Traffic Jams and Golden Geese

by Jim McCallion

Great Snowbird Migration! name a few.

Soon our quiet, sleepy

activity. Following the Season", often share gripes peaceful days of early Fall about some of the less Winter is coming. our calendars fill up with enjoyable changes: But our shortening days activity: charity events, BIG and cooling temperatures Arts performances, social foretell the coming of activities at the Community another Season, Sanibel's House, and houseguests Tourist Season and the from cooler climates to

Those of us that know island will be abuzz with and love our island's "Off •

- Periwinkle Way becomes Periwinkle Wait as traffic directors guide the slow procession of cars inching towards the Causeway every afternoon.
- Want to go out to

eat? I hope you have a reservation.

- Most pedalers do a great job but you must always watch out for the bumbling bicyclists, some who haven't been on two wheels for two decades.
- Same goes for the ditzy drivers who are not aware of the bumbling bicyclists.

But even though some aspects of Sanibel's Season are a pain, we all need to be thankful for this busyness that supports our businesses.

Sanibel is blessed with wonderful shops and restaurants. Even in good years, operating an island business is challenging with our seasonal surges and doldrums. But this past year was especially disastrous for island commerce.

We've all seen the destruction the red tide and blue-green algae wrought

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SANIBEL EVENTS



Wines in the Wild presented by SCCF November 9, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. **Bailey Homestead Preserve**



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Recently Sold on Sanibel and Captiva Islands

We've compiled a list of every property each home sold, and the final closing price that has sold on Sanibel and Captiva Island over the past two and half months. Turn selling your Sanibel home, these details can the page to see what homes sold during the help you better understand the current real months of August and September through mid-October. We also list how quickly

of each transaction. If you're thinking of estate market here on the islands.

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Island Sales - August Ist – October I5th

			CAPT	IVA ISL	AND				
	Subdivision	Address	Beds	Baths	Sq.Ft.	DOM	Close Date	List Price	Sold Price
CONDOS	BAYSIDE VILLAS	5102 Bayside Villas #5102	1	2	684	180	09/28/2018	\$369,000	\$345,000
	BEACH VILLAS	2423 Beach Villas #2423	1	1	687	129	08/17/2018	\$545,000	\$535,000
	BEACH VILLAS	2414 Beach Villas #2414	2	2	1,043	129	08/14/2018	\$640,000	\$600,000
	MARINA VILLAS	803 Marina Villas #803	2	2	861	159	08/14/2018	\$749,000	\$715,000
	SUNSET BEACH VILLAS	2214 Beach Villas #2214	2	2	1,043	219	08/30/2018	\$620,000	\$605,000
	TENNIS VILLAS	3236 Tennis Villas #3236	1	1	586	0	09/19/2018	\$309,500	\$309,500
	TENNIS VILLAS	3128 Tennis Villas #3128	1	1	586	82	09/11/2018	\$352,500	\$340,000
	TENNIS VILLAS	3129 Tennis Villas #3129	1	1	580	165	08/21/2018	\$325,000	\$284,000
SINGLE FAMILY	CAPTIVA BEACH	11541 Wightman Ln	3	3	1,879	262	08/30/2018	\$2,050,000	\$1,800,000
	FROWES	16177 Captiva Dr	2	2	2,821	352	09/25/2018	\$3,395,000	\$3,250,000
	JOHN R DICKEYS	15735 Captiva Dr	4	5	4,700	1,114	10/11/2018	\$6,795,000	\$6,000,000
	METES AND BOUNDS	16575 Captiva Dr	4	3	2,806	0	08/14/2018	\$2,600,000	\$2,450,000
	SUNSET CAPTIVA	48 Oster Ct	2	2	1,440	325	09/28/2018	\$839,000	\$814,000
	SUNSET CAPTIVA	10 Sunset Captiva Ln	2	2	1,440	152	08/06/2018	\$989,000	\$925,000
			SANIBEL	ISLAN	D - EAST				

		S	ANIBEL	ISLAN	D - EAST				
	Subdivision	Address	Beds	Baths	Sq.Ft.	DOM	Close Date	List Price	Sold Price
CONDOS	COQUINA BEACH CONDO	631 Nerita St #5F	2	2	1,239	993	09/28/2018	\$495,000	\$440,000
	LOGGERHEAD CAY	979 E Gulf Dr #184	2	2	1,235	75	09/19/2018	\$789,000	\$760,000
	LOGGERHEAD CAY	979 E Gulf Dr #463	2	2	1,235	127	09/12/2018	\$499,000	\$440,000
	LOGGERHEAD CAY	979 E Gulf Dr #434	2	2	1,184	665	09/05/2018	\$629,000	\$600,000
	LOGGERHEAD CAY	979 E Gulf Dr #314	2	2	1,312	165	09/04/2018	\$569,000	\$569,000
	LOGGERHEAD CAY	979 E Gulf Dr #313	2	2	1,235	760	08/31/2018	\$535,000	\$520,000
	MARINER POINTE	760 Sextant Dr #1073	2	2	957	203	08/31/2018	\$499,000	\$470,000
	SANIBEL MOORINGS	845 E Gulf Dr #141	1	1	612	182	08/15/2018	\$435,000	\$415,000
	SANIBEL MOORINGS	845 E Gulf Dr #1611	2	2	912	161	08/14/2018	\$489,000	\$480,000
	SANIBEL SIESTA	1246 Fulgur St #306	2	2	1,030	127	08/10/2018	\$599,500	\$585,000
	SEAWIND	820 E Gulf Dr #109	2	2	1,152	177	09/05/2018	\$512,500	\$487,000
	SEAWIND	820 E Gulf Dr #A105	2	2	1,196	57	08/07/2018	\$545,000	\$525,000
	ST.CROIX	497 E Gulf Dr #4	2	2	1,162	154	08/28/2018	\$995,000	\$941,250
	SUNDIAL EAST	1401 Middle Gulf Dr #N403	2	2	1,451	150	08/17/2018	\$889,500	\$812,500
	SUNDIAL WEST	1501 Middle Gulf D #K105	2	2	1,416	343	09/26/2018	\$897,500	\$840,000
	SUNDIAL WEST	1501 Middle Gulf Dr #1305	1	1	483	52	08/31/2018	\$340,000	\$340,000
	SUNDIAL WEST	1501 Middle Gulf Dr #E104	2	2	1,416	173	08/31/2018	\$850,000	\$840,000
	SUNSET SOUTH	1340 Middle Gulf Dr #6A	2	2	1,460	132	08/08/2018	\$599,000	\$575,000
	TENNISPLACE	1250 Tennisplace Ct #A34	2	1	688	134	08/17/2018	\$329,900	\$314,000
SINGLE FAMILY	BEACHVIEW CC ESTATES	849 Birdie View Pt	4	4	4,048	68	08/01/2018	\$1,795,000	\$1,610,000
	COLONY BEACH ESTATES	413 Bella Vista Way E.	4	4	3,240	155	08/24/2018	\$2,495,000	\$2,400,000
	DUNES SANIBEL	1224 Kittiwake Cir	3	2	2,000	74	08/08/2018	\$749,900	\$740,000
	SANIBEL ESTATES	734 Anchor Dr	3	2	1,447	280	09/05/2018	\$899,000	\$850,000
	SANIBEL ISLES	1718 Jewel Box Dr	3	3	2,176	8	09/18/2018	\$910,000	\$840,000
	SANIBEL ISLES	1552 San Carlos Bay Dr	4	5	3,546	153	08/03/2018	\$2,199,000	\$2,085,000
	YACHTSMAN COVE	500 Periwinkle Way	3	3	3,121	292	08/31/2018	\$1,195,000	\$1,030,000

MULTI-FAMILY	SANIBEL ESTATES	1126 Schooner Pl	4	2	1,896	68	08/27/2018	\$459,000	\$440,000
			SANIBEL	. ISLAN	ID - MID				
	Subdivision	Address	Beds	Baths	Sq.Ft.	DOM	Close Date	List Price	Sold Price
CONDOS	BREAKERS WEST	3041 W Gulf Dr #A4	2	2	1,148	175	10/01/2018	\$534,000	\$529,000
	BY THE SEA	2611 W Gulf Dr #C102	2	2	1,750	161	08/06/2018	\$1,149,000	\$1,015,000
	ISLAND BEACH CLUB	2265 W Gulf Dr #220E	2	2	1,350	266	09/14/2018	\$899,000	\$832,000
	ISLAND BEACH CLUB	2265 W Gulf Dr #340D	2	2	1,350	0	09/07/2018	\$1,379,000	\$1,260,000
	KIMBALL LODGE	3111 West Gulf Drive #303	1	2	934	219	08/01/2018	\$595,000	\$595,000
	POINTE SANTO DE SANIBEL	2445 W Gulf Dr #B21	2	2	1,243	206	10/05/2018	\$729,000	\$675,000
	SPANISH CAY	1610 Middle Gulf Dr #A7	1	1	820	409	10/02/2018	\$259,000	\$245,000
	SPANISH CAY	1610 Middle Gulf Dr #4	2	2	1,200	67	08/03/2018	\$399,000	\$390,000
SINGLE FAMILY	GUMBO LIMBO	1555 Bunting Ln	2	2	1,644	61	08/15/2018	\$569,000	\$539,500
	METES AND BOUNDS	2029 Periwinkle Way	4	3	3,143	357	10/09/2018	\$1,690,000	\$1,600,000

	SANIBEL ISLAND - WEST													
	Subdivision	Address	Beds	Baths	Sq.Ft.	DOM	Close Date	List Price	Sold Price					
CONDOS	BLIND PASS	5117 Sea Bell Rd #G203	2	2	1,237	62	08/20/2018	\$459,000	\$440,000					
SINGLE FAMILY	BELLE MEADE	9211 Dimmick Dr	3	2	1,500	83	09/27/2018	\$599,900	\$553,000					
	BELLE MEADE	9240 Belding Dr	3	2	1,734	90	09/05/2018	\$535,000	\$525,000					
	BETTS	6143 Henderson Road	4	3	2,050	131	08/01/2018	\$399,000	\$380,000					
	CASTAWAY ESTATES	5885 Pine Tree Dr	3	2	1,812	192	08/27/2018	\$549,000	\$520,000					
	GULF PINES	4239 Gulf Pines Dr	3	2	1,559	223	09/30/2018	\$695,000	\$667,500					
	GULF PINES	978 Black Skimmer Way	3	2	1,490	193	08/31/2018	\$695,000	\$658,000					
	HERONS LANDING	5410 Osprey Ct	3	2	2,467	214	08/30/2018	\$749,000	\$700,000					
	HERONS LANDING	5430 Osprey Ct	3	3	2,215	97	08/14/2018	\$599,900	\$595,000					
	METES AND BOUNDS	5657 Sanibel Captiva Rd	3	2	2,194	57	08/31/2018	\$1,299,000	\$1,200,000					
	ROCKS WEST	3784 Coquina Dr	3	3	2,180	222	08/31/2018	\$549,999	\$532,500					
	SANIBEL BAYOUS	5299 Umbrella Pool Rd	3	2	1,862	0	09/17/2018	\$539,000	\$470,000					
	SANIBEL BAYOUS	5306 Ladyfinger Lake Rd	3	2	1,666	264	08/06/2018	\$539,900	\$522,500					
	SANIBEL RIVER ESTATES	438 Surf Sound Ct	3	2	2,094	70	08/27/2018	\$799,000	\$774,000					
	TRADEWINDS	4772 Tradewinds Dr	3	2	1,584	38	08/17/2018	\$819,000	\$795,000					



Captiva Island



Sanibel Island

READY TO SELL FOR MORE?



by Susan McCallion

Dear Susan, my family grandchildren coming down to visit us on family



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might be outgrowing our island sellers right now. The island has home, and in need of something limited inventory, and we will ask yourself is... are you ready to with at least one more bedroom is growing with more and larger living space. We've made a few upgrades to our home since purchasing it, so I think it is vacations each year! I think we ready for the market whenever we are. I know peak season for SWFL is around the corner, so I've heard now is the best time to get our home on the market. I'm hoping to discuss with you whether this is the right approach and if the market conditions are favorable for listing this month.

– Matt

is that the market is strong for better.

see an influx of potential buyers sell? If your answer is yes, then it's coming to town over the next few time to get started. You've already months. So in that aspect, yes, completed a few updates to your now is the time to get your home home, so before you list you'll need on the market.

situation, you might also want in your market. You'll also need to start looking at your upgrade to begin thinking about staging property. If you have equity on and landscaping, and finally, your your side and find yourself with strategy for negotiating offers. If enough equity to pay off your you're ready get started on these current mortgage and provide at tasks, or would like additional least a 20% down payment—it's information, please give me or my a good time to upgrade. Or, if team a call. We're here to help. Dear Matt, the decision to you're already out of debt or close sell your home shouldn't to it with enough cash in the bank be based solely on market to purchase a home and keep an Island Resident, Co-Founder and conditions, but the good news emergency fund, then that's even Broker of McCallion & McCallion

The real question you must to find out it's current value and Depending on your financial listing price based on comparisons

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3 Seller Mistakes You Can't Afford To Make

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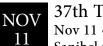
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what's happening on Sanibel and Captiva





37th Taste of the Islands Nov 11 • 12:30 – 5 pm Sanibel Community Park

Presented by CROW, Taste is one of the longest running food festivals in the area! Enjoy more than a dozen Island restaurants serving samples of great cuisine. Adults \$7, Children under 12 are free.





Sanibel Farmers Market November • 8am Sanibel City Hall

It's back! Every Sunday from 8am-1pm at City Hall. There are a variety of stands with fresh, local goods for sale such as local produce, meats, cheeses, flowers, and other handmade products like beautiful scented soap.



Historical Village Volunteer Training

Nov. 5 & 12 • Time TBA Sanibel Historical Village

The Sanibel Historical Village, after being closed for a few months for renovations, reopened Oct. 16. Volunteer training will be November 5th and 12th. New volunteers are always needed! Contact Ms. Alfino if interested 239-472-4648.



International Games Week Nov. 6-10 • 2-4pm Captiva Memorial Library

A world-wide initiative to reconnect communities through their libraries, Captiva Memorial Library will host a week of educational, recreational and social games for different age groups plus corn hole in the courtyard for all ages.



Wines in the Wild Nov. 9 • 6:30-9pm **Bailey Homestead Preserve**

Presented by SCCF, enjoy food and wine pairings from six local Island restaurants, with Bailey's General Store as the returning wine sponsor. Attendees are encouraged to wear festive island attire and enjoy live music and a live auction in addition to wonderful food, wine and fellowship.



F.I.S.H Chris Coile Concert Nov. 20 • 6-7:30pm George & Wendy's

FISH Board Member and local Sanibel entertainer, Chris Coile, will begin his performances at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille on Tues. Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m. Concerts will run every third Tuesday of the month through March.



BIG ARTS - Open Mic Nov. 28 • 7:30pm Strauss Theater

Ioin others in the community and get up on stage to express your creative spirit and talent through the spoken word. \$8.50 per person, tickets available online or at the box office.



Celebrity Chef Tour Nov. 29 • 6:30pm Il Cielo

The James Beard Foundation's Celebrity Chef Tour brings a taste of what happens at the James Beard House in NYC to cities across the country. Hosted by Il Cielo's Chef Melissa Akin, the event begins with a cocktail reception, followed by a multi-course dinner with wine pairings.



Sanibel Luminary Night Dec. 7 • 5:30pm Sanibel Island

Save the date on your calendars for Sanibel's 34th Annual Luminary Festival and Holiday Stroll along the shared use path. Stop by local restaurants and businesses and enjoy meeting new faces while spreading holiday cheer!



Captiva Luminary Night Dec. 8 • 5:30pm Captiva Island

Captiva's Luminary Night is always the day after Sanibel's. Save the date for their 34th Annual Luminary Festival, a community event that brings together residents, visitors, businesses and organizations for a night of community fun, food and fellowship.



Island Churches and **Service Times:**

Bat Yam Temple of the Island Friday, 7:30pm (November - April) Saturday, Adult Ed 9-11:30am Saturday, Jewish Current Events 11:15am-12noon

> Captiva Chapel by the Sea Seasonal, November - April Sunday, 11:00am

Sanibel Community Church

Sunday 8:00am - Traditional w/Communion

9:00am - Contemporary w/Kid's Church

11:00am - Traditional w/Choir

Sanibel Congregational United **Church of Christ**

Sunday 7:45am - Chapel 9:00am - Full Service w/Childcare and Sunday School 11:00am - Full Service w/Childcare

St. Micheal and All Angels **Episcopal Church**

Saturday, 5:00pm - Rite II Sunday, 8:00am - Rite I Sunday, 10:30am - Rite II

St. Isabel Catholic Church Saturday, 5:00pm Sunday, 8:30am & 10:00am

For a complete list of events, visit www.YourSanibel.com

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poison alternatives

by Susan McCallion

anibel Island is home to a number of unique wildlife birds, animals and reptiles. The island is THIER home, and we humans are just sharing it. At least that's the rule in which island residents try to abide.

But we understand, when those pesky marsh rabbits eat hundreds of dollars worth of newly planted bushes in your yard, it's hard not to set off all the rodent poison bombs found on the massive pest control shelf at the rabbit rage.

TRY TO REFRAIN

However, as stewards of Sanibel's for your lawn and homes. mission to protect the wildlife and

PICK YOU

yourself, "Well, I'm okay with fewer most local companies provide. Home Depot. Trust me, we've felt snakes and bobcats," might I remind you that these creatures help control the harmful poisons that are found the population of pesky rabbits and to have killed a number of wildlife rats that can cause major headaches animals on island.

SCCF suggests traps as an preserve the natural ecology of the alternative to poison, setting them island, we have refrained from rodent along the perimeter or inside your poisons that have been the cause of home. They also suggest having your major wildlife loss on island, such as pest control company inspect your that of our barn owls, bobcats, and home to close any crevices where

SCCF also listed a handful of

AVOID THESE POISONS:

- Brodifacoum
- Bromaiolone
- Difenacoum
- Difethialone

as second-generation anticoagulants, which are now banned for use by homeowners by the Environmental Protection Agency, however, pesticide companies can and do still use them. So talk to your pest control company to find out what they are using.

If avoiding poison all together is not an option, please consider using less harmful solutions such as the following suggestions from SCCF.

LESS HARMFUL POISONS:

- Bromethalin
- Cholecalciferol
- Zinc phosphide
- Warfarin

Remember, SCCF serves as a great resource for any questions you have regarding toxins and poisons.

About the Author: Jim McCallion, Island Resident and Co-Founder of





Golden Geese

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a huge toll on our island's and demand clean water. businesses. According to John Lai, President of the Sanibel & our part to help our locals. I Captiva Chamber of Commerce, overall island revenues are down 39.8% year over year. This is even considering that last year was down due to Hurricane Irma. In many cases, the entire year's profits have been erased and employees laid off.

A strong tourist season is necessary for the local businesses we depend on. This perpetual should not be taken for granted. Plus, you should remember that today's tourist is tomorrow's your property resale values high. McCallion & McCallion Realty.

on our sea life. It has also taken Everyone needs to get involved

Each of us needs to do encourage you to go out to eat more frequently this year. Stop in the shops and pick up some cool merchandise our store owners have curated. When the water and weather are beautiful, share it on social media, as the traditional media won't.

So let's all take a collective deep breath, be thankful, and Golden Goose for our economy prepare to welcome our friends from "Up North". ■

About the Author: Jim McCallion, home buyer. Their demand keeps Island Resident and Co-Founder of

hinking of selling?

Now is the time to prepare.

Considering selling in the next year or two? Now is the best time to start preparations. A well-presented home earns top dollar, as many Sanibel buyers don't want to be hassled with even minor issues.

We're happy to provide you with a professional home evaluation and advice on what cost-effective items to address that will improve your home's value and shorten your time on market. It's what we know!

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on the walls of your home

by Kathryn Weber

t one time, the only interest given to walls was paint and wallpaper. Once that was done, a picture might have been hung on the wall. That's about as interesting as walls got. Today walls are getting a new level of attention with a variety of textures and options like we've never seen before. Walls don't just have to be flat and uninteresting. With all the textural options available, homeowners can select from an unlimited array of textures and design choices to create walls with a dynamic appeal.

LAP IT UP

It's easy to add interest to your walls, and texture is one of an interior designer's favorite ways to add decorative appeal in a room. One of the more popular home decor shows, "Fixer Upper," frequently used shiplap as a way to warm up a home and create some texture. The shiplap was often made from plywood strips or crafted from reclaimed wood. But there's still much more that you can do besides shiplap for wall decor.

TILE ME ABOUT IT

All too often kitchen tile stops at a backsplash. Take your kitchen up a style notch or two by carrying tiles all the way up to the ceiling.



It's especially effective around areas like the sink or cooktop area to create a focal point. Plus, with the ease of care tile offers, cleaning around these two areas is a snap.

Try a patterned tile for more interest or a solidcolored tile for a smooth and seamless look. Give your kitchen new height by turning subway tiles on the vertical to make the room feel taller.

TEXTURE BY THE FOOT

Besides wood options of shiplap, tongue-in-groove and beadboard paneling, you can also use textured wall panels. One type of panel looks like wood and comes in a variety of colors and styles, but the best part is that it's a peel and stick product (www.wallplanks.com).

If you're not going for a wood look and you don't want the work of tile, a new wall panel is on the market. These panels are similar to wood paneling in that they come in large sheets or oversized tiles, but unlike flat wood or tile, these panels offer homeowners deep,

(www.art3d.com). The panels come in various sizes from 1-by-1-foot squares to panels 3 feet wide and 8 feet high. And they're paintable!

Almost any kind of texture you want can be found in wall panels. From leather, stone, plaster or metal, wall panels can be found in almost every possible shape and texture (www.talissadecor.com).

These dimensional wall panels come in a variety of shapes such as wave, basket weave, brick or stone (www. allmodern.com). Years ago, three-dimensional texture embossed wallpaper with

small raised designs was about the most you could find on the market that offered any real wall dimension. Anaglypta was another wall covering that offered some texture, but it didn't offer much more than a slightly raised design.

Today's new wall panels offer homeowners astounding array of designs and textures that will fit into any decor, giving your walls punch and style.

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by Kathryn Weber

merely a different colored wall behind a sofa or a bed. But accent walls have changed, and they're used in new ways to create a stylish and unique look that been looking for a way to freshen up the decor around your home, maybe it's time to rethink this decorative standby. With today's new designs, a new and improved needs.

NEW TAKES

that idea on its ear by making your accent while adding color. wall one that can stand on its own. One a pattern or strong design is one way to standout look. make a smaller room look larger.

Once upon a time, miles and miles of tile hit the mark. Now, bathrooms are crying out for something besides an ocean of one type of tile with a small accent piece. Instead, create a highly designed shower into a showpiece.

The "fifth wall" is another great room some interest and freshness. By the same token, floors can just as easily be turned into an accent piece. Highly graphical mosaic or cement tiles are packed with style and design and make a

great way to introduce a punch of decor. Look, too, at hallways and foyers. More T t used to be that accent walls were than just pass-through areas, give these spots a chance to make a statement.

ACCENT ON TEXTURE

Like living rooms, bedrooms often goes well past simple color. If you've merely were a place to slap a coat of paint up and call it an accent wall. Take this a step further by creating a textured wall behind the bed. Using textured wallboards, you can make accent wall may be just what your house your bedroom, and bed, really stand out from the design crowd. The same can be said for hallways, stairwells and living rooms. Shiplap, board and batten, Once upon a time, an accent wall tile, wallpaper and beadboard all make meant a simple color pulled from a rug interesting choices for accent walls. Try or piece of upholstery so as to blend in painting a tin or anaglypta wallpaper to with the furnishings in the room. Turn bring both texture and a raised relief,

Take a hint from Las Vegas hotels highly designed wallpaper is all you need with an oversized upholstered wall behind to create a focal point behind the sofa. your bed. It will look luxurious, add Besides being a decorative draw, adding some sound insulation and really create a

Let's also not forget murals. Large-There's also a new take on bathrooms. scale, high-impact wall murals that add an artistic flair are a far cry from the forest and beach scenes of yesteryear. Look online at Vimagio.com or Rebelwalls.com. Murals are one continuous pattern versus the repeating pattern of wallpaper, and they bathroom by adding a graphic tile in just look updated in today's designs. For fans the shower, for example. This turns your of florals, it's hard to find more beautiful murals than Surfaceview.co.uk.

Give your walls a second glance. An location to add some attention. Look at updated accent wall is an easy decorating adding texture on the ceiling to give your project that can quickly refresh your home's style. ■

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DECORATING WITH CRYSTALS, STONES AND GEODES there is a window behind them, you'll see a variety of geode lights, by Kathryn Weber Agate is another stone that ranges in the light will make the distinctive accessories and decor items. But

ulled straight from the ground, crystals and geodes are nature's very own decorative objects. They shimmer and twinkle, and they fit into any decor. Right now, crystals and geodes can be an exciting and fresh addition to your home, and they're a natural touch that's visually interesting.

TYPES OF STONE

Geodes are typically a stone that has an indented center that, when cracked open, reveals its natural formations. But geodes can also be pieces of flat stone that show their crystals. Geodes can be found in many types of stone such as citrine, a stone that ranges from light lemon yellow to deep amber color. Or, they can be amethyst from the palest lavender to deepest royal purple.

coloring from white, red, green, blue or brown. Natural crystals also have a variety and range of colors to fit into any color scheme.

DISTINCTIVELY DECORATIVE

Maybe it was all the quartz and granite counters in kitchens that turned the design world toward decor items with natural stone. These versatile wonders of geology can won't stop talking about your make a statement on your tabletop. From coasters to lamps and lighting, stones, crystals and geodes are at home anywhere in your house.

For something traditional, add a sliced and mounted agate from Target on a bookshelf for added interest. At about \$30, you'll get a trendy item that's completely

Sliced agates can also be displayed on a side table. When placed where

coloring and features glow, and if it there's also nothing like a geode itself. has crystals, they'll sparkle.

Maybe you need a pair of bookends on a table or bookshelf. A set of blue crystal agate bookends from Williams-Sonoma will make a striking look with their veins of varied shades of blue.

At your next soiree, guests gilded fluorite serving platter (www.zgallerie.com). If that isn't enough to wow them, turn up the light on a Corbett Rockstar sliced geode chandelier (**Houzz.com**). It's an eye watering beauty and has the price tag to match, but no one will forget the earthy glow from this magnificent piece. If budget is a concern, give the Highland Dunes agate four light chandelier from Wayfair a look.

A quick peruse online, and

GO BIG

For extra wow-factor, try an oversized geode, sometimes called cathedral geodes. There are some that are 2 feet to 6 feet tall, with the price tags to match, but no one will forget them. Large specimen items have a way of anchoring a corner, a coffee table or an entry foyer. They're often found in homes where feng shui is in practice; and according to feng shui, you should look for a stone that speaks to you. Look for formations on sites like www.empressivegeodesigns.com for large geode lamps, bowls and

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Susan McCallion helped both sides of this recent sale in the Dunes of Sanibel Neighborhood!

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8 Home Security Hacks Recommended by Police

it never hurts to stay up to date with the latest home security technology on the market. Read on for eight simple home security hacks from a recent home safety evaluation conducted by a outdoor flood lights, get police officer. Number one them. If you have them, is especially important to make sure the bulbs are in those homeowner's who just working order. purchased on island!"

1. CHANGE THE LOCKS

When was the last time How many previous owners have there been and how many keys have been given online. out to neighbors, friends, family or delivery people?

anibel & Captiva You never know who has you can change your locks immediately.

2. REPLACE OUTDOOR **LIGHTBULBS**

3. PLACE AN ALARM SIGN IN YOUR YARD

Many would-be thieves you changed the locks? won't approach a house if they think it has an alarm. You can get an alarm sign

4. BUY AN **INDOOR CAMERA**

Cameras can capture a Islands have fairly low a second copy, and for less suspect in the act and let crime rates, however, than \$100 at Home Depot, homeowners check the footage from anywhere. stay safe is to work together vision, and they're motion other and what better way to activated and affordable. You start that relationship than If you don't have can get them on Amazon for with a plate of cookies? about \$25 each.

5. GET OUT THE **GARDEN SHEARS**

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6. BAKE SOME COOKIES

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crime and prevent would-be criminals from entering the neighborhood.

8. ASK FOR A SECURITY **SURVEY**

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- 12 medium-sized heads Belgian endive
- Kosher salt
- · Freshly ground white pepper
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 lemon juiced
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon minced Italian

BRAISED BELGIAN ENDIVE

Preheat the oven to 500 F. Meanwhile, with a small, sharp knife, carefully cut shallow notches about 1/4 inch deep across the stem end of each head of endive, which will help them cook more evenly.

In a shallow, ovenproof sauté pan large enough to hold the endives side by side, arrange the endives in a single layer. Pour in enough cold water to cover them halfway. Season lightly, but evenly, with salt and white pepper. Sprinkle evenly with the sugar and lemon juice. Dot evenly with small pieces of 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter.

Cut a piece of parchment paper to a size just large enough to fit inside the pan. Place the paper on top of the endives. Place a heavy, heatproof plate on top of the parchment paper to weight it down.

Put the pan on the stovetop. Bring the liquid to a boil over medium-high heat. Then, transfer the pan to the oven and cook until the bases of the endives are tender enough to be pierced easily with the tip of a small, sharp knife, 35 to 40 minutes; check every 10 minutes or so to make sure the liquid in the pan has not evaporated. If necessary, carefully remove the pan to add a little boiling water.

When the endives are done, remove the pan from the oven and set aside to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes. If you plan to serve the endives right away, hold the plate in place and carefully drain off the liquid from the pan; if not, store the endives in their cooking liquid in a covered container in the refrigerator.

Before serving, heat the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons butter in a sauté pan over medium-high heat until foamy. Drain off any liquid from the endives and place them in the pan. Sauté, turning the endives occasionally with kitchen tongs, until they are golden brown on all sides. Transfer to a heated platter, and sprinkle with parsley. before serving. Serves 6. ■

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financial advice



IS LTC INSURANCE STILL RELEVANT?

by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company

ccording to the U.S. Department ► Health and Human Services, a 65-year-old now retirement.

help them offset the costs for in-home care, assisted living, living, or memory care.

person for at least 90 days, or be diagnosed as cognitively impaired.

One challenge for those who purchased coverage years ago is that when the insurance companies first has a 70% chance of needing offered the coverage they some form of long-term care lacked a history of claims in his or her lifetime, most experience, miscalculated likely due to chronic illness, that people would live cognitive impairment, or longer, failed to anticipate mobility issues. On average, the rapid increase in a 65-year-old couple will health care costs, and were spend more than \$100,000 unable to achieve adequate on long-term care during investment returns due their lifetimes - in addition to the low interest rate to the \$225,000 they will environment. As a result spend on medical expenses in insurers incurred huge large reductions in the problems of the past. independent benefits paid.

"Today, few insurance companies continue to write traditional longterm care policies and have instead developed hybrid solutions ..."

Now the question is Gauging when to choices.

Since the 1980s and those policies were subject creating more flexible combination of some brokers who specialize premiums or, conversely, to overcome the pricing and provide protection to with multiple carriers preserve assets.

Today, few insurance whether long-term care purchase coverage is also Many of those policies companies continue to insurance should be difficult. More than 50%

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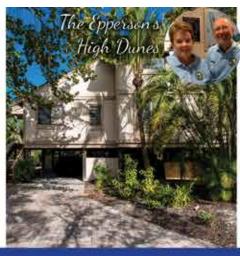
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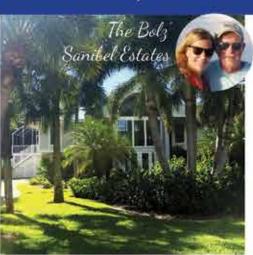




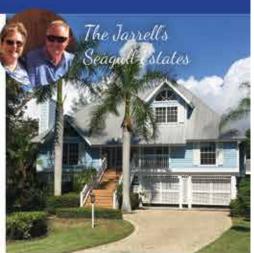


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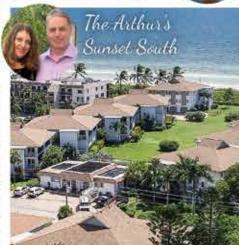
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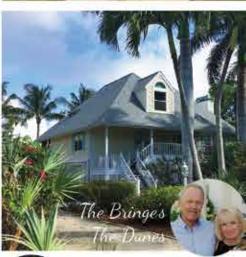


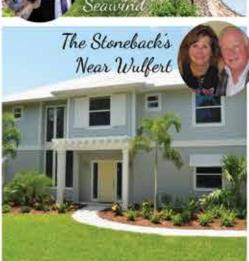






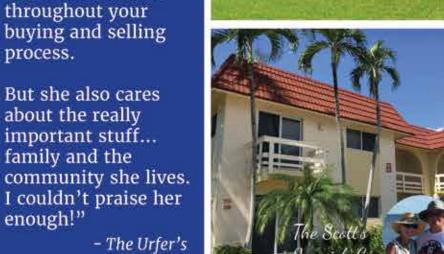








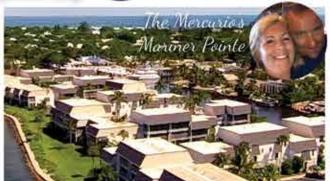






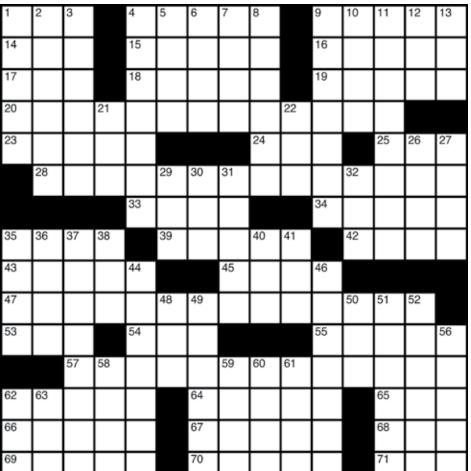








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- Online cash-back deal
- WSW's opposite
- Giveaway bags
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- Painful reality that one doesn't want to face
- Bite-sized fish dish
- Bond creator Fleming
- "I thought so!"
- Close enough to share intimate secrets
- 33 Didn't toss out
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- 2015 award for Steph Curry 5
- Have a craving (for)
- Crucifix letters
- 43 Skin irritations
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- Features of many mountain roads
- Walk-__: small roles
- British ref. work
- March b-ball tourneys, casually

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1984 #1 hit for Cyndi Lauper

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- Start to type?
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- Tapered boat
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- "Patience __ virtue"
- Use up money
- Cook, as mussels
- 71 Body art, briefly ... and, initially, a hint to this puzzle's four longest answers

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- 30 Big primate
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- Quarterback Manning
- This, in Spain
- Scattered, as seed
- Uncorrupted
- "Of course!"
- Angler's pole
- Cashew or almond
- Trod heavily
- Solarium
- 48 Set eyes on
- Responds well to change
- 50 Sales slip: Abbr.
- 51 Stick the landing, say
- Stuffed Indian pastry
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