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## Staff says Jewfish Key desire to leave Longboat a bad move

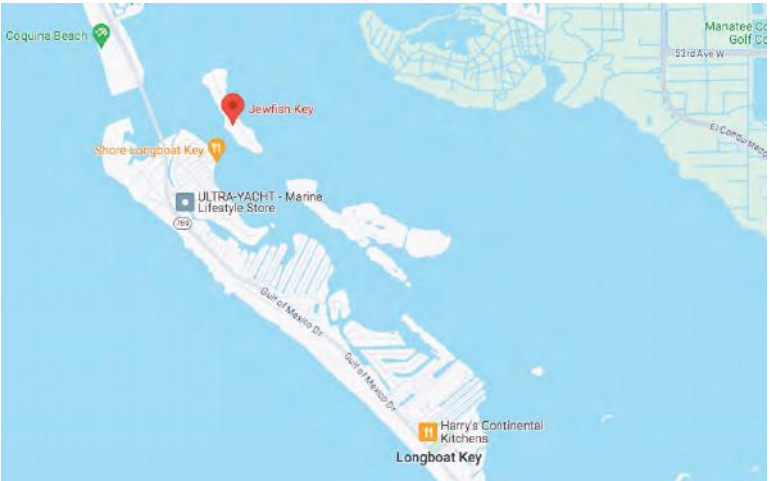
*The Town of Longboat Key is poised to decide whether Jewfish Key should be allowed to leave the Town's jurisdiction and become part of unincorporated Manatee County.*

**STEVE REID**  
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The Town of Longboat Key is poised to decide whether Jewfish Key should be allowed to leave the Town's jurisdiction and become part of unincorporated Manatee County.

The Town Commission will debate the matter on June 3, with a strong and clear recommendation from staff to deny the petition for numerous reasons.

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## Key Club offers to upgrade Town turf

*What could be worse than a Town Center Green than defying its very name with its grass, withered and yellow, and dying because it cannot endure the summer sun and the highly salinized well water?*

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What could be worse on Longboat Key than stumbling with a glass of red wine while strolling across the newly created Town Center Green during an event at the recently donated Karon pavilion?

Or, what could be worse at a Town Center Green than defying its very name with its grass withered, yellow and dying because it cannot endure the summer sun and the highly salinized well water?

These conundrums may soon be solved thanks to a donation that the Longboat Key Club will present to the town next week.

According to Public Works Director Isaac Brownman, when the Town Center Green was developed, it became clear that "the final designed and constructed product did not represent what the Town's original vision was for that green space. The aforementioned dying grass, the general unevenness of the walking surface and the need for maintenance and irrigation led

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## Mote receives \$3.2 million from DEP to combat harmful algal blooms

*Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, in collaboration with commercial and academic partners, was awarded \$3.2 million in grants from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fund three projects focused on preventing blue-green algal blooms and testing water quality technologies that reduce nutrient pollution.*

The grants are part of the Innovative Technology Grant Program in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which funds projects that evaluate and implement innovative technologies and solutions to combat algal blooms and nutrient enrichment, restore and preserve Florida water bodies, and implement water quality treatment technologies.

Florida's beaches and waterways have been severely impacted by toxic algae. Harmful algal blooms (HABs) occur when algae — simple organisms that live in the sea and



Algae boats and bots.

freshwater — grow out of control while producing toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and birds. There are many kinds of HABs, caused by a variety of algal and cyanobacterial groups with different toxins.

Florida red tide is one of the most commonly known HABs. However, the three projects funded under the Innovative Technology Grant Program look at mitigation and prevention techniques of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae,

which are another type of HABs affecting Florida's waterways that is known to be directly influenced by excess nutrients entering waterways.

Blue-green algae are microscopic organisms found naturally in fresh, brackish (combined salt and freshwater), and marine water. Blue green algae blooms are characterized by blue, bright green, brown or red paint-like streaks on the surface of the water, dense scum, or foam that can emit unpleasant odors.

In warm, nutrient-rich (high in

phosphorus and nitrogen) environments, cyanobacteria can multiply quickly, creating blooms that spread across the water's surface. Similar to other HABs like Florida red tide, blue-green algae can produce toxins that harm fish, mammals and people.

The three recently funded projects are:

**Lake Guard Dew Efficacy Toward Nutrient and Harmful Algal Bloom**

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The petition was submitted by Attorney Najmy Thompson on behalf of the Jewfish Key Preservation Association last January. Reaction by Town residents in the intervening months has been a general outcry against the notion mainly because it would allow unfettered tourism uses such as AirBnB rentals and increased development rights on the island.

The irony of the name ‘Jewfish Key Preservation Association’ has not been lost on numerous letter writers to Town Hall who fear increased noise, loud parties and what they see as a self-serving move to monetize through development rights at the expense of their quiet residential enjoyment. This is especially true in the Village section of Longboat Key, which lies directly across the intercoastal from Jewfish Key and has struggled for years enduring the boisterous activity on the sandbar just off Jewfish Key where hundreds of boaters, beer drinkers and music-thumping partiers convene on a regular basis.

Denial based on deficiency

Town staff recommends that the commission deny the petition on its face because by State Law 15 percent of qualified voters in any area desiring to be excluded from municipal boundaries must propose such an ordinance. As of May 10, there were three registered voters on Jewfish Key. According to the Town, one voter is designated as active while the other voters are designated as inactive. A review of the qualified voters on Jewfish Key shows that none of them signed the petition. Further, the Jewfish Key Preservation Association, Inc. is itself not a qualified voter. Therefore, Town Staff says, “As submitted the petition currently fails to meet the threshold requirement for consideration of the feasibility study. Accordingly, the petition should be rejected.”

Enclaves are an issue

Another problem and reason Longboat staff says the petition should be denied is that one of the fundamental components of state law as defined in the Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act is an intent not to create what are referred to as “enclaves.” An enclave is defined in State Statute as an isolated, unincorporated area that is surrounded by the territory of the municipality. The reason is it creates numerous governance and administrative challenges between municipality and county government. In fact, State Law encourages existing enclaves be annexed into municipalities to reduce such administrative challenges.

Town Staff says that if Jewfish Key were to secede from Longboat Key, numerous complexities relating to land use, public safety and code enforcement would result.

Density differential

Perhaps the greatest difference that would arise if Jewfish Key were to become unincorporated is that numerous restrictions in land use would be lost. Primarily, the Town does not allow the addition of increased density or number of dwelling units whereas Manatee has no such restriction. Also, Longboat Key has strict land use controls on tourism restricting the rental of residential properties for tourism units. On Longboat Key, residentially-zoned areas such as Jewfish Key and the Village cannot rent out their homes for less than 30 days. Manatee County has no restrictions on tourism uses in residential areas. Staff says if Jewfish Key were allowed to become part of unincorporated Manatee County, the increased tourism usage on the island would create “nuisance impacts” to the surrounding residences on the north end of Longboat Key within the Village community.

Another concern is that Manatee County has a far weaker noise ordinance than Longboat Key and this too could have an immediate impact on Longboat.

In fact, the reasons staff outlined for the town to not proceed in developing an ordinance to promulgate Jewfish Key leaving the town amounts to about 20 bullet point paragraphs ranging from the above reasons to the fact that simply policing and preventing fire service would become more difficult and jurisdictionally confusing.

The Town Commission can deny the petition based on any one or more of the reasons and if the Commission agrees with staff on Monday, it will vote on a Denial Order.

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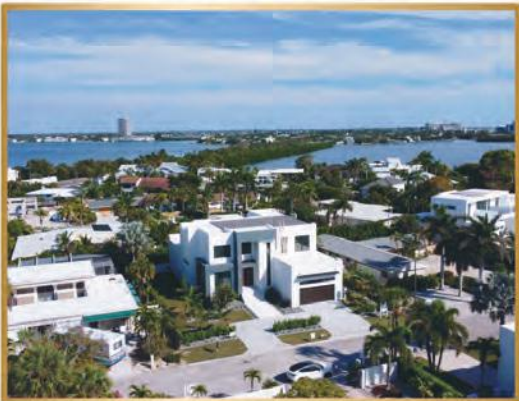
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## Proposed roundabout

To: Jill Nemeth

Thank you for sharing your personal experience to add to this project’s consideration. The Broadway/GMD intersection is problematic to say the least, and comments like yours help stakeholders examine the situation from all angles. Hopefully the redesigned plans provide solutions that enhance safety without causing undue burdens for neighbors to the west.

Sarah Karon  
Commissioner  
Longboat Key

## Proposed roundabout

To: Longboat Key Commission

As a 13-year resident of Longbeach Village who witnessed yet another near miss at the intersection of Broadway and Gulf of Mexico Drive on Saturday morning, I feel compelled to respond to the recent letters from some residents west of Gulf of Mexico Drive in objection to the proposed roundabout, a project that I fully support.

Just because, thank goodness, it appears that there have been no serious accidents at this intersection, it does not by any means indicate that this intersection is safe! In my opinion, the single biggest issue is excessive speed. It seems that the majority of drivers completely ignore the posted speed limit, but it is unreasonable to expect Longboat Key Police Department to monitor and enforce the speed limit all day, every day. The crosswalks have helped to some degree, but too many cars simply don’t stop or realize at the last minute (because they were going so fast and didn’t notice the yellow flashing lights) that someone is crossing and barely manage to stop in time.

I cross at the Broadway intersection almost every day to walk on the beach. There have been many times over the years that I have crossed in both directions with it seeming to be clear, and suddenly there is a speeding car appearing out of nowhere. When I have had to drive elderly parents to the beach, I have almost never crossed straight over because of the danger - I either make a right onto Gulf of Mexico Drive, and turn in at Northshore Road, or turn left on Palm Avenue and turn onto Gulf of Mexico Drive from Cedar Street and then left at the intersection, crossing only two lanes of traffic and the bike lane. Those of us east of Gulf of Mexico Drive make many accommodations to minimize the risk, whether on foot or in a vehicle. A few hours over a few days of “citizen” observation of the intersection does not come close to truly illustrating the danger of the situation. Sometimes it takes five minutes to make a safe turn in any direction.

For those who complain about not being able to bypass the potential line of northbound traffic in season, knowing how far back that line of traffic can extend, it would seem that the “bypass” is an inappropriate use of the turn lane. Perhaps I am wrong, but I do not believe that the turn lane is intended to be driven in from say south of the Whitney Beach condos all the way to the left turn at Broadway as a convenience for those who live on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive. It is a turn lane, not a passing lane. The majority of us end up sitting in traffic in season and do our best to plan around it. Unfortunately, that is now a fact of life and a small price to pay for living in paradise.

The implication that those of us who live in the Village, or anywhere on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive, should routinely be expected to risk our lives, in a car or on foot, crossing two

bike lanes, a right-hand turn lane, two lanes of traffic and a middle turn lane because a serious accident has yet to happen is ridiculous. Since when have residents of Longboat Key become expendable so that people living on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive don’t have to sit in traffic along with the rest of us?

I truly appreciate all you do for the residents of Longboat Key as a whole, and in this case specifically, your support to improve the safety of the residents living on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive who use that intersection regularly.

Jill Nemeth  
Longboat Key

## Contraction of Jewfish Key

To: Longboat Key Commission

In accordance with policy, the information below was requested by a Commissioner (total number of those for and against the contraction of Jewfish Key) and is being distributed to all Commissioners.

For Contraction

Total Signature: The petition/resolution from the association for contraction received was signed by three members of the Jewfish Key Preservation Association, Inc., in favor of the petition. The board members who signed the resolution are not LBK registered voters.

Against Contraction

Total Individual Signatures: 257, with 9 duplicate signatures and 1 signature that does not reflect a LBK address, for a total of 247 original signatures from residents. This total includes all individual e-mails received in addition to the petitions received.

With the information provided, the Clerk’s office has confirmed that 153 of the resident signatures are confirmed LBK registered voters, while the remaining 94 (of 247) own property on LBK.

The LBK North organization has submitted two documents relating to the petition. The first document, minutes submitted from the LBK North meeting of February 9, 2024, reflect there were representatives from 19 member groups in attendance who were opposed to the contraction. Additionally, a second document (undated but submitted May 23, 2024) reflects that all member organizations of LBK North are opposed to the contraction.

For information purposes: LBK North is a network of property owners on the north end of Longboat Key comprised of representatives from 27 homeowner associations, condominium associations, and neighborhood associations, representing over 800 residences from Districts 4 and 5. Unfortunately, there is no way to determine how many individuals at the LBK North meeting are registered voters and how many of those members may have previously signed and submitted a petition in opposition.

Trish Shinkle  
Town Clerk  
Town of Longboat Key

## De-Annexation Committee report

To: Longboat Key Commission

Attached please find a letter from Michael Saunders opining on the negative impact that de-annexation would have on north end property values. Unfortunately, Michael will not be able to attend the June 3 meeting, but I’m told that Drayton Saunders, her son and business partner, will be available to address the Commission. Also attached is an updated version of our Citizens De-Annexation Committee report. This supersedes the version that Allen had

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**2185 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #212 | LONGBOAT KEY**

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# Editor Letters



**Letters, from page 4**

distributed to you last week.  
James G. Haft  
Longboat Key

**Opposing De-Annexation**

To: Longboat Key Commission  
By my count, a total of 275 residents of the north end signed petitions opposing de-annexation. That includes 20 from Lands End, 11 from Bayou Hammock, 8 from Hideway Bay, 49 from Spanish Main/Emerald Harbor, 8 from Reclinata Drive, and the balance from the Village (LBVA). In addition, LBKNorth, representing 27 community associations on the north end, has issued its own position paper in opposition.  
No doubt many more would have signed the petition had they not migrated north for the summer. Nevertheless, it's a clear demonstration of the depth of opposition to de-annexation. To my knowledge, no one refused to sign the petition, and no one on the north end, with the exception JFK owners, supports de-annexation.  
James G. Haft  
Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key Contraction Request Agenda Item**

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier  
Yes, we'll review what's been received and do our best to provide an accurate, unduplicated count.  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key Contraction Request Agenda Item**

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
I echo this request. We have a number of notes and petitions from residents opposing the contraction. As they probably contain some double-counts, can we get a total count of the discreet, un-duplicated, individual signatures either way before the hearing?  
Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key Contraction Request Agenda Item**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin  
Thanks for your question Commissioner. We'll take a look and see what we can do.  
Howard Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key Contraction Request Agenda Item**

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
Tip ,can staff put together the total number of residents who are in favor of the contraction and who are not in favor by using only transmitted request in writing contraction of Jewish key.  
Gary Coffin  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key Contraction Request Agenda Item**

To: Longboat Key Commission  
Please find a link to the June 3rd agenda item materials associated with the request of the Jewfish Key Preservation Association, Inc. to be removed (contracted) from the municipal boundaries of the Town of Longboat Key. These materials are being distributed to you a week in advance of your other June 3rd agenda materials due to the overall volume of materials that are associated with this request.  
This same agenda package will also be shared with the Jewfish Key Preservation Association.  
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Maggie or myself. Have a great long weekend!  
Howard Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

**Jewfish Key contraction**

To: Carla and Pete Rowan  
Thank you, Carla and Pete, for adding context (and history) to the de annexation dialogue. We're looking forward to a healthy legal process around this request, and your perspectives are a valuable addition to the mix.  
Sarah Karon  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

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# Avian dining at Durante Park



The Wood Stork and Roseate Spoonbill

**MICHAEL GIVANT**  
Contributing Columnist  
givant@lbknews.com

Durante Park is one of Longboat Key’s better avian seafood cafeterias, and this morning it’s brimming with patrons. Perched in a tall bare tree that it shares with a large number of starlings is an osprey. In a manacled claw, the raptor holds a long headless silver fish as if it were a sub sandwich with a tail. The tree limb however offers no flat surface for the osprey’s meal. More than once it almost drops the fish, but each time the raptor flaps its wings and secures a grip with its talons. The bird, which has a blazing yellow eye, looks around nervously.

Wood storks are occasional diners here. Today four are feeding in shallow water by a footbridge. These birds, nearly three-and-a-half feet in length, are on the endangered species list. The bird’s black and dull white bill is long and down curved. One sticks its knobby black and white head in the water up to the base of its neck and beyond. That rugged looking head is the reason the bird is sometimes called “Gourdhead” or “Ironhead.” Raising its head from the water, the bird’s neck feathers are soaked from being submerged. The bird is as sharp and clear as HDTV.

The wood stork hunts with its bill partially open until it touches prey and snaps it shut. This is called “grope-feeding.” The bill closes in one-fortieth of a second, giving prey little if any chance to escape. One wood stork comes up with something glistening in its bill. With a slightly bulging, coal black eye, the stork walks calmly to another spot. It’s long gray legs have a dark pink joint at the back of where they bend, and the long feet are the same color. The water, which is brown, oddly appears to have a reddish brown area when the bird is fishing. Looking closely, it is the bird’s dark pink foot that is apparently being used to “stir the pot” and raise up small fish.

Two mornings later there are 15 wood storks feeding in the same spot. One has a small wriggling silver fish in the tip of its bill. I’ve never seen this number of wood storks before. There are also two roseate spoonbills feeding with them. In the bright morning sun, these birds that are on the species of special concern list are riveting with their colors seeming to splash out at the viewer. The spoonbills are white with a dark and light pink on the sides, some yellow near the wing joint, an orange tail and a small bulging red eye. Their heads also seem to have a light green hue. Their flat, stone gray bills resemble wooden Dixie Cup spoons and give them an otherworldly look. They are the birds from Mars.

I’ve seen them here only once before, several years ago. They flew as I approached them on

one of the park’s wooden footbridges, and I haven’t seen any here since. Now walking in the water, they repeatedly sweep their bills side to side searching for small fish and aquatic invertebrates. When prey is located, the bill shoots toward the sky appearing to be swallowing. But what? Another is so close to me, I can see its orange tail and red legs without my binoculars. I cannot believe my luck!

Just then an osprey flies to a tree with what looks like a fish. I want to see the raptor start its meal, but I can’t take my eyes off the scene in front of me. When will I ever see 15 wood storks and two spoonbills feeding side by side again?

There’s a lone great egret among this mass to which I’ve ignored until now. It’s been still, but now holds a small, dark wriggling fish in the tip of its long yellow bill. The egret downs the fish, chewing side to side with relish. It’s a measly meal but a triumph in this crowded spot!

The next morning walking through the park, there’s the briny small of low tide. In the pale water of Sarasota Bay a lone white pelican is slowly cruising, leaving a dark blue line behind it. A Louisiana heron walking in the water bends down to the water, its neck crooked and eats something. With its yellow bill thrust out and neck still crooked, the bird moves quickly through the shallow water looking for more breakfast.

A lone great egret, with the patience of a Job, stands in the eerily white water that reflects the clouds above. Soon it has a wriggling silver fish crosswise in its bill. The fish slowly stops struggling and the egret moves it back, back, back in its bill, and a slow moving bulge begins in the bird’s throat. Now the bird, its face inches from the water’s surface looks patiently, standing completely still.

A belted kingfisher stands on a piling not doing much. Looking around, the morning rush seems to be over. On the way out of the park there’s a wood stork in a tree. It may roost near here in some mangroves. I watch it for a while until the bird looks at me looking at it. Birds don’t like being looked at directly, and not wanting to scare it off I put down my binoculars and walk away. Tomorrow I’d like to see it here gulping down the catch of the day.

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# Editor Letters



Letters, from page 6

Jewfish Key contraction

To: Longboat Key Commission

We understand that the statute for the petition presented by Jewfish Key to secede from the Town of Longboat Key requires 50% of the Jewfish property owners, however, we don't think the Town of Longboat Key should allow LLCs and owners - who are likely not Longboat Key voting domicile residents - the ability to redraw the town boundaries. We have identified the following owners from the county records and suspect none, or almost none, of the owners are officially Longboat Key residents. These people might not have the best long term betterment of Longboat Key as a top priority and are likely more interested in their personal financial gains. Therefore, they should not be in a position to determine the boundaries of our town. Why are they petitioning to leave? To be free of LBK rental, building density and land usage codes? To be able to develop what is now the 11.824 of common, currently open space?

Owners as shown in Manatee County records

HALCYON SHORES LLC (Jordan Mollenhour)

DOBLIN, Richard and Lynn

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JEWFISH KEY PRESERVATION ASSOC

(owns the 11.824 acres of common space)

We ask the town to determine if the majority, or any, of these 10 owners (and the people behind the LLCs) are Longboat Key domicile residents.

We have been able to identify only a few advantages to Longboat Key of Jewfish Key's leaving the town and becoming part of unincorporated Manatee County. We have identified these possibilities:

Saves police and fire coverage requirements by longboat Key (even though Longboat Key would still respond in an emergency).

Saves the town commission and P&Z resources: the time to deal with future issues, development planning, and code enforcement.

The utilization by Longboat residents of possible future public commercial and recreational facilities that might be allowed and developed on Jewfish Key?

Eliminates possible future lawsuits that could be brought by Jewfish LLCs and owners.

Possibly end the over-use of the town dock for Jewfish purposes: septic tank offload transfer,

and construction material transport both to and from. Would it be possible by Longboat Key to prevent this?

However, we think the disadvantages and risks far outweigh the possible advantages. Disadvantages are:

The 11.824 acres of "common space" could be rezoned from R1-IP to commercial or tourism. Please compare Longboat versus Manatee County codes, and think of what could be the worst case outcome. Could a Ferris wheel be allowed? A helicopter pad? A landing strip? Lost open space?

Noise disturbing the peace (which is already an issue to north end residents). With loss of LBK code controls, there will be a significant increase in noise and disturbances: on Stone Crab Bayou, across the bay, at the town dock, and at the other 11 Jewfish owned properties that are in the Longbeach Village. These 11 properties could be used as staging areas and launching points for both construction activity and daily commercial transport to/from Jewfish.

If daily and weekly rentals are allowed on Jewfish as is allowed on AMI, we expect much more vehicle traffic on our roads, more boat traffic on our two bayous, and much more noise traveling across the short distance of water between Jewfish Key and Longboat Key proper.

Loss of real estate tax revenue returned to Longboat Key. This amounted to \$37K in 2023 (14% of 259K of ad valorem Manatee County taxes)

The Town of Longboat Key Comprehensive Plan states that peace and tranquility of neighborhoods should be preserved as much as possible. Allowing Jewfish to become part of unincorporated Manatee County puts this at risk. A risk that does not need to be taken.

Chapter 160 - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FUTURE LAND USE (FLU) ELEMENT

FLU Goal 1: To preserve and enhance the character of the Town of Longboat Key by: 1) ensuring that the location, density, intensity, and character of land uses are responsive to the social and economic needs of the community and are consistent with the support capabilities of the natural and man-made systems; and 2) maintaining an environment that is conducive to the health, safety, welfare, and property values of the community.

When Jewfish was subdivided in the mid 80s there was considerable concern about the impact it would have on the neighborhood of Longbeach Village. Please see:

Commission Workshop April 18, 1986

Commissioner Fernald stated there should be assurance the Village would not be impacted by construction activity. The Town Attorney stated the developer had said the construction staging area would be the mainland. If the Town enforced that intention, it should preclude a problem in the Village.

Commission Meeting October 7, 1985

It would be necessary to have a barge to transport construction workers - from some point other than Longboat.

Yet Longbeach Village has been significantly, and increasingly, impacted with previously

**See Letters, page 12**

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| 2213 HARBOURSIDE DR Unit#303       | 2,224   | \$799,000   | 3                  | 2 | 1 | 46             | \$779,000   |
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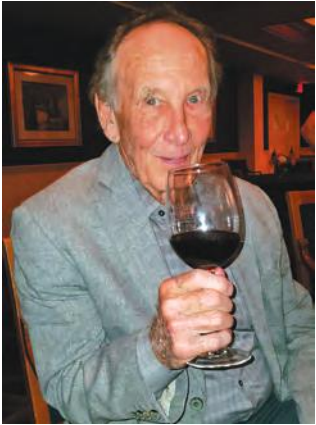


Djokovic, Alcaraz & Sinner: French Open Vin Stars

Novak Djokovic Winery in Serbia, has released wines made from the French Chardonnay and Syrah grape varieties. Nonetheless, Serbia does produce highly regarded wines from native grapes.

S.W. and Rich Hermansen  
Guest Writers  
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The French Open dominates the tennis world this time of year. The draw of this fabled grand slam event has players from across the globe competing for the title. The seeded players, those rated in advance as the top contenders, do not compete against other seeded players in the first round of matches. The three top seeded players come from countries and regions that produce distinctive wines.



Novak Djokovic from Serbia has the top seed in the 2024 tournament. He has a much more widely known image than Serbian wine. His Serbian wine venture, Novak Djokovic Winery in Serbia, has released wines made from the French Chardonnay and Syrah grape varieties. Nonetheless, Serbia does produce highly regarded wines from native grapes. The 2022 Vinarija Ivanović No 3/4 Tamjanika (\$14) has a golden color, spicy aromas on the nose, and tastes of crisp apples and lemon zest. Its dry acidity (ABV 14% !) enlivens pork, bird, and fish dishes. The complexity of the wine serves as a reminder of the complex political and ethnic history the Balkan region.

Jannik Sinner from the South Tyrol region of Italy has the second seed in the draw. He won the immediately prior Grand Slam tournament, the Australian Open, and defeated in the semifinals the then and now top ranked player by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), Novak Djokovic.

Sinner is recovering from a hip injury that has slowed his pursuit of Djokovic in the battle for the number one tennis player in the world. The 22 year old Sinner was born and grew up in a German speaking region of Italy not far from the border of Austria, from which South Tyrol was split after World War I. The popular South Tyrolean Wine Road meanders through picturesque villages with wineries using traditional methods to grow grapes and make the original local versions of Pinot Grigio, Pinot Bianco, Lagrein, and Gewurztraminer for which they are known. The 2022 Ritterhof Weingut-Tenuta Auratus Gewurztraminer Sudtirol DOC (\$25, ABV 14.5%) has floral aromas and moderately sweet fruit tastes. It moderates the heat of spicy Asian and Mexican dishes, and it serves well as a light dessert wine.

Third seed Carlos Alcaraz Garfia defeated the top seed Djokovic in the 2023 Wimbledon final and, after recovering from ankle, torso, and forearm injuries, has become the oddsmakers favorite to win the 2024 French Open title. The 21 year old Spanish star was born in El Palmar, a village in the Murcia region of Spain near Playa (beach) El Palmar. Largely situated in the highlands above El Palmar, the Murcia wine region has three subregions: Bullas, Jumilla, and Yecla. Each has its own take on the red-black Monastrell grape, the French grape Mourvèdre, also known in Spain as Montero. The different altitudes of the subregions gives a different taste to the Monastrell grape.

The young Alcaraz has become an ambassador for the Murcia region. He's an original akin to wine grapes that have been planted in Murcia for generations. The 2022 Bodegas Juan Gil Plata - Silver Label Jumilla, Spain (\$14) has the deep tannins tastes of a Monastrell, Best with savory meats and rich sauces.

So do distinctive wines create an environment for tennis champions? Probably not. Djokovic and Alcaraz began playing tennis at four years old. Sinner at seven. A strong tennis player development program within a country or region discovers talented youth at young ages and accelerates their preparations for play at the highest levels.

S. W. Hermansen has used his expertise in econometrics, data science and epidemiology to help develop research databases for the Pentagon, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and Health Resources and Services. He has visited premier vineyards and taste wines from major appellations in California, Oregon, New York State, and internationally from



Tuscany and the Piedmont in Italy, the Ribera del Duero in Spain, the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia, and the Otago Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle in Florida.  
Rich Hermansen selected has first wine list for a restaurant

shortly after graduating from college with a degree in Mathematics. He has extensive service and management experience in the food and wine industry. Family and friends rate him as their favorite chef, bartender, and wine steward. He lives in Severna Park, Maryland.

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# Editor Letters



## Letters, from page 8

mentioned septic transfer and construction staging - and Jewfish secession would only make the current condition much worse.

In the March 28 Longboat Observer Stephen Ellis raised some points that we think he, and the other Jewfish owners, need to be aware of:

There are undergrounding benefits to Jewfish even if Jewfish is already undergrounded. There are many Longboat key neighborhoods and individual properties that were also already undergrounded. These neighborhoods and properties were taxed for undergrounding at a significantly reduced rate and they all, including Jewfish, received the improved safety, reliability, and aesthetics benefits of the project that the majority of Longboat Key residents voted for.

Very few Longboat Key real estate tax payers receive personal services equal to the taxes paid; a huge percentage of taxes paid benefits all residents via educated children in the school system. Doesn't sound like Jewfish owners understand that only 14% of real estate taxes get returned to Longboat Key (Manatee County, Bayside). This 14% funds fire, police, and town staff, and public town roads, parks, etc. We suspect that Jewfish owners would still be charged additionally for those services if they were received from Manatee County instead of Longboat key.

In conclusion, could you please reject the Jewfish Key property owners' petition to secede from the town of Longboat Key.

Thank you for considering this request,  
Carla and Pete Rowan  
Longboat Key

## ADA Accessibility at Quickpoint

To: Longboat Key Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman  
Thank you for this very thorough answer to my question regarding ADA accessibility at Quickpoint - clearly a lot more complicated than I'd imagined.  
Debra Williams  
Commissioner  
Longboat Key

## Quick Point

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
Commissioner Debra Williams recently asked about part or all of Quick Point Park existing boardwalk and earthen trail becoming an ADA accessible feature through the possibility of adding Mobi-mat®. Due to the nature of the park being only incrementally boardwalked and very close to the shoreline, it would not be conducive and actually end up being cost prohibitive to add Mobi-mats at this time. More information on this is noted on the inspection notes further below.  
Overall, the park is a passive nature preserve, so the boardwalks were never designed to be fully connected. Connecting these areas by, for example, adding more at-grade or above-grade boardwalk will be extremely costly. The preserve can be planned for greater accessibility in the future, perhaps as part of a long-term plan for the nature preserve combined with the potential future construction of a loop trail. We are in the process of a feasibility study and budget estimates for the loop trail now. The nature of the current trail is that there are beach sand walking areas, natural ground walking areas, compacted dirt/shell/rock walking areas, and boardwalk walking areas all combined to get to the Bay overlook. The long-term loop project can include connecting more of the trail with compacted shell or boardwalk as part of creating

the continuous loop.  
Here is some back-up information below from our team's field inspection and further analysis for the Mobi-mat:

To get to the first boardwalk, the Mobi-mat would need to go from the terminus of the sidewalk to the first boardwalk, about 500-feet. After that there is a long stretch before the next boardwalk. Then there are more at-grade areas that don't have boardwalks to get to the Observation Deck.

The approximate initial cost for mobi-mat to get to the first boardwalk is \$25,000.  
Mobi-mat should not be put in areas that might be under water. These at-grade areas will definitely be under water at times and the mats would be susceptible to water damage or washing away. Then the Town would be incurring ongoing cost of repair and replacement.

The beach area to get to the first boardwalk section is only 5 - 8-feet wide depending on tides. A mat is this location would not allow people to utilize that area for sunbathing and/or fishing.

Also there is a possibility that the mat cannot be at the beach location during turtle season. We would have to confirm.

We need truck access to mow and empty trash and vehicles are not permitted on Mobi-mat. Public Works does not have in-house capacity to place and remove the mats every day or during regular tidal cycles.

Our experience has been that this park (Quick Point trail) does not get used as much in general as compared to other parks in the Town. To date, we have not received a request from residents or others to make this trail accessible.

Attached is a graphic with a few of these notes. Please feel free to forward to Commissioner Williams or let us know if you would like us to, or if you would rather bring back up as a follow-up at the next budget workshop.

Isaac Brownman  
Director Public Works  
Town of Longboat Key

## Mangroves

To: James Haft  
I have been looking into the issues that arose around mangrove removal at a residence on Gull Drive in the City of Anna Maria earlier this year. My understanding is that, although there was some confusion about the matter, the permit allowing the mangrove removal and the sea wall was issue by FDEP. I have a call in to Hannah Westerfeldt at FDEP (she runs the mangrove operation and spoke at our last Commission meeting) to explore that case and see what we can do to avoid a similar result here.

Ken Schneider  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

## Mangroves

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider  
Has the State pre-empted mangrove regulation? If not, perhaps we could pass our own ordinance to protect canals....  
James Haft  
Longboat Key

## Mangroves

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider  
It definitely does. Under this rule ever mangrove in every Longboat Key canal is vulnerable. Back this weekend. Enjoying my last fire. It definitely does. Under this rule ever mangrove in every LBK canal is vulnerable. Back this weekend. Enjoying my last fire.  
Rusty Chinnis  
Longboat Key

## Mangroves

To: Rusty Chinnis  
You were right about it being a State authorization, but I don't know why the FDEP would do this. Needs more study.  
Ken Schneider  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

## Mangroves

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider  
The mangroves were removed from the residence on Gull St in Anna Maria as a result of a permit issued by the State of Florida DEP. City ordinances stipulate that seawalls are to be constructed landward of any mangroves. But the contractor went to the State and got a permit to remove all the mangroves prior to the issuance of our permit. The State did not consult with the city prior to issuing the permit. That's a flaw in the process.  
Hope that clears it up for you. Best regards,  
Dan Murphy  
Mayor  
City of Anna Maria

## Mangroves

To: City of Anna Maria Mayor Dan Murphy  
As we continue to discuss mangrove protection, I have been asked whether the rules that ultimately permitted a stretch of mangroves to be removed in the City of Anna Maria recently in order to allow a lengthy residential sea wall to be built were part of a City ordinance, a County regulation, State law or some combination of these? Thanks much.  
Ken Schneider  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

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# StayingAlive

## Let the children play outside

**MATTHEW EDLUND M.D.**  
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Thumbs. They race across joysticks and pale glass surfaces, clicking and pulling so quickly you need a stop-time camera to see what they’ve done. They send messages of love and forgiveness, kick footballs, pilot spacecrafts across millions of light years and explode the immense toothed jaws of flesh-eating aliens who will destroy Earth and every living thing on it. And that’s the only part of the kid that’s moving.

Adults of all forms and persuasions come to me, grandparents, aunts, cousins, mothers-in-law, all with the same complaint—the children are inside all day. Why aren’t they outside? Why aren’t they playing in the sun? They’re sitting in chairs glued down like a mollusk, and they angrily declare, “Their parents should get up off their duff” and go outside to watch them, but they’re “too damn lazy to move.”

I tell them the economic crisis makes this vastly more complicated, but children and their play is a major public health issue that will affect their health and ability to learn most of their lives. Here are some reasons I hear against, and reasons for, letting your children play outside:



**Reasons against:**

- 1. Predators. They’re out there, parents tell me. They’re right. Predators are out there, in schools and supermarkets, churches and playgrounds, and children have to be taught to deal with them everywhere and anytime.
- 2. Bullies. Ditto for predators—they appear anywhere children appear, so children must be taught to deal with them, and actually deal with them, so that they can develop an independent, self-reliant personality and grow up.
- 3. They’ll get hurt. True, they can get hurt outside, but it’s a lot better to help the growing process by using their bodies, so they can grow the strong muscles and bones that they will need throughout life.
- 4. West Nile virus. There are innumerable bugs outside that can kill, but there are enough bugs on your hand to kill most of humanity if immune systems don’t work—and playing outside can help develop and mature your immune system in ways that will help you and the rest of the society for decades (see below).
- 5. Our community is not built for children’s play. And the tenements of your grandparents were? Gated communities may sometimes be a bad idea, but children can and do learn to play almost anywhere.

**Reasons to play outside:**

- 1. Learning to play. A great joy of life is the creativity of play, of making up roles, stories, games, of learning to create on your own and with others—and imaginations open up when you get outside. Play can also teach mental flow and sustained attention, required for sustained achievement.
- 2. Sunlight. Light is a drug that resets immunity, biological clocks, improves mood and provides vitamin D. Yes, it can cause skin cancer, but that’s why hats, sunscreen, and long sleeves and pants were made.
- 3. Improving immunity. Farm children get far less asthma. Playing in the dirt teaches the immune system. Handling those bugs in childhood is critical to avoidance of many autoimmune diseases, as well as perhaps neurological conditions like MS. Your body learns by doing and through experience, just as it does for intellectual activities.
- 4. Preventing obesity. Humans are built to move. We’re walking machines. Hunter-gatherer societies walk 12 to 14 miles a day. Walking can help prevent most of the main disease scourges of industrial mankind, and moving after meals may be even more effective in weight control.

- 5. Getting into nature. Even short periods in the natural world improve mood, and natural settings have historically provided our ideals of beauty and paradise. If we want to preserve our planet rather than cook it, children need to get outside and see how things live and grow.
  - 6. Making friends. You can play video games together, but it’s far better to play with other kids, learning to care about others and cooperate—a large part of what it means to be human.
  - 7. Different senses. You smell, hear and taste inside, but you’ll sense so much more outside, teaching your nervous system and expanding your imagination.
  - 8. Sports. You can make a living as a virtual gamer in Korea, but most of us won’t learn baseball, football, soccer, tennis, kickball and other sports unless we get outside. We need to use our bodies the way they’re built, to move, jump and play as we learn new skills.
- There are dozens of other reasons for children to play outside, and perhaps you’ll write in some. We humans are social animals; built to move; built to live and love nature; to grow and mature by doing. So let the children play outside, let their brains and bodies grow, and let them learn the pleasure of some of the greatest joys of life—together with other children.

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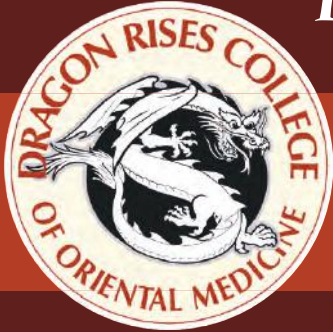
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Reductions

This project is focused on monitoring and detection to enable a more proactive response to the presence of cyanobacteria and will allow Mote’s Dr. Emily Hall to study the efficacy of innovative treatment methodologies using a water-probe detection product made by BlueGreen Water Technologies, called Lake Guard® Dew, a ready-to-use product that is encapsulated in a thin, inert, biodegradable, proprietary coating which causes it to float on the water’s surface and slowly release its mitigation product over time.

Dr. Hall will assess the product’s viability for reducing nutrient concentrations, which has the potential for restoration against chronic harmful algal blooms. The project consists of water condition analytics and in-field treatment that will take place at Lake Jesup in Seminole County, Florida, which does not support plant and animal life very well due to excessive nutrients and the presence of cyanobacteria.



Dr. Hall will also: view to the unique characteristics of the lake in combination with in-water probe devices to supplement artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities in pursuit of improved remote sensing monitoring and predictive modeling assess whether this product can reduce nutrients, thereby reducing the potential for harmful algal blooms, and keep cyanotoxin levels below advisory thresholds established by the US EPA

Once detection has occurred, treatment can be applied. The treatment product can be used at a large scale that can be easily and responsibly dispersed aerially via a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft and a 1-ton reservoir (which has previously been done with another Lake Guard® product).

“One advantage of this slow-release product is the increase in contact time thereby significantly increasing the potential to bind with impurities in the water,” said Dr. Hall, Mote’s Chemical and Physical Ecology Research Program Manager. “Lake Guard® Dew’s increased binding potential means that only minimal quantities are required to achieve the maximum impact. Typical drivers of algal bloom proliferation are sun-

light, warm water temperature, and nutrients. Of these listed, nutrients are the one that we can attempt to control, which is why this project is so important.”

The grant will allow Mote’s Dr. Cindy Heil to investigate a cost-efficient, environmentally safe and scalable technology made by Innovation Heights called the Aquastream Cyto-Bot to help mitigate cyanobacteria in Lake Sarasota. The Aquastream is a patented autonomous floating cyanobacterial collector that physically removes cyanobacteria from waterways.

This project will test the efficacy of the Aquastream for cyanobacteria cell and toxin removal first in small-scale lab studies and later demonstrate its potential efficacy in a field scale in Lake Sarasota demonstration with measurable cell and toxin metrics in a local aquatic system subject to HABs.

“Establishing and quantifying the efficacy of the Aquastream and demonstrating its field use and effectiveness against cyanobacteria cells and their associated toxins will provide Florida with a portable, autonomous, readily deployable mitigation tool to rapidly respond to, deploy and mitigate cyanobacteria, restoring water quality and minimizing public health risks,” said Dr. Heil, Director of Mote’s Red Tide Institute.

Non-toxic Biodegradable Formulation for Eliminating Cyanobacteria and Their Toxins in Freshwater Systems

The grant will allow Mote’s Dr. Rich Pierce, and the Ecotoxicology research team, to investigate the effectiveness of Xtreme, a natural non-toxic product developed by Heartland Energy Group, on reducing cyanobacterial cells and toxins, and determining the correct dosage for successful mitigation.

This product has shown significant positive signs in Mote’s testing of it as a Florida red tide mitigation tool. Mote’s Ecotoxicology team will design and implement tests (growing from a small size lab test to larger-scale tests) at Mote’s Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Facility at the Mote Aquaculture Research Park. The product, called Xtreme, is currently in use for many water purification and quality improvement applications, including to control the

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to staff exploring numerous options including artificial turf. As part of staff’s research, it reached out to the Longboat Key Club to obtain recommendations for soil and sod turf. The Longboat Key Club came back to the town with a donation opportunity that includes supplying and regrading all of the soil layers, installing new sod, adjusting irrigation heads, and supplying a robotic mower for maintenance. Additionally, the Key Club would jointly pay for educational signage.

The Key Club recommends that the new sod variety be Platinum Paspalum, which is known for its thick and luxuriously soft walkable texture as well as extreme resistance to salinized water.

The Town Commission must agree to this donation agreement and shared responsibilities. Brownman said that if possible, the goal is to complete these enhancements this summer, “to catch the rainy season.”

The Commission will consider the donation agreement at its June 3 Commission Meeting.

KeyCrossword



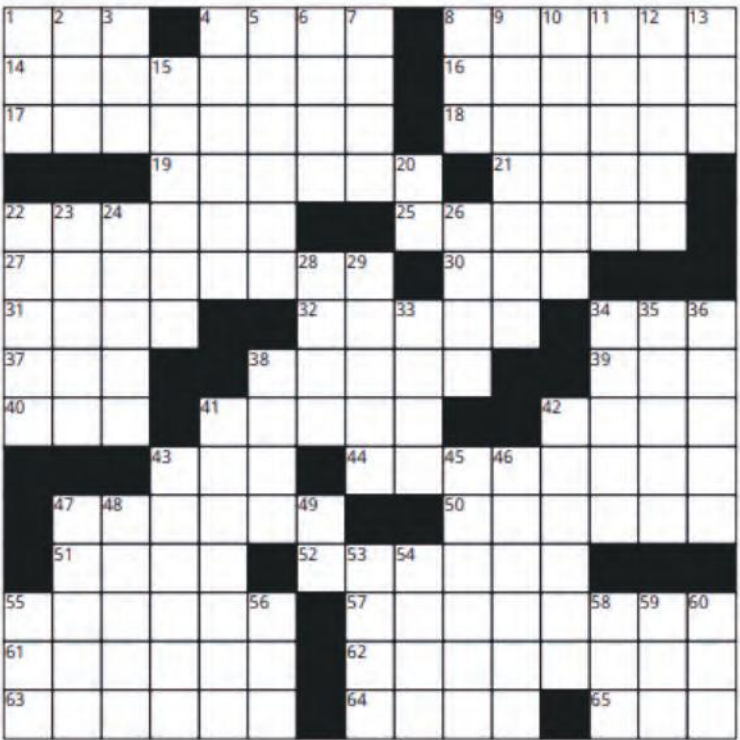
ACROSS

- 1 Luigi in TTYD, for example
- 4 Player formerly known as Ultra
- 8 "Mango in jail", for example
- 14 Fought back tears, perhaps
- 16 Common seasoning
- 17 Given as homework
- 18 "Great" region of the US
- 19 Reptile you might find in a garden
- 21 French equivalent to "Ms."
- 22 Like fake beef
- 25 Hidden hazards
- 27 Spread made with black olives, capers, and anchovies
- 30 Jetson family member
- 31 From the U.S.
- 32 What Kirby says before "punch" when using Falcon's neutral-B
- 34 Like wheels on a blinged-out car
- 37 Suffix with tempo-
- 38 Cirque du Soleil performer
- 39 Samurai Jack villain
- 40 Lupine
- 41 One who questions
- 42 Prod. of "You Disrespected Your Elders in the Wrong Neighborhood"
- 43 Ai no \_\_\_\_
- 44 45-Down, in a best of five

- 47 "That's a mistake"
- 50 Reminiscent of a forest
- 51 Type of suit
- 52 "Hannibal" director
- 55 Vulpine
- 57 Obscure
- 61 Half an alpine athlete's gear
- 62 Labyrinthitis body part
- 63 Masseur's concern
- 64 Luu or Tranimal, for short
- 65 Furrowing, as a brow

DOWN

- 1 One of two that merged in 1976
- 2 Presses two buttons in rapid succession
- 3 Annual tech trade show (abbr.)
- 4 LACS host
- 5 Home of Polo and Goosekhan
- 6 Angers
- 7 Atomsk, Big D, and Coney, for short
- 8 With S, a top Fox player
- 9 Like many barbershop quartets, or the Five Gods
- 10 Strong HBO protagonist
- 11 Paperless utility payment
- 12 Ebbs
- 13 \_\_\_\_ admin
- 15 Drillbur or Sandile, for example
- 20 Den of thieves, metaphorically
- 22 Leon's crew



- 23 Delicious steamed dish with masa y maíz
- 24 Donkey Kong-esque
- 26 Pool substance
- 28 To crouch, or one who often crouched
- 29 Surrounds in cloth
- 33 What many top players don't do about rankings, according to them
- 34 Piece of DNA that comes in twos
- 35 Slithering Pokémon
- 36 Like an old controller, perhaps
- 38 "Do I get \_\_\_\_ in the matter?"
- 41 On the line

- 42 Cutesy slang for a desktop
- 43 Degree to which one is down
- 45 Evo 2013 Winners Finals score
- 46 Ceramicist
- 47 Offer one's two cents
- 48 \_\_\_\_ Summons: Druid spell that Recruits a minion
- 49 Star Wars actor
- 53 "To be", to Kins0
- 54 Folk rock supergroup, initially
- 55 Realtor's unit
- 56 Trait that might appeal to a furry
- 58 VCR button
- 59 Suffix with famil-
- 60 Making sound with paper

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