

# Market Monitor

America's Premier Self Storage Brokers

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## Love It or List It: Now is the Time!

by Ben Vestal

This time of year, we find ourselves reflecting on the things that we are grateful for and the people who mean the most to us. Here at Argus, we are thankful for the men and women who work hard to serve the needs of their self-storage clients. The Argus Self Storage Sales Network is made up of over 75 self-storage professionals (Argus Brokers Affiliates) around the country who are helping their clients navigate the buying and selling process. Over the past 21 years, Argus Affiliates have closed over one billion dollars in self-storage transactions for the benefit of their clients. These transactions have ranged from \$100,000 to over \$75,000,000. Argus affiliates have recently closed over \$200,000,000 with another \$65,000,000 under contract and \$260,000,000+ currently listed. This experience has taught us that we must advise you, our clients, that now is the time to reposition your self-storage assets to protect your value and long term growth prospects.

As self-storage brokers we spend a lot of time talking about cap rates, interest rates, market fundamentals, new development and the overall investment market. These indicators are suggesting that we may be reaching a time in the real estate cycle that allows self-storage owners to reposition their assets for long-term prosperity and continued growth. This process involves "weeding" your portfolio to sell some of the assets that are less attractive and less profitable to your operations. This does not mean that the properties that you choose to sell have anything wrong with them. It simply means that because of your personal investment approach, geographical location, growth plans, personal goals or management style (just to name a few) these properties are not reaching their highest potential. This strategy has also created opportunities for many of our clients to purchase new projects that will allow them to add scale and profitability to their portfolios or to acquire an up and running self-storage project that will allow them to add value by managing the property to its full potential.

The current market fundamentals, fluid lending market, well-capitalized players in the industry, and STILL historically low interest rates have pushed values to near-record highs and made some owners complacent. When values climb and cap rates compress, owners must think ahead to what happens when the market peaks. How can self-storage owners protect their investment? The risk that self-storage owners face today is not only whether their NOI goes up or down, but whether investor sentiment and cap rates will change faster than their increase in NOI can compensate for, thus creating a loss of value. By weeding your portfolio and selling off some of the assets that are less desirable to your investment strategy, it allows you to maximize your rate of return and limit the amount of risk (value preservation). It is only logical to think that if you position your assets to operate at the highest profitability, you will find that operations will run smoother and more efficiently, freeing up more time for you to evaluate new opportunities or simply for personal enjoyment.

With the recent jobs report being the strongest of 2015 and a presidential election on the horizon, it is clear things are about to change. We are experiencing a record year for transaction volume with more than \$2+ billion of self-storage assets trading hands. It is clear that the "smart money" is taking this opportunity to reposition their portfolios and take some chips off the table while growing in the most productive manner with regard to each of their individual investment strategies. While I believe the self-storage industry is very well positioned to continue to prosper in 2016, now is the time to start planning and rework your portfolio to make sure you are able to capitalize on the next opportunity that presents itself. Time to Love it or List it! MM

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# Property Showcase

## Gold Canyon, AZ

- · Development Opportunity
- 5.3 Acres
- 81,647 RSF Proposed
- 950 feet of frontage on US 60
- · High traffic exposure with 27,000 vehicles per day
- Sole competitor within 5 miles currently has a waitlist

### **Jeff Gorden**

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\$2,000,000

## **NEW!**



## Fort Wayne, IN

- 604 Units
- 71,029 RSF
- 88.2% Occupancy
- · Institutional quality asset
- Stable income stream
- Infill location

#### **Bruce Bahrmasel**

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**Neal Gussis** 

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## \$6,400,000



## Yuma, AZ

- 838 Units
- 144,210 RSF
- **NEW!** • 8.56 Acres
- Yuma's largest self-storage facility
- 700 units plus 138 RV spaces
- Located next to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
- Easy freeway access to I-8
- Growing economic base

#### **Jeff Gorden**

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## \$6,600,000



## Fort Scott, KS

- 101 Units
- 15,500 RSF
- 1.41 Acres
- Adjacent to US Hwy 69 in the center of Fort Scott

**NEW!** 

**NEW!** 

- Room for expansion
- Priced well below replacement
- 24/7 drive-up access

## **Larry Goldman, CCIM**

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## \$170,000



#### Fanning Springs, FL • \$1,725,000

- 295 Units
- 43,000 RSF
- 8.8 Acres
- · Value-add opportunity
- Positive occupancy trend
- 7,500 SF climate controlled expansion planned and approved
- · Located on US-19, a major highway

## **Frost Weaver**

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## Selma, OR

- 105 Units
- 16,362 RSF
- 5.26 Acres
- Excellent opportunity for owner/
- · Upside potential with aggressive marketing
- Good occupancy
- Room for expansion

#### Steve Boldish

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**NEW!** 

## \$589,000



## Rockford, IL

- 625 Units
- 99.003 RSF
- 7.07 Acres
- 2 Properties located 1.5 miles
- Great visibility on Main Street
- Good historical occupancy rates with significant room to expand
- · Properties can be sold separately

### **Bruce Bahrmasel**

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## Gillette, WY

- 39 Units
- 45,790 RSF
- 6.6 Acres Warehouse condominimum units ranging in size from
- 1.014 SF to 1.299 SF • 99% occupied
- · Concrete drives
- Strong traffic exposure

### **Joan Lucas**

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## \$2,750,000





# **Sells Self Storage Nationwide!**

For property details, visit www.argus-selfstorage.com or contact your local Argus Broker Affiliate!

Alabama				Mississippi, co	nt.		
Atmore/Brewtor	\$3,182,000	Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue	251-432-1287	Canton	\$850,000	Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue	251-432-1287
Arizona				Terry	\$1,350,000	Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue	251-432-1287
Fort Mohave	\$450,000	Jeffery A. Gorden	480-331-8880	Nevada	. , ,		
Gold Canyon	\$2,000,000	Jeffrey A. Gorden	480-331-8880	Reno/Sparks	\$3,500,000	Bill Nicoloff	801-416-1026
Tucson	\$260,000	Jeffrey A. Gorden	480-331-8880	New Jersey	ψ0,000,000	DIII INICOIOII	001-410-1020
Vernon	\$825,000	Jeffrey A. Gorden	480-331-8880		\$995,000	Linda Cinelli	000 700 5664
Yuma		Jeffrey A. Gorden	480-331-8880	Branchville Franklinville	\$849,000		908-722-5661
Arkansas	ψ0,000,000	odincy / t. Gordon	400 001 0000			Chuck Shields	610-828-0100
Avoca	\$2.347.000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Howell	\$2,350,000		908-722-5661
Hot Springs VIg		Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Howell	\$890,000	Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
	φ100,000	Larry Goluman	913-339-0041	Pemberton	\$975,000	Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
California	<b>64</b> 400 000	<b>-</b>	100 000 0000	Pennsauken	\$1,300,000	Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
San Mateo		Tom de Jong	408-282-3829	New Mexico			
San Rafael		Tom de Jong	408-282-3829	Alamogordo	\$5,450,000		915-491-9610
Vallejo		Tom de Jong	408-282-3829	Mesilla Park	\$530,000	David Etzold/Noel Woodwell	915-491-9610
Woodland	\$2,050,000	Tom de Jong	408-282-3829	Ruidoso	\$790,000	David Etzold/Noel Woodwell	915-491-9610
Colorado				New York			
Monument	\$8,000,000	Joan Lucas	720-855-6587	Bayport	\$1.395.000	Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
Pagosa Spgs	SOLD!	Joan Lucas	720-855-6587	Hicksville		Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
Florida				Monticello		Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
Fanning Springs	s\$1,725,000	Frost Weaver	904-265-2001	Peekskill		Linda Cinelli	908-722-5661
Gulf Breeze		Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue		North Carolina	. , ,	Linda Oineili	300-722-3001
Lake City	\$325,000	John W. Hill	386-362-3300			0, ,,,,,	757 040 0507
Panama City	\$850,000	Bill Barnhill/Shannon Barnes		Powells Point	\$560,000	Stuart Wade	757-618-3597
Pensacola		Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue		Statesville	\$2,000,000	Joey Godbold/Jamey Cox	704-632-1030
Georgia	<b>4</b> =,,			North Dakota			
Carrollton	\$1 275 000	Mike Patterson	770-241-9070	Watford City	\$1,200,000	Bruce Bahrmasel	312-518-3550
Douglasville		Mike Patterson	770-241-9070	Ohio			
Newnan		Mike Patterson	770-241-9070	Gloucester	\$299,000	Alec Pacella	216-455-0925
Tifton	\$750,000	Mike Patterson	770-241-9070	Howard		Alec Pacella	216-455-0925
					\$1,550,000	Alec Facella	210-400-0920
Winston	\$292,000	Mike Patterson	770-241-9070	Oklahoma			
Illinois				Edmond	\$810,000	Jared Jones	918-583-3483
Macomb	\$950,000	Bruce Bahrmasel	312-518-3550	Stillwater	\$2,300,000	Jared Jones	918-583-3483
Peoria		Bruce Bahrmasel	312-518-3550	Oregon			
Rockford	\$5,100,000	Bruce Bahrmasel	312-518-3550	Selma	\$589,000	Steve Boldish	541-776-1031
Indiana				Pennsylvania			
Fort Wayne	\$6,400,000	Bruce Bahrmasel/	312-518-3550	Bechtelsville	\$1 350 000	Chuck Shields	610-828-0100
		Neal Gussis	847-922-3750	Olyphant	\$850,000	Chuck Shields	610-828-0100
Kansas				Spring City		Chuck Shields	610-828-0100
Fort Scott	\$170,000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641			CHUCK CHICIUS	010-020-0100
Iola	\$530,000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	South Carolina			0.1-00000
Junction City	\$1,145,000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Anderson	\$4,800,000	Neal Gussis	847-922-3750
S. Hutchinson	\$650,000	Jared Jones	918-583-3483			Joey Godbold/Jamey Cox	704-632-1030
Louisiana				Texas			
Avondale	\$6,000,000	Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue	251-432-1287	4-Prop Portfolio	Call Broker	Bill Brownfield	713-907-6497
Massachusset	ts			Austin	\$900,000	Bill Brownfield	713-907-6497
Sutton	\$1,575,000	Joseph Mendola	603-668-7000	Bridgeport	\$449,000	Richard Minker	817-840-0054
Michigan				Canyon	SOLD!	David Etzold	915-491-9610
Roscommon	\$305,000	Jim Soltis	810-494-2062	Marble Falls	\$745,000	Bill Brownfield	713-907-6497
Minnesota					\$745,000	Dili brownileiu	113-901-0491
Plymouth	Call Broker	Steve Libert	847-452-2082	Utah	4005.000	D:::	004 440 4005
Missouri				Helper	\$385,000	Bill Nicoloff	801-416-1026
Clinton	\$268,000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Virginia			
Sedalia		Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Williamsburg	\$4,900,000	Stuart Wade	757-618-3597
Waynesville	\$2,360,000	Larry Goldman	913-339-0641	Wyoming			
Mississippi				Gillette	\$2,750,000	Joan Lucas	720-855-6587
Brandon	\$650,000	Bill Barnhill/Stuart LaGroue	251-432-1287		. ,		

## **ARGUS SALES**



Congratulations to David Etzold of Etzold & CO who sold Canyon Security Storage in Canyon, TX! Contact David at 915-845-6006 for details.



Congratulations to Jared Jones, CCIM of Porthaven Partners who represented the buyer of GNG Storage in Elgin, OK! Contact Jared at 918-583-3483 for more information.



Larry Hayes

Bill Nicoloff

Joan Lucas

Congratulations to Joan Lucas of Joan Lucas Real Estate Services who sold All Purpose Storage in Pagosa Springs, CO Contact Joan at 720-855-6587 for more information.





Congratulations to Richard Minker, CCIM and Chad Snyder of Colliers International who sold the Storage Depot Portfolio in Killeen and Temple, TX! Contact Richard and Chad at 817-335-5600 for more information.

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UT, NV

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## **Argus Self Storage Sales Network wins Best of Business Award!**



Once again, the readers of *Inside Self-Storage* Magazine have voted Argus as the Best Real Estate Brokerage! This is the *fifth* consecutive year that Argus has received this honor and we appreciate all of our clients and colleagues who voted! Argus is committed to providing the best service in the industry and we value the relationships that we have built with self-storage owners over the last 21 years!

## Contact an Argus Broker Affiliate

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NORTHEAST	Company	Phone	<b>Territory</b>
Guy Blake, CCIM	Pyramid Brokerage Company	845-522-5900	Upstate NY, Western CT
Linda Cinelli, CCIM, CEA	LC Realty	908-722-5661	Northern NJ, NY (NYC, Long Island)
Joseph Mendola	NAI Norwood Group	603-668-7000	MA, ME, NH VT, Eastern CT
Chuck Shields	Beacon Commercial Real Estate	610-862-1645	Eastern PA, Southern NJ, DE
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SOUTHEAST			
Bill Barnhill, CCIM	Omega Properties, Inc.	888-801-4534	FL Panhandle
N.J. "Joey" Godbold	Percival Partners	704-632-1027	NC, SC
Mike Patterson, CCIM	Commercial Realty Services of West Georgia	770-241-9070	GA
Stuart Wade	The Nicholson Companies	757-618-3597	MD, VA
Frost Weaver (FL Commercial Brokers Network		904-733-0039	North, Central & South FL
NORTH CENTRAL			
Bruce Bahrmasel	Waveland Commercial Real Estate, LLC	312-518-3550	Northern IL, Northern IN
David Dunn	Hike Real Estate	402-660-5610	NE, IA
Alec Pacella, CCIM	NAI Daus	216-831-3310	OH, Western PA
Larry Goldman, CCIM	RE/MAX Commercial	913-339-0641	KS, MO, Southern IL
Mike Helline & Paul Grisanti, CCIM	Grisanti Group Commercial Real Estate	502-253-1811	KY, Southern IN
Matson Holbrook, CCIM & Max Schultz	Siegel-Gallagher, Inc.	414-270-4108	WI
Jim Soltis	Preview Properties.com	810-494-2062	MI
SOUTH CENTRAL			
Bill Barnhill, CCIM	Omega Properties, Inc.	888-801-4534	AL, MS, LA
Bill Brownfield, CRE, CCIM	MKP Self Storage LLC	713-907-6497	South & Central TX
David Etzold & Noel Woodwell	Etzold & Co.	915-845-6006	West TX
Larry Goldman, CCIM	RE/MAX Commercial	913-339-0641	AR
Mike Helline & Paul Grisanti, CCIM	Grisanti Group Commercial Real Estate	502-253-1811	TN
Jared Jones, CCIM	Porthaven Partners	918-583-3483	OK
Richard D. Minker, CCIM	Colliers International	817-335-5600	North TX
WEST			
Steve Boldish, CCIM	Oregon Self Storage Brokers	541-776-1031	OR
Tom de Jong	Colliers International	408-282-3829	Northern CA
David Etzold & Noel Woodwell	Etzold & Co.	915-845-6006	NM
Jeffery A. Gorden, CCIM	Eagle Commercial Realty Services	480-331-8880	AZ
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