Miami geologist and climate change expert.

The local flood will be repeated many times elsewhere in coming years, just one of many environmental challenges Floridians have never faced in such large degree, he predicts.

One of the biggest problems: the nearly half-million acres of sugarcane planted mostly south and west of Lake Okeechobee in land known as the Everglades Agricultural Area, a barrier roughly 20 miles deep that blocks the traditional flow of water southward into the Everglades.

The 143-mile, 30-foot-high dike around Lake O that protects the big farming interests and some 40,000 people living near the lake is crumbling and it offers no major southern spillway. Without a spillway on the south, water can’t pass southward into the now-off-limits Everglades Agricultural Area, the Everglades and Florida Bay, as it once naturally did.

“Since the dike was built, when water in the lake was held at or below 15 feet, the lake’s marshes generally thrived,” according to Audubon Florida’s official account. When water goes higher to a consistent 16 feet, "plants begin to die in the 65-square-mile submersed marsh zone." Ultimately, that kills everything else up the food chain, including wading birds and alligators and even tourism, on which residents of trees isn’t going to change this. It’s going to happen." — Dr. Harold Wanless

The key to Florida’s future is pretty clear. Or is it?

$870 million to repair that 80-year-old dike in an ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project likely to cost at least another $3.5 billion, officials now say, ranking this at the high end of the most expensive jobs ever shouldered in North America by the Army Corps. As things stand now, those challenging others and others will paint the Florida landscape of the near future far and wide with scores of local and regional floods resulting not just from rainstorms but from normal or king tides — not to mention more significant floods from future hurricanes that resemble Charley (2004) or Irma (2017) but worse: they are likely to bring life-altering storm surges.

Over time, not a long time, they’ll defeat infrastructure and hugely reduce the quality of life in the Sunshine State.

“Buying a Prius and planting a couple of trees isn’t going to change this. It’s going to happen,” Professor Wanless said.

Those floods may come with a flip side, as well — but the flip-side of a proverbial coin with no heads, only tails: Hugely destructive droughts, to name one. Polluted or salt-spoiled tails: Hugely destructive droughts, to name one. Polluted or salt-spoiled saline aquifers are dumping toxic levels of dirty water and compromised drinking water and compromised drinking water and compromised drinking water quality in such large degree, he predicts.

Virtual water, a term used to describe the amount of water used to produce a particular good or service, has become large part of the water conversation.

Almost a month after Hurricane Irma — early in the second week of October – water levels in Lake O had risen to more than 17 feet. And that was after the Army Corps had been releasing vast quantities of polluted, nutrient-rich water downstream, both east and west, a fact many seemed to ignore as October waned and the sunny, cooler days of November approached.

On the west side of the lake, flow through the Caloosahatchee Estuary was 14,723 cubic feet per second at the Franklin Locks in Lee County, a panic
Inhabited Florida: From the International Space Station, it becomes very clear which portions of Florida are populated at night. This will change in future decades.

Florida’s top 10
Jacksonville tops the population for Florida cities. It’s almost double the number for the next city in line, Miami. Here are the top 10 Florida cities by population.

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SOURCE: UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

2010 land use
Sprawling population
If Floridians continue developing land as we traditionally have been, more than a third of the state will be paved over by 2070. Millions of acres of agricultural and natural lands, which affect our quality of life, jobs, water supply and more, will be lost. The map to the right shows land use areas for 2010. The map below illustrates the projected land use for 2070 if we continue to develop along the current trend.

Florida 2070 comparison of statewide developed, protected, agricultural and other lands

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1845: Florida becomes a state. Federal and state officials create the first-ever plans to drain parts of it and control water.

1870s: West Palm Beach, first known as “Lake Worth Country,” is founded by a few hundred people.

1903: Henry Flagler plats West Palm Beach and begins constructing the Florida East Coast Railway.

1917: The West Palm Beach Canal is connected to Lake Okeechobee, creating the first version of the Cross-Florida Waterway.


1947: President Harry Truman dedicates the original Everglades National Park, now about 1.5 million acres, a quarter of the original Everglades.

1960: Air conditioning becomes affordable to middle-class residents, and mosquito control, using the pesticide DDT, becomes an essential part of local-government service.

1960s: The Army Corps straightens the Kissimmee River, creating a 30-foot out of the one-time head waters of Lake O, and the Everglades. It also straightens and dredges the 50-mile Caloosahatchee River and basin west of the Lake.

1975: Florida’s Growth Plan, the control of growth. Askew i
Coastal flooding vulnerable cities

Here are the top 20 U.S. cities at risk within FEMA’s 100-year coastal flood plan. Cities are ranked by population affected and displaced by sea-level rise. As the numbers show, Florida will be the hardest hit.

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Florida’s historical growth planning

Florida has grown much more inviting since its early days of “growth planning.” In 1513, Ponce de Leon encountered the inhospitable Calusa Indians, was wounded by a poison-tipped arrow and retreated to Cuba, where he died. Now it is estimated that Florida grows by 1,000 people a day. That’s the equivalent of adding a city the size of Tampa every year.

The large chart shows Florida’s population since 1830, the projected growth through 2040 and the estimate for 2070.

The timeline below highlights some of the important points in Florida’s growth to become the third most populous state in the U.S.
WATER

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flood maintained by the Army Corps to prevent a dike collapse. The last time so much water came down the estuary was in July, 1973, said Capt. Daniel An- other county Waterkeeper, among the others north to south. 

At this rate of flow,” Mr. Cassani noted of post-Irma water releases from Lake O by the Army Corps, “the C-43 reservoir would fill in just 5.5 days, as- suming it was empty to begin with.”

The C-43, a companion idea to the C-44 on the east of Lake Okeechobee, doesn’t exist. Like the recently approved SB10, a reservoir fast-tracked by the legis- lature and governor to someday store water on public lands south of Lake O, the C-43 is merely a plan — a water- 

Rising sea level warnings

On that wet August morning when Prof. Wanless stood in a sunny, flooding Miami Beach neighborhood, the $500 million effort of taxpayers to stiff-arm flooding with seawalls and pumps had 

and oyster banks is “all but gone,” he told Florida Weekly. Now he often has to take his clients 25 or 30 miles offshore just to find fish. The experience encouraged him to co-founded the organization that champi- oned the cause, Captains for Clean Wa- 

tur. It makes good economic sense, to start with: Sport fishing alone in Florida stimulates $9.3 billion in economic ac-

Here’s what that means. “A two- to three-foot rise of sea level will make nearly all of the barrier islands of the world uninhabitable, initiate inun-

oungs to the American Sportfishing Associa- tion. (Added to that “legacy pollution” are toxins from old septic systems and urban drainage in the Caloosahatchee basin.)

Second, to encourage elected and ap- pointed officials to aggressively protect the waters, and thus the land, the people and the economy, with sensible devel-

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“If you talk about things that are real, people listen,” he said. “If you’re talking to people who are not believers, it’s a different story.”

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“Our report said, this is a big problem with hydrologic, legal, and infrastructure constraints, and there is no silver bullet that will solve the problem.

“We’ll need storage — north, south, east and west — and probably more storage in the lake to make it work.”

As for water moved south, into the ‘Glades, into Florida Bay assuring that 8 million people with more coming can keep drinking from the Biscayne Aquifer — “not only do you have to store it, but you have to convey it to where you want and treat it to legal standards,” explained Dr. Graham.

Ingenuity coupled with greed

Michael Grunwald is an Everglades expert and heir to the environmental legacy of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who published the most celebrated book in the history of environmental apologetics here: “The Everglades: River of Grass.”

That was 70 years ago, in 1947. Mr. Grunwald, who wrote the forward to the 60th anniversary edition of her book, authored a groundbreaking book of his own now a decade old: “The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida and the Politics of Paradise.”

A senior staff writer for Politico Magazine, he lives in the Miami area with his wife and two young children. That fact shapes what he sees now, he says — which includes a darkly comic and troubling interpretation of Florida’s growth appearing under his byline on the cover of the November-December edition of Politico.

He calls his piece, “The Boomtown That Shouldn’t Exist,” explaining a classic Florida story in the subtitle: “Cape Coral, Florida, was built on total lies. One big storm could wipe it off the map. Oh, and it’s the fastest growing city in the United States.”

Mr. Grunwald spoke with Florida Weekly not long before his story appeared in print.

“Central and South Florida used to have this fantastic water control district — it was called the Everglades,” he said. “It rained a lot, water sat on the wetlands and trickled down, in the dry season there was enough and in the wet season it didn’t cascade on top of everything.”

But that changed.

“Then half the Everglades was paved and drained, much of the rest was dammed and ditched and diverted, and now you have 2,000 miles of levees and canals and engines cannibalized from nuclear submarines for pumps, they’re so powerful. That screwed everything up.”

Decades of American ingenuity coupled with greed has not resulted in our control of the water; on the contrary, it controls us, he acknowledged.

“Now in the wet season when Lake O gets high you have to blast it out (down the estuaries east and west). And in the dry season you get these horrible droughts.”

None of that’s natural, that’s for sure. Like Dr. Graham and John Cassani, Mr. Grunwald suggests everyone knows the practical answer to the problem.

“The answer to all of this is storage,” he said. “So you don’t have to dump water where you don’t want it in the wet season, and you have enough in the dry for agriculture, bugs and bunnies, and the 8 million people who live around here.”

Mr. Grunwald is an optimist, he insists — in part because of his children, ages 9 and 7.

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I t’s not uncommon to hear long-time locals reminisce about the days when Corkscrew Road was lined with sweeping ranches, Estero was just a blip on the Trail between Fort Myers and Naples, and how unlikely it was for development east of U.S. 41 to continue its eastern march past I-75.

In Palm Beach County, the opposite was true: Who could ever imagine living west of U.S. 441/State Road 7 except equestrian farmers? Fast forward 20 years and Estero is now an incorporated village, gated communities and neighborhoods have popped up in the eurxs miles east of the interstate, and a drive along any major road or backroad is likely to reveal a new community under construction, sometimes where it once seemed impossible.

Examples of such development: The 20-home Hill Tide Estates being built on nearly 30 acres on the southern tip of Boca Grande and plans for a restaurant, retail, 148 residences and a hotel that will forever erase a slice of old Florida at the historic Placida Fishing Village, Arden, just east of Twenty Mile Bend in rural Palm Beach County, is planned for 2,000 homes and dubs itself as nature-friendly and an “agr-hood” because of its onsite community farm.

Since the Great Recession spun Southwest Florida into a real estate downturn, the building boom has returned with a vengeance. Florida’s continued growth is creating the need for more homes; however, today’s building frame is pricing many out of homeownership. Home prices are up. Rents are also on the rise. Salaries aren’t. And the majority of these planned new developments are well beyond the means of the average employee.

The issue is particularly pronounced in Naples and Collier County, where luxury homeowners cater to an affluent clientele of second-home and vacation-home owners. Except for teardown properties, there’s no real buildable land in the city limits. In the county, upscale gated golf communities have risen out of abandoned quarries several miles of I-75 and an entire town — Ave Maria — is some 20 miles farther out. Commercial corridors have followed. And with all this demand there’s little reason for developers and builders to reinvent their business model, although, as Palm Beach County Mayor Paulette Burdick points out, their own employees also are priced out of the market.

“Affordable housing is Palm Beach County’s No. 1 legislative issue,” says Mayor Burdick. “Every county in the state has a desperate need for workforce housing. It’s a crisis situation in the state of Florida. That’s also how the Urban Land Institute and the National Association of Home Builders categorize the dire need for affordable housing.

Prices in Naples Park, once the neighborhood for the working class, have more than doubled since buyers discovered its proximity to the beach. Resi- dent and builder Edward Armstrong remembers when lots sold for $1,200 in 1973. He’s built as many as 75 homes in the neighborhood, including one that sold for $280,000, as well as the first house with a swimming pool.

While he expressed some surprise at $800,000 sales in the community, he calls Naples Park “a sleeping giant. It’s so close to the water.” Locally, the inability to afford a home close to their workplace is forcing mid-level employees, firefighters, teachers, law enforcement and other professionals to live elsewhere. Some Collier County firefighters commute from as far away as Fort Lauderdale, said Christopher Spencer, president of the North Collier Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Local 2907 and a long-time advocate for affordable housing.

“Some of the younger guys live with their parents,” he said. “Others are living out in Lehigh or Cape Coral and have to calculate what they’re saving versus tolls, time and fuel. It’s painful to see how expensive it is to live in Naples and how far behind the curve we are. They’re making their money here and investing it back in Lee County, Arcadia and Hendry County. They can work in Lee County and make less but they don’t have the tolls or travel time. A dollar in Lee County goes further than a dollar in Collier County.”

Not only does Collier County miss out on the economic impact of workers spending their money in the county and paying taxes, those daily drives by an estimated 16,800 commuters increase traffic congestion and physically strain infrastructure and roads.

“Affordable housing is one of the larger barriers to economic prosperity, we’re going to experience,” said Eric Berglund, executive director of the Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance. “Teachers, firefighters, police officers and nurses can’t afford to buy houses. That impacts what the community looks like.”

“Our hospital CEOs are expressing their concerns because they can’t hire nurses and other healthcare professionals,” said Mayor Burdick. “The top tier for workforce housing in Palm Beach County is $120,000 for a household. I don’t know too many planners, firefighters or nurses who make that kind of money. Schools are having a tough time recruiting teachers because they can’t afford to relocate here.”

Groups in Southwest Florida’s three counties — ranked among the fastest growing areas in the country according to recent Census data — are researching options to include workforce develop- ment in the mix. Previous attempts have failed. During the height of the last building boom, Collier County required developers to pay into an affordable housing trust based on the size of their proposed new development. The county collected $604,581 of an anticipated $8 million from 2005 to 2007, and then stopped as the market collapsed. In 2011 it ended the program and refunded developers for homes or lot sales that never happened.

Palm Beach County adopted a work- force housing program in 2006, requir- ing developers who were granted in- creased density to allocate a percentage to workforce housing. There also was a buyout option.

“They have an $80,000 buyout but when the median price of a home is $340,000,” Mayor Burdick said. “Since 2006, zero workforce homes have been built.”

Collier County is delving deeper this time around,tasking nonprofits, city and county officials, affected employees and citizens to devise solutions based on recommendations from a visit earlier this year by ULI planners who outlined the economic impact and human toll on communities that lack afford- able housing. The organization made 35 recommendations, including zoning changes, increased density, improved access to transportation, creating revenue streams, using available public land or vacant and undersold retail sites, and forming a housing trust fund.

“Affordable housing impacts nearly every element of the local economy,” said committee member Michael Del- by, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Area Chamber of Commerce. “It impacts businesses’ ability to attract and retain workers. It’s the chamber’s No. 1 priority.”

For affordable housing to happen, many contend solutions must involve a concerted effort between public, private and nonprofit initiatives addressing policy changes, incentives for developers and out-of-the-box thinking — ideas as novel as converting long-vacant strip malls into affordable housing and in- creasing the emphasis on mixed-use de- velopment. One ULI recommendation rejected by the commission called for increasing minimum wage, a concept
supported by Mr. Berglund and others in
ontent on preventing brain drain. “We have to develop a high-quality workforce to make sure everyone gets a step ahead in life,” he said, referencing the FutureMakers Coalition’s goal of increas-
ing the number of high-quality credentials in Southwest Florida’s workforce. “Quality of life begins with a good work environment.”

After 18 months of exploring the issue, Collier County’s Community Housing Plan Stakeholders Committee presented its recommendations to alegation con-
mmission in late October. The committee is advocating for establishing an affordable housing fund financed by linkage fees, a square footage-based assessment repre-
senting the additional housing needs cre-
dated by local growth. It would also create a financial incentive to reduce re-
liance on impact fees.

Members of the committee expected some opposition from local city councils, with a need for proper financial planning and a strong financial argument. The committee also anticipated a lack of public support from the public, likely to “experience a cost burden than everyone else.”

Aad of housing — whether mort-
gage or rental payments — is defined by the Florida Department of Housing and Urban Development as 30 percent or less of a household’s gross annual income. Those spending more than 30 on housing costs are considered “cost-burdened” while a household shelling out more than 50 percent is considered severely cost-burdened.

Entry-level employees and those earn-
ing median incomes in healthcare, public safety, and education are the people holding executive, management, or professional positions, according to a 2016 Florida rental market study. About 32 percent were cost-
burdened families, according to a 2016 Florida rental market study.

“There’s no one answer,” added Mr. Quaintance. “It’s not going to be easy. We have to do in the long run to it.”

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For more information on creating workforce housing, visit the Liveable Communities Initiative’s website at www.lci4affordabledwellingsolutions.com.

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“Affordable housing remains an issue. In order to attract and retain working families, this is something we have to do in the long run to be sustainable.”

— Howard Kunik, Punta Gorda city manager


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GETTING THERE

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PLANNERS SAY WE NEED MORE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS that lessen our reliance on cars — along with affordable homes in compact, mixed-use communities — to preserve our quality of life in a fast-growing region.

You can live in your car, but you can’t drive your house,” an old saying goes. Besides its dashingly flawed, hard-times wisdom, it suggests the inextricable relationship between transportation and real-estate, a relationship that determined how we grew in the past, and how we will grow in the future.

Petroleum-powered cars are the raison d’être for vast swaths of suburban real-estate and roads after World War II. Suburba is out of fashion but still blanketed South Florida and other parts of America such as Denver and Los Angeles, with sprawling oases of single-family homes and condos disconnected from shopping malls and employment destinations. To get where we wanted to go required ever more and wider roads supported by business, financial, and government systems that took deep root.

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“Where we build and what kind of communities do people want to live in?” asks FAU’s Mr. Renne, who in addition to his position at the school is managing director of the TOD Group, a private real-estate development company that builds and invests in transit-oriented development.

“The research and the data show us that people want to live in places where they can take public transport or walk to work,” he said. “That’s the future, in several decades down the road, what we’re starting to see is there’s a great opportunity to rebuild South Florida to try to create more of these transit-oriented development opportunities.”

And while widening and building new roads has helped ease congestion, it is by itself a failing long-term solution, said Bill Spikowski, a veteran urban planner on Florida’s southwest coast. He believes passenger rail will be a key addition here as it was on the east coast years ago. Mr. Spikowski says that widening surface roads to more than four lanes can increase congestion because it creates more conflict between drivers, and is unappealing and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

“The truth is they (public transportation planners) can’t afford to keep doing what they’re doing because it’s too expensive to build roads to serve sprawl,” he said. “The pain isn’t immediate, but the long-term cost is actually more. It happens 10 years from now when the roads go from congested to really congested.”

Official county Metropolitan Planning Organizations or MPOs are required to develop long-range plans that look ahead 25 years at transit plans. The most recent were created in 2015 and look to 2040.

Among the challenges they and other planners face are creating genuinely competitive alternatives to cars; paying for expensive new high speed transit such as trains and buses; and building transit-oriented or New Urban-style developments with affordable housing for families on working-class wages.

Driverless and “connected” car technology is also being widely studied and developed, but how it will affect practical transportation planning is at this point “largely conjecture,” said Gary Harrell, principal planner for the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO. He speculates that one day self-driving cars could illuminate the need for parking garages.

Michael Masanoff disagrees. The developer of a planned TOD in West Palm Beach called Transit Village, he says they could worsen traffic if fleets of empty, driverless cars are roving our roads in between picking up passengers.

Collier MPO executive director Anne McLaughlin says the cars could mean “fewer crashes, fewer injuries, fewer fatalities. It could be a marvelous change of direction.”

Fortunately, MPO officials, Smart Growth and New Urban advocates, developers, politicians, and other planners all have plenty of ideas about how to build better living spaces and transportation, even if they don’t all agree on how to get there. Here’s a look forward at how they’re planning the future.
A Complete Streets philosophy that pur-
ports to accommodate all modes of trans-
portation has been widely accepted. But
state and local governments have often not
aligned when it comes to policy, and cy-
clists and pedestrians have gotten most of
the attention.

“A conventional wisdom of widening
streets and adding lanes is under strict
scrutiny right now with Complete Streets and
other programs going on,” said Bonita
Springs Mayor Peter Simmons. “The city
of Bonita Springs is looking at all the
approaches to not only move cars, but
we also need to look at how to move
pedestrian traffic and bicycles and joggers
so we’re taking that holistic
view on everything.”

Controlling sprawl and congestion in fast
growing regions of South Florida, plan-
ners such as Mr. Renne and Mr. Spikowski
say, also involves greater investments in
passenger rail, buses, and the dense real-
estate that makes them financially viable.

With Lee County alone set to welcome
some 300,000 new residents by 2040, Mr.
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There is an ideal opportunity to do that,
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“Such a rail line (in Lee) is the road in the perfect place you’d want to have it for commuters, he said. He envisions the line with stops in key areas
during downtowns, transit-oriented de-
velopments, park-and-ride lots, and feeder
bus lines that could move riders across the
county and connect to places like the air-
port, beaches and the Florida Gulf Coast.

While it is not the sole solution to trans-
portation growth, “It’s one essential part,” he
told FLORIDA WEEKLY. “We need to look at
the transportation system as a whole, and
we probably have some places for
street cars, but those run on roads and as
the roads get crowded those slow down,
too. This is one way to make transit fast,
without adding to the roads.”

Lee County’s MPO in 2013 completed a
rail “feasibility” study which recommends
that the county and state purchase the right
of way along a 25-mile stretch of the CSX/
Seminole line that could — at some point
be used for commuter or light rail, as well
as bus rapid transit, and a multi-use bike and
walking path.

Lee County commissioners, mayors and
city council members, who make up the
MPO board, rondedly endorsed the study’s
conclusion but have yet to work with the
state to purchase the right of way.

“I think certainly (the Florida Depart-
ment of Transportation) will be open to
looking at a purchase and developing
passenger rail, said FDOT spokesperson
Zac Burch. “Like we said, there’s a limit to
how far you can go with how big a road you
can build. Anything to take pressure off
the state highway system is certainly some-
thing we’re willing to have a conversation
about.”

Buying CSX’s rail corridor is complicat-
ed by the fact that the property is leased
to Seminole Gulf Railway for the next 30
years, which allows them to use it for
freight and The Murder Mystery Dinner
Train. The county and state have several
options, including buying the right of way
and negotiating with Seminole Gulf to add
passenger service. Otherwise they’d have
to wait until Seminole’s lease runs out to use
it.

Lee County commissioner Lenny Kiker
said he has not approached CSX or Semi-
nole Gulf about the rail line.

“But our board, from what I am able to
gather, is very interested in looking into
those possibilities and I think it would be
very exciting to do something like that,” he
said. “The idea is intriguing, it’s exciting
and it would certainly help our transporta-
tion model. It would absolutely be benefi-
cial in my opinion.”

Buying the right of way is not especially
expensive; it could cost up to $15 million,
the study found, and at least allow the pub-
lic to hold on to what planners consider an
irreplaceable asset. On the other hand, build-
ing a commuter rail line along it could
cost $50 million to $20 million per mile.

The Denver model

The first rail line in the Denver, Colo.
area’s Regional Transportation District
opened in 1994. It now serves a popula-
tion of 2.9 million in an eight-country re-
gion with 87 miles of commuter and light
rail track connected to a fleet of more than
1,000 buses with 9,000 stops.

Mr. Renne and others point to it as a
model for how fast-growing areas with
large swaths of suburban development and pay
for rail or other new, potentially pricey
modes of transportation.

Like South Florida, the Denver area
was blanketed with suburbs after World
War II and has experienced rapid popu-
lation growth. Later, rail spurred billions
in private development along its line, and
proved an indispensable way to reduce
congestion on roads, said RTD spokesper-
son Nate Currey.

“It’s not something you’re going to see
immediately,” he said, “but the economic
development that goes along with these
(rail) lines is unreal.”

Like areas of South Florida, the sprawl-
ing 2,342-mile RTD was originally built out
cars.

“We were built on the automobile post-
World War II,” Mr. Currey said. “That’s
how this place really expanded. But we’ve
still done it. We’ve built out a ton of rail and
people are using it really well.

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But that could change as Southwest Flor-
da’s population grows.

“You can induce higher density,” said urb-
an planner Ms. Pfister-Zyberk. “The tran-
sit and development is always a chicken
and egg thing. You wait for development
and then there’s no place to put the transit; you
put the transit in and nobody’s riding it for
a while so you subsidize it; you never get it
right.”

Mr. Spikowski believes developers
would be willing to build along a planned
passenger rail line in a fast-growing coun-
ty such as Lee, as they have in Denver,
on Florida’s east coast, and elsewhere.

“They flock to those areas to build high-

density housing even if it’s not going to
be there for five years,” he said. “Because
it’s something that’s in the works, first of
tall they can use it as a sales point. That’s
why it’s so frustrating when people talk to
me here: ‘well, no developer would...’ Well,
actually they would if there’s a reason to.”

The streets and developments around
the stations would also need to be pedes-
trian friendly to gain ridership, said FAU’s
Mr. Renne, as many people would walk
or bike the last quarter or half mile or more to
and from home.

“(The station areas) need to be places
where people feel comfortable walking and
do not feel like they’re taking their life
in their hands when they’re walking across
the street,” he said. “The last leg of your
trip needs to be a pleasant experience and if
and only if people will not revert to driving
cars.”

Unaffordable housing

Transit-oriented developments around
stations, and other New Urban, mixed-use
types of communities that have popped up
around Florida, have been criticized for not
offering affordable housing for families.

“You look at something like Coconut
Point (a mixed-use shopping mall with res-

didences in Estero),” said Lee MPO execu-
tive director Don Scott. “But those places
aren’t where it’s affordable for a family
to live and work.”

Mr. Renne says home prices in New Ur-
ban and TOD developments remain high in
large part because not enough of them
have been built yet, a matter of supply and
demand. Coconut Point is also an example
of how many trendy developments built
on New Urban principles have also failed
to offer one of its key elements: alterna-
tive transportation options. Surrounded
by a huge parking lot, Coconut Point is still
built mainly to be visited by car.

Mr. Renne adds that if developments of-
fer truly multi-modal options, people could
end up saving money even if they pay more
for housing.

“The average American spends around
20 percent of their income on transporta-
tion cost,” he said. “But if you don’t have
to have a car you can cut that down to like

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HOUGH THE DATE FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE $3 BILLION Brightline, the high-speed passenger rail system connecting Miami to Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and ultimately Orlando, is still unknown, anticipation is growing.

Representatives from Brightline’s parent group, All Aboard Florida, are reluctant to provide a date for Phase I of the passenger train service — the West Palm Beach to Miami route. The launch has been delayed from late July, to September, and now, to the end of 2017.

Stations and tracks are still under construction, though all five of the trains that will make up the Phase I service in South Florida have been delivered to the Workshops — the railroad operations center in West Palm Beach.

The three-story stations are brightly lit, with meeting space, WiFi and work areas. Miami’s station will have retail shops and restaurants in its larger terminal.

Ticket prices have not been announced, either, though officials say there will be a promotional fare to start, and late monthly, weekly and weekend passes will be available, as will other incentives, possibly through area businesses or city promotions.

A spokesperson for the train said the ticket price would be comparable to operating a car for the trip.

Up to 32 trains daily will deliver passengers from downtown West Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale in 30 minutes, and to Miami in about an hour. Trains are scheduled to run hourly from early morning to late night.

West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio is anxiously awaiting the first ride. She sees Brightline as a huge addition to the growth of the city, and the region, with the trains bringing businesses, workers, and tourists to the area.

“The city has been working with Brightline since it was planned in 2012. I’m very optimistic about the effects of Brightline on West Palm Beach. I think it’s really going to add so much to our city. It’s good for businesses, and offices and their workers,” she said.

Business owners she’s talked to expressed interest in opening offices here or moving here, while maintaining offices or extending their business to Broward or Miami-Dade.

“I spoke with some young people with an engineering firm in Lauderdale looking to open an office here,” she said. It’s the kind of movement Brightline planners and the cities it reaches are hoping to achieve.

The exposure for the area will be significant, she said. West Palm is ready for additional visitors coming for culture to the Kravis Center, the Norton Museum or Art or the many playhouses. She also sees the potential for event visitors — Sunfest, the Palm Beach International Boat Show, and more baseball fans coming for spring training.

The city is getting ready for lodgers with more accommodations adding to those already in and near downtown. “We have a lot of hotels in the proposal stage, and some already under construction.”

Brightline is building a parking garage and a 200-unit apartment complex at the station, as well — another boon to the growing downtown that has dozens of cranes visible on its skyline.

Rick Rose, co-owner of the Grandview Heights Bed & Breakfast in West Palm Beach, is optimistic about the train, as well. He’s active in the tourism and hospitality areas of the city’s plans.

He sees a significant boost in visitors coming for short stays during Phase I of the train line.

“There’s going to be two different demographics of people, the Europeans, who might not rent a car — they are used to trains. They fly in and go to Miami Beach by taxicab. And a lot of New Yorkers take a shuttle to Miami Beach and never see a car while here.

“They’re going to say, ‘Let’s go to Palm Beach for a couple of days. Maybe they’ll catch an act at the Kravis, or go to a museum, or an exhibit at the Norton.’

Those visitors have been to Key West or Fort Lauderdale maybe to party and want a bit more culture or more maturer crowds offered here, she said.

“They will do an overnight or two days here,” he said. Already many of his guests come up from Miami; the train will make it that much simpler; they can be here in half an hour, and then, “We can pick them up, or they can even walk over.”

But the real potential, he says, the second group of riders. They’ll come when the Orlando route opens and families come north to go to Disney World, or south to fly out of Miami after going to the theme parks.

“Right now, people fly into Miami and to get to Orlando, rent a car and take the Turnpike or I-95. They see West Palm Beach on a highway sign — that’s it.

“When Brightline’s Phase II opens, it’s going to be a different ball game. West Palm Beach will be their first tropical stop (southbound). We’re right in the middle of the route,” he said. “People have read about it, maybe, and now they’ll see it and want to stop over.”

The potential for longer “stay-put” vacations, especially for families, is huge, he said. “Palm Beach County is the No. 1 family destination on the Gold Coast. Miami and Fort Lauderdale are more for singles and couples. We’re family-friendly.”

The ability to walk and get around near the station is a part of that appeal for riders, he said, so he expects some hotels and some bed and breakfast rooms to fill those needs.

Because they’re more rapid-transit savvy, “The international folks and families will definitely use this service,” he predicts.

Raphael Clemente, executive director of West Palm Beach’s Downtown Development Authority, agrees. He’s a big supporter of the train system for dozens of reasons.

“First of all, I think it’s a huge amenity for West Palm Beach and for the region — not just where it ends in the north in Phase I.

“Having the South Florida region and major population centers connected with a major rail system is a tremendous step forward” in smart growth plans, he said.

“It’s incredibly well designed, and the user perspective, it’s going to be a great success.”

The modern trains, with level boarding, are equipped with wide seats, touchless restrooms, high-speed WiFi and a “select” (reservation) option for prime seats and food and beverage service.

Luggage storage and bike racks are on board.

Mr. Clemente, an urban planner, sees the privately funded train as a long awaited answer to some of South Florida’s unique traffic and congestion problems stemming from its booming growth.

He explained the area’s layout. “Unlike most metropolitan areas, we are a linear metropoleis. Chicago, other major metropolises are more circular with different patterns.

“Our connectivity as a region is limited to the Turnpike and I-95 and TriRail.”

Rebuilding, expanding, and maintaining roads is an expenditure, while building mass transit is an investment, he says. “Do we spend, or do we invest in our future?”

He believes the era of single-occupancy vehicles is ending, making the question moot. “Increasingly people are making that decision not to drive,” he said.

Generational or because of cost or time in traffic, the reasons are many. He acknowledges there will always be those who want to drive their personal vehicle,
and some have a need. But the clogged roads are inadequate in serving people efficiently, he said, and they’re only going to get worse with South Florida’s growth.

“I talked to a businessman from Fort Lauderdale just today who was at a meeting in downtown West Palm. It took him an hour and 40 minutes in his car from Fort Lauderdale to get to downtown West Palm Beach. That’s a lot of wasted productivity,” he said.

Add to that the parking costs and tolls, it makes little sense for one person to drive their car in between the cities, he said, when there’s an opportunity to have the system like Brightline in place.

The North-South traffic corridor cries for a rail system, he said. And while there will be drawbacks and growing pains — backups on roadways at the rail crossings that are undesirable chief among them, “They are more desirable than building more and bigger roads and having more congestion.

We have to create opportunities for multi-modal transportation. We are giving people mobility options. It’s not a luxury — it’s a necessity.”

Another component Brightline adds is socio-economic and it’s long overdue as well, he says. It’s a chance at affordable housing and economic equality, especially once once feeder systems are in place to connect with Brightline’s hubs, he said.

“If we’re going to have true urban neighborhods, where people live and work, transportation is critical. When we start talking about housing affordability, it can’t be separated from transportation. If you’re forced to live 10 or 15 miles from where you work, you’re spending so much to live out-side on transportation, it’s not economi-cally feasible.”

He points to service sector jobs — a core in South Florida’s hospitality industry. Most of those jobs are in the urban centers, in or near downtowns. “They have to get to work somehow.”

“I’m standing in front of Rocco’s Tacos (on Clematis Street in downtown West Palm Beach). They employ 70-plus people. Lots and lots of those don’t have a car, or don’t drive. Or some do and wish they had another option.”

Now, he says, they have a shot at possibly even a better job, as long as the cities step up with connective transportation options to the trains.

Key will be connecting the western com-munities and the airport. “We have to look at our regional systems,” he said. “Hopefully there will be great support.”

The downtown trolley is a perfect ex-ample of a go-between in the area. The city is changing the route to stop at Brightline. “That’s a stat for you: 500,000 people rode the trolley last year. They use it to ac-cess Tri-Rail, hotels, shopping areas. Now we’re adding in the Bikeshare program, and there will be a rack there (at Brightline).”

He’s looking forward to riding for both business and pleasure. “I frequently go to Miami for work, and take Tri-Rail. I take my laptop and work on the train, or just chill out with music or watch a video.”

On Brightline, though, “I’ll take my family to Miami just for fun,” he said. “And eventually it’s going to be a great success. Once they ride it, it will be a big ‘Ahah’ moment.”

“Having the South Florida region and major population centers connected with a major rail system is a tremendous step forward... It’s incredibly well designed, and from the user perspective, it’s going to be a great success.”

— Raphael Clemente

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5 percent.”

Although there are numerous New Ur-ban-style developments in Florida, there are few genuine examples of TODs, Mr. Renne said.

A West Palm Beach developer named Michael Masanoff hopes to change that. For the last two decades he has been work-ing on creating Transit Village on the west-ern edge of downtown, a half-billion dol-lar planned community on seven acres. It would, he says, connect commuters to the Tri-Rail line, as well as offer affordable workforce housing that a city employee or teacher could afford, with units located in the same downtown apartments with “market rate” homes.

The project was nearly green lit this year, but Mr. Masanoff and city officials have not come to an agreement on how much public financing should go toward the Village.

“The municipalities and counties which get a tremendous amount of tax dollars for the TOD have to participate in creat-ing a better system for their people,” Mr. Masanoff said. “Having people understand that’s tough.”

How to pay for transit

Even if governments don’t have the money or political will to fund expensive new transit projects that could take decades before they begin to pay off and potentially cost hun-dreds of millions or even billions of dollars, in some cases the private sector does.

In an article this year for the journal Housing Policy Debate, FAU’s Mr. Renne suggests that partnerships with the busi-ness world could be transit’s future, taking some of the risk of a major development off the public’s shoulders.

All Aboard Florida’s Brightline project

on the east coast and the Denver RTD’s new $2.2 billion Eagle P3 line, he pointed out, are two modern rail projects innovative for their private sector funding.

Brightline, which is scheduled to open with stations in Miami, West Palm Beach, and Fort Lauderdale this year, and eventu-ally connect to Orlando, is entirely pri-vately funded with public sector support through low-interest bonds. A key part of its profit margin, Mr. Renne notes, are apartments and other real-estate the com-pany is building around its stations in Mi-am i and West Palm Beach, areas that used to be “forgotten places.”

“The problems have shifted from bight to fears of overpriced housing and gentrifi-cation,” he wrote.

All Aboard Florida declined to make ex-ecutives available for an interview because they were traveling.

“Brightline is setting a new national standard for the introduction of privately funded express intercity passenger rail service and the development of mixed-use real estate around the transportation hubs,” the company said in a statement, and “will serve millions of business and leisure travelers.”

Denver RTD’s Eagle P3 project will cover 36 miles of new commuter rail lines. It’s funded with a combination of a federal grant, sales tax, fares, and Denver Transit Partners, a consortium of private invest-ment firms and other companies that will be responsible for building, maintaining and operating the Eagle line for close to 30 years.

“Everybody’s looking at us right now at see if it’s going to work or not,” Mr. Currey said. “And I believe that it will. It’s a good model. It’s going to enable cities to look at different ways of funding infrastructure.”

In Charlotte County, help from private businesses could be a route to develop-ing public bus service, Commissioner Bill Truax said. (The county currently operates a Dial-A-Ride system that offers curbside pickup service but must be reserved days in advance.)

He envisions a bus line possibly connect-ing Punta Gorda to areas such as Engle-wood, Deep Creek, and Murdock Village.

“Park-and-ride bicycle programs could become a potential for areas like Murdock Village and maybe other parts in the future,” he said. “I’ve brought that up as a potential for Englewood Beach. I think we just have to start looking at avenues to bring in alternatives that are not break-the-back type things.”

FDOT is also looking at ways to ease traffic while saving money on expensive road-widening projects.

Suggesting just how overfed our road system is, the state is this fall planning to put a congested, dangerous stretch of U.S. 41 near downtown Fort Myers on a tem-porary two-lane “dashed” lane and dedicate the remaining two lanes to traffic while save-ning barrells to take it from six lanes down to four lanes for a couple of months to see how the public and pedestrians react.

“Could it function with four lanes and if so then what can we look at doing?” asks FDOT’s Mr. Burch. “Can we look at adding on-street parking? Can we look at adding bike lanes? Medians with landscaping to make it more attractive looking?”

Roughly north of Hansen Street to downtown, one lane in each direction will be blocked. Sound fun? Not to worry, Mr. Burch said: “If after a week it’s total grid-lock and it’s horrible we can just go pull the barrells,” he said. “Or do people adapt? Do they look at different ways to get where they’re going?”

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What improvements, innovations or changes do you foresee in your industry?

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Hoew are you responding to changes in the local economy?

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This completely renovated home comes turnkey (including furniture and furnishings). $450,000 1-866-657-2300

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Raw Southern Exposure Direct Sailboat Access Pool Home
Walking distance to Cape Coral Beach and Boat House. Home is located in very popular yacht club area. Beautiful views! $449,900 1-866-657-2300

4/2/2 Pool home on a Saltwater Canal in PGI
Come and see this well maintained 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, pool home on a saltwater canal. $429,900 1-866-657-2300

Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches
New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning home features; 1443 sqft of living area, 3/2 with spacious floor plan. $395,000 1-866-657-2300

SW Cape Gulf Access Luxury
Gulf access southern exposure 4/2/2 in highly desired SW Cape Coral. Oversize solar heated pool $419,900 1-866-657-2300

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Waterfront Home
One of the largest waterfront home in SE Cape at almost 1/2 acre! 3/2 all tile with a pool and spa for relaxing! $397,900 1-866-657-2300

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North Port
4/2 Pool home on a Saltwater Canal in PGI Come and see this well maintained 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, pool home on a saltwater canal. $429,900 1-866-657-2300

Priced Below Market Value
4/2 story pool home with just under 4000 sqft of living area! $419,900 1-866-657-2300

Stunning Sanibel Retreat
Sanibel Beaches! Bring your whole family to this oversized home on Sanibel island. Deeded beach access in the community $475,000 1-866-657-2300

Stunning 3/2 Pool Home in Passo Community
You will not believe the feature of this home and the amenities the community has to offer! Schedule your showing today! $467,990 1-866-657-2300

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Tanglewood 4/3 Pool Home
Beautifully updated, well-maintained. 4 bedroom/3 bath pool home in the desirable Tanglewood/Whiskey Creek.
$388,000
1-866-657-2300
800FM035895.

Don't Miss This
Move In Ready, One of a Kind Home
This pool home features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, and a 2 car garage with excellent overhead storage.
$385,000
1-866-657-2300
800E666294.

Immaculate Gulf Access Pool Home
Lovelying updated, gulf access home completely updated. Gorgeous updated kitchen 3 bed/3 baths, heated salt water pool!
$379,000
1-866-657-2300
800C244104.

River District
Charming Mid-Century Modern River District pool home, fenced yard, open floor plan, new upgrades, tropical private backyard.
$379,000
1-866-657-2300
800F133498.

Newly Constructed Home
3 bedroom 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores.
$374,000
1-866-657-2300
800BM352740.

Almost One Acre Pool Home
Almost one acre of land (.85) with an over 2300 sqft home nestled in the center. Lots of room! New kitchen and roof.
$344,900
1-866-657-2300
800CC34268.

Gulf Access, Pool Home in Southwest Cape Coral
Price to sell, don't miss this move in ready 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with gulf access, pool, and southern exposure.
$339,900
1-866-657-2300
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Upgrades Galore in Villa Palmeras
Upgrades, upgrades, Upgraded! Best value in Villa Palmeras. Beautifully upgraded and maintained 3/2/2.
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800FMR5823.

Magnificent 2 Story 3 Lot Site
2 master suites, 2 1/2 bath den formal living/6 dining, family room 2 1/2 car garage. Many upgrades alarm system salt water pool! Don't mis.
$324,900
1-866-657-2300
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Great Investment Opportunity
Income generating triple w/ Fire access. Location is near the new Atlanta Braves stadium.
$319,000
1-866-657-2300
800B344744.

The Reserve at Estero
Large 4/2 home built by Toll Brothers.
$315,000
1-866-657-2300
800BM15643.

Gorgous pool home! Beautiful living space with up.
$300,000
1-866-657-2300
800O035126.

2 Bedroom 2 bath 2 Car Garage Villa
This villa comes with its own deeded boat dock on salt-water sailboat canal that goes out to Charlotte Harbor and Gulf.
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800BM03919.

3 + Den/2.5 in Stoneybrook Golf Community
Well maintained 3+Den/2.5 bath in Stoneybrook. Close to shopping, schools, and airport. Enjoy a great golfing community.
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Beautifully Upgraded Coach Home in Lovely Laguna Lakes
Beautifully up-grated luxury condo with 2 master suites in Laguna Lakes! This condo boasts stainless steel appliances.

Tiki Bar
3 bedroom 2 bath pool home with an outdoor kitchen and Tiki bar.

Assessments Paid
3 bedroom + den, 3 full bath with laundry room inside. Large fenced yard!

Olympia Point
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 4 bath home in a great gated community close to everything. Easy commute to Fort Myers.

Breathtaking 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home with an outdoor kitchen and tiki bar!

$275,000
1-866-657-2300
800CC0654574.

Leesburg Estates
3 bedroom 2 bath pool home sitting on 1/2 an acre in Estates.

Well Maintained Home Located in Twin Lake Estates
3 bedroom 2 bath pool home sitting on 1/2 an acre in Twin Lake Estates.

$275,000
1-866-657-2300
800CC0654574.

3/2/2 Pool Home in North Port Easy Access to I-75
Ready to build 2 bed 2 car garage pool home on 2 lots! This home features tile in the main living areas and carpet.

$199,900
1-866-657-2300
800CC042533.

Unbelievable Riverfront Water Views
End your day with the warm breeze, joyful sunsets, dolphins playing in the inlet and the boats going by on John's Pass.

$258,000
1-866-657-2300
800CC006743.

Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath waterfront stilt home offering a bright and airy feel.

$234,900
1-866-657-2300
800CC066134.

Perfect, Roomy Family Home!
A must see! Super spacious family home! Over 1900 perfectly appointed sqft! Fenced yard, perfect for the family.

$214,900
1-866-657-2300
800FM042807.

3/2/2 Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
Spacious and Newly Redone 3/2/2
Direct Gulf Access
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4/4 Duplex Next to Downtown Cape Coral
Best location in Lehigh Acres!

$225,000
1-866-657-2300
800FM009157.

4/4 Duplex-4 Bed and 3 Bath in Great Location
Half Duplex with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in great location! Very close to Gulf Coast Town Center, Florida Gulf Coast.

$190,000
1-866-657-2300
800FM006743.
**Lehigh Acres**

- 3/2/2 in Oakwood Community
  - Charming well-maintained 3 bed 2 bath home in the desirable Lehigh Acres area with all new carpet and built-in closets.
  - $190,000
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**Port Charlotte**

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  - Well maintained and had new appliances just put in.
  - Beautiful 23x21 pool with deck area 23x12 and move ready.
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- 2 Bed 1/2 Bath Townhome in Sail Harbour
  - Bed 1 1/2 bath very spacious 1749 sqft townhouse with one of the few very private preserve views.
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**Fort Myers**

- 3 Bedroom 1 Bath and Carport
  - Quick access to the beach area about 10-15 minutes.
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**Estero**

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**CAPE CORAL**

- 3/2/1 with a Great Floor plan
  - Many new items including brand new air conditioner, new hot water heater, new front entry door with smart key lock.
  - $148,900
  - 1-866-657-2300

**North Fort Myers**

- Direct Gulf Access
  - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, direct gulf access home is waiting for you to remodel to fit your style. Only minutes to the river!
  - $147,500
  - 1-866-657-2300

**Labelle**

- Great Family Home
  - Great home for a growing family, close to schools and shopping.
  - $143,999
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**Port Charlotte**

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  - Awesome three bed two bath home with a great split floor plan.
  - $148,900
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**Lehigh Acres**

- Freshly Painted Inside and Out
  - Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath home with built in desk in hallway, 2 car garage and screened lanai. Move in ready.
  - $157,900
  - 1-866-657-2300

- Gulf Access Condo
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