


DIAMOND DISTRICT  
**LIQUIDATION SALE**  
 (239) 947-3434



# PERSPECTIVE

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON JUNE 17

Mark H. Bickel Fort Myers News-Press | USA TODAY NETWORK – FLORIDA

**O**n March 7, public health officials and other leaders announced the first coronavirus death in Lee County.

Since then the number of deaths and the number of positive cases has grown. And while the numbers so far haven't risen to the levels some people had predicted, the coronavirus has become entrenched in our lives. As each day passes we are all taking one step closer to what many people like to refer to as the "new normal."

Next month will mark 100 Days of the Coronavirus in Southwest Florida. On June 17, from 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m., The News-Press, Naples Daily News and WGCU will host a virtual town hall with some of the most recognizable thought leaders in our community.

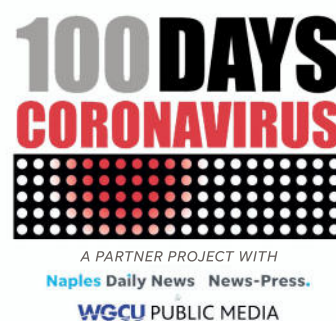
The event will be streamed on multiple platforms, broadcast/simulcast on WGCU TV and Radio and be available to watch on social media. The town hall will be interactive with live polling and immediately followed by live a question and answer session (9-9:30 p.m.) with our local leaders online

What will the "new normal" look like and how will we, as a community, successfully navigate this new path we are on?

You will hear from experts on health challenges, what's next for education, the future of the restaurant industry and the impact this pandemic has had on the under-served populations in our corner of the world.

**Participating in the discussion are:**

- Larry Antonucci, President/CEO, Lee Health
- Paul C. Hiltz, CEO/President, NCH Health System
- Sarah Owen, President/CEO, Southwest Florida Community Foundation
- Maria Jimenez-Lara, CEO, Naples Children and Education Foundation
- Annabelle Tometich, food and dining reporter, The News-Press/Naples Daily News
- Rafael Feliciano, President/CEO, Food Idea Group
- Greg Adkins, Superintendent, The School District of Lee County
- Kamela Patton, Superintendent, Collier County Public Schools
- Mike Martin, President, FGCU



**Join us**

Check [naplesnews.com](http://naplesnews.com) and [wgcu.com](http://wgcu.com) for updates and for how to connect on June 17 at 8 p.m.

**WHAT:** 100 Days of Coronavirus in Southwest Florida

**WHEN:** Wednesday,

June 17, 8-9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** This will be a virtual town hall carried live on The News-Press, Naples Daily News and WGCU content platforms

**AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT:** You will be able to ask our experts your questions and also participate in polls during the town hall.



GETTY IMAGES

## Rebuild economy that helps all Americans



**Andrew Yang**  
 Your Turn  
 Guest columnist

We have all asked ourselves these past days, "When, and how, will things go back to normal?" We miss our old routines, embracing our family and friends, seeing other people's faces and the feeling of being safe and secure.

While it's OK to miss these things and look forward to their return, the truth is that we are not going back. We are being changed by this time, and the challenge now is to get through it and to build a future that works for us and our families.

Before the pandemic, Americans were already being left behind: About 80% of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck, and about 40% couldn't afford an unexpected \$400 bill.

This was before we lost 36.5 million jobs and nearly half of us suffered reductions in income due to this crisis. The trends I ran for president on – the closing of our malls, the automation of our jobs, the need to put money into



**Before the pandemic, 78% of Americans were living paycheck-to-paycheck.**

SCOTT OLSON / GETTY IMAGES NEWS VIA GETTY IMAGES

our hands – are all here faster than anyone could have imagined.

The core message of my campaign was our need to rewrite the rules of our economy to work for all of us – the "normal people" – the average Americans. We were already enmeshed in the biggest winner-take-all economy in

the history of the world, with record inequality that was only getting worse.

About half of the income gains in the United States are flowing to the top 1% of our population. Instead of gross domestic product and stock market

See **REBUILD**, Page 11B

## Twitter, Trump collide on truth

**Ken Paulson**  
 Your Turn  
 Guest columnist

Twitter, built around brevity and speed, is about to get a lot busier. After seemingly ignoring every standard it had when it came to President Donald Trump's most outrageous tweets, Tuesday night the company posted its first fact check on a Trump claim: "There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even illegally printed out & fraudulently signed." He goes on to say the November election "will be rigged."

Normally, the tweet would have a standard life cycle. Twitter would do nothing. Trump's followers would retweet his post. Trump's detractors would tweet insults and responses. The news media would extend the tweet's reach exponentially even as they reported it was false. And then the president would tweet again.

See **TRUTH**, Page 11B