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AMY'S BLINDS Elevate Your Space with Stunning Window Treatments

By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer

If you're seeking the perfect window treatments for your home, office, or condo, look no further than Amy's Blinds. Led by the passionate owner, Amy Poss, this exceptional service will make your blind selection process a breeze.

At Amy's Blinds, you'll receive unparalleled personal attention. Amy herself will visit your location, equipped with a wide variety of Hunter Douglas product samples. With her expertise, she'll assist you in choosing the most functional and aesthetically pleasing options for your space.

As the summer heat intensifies and air conditioners hum constantly, now is the ideal moment to explore the energy-saving wonders of Hunter Douglas' finest products. Consider the exquisite Duette Honeycomb Shades, Sonnette Cellular Roller Shades, and Vignette Modern Roman Blinds, which add elegance to your space and boast remarkable energy efficiency, ultimately leading to significant savings on your utility bills.

Amy's dedication to the industry stems from her years of experience with a related company specializing in Hunter Douglas products. This background inspired her to establish her own business, driven by a passion for delivering top-notch service to her clients.

Amy's Blinds offers a "virtual" advisory and selection process through their user-friendly website, amysblinds.com, to make the process even smoother. Now, you can explore and choose your ideal window treatments from the comfort of your own home.

Amy's Blinds boasts a wide range of options to suit every preference. They have everything from simple roller versions to motorized honeycomb, roller, and screen shades that can be controlled via handheld remotes or mobile apps. The materials



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include woven wood, wood and metal, assorted fabrics, and durable plastic/aluminum - the possibilities are virtually limitless!

Amy emphasizes the importance of selecting window treatment styles early in the planning stages of renovations or new construction, especially with the booming development in Southwest Florida. Even though window treatments may be considered the final touches, Amy believes it's never too early to envision how they'll enhance your homes, condos, and offices.

Another key priority at Amy's Blinds is keeping clients informed about their orders, which are custom-built by Hunter Douglas. You'll be updated on expected delivery and installation times through communication channels such as phone calls, texts,



Owner, Amy Poss holds a Pirouette shade with Power View motorization.

or emails - a gesture their satisfied customers appreciate.

Prices at Amy's Blinds vary depending on the material and style choices, catering to a wide range of budgets. You'll find simple and purely functional blinds available at budget-friendly levels.

In conclusion, if you want to elevate the ambiance of your space with exquisite window treatments, Amy's Blinds is your go-to destination. With Amy's expert guidance and an impressive array of Hunter Douglas products, achieving the perfect blend of functionality and beauty has never been easier. Visit Amy's Blinds today and embark on your journey to a more stylish and energy-efficient living or working environment.

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Captain Patrick "Pat" Lewis, the sole owner of Blue Runner Charters, in Marco Island was diagnosed with a very rare, and potentially life-threatening, auto immune disease - Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis. Due to this illness, he is currently dealing with nasal deterioration, poor respiration, and heightened anxiety. He has not been able to work since February.

We are unsure exactly what the course of treatment will look like, but it has been confirmed that it will be a long road of medications, intravenous infusions, surgery and constant bloodwork. We are currently traveling to Miami to see his doctors and will continue to travel for his treatment. Facing the financial responsibility of paying for life-long medical treatment is overwhelming.

I write this to appeal to our generous community. If you can find the time, please say a prayer, book a charter or, if you feel so inclined, please donate. We have set up a Go Fund Me Fundraiser: *Help Captain Patrick Charter Fish Again*. You can go to: Truist Bank at 950 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island, FL. Account: Go Fund Me Captain Pat to make a donation. If you can help spread the word in your social groups and on social media, that would be of great assistance and appreciation.

We don't know what lies ahead but the unknown financial burden that this rare illness weighs on him is unfathomable.

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NOAA Predicts a Near-Normal 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Info Courtesy of NOAA

NOAA forecasters with the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, predict near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season, which goes from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season and a 30% chance of a below-normal season.

NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has a 70% confidence in these ranges.

"Thanks to the Commerce Department and NOAA's critical investments this year in scientific and technological advancements in hurricane modeling, NOAA will be able to deliver even more accurate forecasts, helping ensure communities have the information they need to prepare for and respond to the destructive economic and ecological impacts of Atlantic hurricanes," said Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo.

The upcoming Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be less active than recent years, due to competing factors — some that suppress storm development and some that fuel it — driving this year's overall forecast for a near-normal season.

After three hurricane seasons with La Nina present, NOAA scientists predict a high potential for El Nino to develop this summer, which can suppress Atlantic hurricane activity. El Nino's potential influence on storm development could be offset by favorable conditions local to the tropical Atlantic Basin. Those conditions include the potential for an above-normal west African monsoon, which produces African easterly waves and seeds some of the stronger and longer-lived Atlantic storms, and warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea which creates more energy to fuel storm development. These factors are part of the longer term variability in Atlantic atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to hurricane development — known as the high-activity era for Atlantic hurricanes — which have been producing more active Atlantic hurricane seasons since 1995.

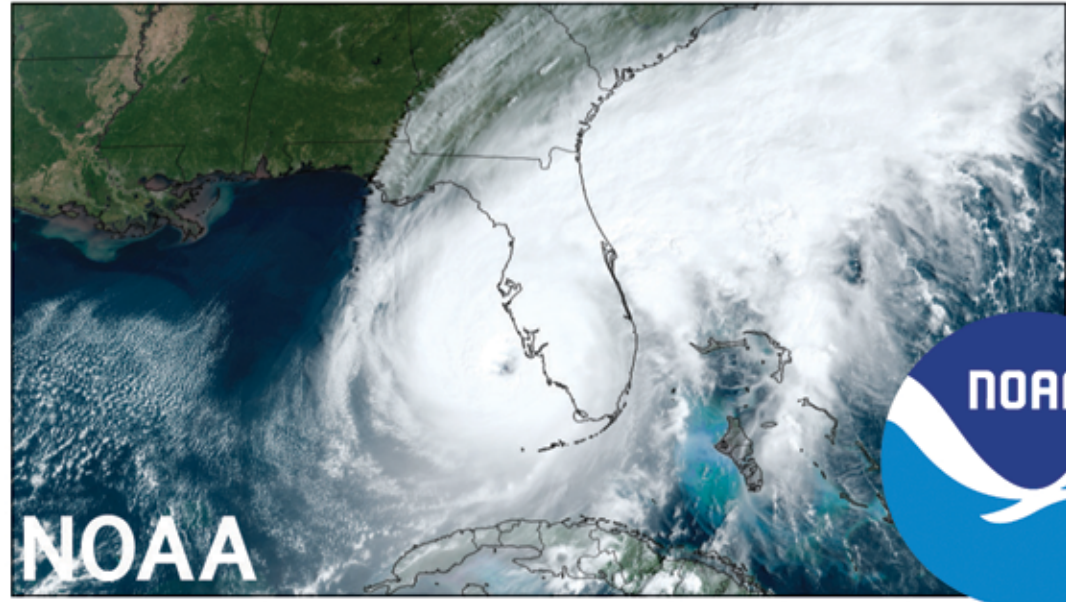
"With a changing climate, the data and expertise NOAA provides to emergency managers and partners to support decision-making before, during and after a hurricane has never been more crucial," said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. "To that end, this year we are operationalizing a new hurricane forecast model and extending the tropical cyclone outlook graphic from five to seven days, which will provide emergency managers and communities with more time to prepare for storms."

This summer, NOAA will implement a series of upgrades and improvements. NOAA will expand the capacity of its operational supercomputing system by 20%. This increase in computing capability will enable NOAA to improve and run more complex forecast models, including significant model upgrades this hurricane season.

"As we saw with Hurricane Ian, it only takes one hurricane to cause widespread devastation and upend lives. So regardless of the number of storms predicted this season, it is critical that everyone understand their risk and heed the warnings of state and local officials. Whether you live on the coast or further inland, hurricanes can cause serious impacts to everybody in their path," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell.

NOAA's outlook is for overall seasonal activity and is not a landfall forecast. In addition to the Atlantic seasonal outlook, NOAA also issues seasonal hurricane outlooks for the eastern Pacific and central Pacific hurricane basins. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center will update the 2023 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the historical peak of the season.

Visit ready.gov for readiness resources, and get real time emergency alerts by downloading the FEMA App. Actions taken today can save your life when disaster strikes. The time to prepare is now. More information is also available at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov.



NOAA GOES satellite captures Hurricane Ian as it made landfall on the barrier island of Cayo Costa in southwest Florida on September 28, 2022. PHOTO COURTESY OF NOAA



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SEAWALL SMARTS

Multi-faceted Imperial Marine Construction Leads The Way

By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer

Waterfront property owners who need seawall repairs or replacement needn't look further than Marco Island's own Imperial Marine Construction with over 100 years staff combined experience in the field.

The same goes for docks, decks, boatlifts, rip-rap, tie backs, pile wraps, repairs and maintenance - all of which carry free estimates as well.

The company, just approaching its 12th anniversary of quality work on the island, concentrates almost exclusively on durable, virtually indestructible vinyl as its material of choice for seawall jobs.

"My wife and I are new to Marco Island and we could not have had a better experience with our dock being built and we're so happy with our decision to go with Imperial Marine Construction. The cost for our dock was very reasonable and it's rare to say but we feel we got our money's worth and a beautiful dock."
— Thomas R. Marco Island



This is because construction must be done from the waterside, and because of staging issues caused by fewer and fewer vacant lots being available for this purpose on the island.

A vinyl seawall has a warranty of between 35 and 50 years (concrete typically has no warranty other than a year on workmanship); vinyl will not warp or fade over time; it handles hurricanes and storm surge well, especially when placed in front of the existing concrete (as is usual and typical), and installation time is about the same.

In an era of increasing environmental concern, says Bernice, vinyl is perfect because it doesn't decompose.

Vinyl is maintenance free, unlike concrete's seams that degrade, barnacles have a harder time clinging to the surface, and aesthetically vinyl is simply more pleasing.

When you call the company, point man is Bryan Russell - who has decades of experience in marine construction.

Bryan will explain the technicalities, such as how the tough vinyl sheets interlock and are sunk deeper than the concrete counterparts.

He's also an expert on all the other facets of Imperial Marine's services, and notes too that extended "land decks" are becoming increasingly popular with waterfront dwellers on Marco.

"They add more living space," Bryan says. "They tie everything in, and it looks really clean."

Vital to every construction company, of course, are reliable crews. Imperial has long-serving, specialist crews for docks and for seawalls, for example.

This, Bernice says, fits with the company's motto of "Where Great Price and Quality Work Meet."

For more information, visit their website at ImperialMarineConstruction.com or call Bernice at 239-272-3152. Bryan's e-mail is bwr.imc@gmail.com, and his contact number is (239) 272-6952

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We work year round to educate the public about the importance of protecting these animals and peacefully co-existing with wildlife. Our Healing Hearts program takes it one step further by sharing our residents' stories of "rags to riches" with children and others who have experienced neglect, abandonment or abuse and giving the humans interacting with them hope for the future and what it holds.

Shy Wolf Sanctuary provides a permanent home to over 60 exotic residents and sometimes as many as 70 animals. The wolves and other resident animals are housed on a 2.5 acre property in Naples (FL) and are supported by over 80 active volunteers. Captive-bred exotic animals such as wolfdogs are generally considered unadoptable by domestic animal services and have nowhere else to go. Shy Wolf Sanctuary is literally their last hope.

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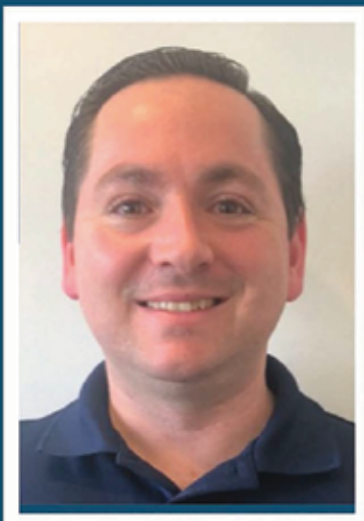
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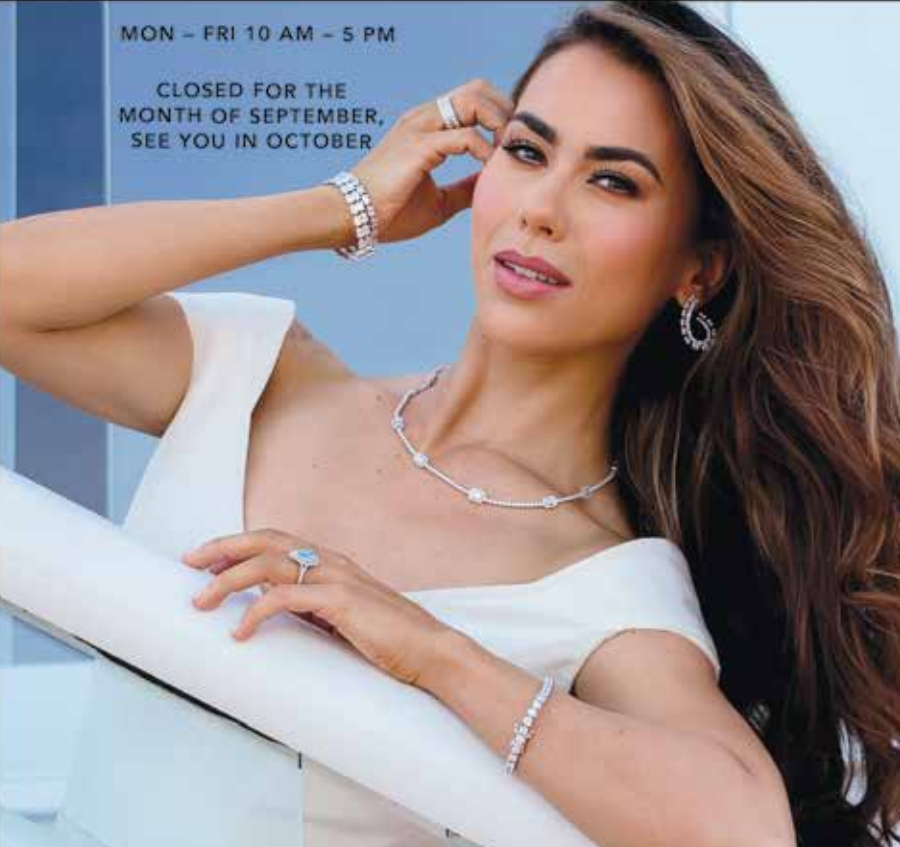


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Most malaria cases diagnosed in the United States are imported, usually by persons who travel to countries where malaria is endemic. However, locally acquired mosquito-transmitted malaria cases can occur, as *Anopheles* mosquito vectors exist throughout the United States. In 2003 there were 8 cases of locally acquired *P. vivax* malaria identified in Palm Beach County, FL.

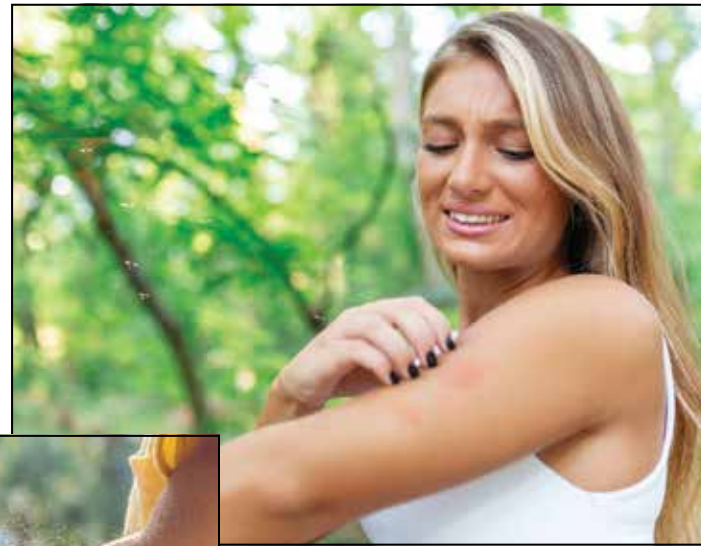
The Florida Department of Health is working closely with local partners and county mosquito control in Sarasota County and Manatee County to prevent further transmission of malaria and enhance case detection. They have conducted both aerial and truck spraying in the general area where the individual lives. State and local public health professionals have communicated to area clinicians and the public to raise awareness and provide guidance.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is working with local health departments to conduct ongoing surveillance for additional cases and mosquito surveillance and control.

The risk of locally acquired malaria is extremely low in the United States. Malaria and other diseases can be spread by mosquitoes. To prevent mosquito bites, use insect repellent containing DEET, wear loose-fitted long-sleeved shirts and pants, and use screens on windows and doors.

In addition to routinely considering malaria for febrile patients with a history of travel to areas where malaria is transmitted, the diagnosis of malaria should also be considered in any person with fever of unknown origin regardless of travel history.

Testing mosquitoes for *Plasmodium* outside of the area where locally transmitted



cases have been found will be of limited value. There's no reason to believe that other areas are at a higher risk than usual for local malaria transmission. The key remains early detection and treatment of imported human cases to minimize the risk of onward transmission. If programs have a routine protocol for enhanced trapping and control around imported human malaria cases and they would like to test the mosquitoes they trap for *Plasmodium*, CDC can share relevant testing protocols.

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease caused by a parasite. People with malaria often experience fever, chills, and flu-like illness. Left untreated, they may develop severe complications and die. In 2020 an estimated 241 million cases of malaria occurred worldwide and 627,000 people died, mostly children in sub-Saharan Africa. About 2,000 cases of malaria are diagnosed in the United States each year. The vast majority of cases in the United States are in travelers and immigrants returning from countries where malaria transmission occurs, many from sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Signs and symptoms of malaria may include: Fever, Chills, General feeling of discomfort, Headache, Nausea and vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal pain, Muscle or joint pain, Fatigue, Rapid breathing, Rapid heart rate, Cough.

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Malaria signs and symptoms typically begin within a few weeks after being bitten by an infected mosquito. However, some types of malaria parasites can lie dormant in your body for up to a year.

View the COCA webinar, Review of Malaria Diagnosis and Treatment in the United States. Read the Health Alert Network Health Advisory: Locally Acquired Malaria Cases Identified in the United States.

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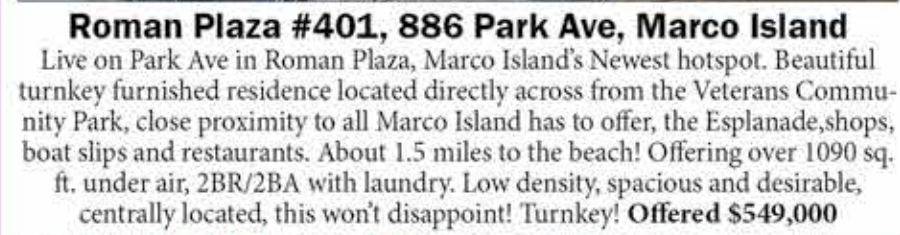
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 - 26 Boring
 - 27 Sparks org.
 - 28 Singer Sheena
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 - 35 Tidal movement
 - 36 Joey of kiddie lit
 - 38 Final thoughts?
 - 40 Buenos ___
 - 41 Hand or foot
 - 42 "Mental Illness" Grammy winner Aimee
 - 46 HDTV choice
 - 47 ___ shadow
 - 48 Unexpected endings
 - 49 "I'm blushing!"
 - 50 "Fancy!"
 - 52 Southern California chain known for pastrami
 - 54 Tidal movement
 - 56 Lets use for now
 - 57 Ideal places
 - 58 Some matriarchs
 - 62 "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck
 - 64 1910s conflict, for short
 - 65 Narc's org.
 - 66 Unit of corn
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You'll find the Answers in the Next Issue. Last Issue's Answers are on the Next Left Hand Page

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CONTEST RULES



AMY'S BLINDS
ON MARCO ISLAND

Our current contest awards a \$50 Publix Gift Card to one lucky winner from Amy's Blinds. You can read their story on page 1 and see their ad on page 14.

CONTEST RULES: Double your chances of winning! You can enter by just emailing us at contest@marcoislandgazette.com with your name, address, and daytime phone number. Please write in the subject line Marco Island Gazette Contest. One single entry per household by just entering. You can also enter a second time by correctly completing either of the two puzzles on page 24. Take a picture with your phone or scanner and email your entry to contest@marcoislandgazette.com. Please include your name, address, and daytime telephone number. Please write in the subject line Marco Island Gazette Contest. The maximum number of entries allowed per household is two, one by regular entry and the second by correctly completing either of the two puzzles.

THE DEADLINE TO ENTER is Thursday, September 28th, 2023. The contest drawing is to be held Friday, September 29th, 2023, by the age-old tradition of pulling names out of a hat. See our upcoming October edition of the Marco Island Gazette for the winner's name.

IMPORTANT: The winner is responsible for any applicable taxes. The prize awarded is between the prize sponsor and the winner, and in any event, Marco Island Gazette will not be held liable for issues arising from the award of said prize. By providing your email, you agree to receive further communications from the Marco Island Gazette and its partners. You can opt out by stating in your contest entry or entries you wish to do so. If you do not opt out when entering our contest, you may do so at any time by clicking on the opt-out function in any email received from our partners.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY to enter and win. Thank you to everyone who entered our last issue's contest.

Congratulations to our Last Issue's Contest Winner: Tracy Dohrmann, who won a \$50 gift card from KJ Chinese Bistro & Sushi (formerly Su's Garden).

If you are a business owner and would like to sponsor a prize and showcase a product or service, please call us at 239-963-4656



Florida Highway Patrol Competes in 2023 America's Best Looking Cruiser Contest

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is representing the state in the Annual American Association of State Troopers (AAST) "Best Looking Cruiser" contest. The competition invites law enforcement agencies from across the country to submit photographs of their cruisers, with the winner gracing the cover of the 2024 AAST wall calendar. Proceeds from the calendar sales will support the AAST Foundation's mission of providing educational scholarships to dependents of member troopers.

For this year's competition, a 2019 Dodge Charger in FHP's traditional colors of black and tan was photographed by retired FHP Lieutenant Jeff Frost at Gatorland in Orlando. The black and tan scheme has been a signature of the FHP since 1939, not only for their vehicles but also their uniforms. This color combination is deeply ingrained in their identity and is a symbol of their commitment to ensuring the safety of Florida's roadways and communities.

Dave Kerner, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), stated that the contest is an opportunity for FHP to proudly represent their public safety mission and Florida's reputation as a law-and-order state. He further underscored that the FHP Black and Tan is a widely recognized symbol of their core values: Courtesy, Service, Protection.

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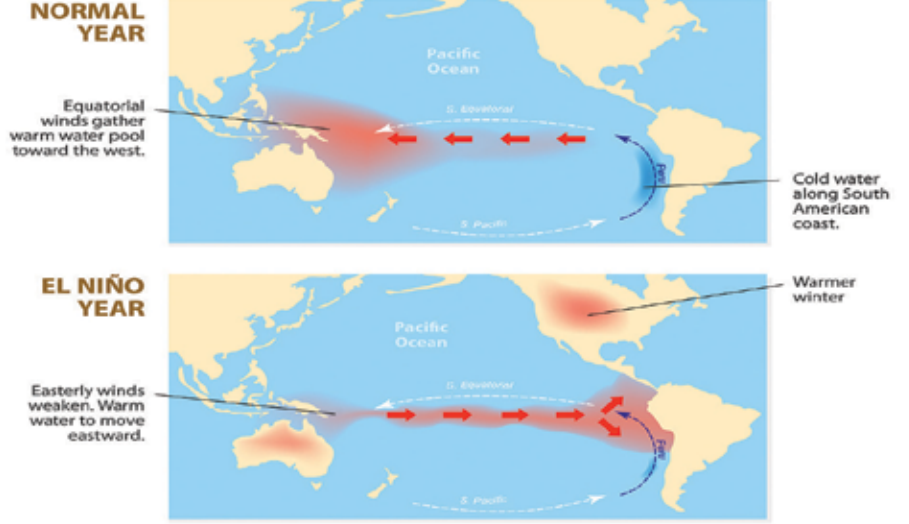
El Niño Is Officially Here, Scientists Say

Courtesy of South Florida Reporter

After months of anticipation, the ocean-warming event known as El Niño is officially here and could last until 2024, scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced in June.

El Niño events usually occur every two to seven years and are characterized by warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures around the equator in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean. But these events can be felt globally.

THE EL NIÑO PHENOMENON



"Depending on its strength, El Niño can cause a range of impacts, such as increasing the risk of heavy rainfall and droughts in certain locations around the world," Michelle L'Heureux, a physical scientist at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, said in a June 8 statement. "El Niño could lead to new records for temperatures, particularly in areas that already experience above-average temperatures during El Niño."

The last El Niño event occurred between February and August 2019, but its impacts were relatively weak. Average air temperatures tend to be higher in El Niño years than in other years, with far-reaching consequences for global weather patterns. This is compounded by the effects of climate change, which can exacerbate or mitigate certain effects of El Niño, L'Heureux said.

The advent of El Niño this year could help push global temperatures into uncharted territory and contribute to global warming crossing the 1.5-degree-Celsius (1.7 degrees Fahrenheit) threshold within the next five years, which would lead to catastrophic and irreversible climate breakdown.

Blowing All Viruses Out of Florida?



Rumor has it...

In a stunning turn of events, the legendary weather phenomenon known as El Niño has single-handedly rid the Sunshine State of all its viral troubles. Yes, you heard it right—El Niño has blown away every pesky virus from the sunny shores of Florida, leaving its residents in a state of sheer disbelief and sunscreen-slathered joy.

Meteorologists and virologists alike are scratching their heads, trying to make sense of this extraordinary occurrence. Never before has a weather phenomenon taken on the role of a superhero, rescuing a state from the clutches of microbial menaces. It seems El Niño has donned its cape and embraced the responsibility of being Florida's viral vigilante.

Sources within the weather community suggest that El Niño's warm oceanic currents have transformed into microscopic brooms, sweeping away the likes of flu, common colds, and even that dreadful sore throat you get when you drink too many mojitos.

Residents have reported walking down the streets with newfound confidence, chuckling at the very notion of sneezing or coughing. It appears that Floridians are finally free to high-five without fear, exchange hugs without hesitation, and engage in the beloved tradition of blowing out birthday candles without the looming threat of contagion.

We hope this is true.



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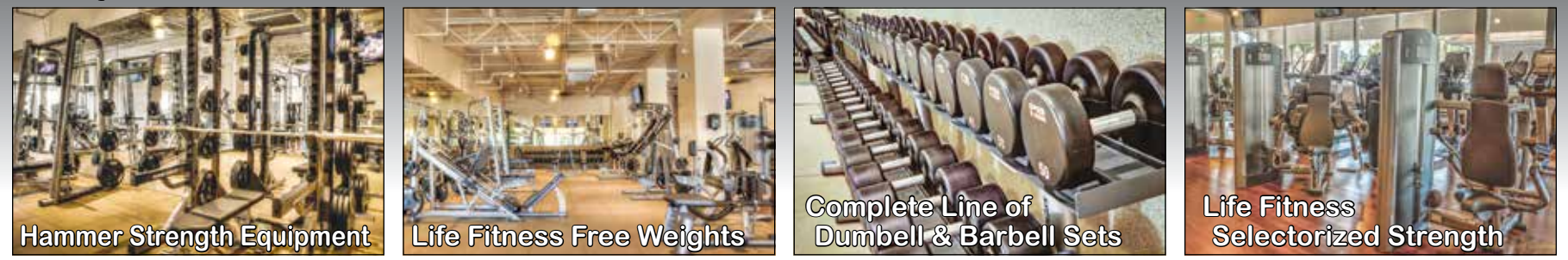
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