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## Sarasota Planning Board says Commission should deny One Park condo plan

One Park Sarasota will be heard by the Sarasota City Commission in December, seeking support for its plan to build an 18-story, 123-unit luxury condominium at the The Quay along Sarasota Bay downtown, but without a favorable recommendation from the city’s citizen planning advisory board.

The Planning Board on Wednesday recommended denial of a change to a 2016 development agreement for the site after another three hours of public discussion on the controversial project.

One Park Sarasota developers want to combine two blocks in the 10-block development and build part of the condominium over Quay Commons, the central road in the roughly 15-acre Quay site.

The vote against the plan was 3-1. The Commission is scheduled to hear the proposal on Dec. 5 at City Hall.

## County to explore opening Midnight Pass

The Sarasota County Commission plans to authorize a fresh study on the feasibility of reopening Midnight Pass, in part to try to gain more favor with state and federal regulators on a project that is projected to cost from \$25 million to \$40 million for construction and environmental mitigation.

The commission unanimously voted Tuesday to direct county staff to start internal engineering studies, following a presentation by Public Works Director Spencer Anderson on the master plan for water quality improvements in Little Sarasota Bay, which includes evaluation of the potential impact of reopening Midnight Pass.



## Sarasota Schools undertakes hiring freeze

*Sarasota County Schools has implemented a temporary hiring freeze, citing enrollment numbers and budgetary considerations.*

After a recent analysis, Sarasota County Schools says they have observed that the enrollment projections for Sarasota County Schools are lower than initially anticipated. They have undertaken a comprehensive review of the data, and multiple factors have contributed to this trend, including shifting demographics, population changes, student moving out of county and the passing of House Bill 1 (School Choice and Parental Empowerment Legislation).

After consideration of these updated enrollment figures, they have come to the decision to install a temporary hiring freeze across the district. This means that any open positions that have not yet been filled will be evaluated for removal or left unfilled until further notice.

The hiring freeze went into effect on Friday Oct. 13.

### Mote nets top award



Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium (Mote) earned 4/4 stars by Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator, in recognition of its financial health, ongoing accountability, and transparency of how its funds are allocated. This rating designates Mote as an official “Give with Confidence” charity, indicating that Mote is using its donations responsibly and effectively based on Charity Navigator’s criteria. Charity Navigator is America’s largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator “Our Four-Star Charity Navigator Award is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health,” said Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Mote President and CEO.

## Longboat Key Fire Rescue better-equipped

Firehouse Subs made a donation to Longboat Key Fire Rescue -- about \$30,000 worth of new gear.

When a victim is trapped inside a vehicle, the logistics of getting them out alive can come down to just a few seconds.

The tools that firefighters use to cut into cars and free people trapped inside, the “Jaws of Life,” are faster, safer, and easier to use than ever, as Florida Rescue Specialist Tom Winkler said. “They’re fully water-proof...faster to deploy than the tools from yesterday,” he said, just before giving me the chance to try the Jaws of Life out for myself.

Firefighters will continue training with the new tools, making sure that the whole crew gets the chance to learn with the new equipment. It’s all in the interest of saving as many lives as they can.



## \$10 million Bradenton house priciest on Manatee mainland

A three-bedroom, four-bath house that recently went on the market for \$10 million is the most expensive residential listing in mainland Manatee County.

The 4,489-square-foot house sits on 30.7 acres along 2,000 feet of Manatee River frontage at 1245 Mill Creek Road.

The 30-acre estate sprawls along the banks of the tranquil Manatee River, this spectacular Cape Dutch inspired home was built in 2021 with absolutely no detail or expense spared,” the listing says.

In addition, there are three adjacent parcels available to add another 17 acres to the total if desired, the listing says.

Although it has the highest asking price among mainland homes, a number of island properties knock this one down to ninth among the most expensive Manatee County residential real estate listings. Here are the top 10 most expensive listings:

- \$22 million, 6201 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key
- \$18.5 million, 5861 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key
- \$16.9 million, 6489 Gulfside Road, Longboat Key
- \$16.9 million, 811 North Shore Dr., Anna Maria
- \$14.8 million, 6680 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key
- \$12 million, 5005 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key
- \$12 million, 801 North Shore Dr., Anna Maria
- \$10.95 million, 535 70th St., Holmes Beach
- \$10 million, 1245 Mill Creek Road, Bradenton
- \$9.99 million, 881 North Shore Dr., Anna Maria

## Le Macaron French Pastries celebrates growth at Longboat annual meeting

Le Macaron French Pastries, the #1 macaron franchise brand, gathered with franchise partners from throughout the U.S. to commemorate a year of growth at an annual meeting in Longboat Key where they participated in workshops, roundtable discussions, and learned about the brand’s roadmap for the future.

Keynote speaker and founder Rosalie Guillem vowed to keep the brand fresh and relevant to consumers.

Le Macaron plans upcoming locations in Columbus, Ohio, Tucson, Arizona, Long Beach, California, Sacramento, California, Pembroke Pines, Florida, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, New York, and Miami.

Founded in 2009 by Rosalie Guillem and her daughter Audrey, Le Macaron French Pastries is headquartered in Sarasota. The brand began franchising in 2012 and has since grown to more than 70 locations across the U.S.

Le Macaron French Pastries

## The Bay Park’s Free 5-Day First Anniversary Celebration Begins Wednesday, Oct. 18

The Bay Park Conservancy will kick off The Bay Turns One! – a five-day First Anniversary Community Celebration beginning Wednesday, October 18.

The park’s First Anniversary community celebration will feature “the very best of The Bay” and provide free programming for the community.

Highlights of the five-day celebration include:

A Latino-inspired, family-friendly ¡Bailando for All! dance party (Wednesday, October 18)

A one-year milestone Community Celebration Party recognizing one-year old babies and couples who have been together for one year (Thursday, October 19)

A not-so-scary Boo! at The Bay Halloween event filled with trick-or-treating, free pumpkin pickings, a double-feature movie night and includes a Sensory-Friendly hour (Friday, October 20)

The Second Annual Multicultural Festival at The Bay celebrating a tapestry of cultures with vibrant performances and delicious cuisine (Saturday, October 21)

A bayside concert featuring Journey former lead vocalist Steve Augeri (Saturday, October 21)

The Second Annual Taste of The Bay food festival in partnership with the Sarasota-Manatee Originals (Sunday, October 22)

A not-to-miss “Soul & Sass” concert by Sarasota’s Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe (Sunday, October 22)

The entire celebration is intertwined with everyday free programming such as guided kayak tours in partnership with Ride & Paddle, fitness classes provided by CoreSRQ, yoga taught by local yogis, guided nature walks, and music featuring some of the area’s favorite artists.

For more information and to register for various The Bay Turns One! events, visit the website at [www.TheBayTurnsOne.org](http://www.TheBayTurnsOne.org).

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## One Park

To: Sarasota City Commission  
Please take the advice of the City planning board and vote against One Park’s proposed plan because:  
1. The original Quay plan guaranteed shopping and dining in the big mix of things. Personally, I thought “high end” shopping Naples style which is what the City really needs since it’s now attracting a very wealthy population.  
2. Placing another huge concrete building at the Quay site will totally block the downtown area from the sea breezes contributing to the artificial warming of the downtown area.  
3. Massive expanses of concrete attract heat, once again contributing to global warming!  
4. The proposed building is ugly and has no benefit to the downtown residents; only benefits the developers who make money off the project and really don’t care about the City . A shopping and dining area with beautiful green spaces (greenery cleans the air) would benefit all residents in Sarasota! The proposed 13,000 square feet of commercial doesn’t cut it!  
Please plan for the future of our community by keeping it beautiful!  
Melissa Morrill  
Sarasota

## New LBK Chamber President

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
At today’s 4:00 Chamber Events Committee Meeting, the new President was there and I was introduced.  
Her name is Kim Verrault. She was formerly a Chamber Executive Director (the equivalent to Present) in Main. She lives in Sarasota and has been working in Real Estate but now has taken this position. Gail will be working with her until around Christmas time. Just wanted to provide you this info.  
Carolyn Brown  
Support Services Director  
Town of Longboat Key

## Preserve Drainage

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
Thanks for your email regarding the recent damage and update. Yes, an end cap at 6840 Longboat Dr S was hit by a truck today, and damaged (first attached pic). I have already contacted the installer to schedule a repair.  
As an update on maintenance activity and progress since our last update, the following items have been completed:  
Visual inspection of swales and drainage inlet points following every rain, most recently on 8/21/23.  
Installation of driveway trench drains at the two Milano Homesites (lots 108 and 110).  
Work on perimeter swales at the two Milano Homesites (lots 108 and 110).  
Replacement of damaged driveway trench drain covers at 6840 Longboat Dr S (lot 101).  
Grading maintenance at lot 112 along with ongoing silt fence repairs and repairs to the rock site entry.  
Removal of landscaping debris from drainage features and inlets at lot 105.  
Removal of sediment from the drainage collection grates feeding the outfall (fronting lot 111 /110)  
Communication between myself and the Milano Homes project manager regarding proper installation of end caps and concrete bedding for the driveway trench drains at the two Milano Homesites (lots 108 and 110).  
I believe Milano Homes will be seeking certification of their drainage systems from GAP Engineering and from Town Public works in short order, along with completing their final grading and landscaping – which will both reduce truck activity around the swales bordering Longboat Dr S, and will make the swale grading more permanent. The homeowner at lot 108, where the drain was damaged, is also planning to enhance his front swale following the completion of the two Milano Homes.  
We have finally experienced more consistent and heavy rainfall, and through the inspection yesterday the drainage system is still performing as designed. We will continue to maintain the drainage features, and all but 1 lot bordering public roads will be completed in the next 6-months (lot 112 will be the last of those currently under construction, with 111 being the

last remaining perimeter site).  
John Shkor  
Longboat Key

## The Preserve Subdivision: Mayor inquiry

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
This message is in response to the Mayor’s note on Tuesday that Mrs. Kimberly Ross asked him for an update regarding the Preserve Subdivision drainage. The attached was sent back in June to her husband, Mr. Michael Riter, and I believe it is still relevant. Regarding the roadway, it was in not great shape before construction, and it is naturally in worse condition now over time and as construction has ensued for about 5-years now. As noted in the attached, Public Works is looking at road resurfacing in that area. We may add some elevation to the road(s) by capping instead of milling (possibly) if it makes sense to do so and get some better positive flow direction in the short-term.  
In addition, the area where the Preserve is has been identified in the early part of the Village drainage re-analysis as a lower, flatter area of the Village, though, not as low as Russell and Bayside Drive. As that study progresses, we will be getting area recommendations for future resilience projects, like road raising and drainage improvements as well. Kimley-Horn is working on that, similar to Buttonwood and Sleepy Lagoon.  
I copied Allen because his department has also been getting regular updates from the developer on work he has done to maintain the system.  
Isaac Brownman  
Director Public Works  
Town of Longboat Key

## The Preserve Subdivision: Mayor inquiry

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
If you can let me know any news from your side, I’ll forward to the Mayor so that he can respond. Thanks!  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

The Preserve Subdivision: Mayor inquiry  
To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton  
FYI- PZB receives regular updates from the master developer on stormwater maintenance activities & accomplishments. The last update received is attached.  
Allen Parsons  
Planning and Zoning Director  
Town of Longboat Key

## The Preserve Subdivision: Mayor inquiry

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider  
As requested, here is feedback/information from both Isaac and Allen regarding Preserve drainage. As you can see, there is ongoing monitoring, discussion and planning.  
Howard N. Tipton  
Town Manager  
Town of Longboat Key

## The Preserve Subdivision: Mayor inquiry

To: Kim Ross  
Kimberly: I have attached some information supplied by Howard, Isaac and Allen regarding the construction and water issues in your neighborhood. Some of this you have seen and some is more recent. My main takeaway is that the ongoing work at the Preserve (which both creates more run-off and blocks the installed drains/swales), combined with the low elevation on Hibiscus and higher tides, create a problem difficult to cure so long as the construction goes on. Meanwhile, I believe Issac and Allen have been working with the contractors to try and solve blockage issues as they arise and that there is a plan for this fiscal year (which began last

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# KeyOpinion

## The horrific cost of bungled policies

*The Biden administration’s infatuation with Iran has now come home to roost. Kowtowing to the mullahs in Iran rather than solidifying our longtime alliances in the region has been a terrible blunder.*

GREGORY RUSOVICH  
Guest Writer  
rusovich@lbknews.com

The surrender to the Taliban in Afghanistan and opening of our Southern border has also added national and global peril. Our enemies have been emboldened, our allies weakened, and the homeland further endangered.



RUSOVICH

The Middle East has always been calmest when America nurtured its relations with Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Egypt, and Jordan, while making crystal clear our unwavering support of Israel. The Abraham Accords, mediated during the Trump administration, brought Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain together, recognized Israel’s sovereignty, and enabled the establishment of full diplomatic relations among the parties. The Abraham Accords also paved the way for a potential Saudi- Israeli bilateral agreement despite President Biden’s past description of the Kingdom and its crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (known as MBS) as “pariahs.” Iran has now deliberately undermined the promising Saudi- Israeli negotiations by provoking the repulsive assault on Israel through its terrorist servant, Hamas.

Since taking office, the Biden foreign policy team wrongly chose prioritizing detente with Iran as the centerpiece of its

Middle East strategy. It worked relentlessly to reinvigorate former President Obama’s flawed Iran Nuclear Deal. The administration was desperate to strike a deal—any deal— with Iran. The mullahs refused all Biden pleas. The Iranian supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei did snatch one offer too good to refuse. Team Biden offered and sent a whopping \$6 billion (now held in a Qatari account) in exchange for five American hostages- plenty of money for the Ayatollah to finance additional terror in the region. In 2015, Obama only sent a meager \$400 million dollars in cash (later followed by an additional \$1.3 billion) to Iran in exchange for hostages and to secure the flawed nuclear deal. Biden made his old boss look cheap.

Comically, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken states that Iran has “from day one, under our law, under our sanctions, the right to use these monies for humanitarian purposes.” So, Blinken still trusts the Iranians to adhere to “our law” and offends all Americans by ignoring the fact that money is fungible. If one party opens a line of credit for another party with a designated use for that money only, other available funds then become available for the receiving party to use. More money is accessible to cause more peril, period. Mr. Blinken may also want



to align narratives with his Iranian partners. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said in several interviews a few weeks ago that the Iranian government will decide how and where to spend the \$6 billion in previously frozen assets.

Iran is also supplying Russia with hundreds of one-way attack drones that it is using to kill Ukrainians. “Russia has been using Iranian Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (UAV’s) to strike Kyiv and terrorize the Ukrainian population, and the Russia-Iran military partnership appears to be deepening,” stated White House spokesman John Kirby in June. The newly promised \$6 billion to Iran can now be used to support both Hamas and Russia. Message to team Biden: take the money back and cancel the deal.

The debacle in Afghanistan continues to reverberate. Remember the \$85 billion in U.S. military equipment which was left behind during the chaotic withdrawal? Well, several media outlets and Israeli officials are now reporting that many of those weapons are being used by Hamas. Actions have consequences, some deadly.

Meanwhile, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) is estimating 260,000 Migrant Encounters at the Southern borders in September- a record number for a single month. For comparison purposes, St. Petersburg has a population of 258,000. There have been approximately 6 million illegal crossings since Biden took office and 1.5 million “gotaways.” The blatant neglect of border security may also lead to terrorist actions on top of the 70,000 American deaths resulting from fentanyl flowing freely across the border.

There have been unusually large numbers of Special Interest Alien Apprehensions (an illegal alien from a nation that either promotes terrorist activity, harbors terrorists, or poses a possible security threat to the U.S.) at our southern border. CBP reports 659 of those Apprehensions from Iran, 538 from Syria, and 6,386 from Afghanistan. There has been a total of 151 Terror Watch List Apprehensions in FY 2023 compared to 3 in FY 2020. Just as the number of “gotaways” implies, how many possible terrorists on the Special Interest Alien Apprehensions or the Terror Watch List have come into the U.S. without being encountered?

Poor policy choices often lead to deadly outcomes. Appeasement of adversaries on the global stage never protects American lives or interests. An open border places the homeland in imminent danger, from fentanyl to terrorism. And as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, “No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it. There can be no appeasement with ruthlessness. There can be no reasoning with an incendiary bomb.”

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# EditorLetters



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week) to try and fix road and drainage issues within the Town’s purview.

As you and I discussed, Idalia has again sent the message that the only true solution for low-lying neighborhoods is elevation of structures. This is expensive, and while there is no effective plan currently available to help finance that kind of construction, we did specifically ask our State legislators last week to begin to craft such a program. The only other short-term idea I can think of might be the installation on your property of a berm similar to that of your western neighbor to insulate your home from some of the effects of tides and run-off.

Please know that stormwater management is one of the very top priorities of Longboat Key government. It’s a difficult problem that will not get better, but we continue to search for solutions and do welcome your input.

Ken Schneier  
Mayor  
Town of Longboat Key

**Town Underground Project Question**

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

In response to a note you received from Vice Mayor Haycock, below is additional information from FPL. Thank you.

Isaac Brownman  
Director Public Works  
Town of Longboat Key

**Town Underground Project Question**

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman

Our typical timeframe for reviewing asbuilts and making necessary corrections in the system are ~2-3 months. However, on this project, we have been making some of those corrections on the fly. As you mentioned, there are many variables that factor in and each project is different. Existing OH feeder, existing UG feeder, existing OH laterals, existing UG laterals, existing UG transformers, 3 phase, 2 phase, 1 phase... how all these are connected and most importantly what needs to be done to incorporate all of this into the new system in a way that is safe and reducing the risk of dropping load (power outages) is very complex. This is just the surface of what all goes into the process. It’s definitely not as easy as turning on a switch. There are some things that we (the team at the project level, i.e. Ryan, myself, Rich our PL) cannot see until our team at the control center reviews the requests. They take a look at the overall system, how it’s currently operating and being fed, peak loads, and reliability risks. They determine what is the best way to energize the new system and when we can actually do so. They can also see discrepancies that need to be corrected before writing any such orders.

To folks that are on the outside, it may appear to be a convoluted process but there are checks and balances that we have to follow to make sure that once the new system is energized it is safe, reliable, and maintainable.

Hau Tran  
Program Manager  
FPL Power Delivery

**Road Problems**

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

I’m hoping you can direct me to where I can file a complaint. I live at 2266 Hawthorne Street. We have undergone many new homes built on the street, as have many in the Arlington Park area. Every home built west of me has a rut in front of the home where connections to utilities have been made. There used to be a requirement that the developer had to pave those ruts so it would be smooth driving over it. Well, that is not the case. I am frustrated with having to crisscross the street to travel east and then of course, west when returning. I am sure many of the other streets in the neighborhood are having the same problem.

It would also be great if there were a plan to repave and restripe the roads throughout Arlington Park. The road indicators are so faded they cannot be read, particularly where a “hump” is upcoming.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Fay Rice  
Sarasota

**Road Problems**

To: Fay Rice

Staff copied will look into the situation and also provide a response to you. Thank you for reaching out and for sharing.

Marlon Brown  
City Manager  
City of Sarasota

**Road Problems**

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

Thank you so much. I appreciate your swift response and I am looking forward to having

my problem resolved.

Fay Rice  
Sarasota

**Road Problems**

To: Fay Rice

Thank you for highlighting the road conditions on Hawthorne Street and in the Arlington Park area. Your feedback is very much appreciated, and we are committed to taking action.

Settled Areas: We will patch the unsettled areas on Hawthorne Street by the end of November to improve rideability.

Road Resurfacing: While Hawthorne Street is on our priority list for resurfacing, the timeline is subject to the City’s broader maintenance schedule. We understand the urgency and will make every effort within our existing priorities.

Road Striping: The faded striping on the speed hump will be updated for enhanced visibility and safety by the end of November.

Your concerns help us better prioritize our road maintenance efforts. If you have any more questions or updates, please feel free to contact me.

Nikesh Patel  
City Engineer  
City of Sarasota

**Road Problems**

To: Sarasota City Engineer Nik Patel

I am very impressed with your quick follow up and appreciate your addressing my concerns. I’ll look forward to the repaving. Thanks so much.

Fay Rice  
Sarasota

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To: Shep Englander

Our pleasure given the circumstances. Thanks for recognizing the team’s effort to make the solidarity gathering a success/reality. All the best.

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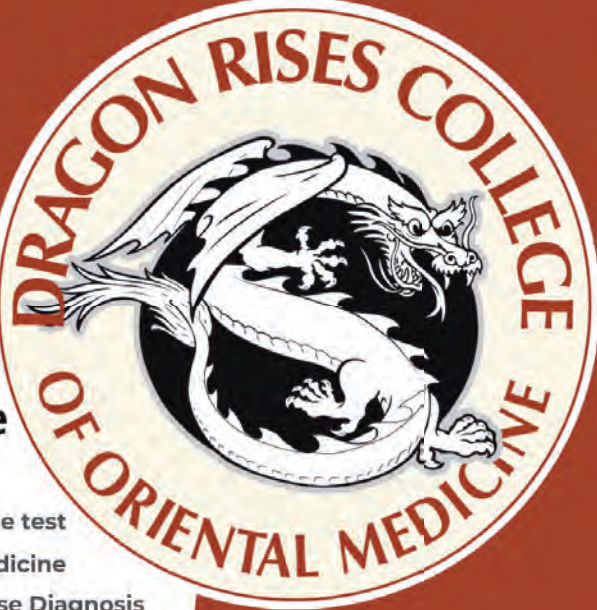
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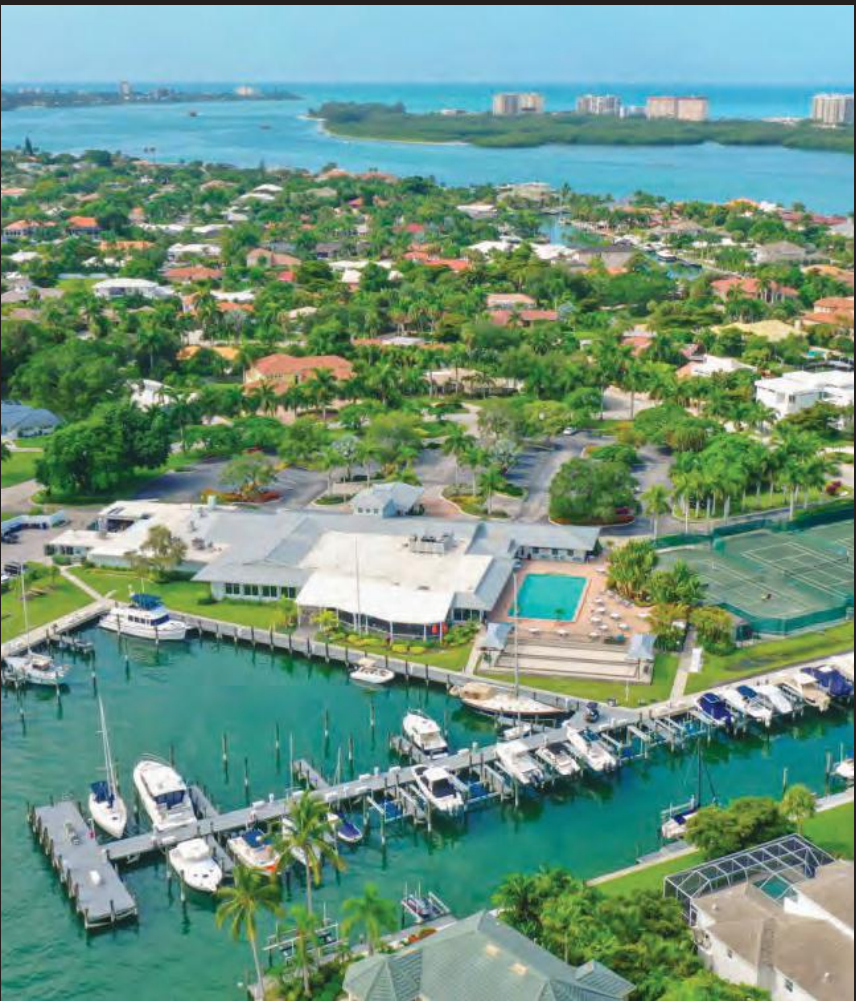
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# OnPatrol

The following are actual police reports as written by Longboat Key Police Officers. They are edited for length, punctuation and to protect privacy.

Sept. 29

Citizen assist

7:37 a.m.  
Officer Ramsaier was dispatched to Bayport Way for a water leak in front of a location. Upon arrival, the officer was met by the head of maintenance who said that they called Public Works Department which came after making contact with the complainant. Case clear.

Citizen assist

11:14 p.m.  
Officer Swinford responded to Joy Street in reference to a citizen dispute. Upon arrival, Officer Swinford made contact with two men who were in the driveway of the residence. The dispute was regarding one individual being intoxicated and sitting in his vehicle with the other man not wanting him to drive. The keys of the vehicle were eventually handed over so the man wouldn't be tempted to drive. The parties were separated, case clear.

Sept. 30

Citizen assist

10:06 a.m.  
Officer Butler responded to a citizen assist at Buttonwood Drive. The complainant stated that there is a box floating in the canal near her home. The complainant went to the rear of the home and observed a black box in the canal near Longview Drive. This officer is unable to get to the debris due to it being in the water. The marine unit was brought in to retrieve the item. Case clear.

Citizen assist

9:06 p.m.  
Sgt. Montfort was dispatched to the 4400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a residential lockouts. The phone number provided returned to Bay Isles Parkway. Sgt. Montfort then proceeded to the complex where he was greeted by the man who was locked out. The man provided a driver's license with his address. The man stated he was in the common room of the condominium and left the building for a brief moment. When the man attempted to enter the building, he realized he did not have his key fob nor cell phone to contact a neighbor. Sgt. Montfort assisted the man with contacting an Homeowner's Association representative who opened the door to the condominium. Case clear.

Oct. 1

Citizen assist

4:05 p.m.  
Officer Ramsaier responded to Sands Point Road for a call of theft. The complainant states that she left her phone in the lobby bathroom and when she returned, it was gone. Prior to Officer Ramsaier's arrival, the officer was notified by dispatch the complainant called back stating she found her phone. Case clear.

Citizen assist

5:26 p.m.  
Officer Mathis responded to the 1400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a civil dispute. A man was at the location to clean the pool at an unapproved time and staff requested him to leave the property. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis met with the man and explained that the maintenance department requested that he leave the property and return to the property to service the pool. The man then packed his belongings and left the property without further incident. Case clear.



Oct. 3

Noise

8:30 a.m.  
Officer Mathis observed a construction noise ordinance violation prior to 8 a.m. While patrolling the area, Officer Mathis spoke to the worker at the location who was hammering and throwing items into the site dumpster from the second story of the residence causing construction noise. Officer Mathis parked his patrol car in front of the residence and spoke with the worker regarding the noise. The worker was unaware of the ordinance and hadn't been warned prior to this encounter. Officer Mathis made a check of the worker through Spillman, which returned no previous warnings. Officer Mathis informed the man of the ordinance and the time restrictions that he must follow. The worker was given a verbal warning for the incident, case clear.

Suspicious person

4:42 p.m.  
Sgt. Smith responded to Putter Lane for a report of a man walking around the property taking photos. Upon arrival, Sgt. Smith made contact with the landscaper who was hired. Sgt. Smith made a check of the man and the return indicated negative for wants and warrants. Sgt. Smith made contact with the homeowner and explained who the subject was and she said he had permission to be there. Case clear.

Oct. 4

Suspicious vehicle

12:28 p.m.  
Officer Miklos while on patrol, observed a gold Chevrolet SUV parked in the rear of a closed business in the 3100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. The car had damage throughout the vehicle and the driver door was unlocked and the window was down. The steering column was intact and no signs of forced entry were observed. Officer Miklos was unable to make contact with the owner. The vehicle was checked through NCIC and did not return as stolen. Case clear.

Suspicious person

11:54 p.m.  
Officer Butler while on patrol in the 6900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, observed a man sitting on a bench for no apparent reason. Officer Butler initiated a consensual encounter with the man who stated he is currently on vacation and staying on St. Judes Place and was walking to the gym at Whitney Plaza he added his access to the gym starts at midnight and he couldn't gain access yet and so sat on the bench and was waiting for midnight. The man was not detained and was free to leave. Case clear.

Oct. 5

Traffic

9:40 a.m.  
Sgt. Montfort while on patrol, observed a car disabled in the middle of the roadway. The car was unable to start and appeared to be overheating. Sgt. Montfort assisted the motorist with pushing the vehicle off the roadway. The motorist said she would make arrangements to remove the vehicle. Case clear.

Noise

5:30 p.m.  
Officer Swinford responded to Binnacle Point Drive in reference to a noise complaint. Upon arrival, Officer Swinford made contact with a few workers loading up tools into the bed of a work truck. Officer Swinford did not notice any loud equipment or power tools being used. The workers advised they were done for the day and loading up their equipment. Case clear.

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# Editor Letters

**Letters, from page 7**

Marlon Brown  
City Manager  
City of Sarasota

**City of Sarasota - exemplary service and uncommon professionalism**

To: Sarasota City Mayor Kyle Battie and City Manager Marlon Brown  
I am writing to recognize exemplary service and uncommon professionalism by the Police Department and City’s Special Event Team.  
As you may know, many members of the Sarasota Jewish community have friends and family in Israel. So, they were in terrible distress over the unprecedented killing and kidnapping of women, men, children and the elderly on Saturday.  
Our community needed a safe place to gather together so that we would not be alone in our pain and so we could hear from our friends and neighbors beyond the Jewish community, who showed up by the dozens to express their outrage, their concern and their support, for which we are grateful.  
As this crisis began on Saturday, I reached out Pat Robinson late Saturday afternoon to ask if we could use the Municipal Auditorium for Solidarity Gathering on Monday evening. Although Mr. Robinson was out of town, he responded immediately and asked his colleague, Jennifer Jogenensen, to reach out to me. She called twice on Saturday to make sure she understood what we needed. And followed up again on Sunday.  
Both the City’s Special Events Team and the Police Department dropped everything and made sure anything possible was done to welcome our community and to ready the Auditorium for us. The Police Department deployed a large number of uniformed and plain clothes officers, who arrived early and were vigilant throughout. While we originally expected 200-300, over 750 came. And both teams made sure we would be able to accommodate this much larger group. I can’t think of any other organization that would have responded so quickly and with such professionalism over a weekend. Our city is fortunate to have remarkable professionals running the Police Department and Special Events Team.  
Shepard Englander  
Sarasota

**Follow up information**

To: Sarasota City Commissioner Debbie Trice  
ParkMobile App Convenience Fee—Does user ultimately pay this or does City? Customer pays the convenience fee of \$0.40 cents.  
Alley south of Sarasota Modern Hotel. Apparently, there was a food delivery truck that was blocking the southbound bike lane, just south of the alley (pic attached). Can vehicles

enter/exit the alley just south of Sarasota Modern Hotel through The Blvd condo section of the alley and onto US 41? If Broxton’s attendant would have seen this, the driver would have been issued a ticket for blocking the bike lane. And yes, they are allowed one hour to park in the alleyway.  
Can the effective date of a street/row vacation be tied to the issuance of a building permit for a corresponding site plan? This is probably more of a question for Mike C. as apparently there are some concerns regarding the public alley that was vacated as part of the Luxe on 10th affordable housing project, yet there has been no building permit issued for some time now.  
How does HUD define utilities? Please see the enclosed HUD website link regarding utility allowances: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/phecc/allowances#:~:text=In%20interpreting%20the%20federal%20housing, costs%20is%20the%20utility%20allowance](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/phecc/allowances#:~:text=In%20interpreting%20the%20federal%20housing, costs%20is%20the%20utility%20allowance)  
Alexya Alvarenga  
Assistant to City Manager  
City of Sarasota

**Short term vacation rentals**

To: Charlene Brusoe  
The reason the City has not been pro-actively enforcing the seven-day minimum is due to lack of staff to handle the number of non-compliant properties. By expanding the ordinance citywide, we will be able to generate the fees necessary to hire more staff to handle this enforcement.  
Liz Alpert  
Vice Mayor  
City of Sarasota

**Short term vacation rentals**

To: Sarasota City Commissioner Liz Alpert  
I appreciate that all but one Sarasota city commissioners are working toward helping make the day to day lives better for those of us that live and own property in the city of Sarasota and are dealing with the ever growing short term vacation rentals in our neighborhoods, who are for the majority non-compliant with existing city codes. I do understand that once the requirement for all short-term vacation rentals to register is finally in place it will not eliminate these type of rentals, but will hopefully help eliminate the 1,2,3 night stays this eliminating the number of constant party start ups and all that comes with each new rental period. This brings me to my question about information published in the Sarasota Observer about what is already known about the vacation rentals not on the barrier islands. If the City of Sarasota already knows there are over 700 short term vacation rentals and that they are not in compli-

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# KeyLife

## Is a boat club a good fit for you?

*Are you asking yourself, what if I don't have a friend with a boat? There are other options.*

**TRYLA LARSON**  
Guest Writer  
tryla@lbknews.com

Many residents of Longboat Key enjoy the boating lifestyle. Boating can give you access to a whole other world.

Some enjoy fishing with their boat, some like to simply cruise around spotting dolphin and manatee or enjoying the beautiful sunsets that Longboat Key has to offer. Others like their boats for activities like scuba diving and other watersports.

The popular saying is that the best boat to have is your friend's boat. The meaning behind that is you would be able to go out on a boat without the expenses that come with owning a boat.

Are you asking yourself, what if I don't have a friend with a boat? There are other options.

Option one is to buy a new boat yourself, but this could be very costly. Depending on the boat, there could also be a waiting period.

Option two is to buy a previously owned boat, however, this option could lead you to purchasing someone else's problems and there is no guarantee you will know the history of the boat. Plus, owning a boat means you need to have a place to keep or store your boat. If you don't already have a dock or a rack storage berth, then you will need to find one that you can either rent or purchase. Otherwise, you will have to deal with the inconvenience of keeping your boat on a trailer and finding a boat ramp to launch it into the water. Then in addition to finding boat storage you would also need space to store the trailer.

Option three is to rent a boat. This is a hassle-free way to have boat access. You can enjoy the boat without the extra expenses of ownership.

The only problem with this option is that there is no guarantee a boat will be available to rent and you won't know for sure of the cost. You also might be limited to the number of hours you can keep the boat and/or where you can take it.

Option four is to join a boat club. This is a popular choice. Some offer a variety of types of memberships. I would suggest that if you join a boat club, join one that has multiple locations. That way if you are traveling or on vacation there is a greater chance that you could still have access to a boat.

If you are worried about not being an experienced, they can take care of that as well. A lot of them offer boating and safety classes, training and education from licensed Captains.

There is usually a whole fleet of boats to choose from and a variety of boats in the fleet so you can fish one day and cruise the next. Most of the time you can even reserve your boat online



LARSON



with no hassles. There can also be social benefits to joining a boat club. If you new to the area, no problem. Some boat clubs offer a calendar of organized social events.

Boat Clubs can also offer a plethora of helpful information, like where the local bait shops are, where excellent fishing spots are located, local places to get fuel, places to eat, and much more. They can also offer you access to other equipment like tubes, wakeboards, extra life preservers and other various watersports equipment. Some even provide complimentary sundries such as beach towels, sunscreen, bottled water and other amenities.

Here is a list of just a few of the local boat clubs:

Freedom Boat Club [www.freedomboatclub.com](http://www.freedomboatclub.com)

Waves [www.wavesboatclub.com](http://www.wavesboatclub.com)

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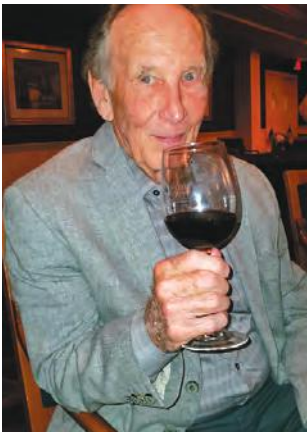
# WineTimes

## Red wines in a warming world

*We are now thinking that the emergence of truly dry Rosé with acidic backbones coincides with the increased warming of wine regions that grow lighter red grapes, especially Beaujolais and Sangiovese.*

**S.W. and Rich Hermansen**  
**Guest Writers**  
**wine@lbknews.com**

Declines in sales of French red wines within France, particularly red wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon region in Southwestern France, leave red wine producers wondering what will happen next. Temperatures in French wine regions have continued to rise, while rainfall other than in thunderstorms has decreased. High temperatures, more sunlight on average per day, and dryer conditions during harvest concentrated sugars and flavors in smaller, at times wrinkled grapes bordering on raisins. Fermentation of these riper than usual grapes converts the overly abundant sugars to alcohol and, when fully converted in a dry wine, increases alcohol by volume (ABV). Winemakers in revered wine regions of France saw this effect of climate change as a threat to the quality of wines. The robust dark fruit flavors and alcohol, they warned, would overpower subtle aromas and flavors of haute cuisine



Even higher temperatures in the Napa Valley of California make many Cabernet Sauvignon red Bordeaux wines jammy “fruit bombs”, with ABV well above the usual European upper standard of under 13.5%. In stark contrast to the more austere and food friendly Bordeaux left bank Cabs and Rhone Valley Syrah, the over the top California Cabs gain an enthusiastic following in the USA, Canada, and worldwide. All this happens in the midst of USA West Coast fires, floods, droughts, windstorms, and record-high temperatures. Much the same happens in Australia, except that Shiraz/Syrah stands in for Cabernet Sauvignon. Spanish Tempranillo and Portuguese red blends of Touriga Nacional and one of more local grapes also are riding the wave.

The craze for “Big Red” wines enticed winemakers to overplant red grape varieties that would take time to mature into producers of premier wine grapes. An able winemaker does not waste a chance to use good grapes to good advantage. While dining at the Q (Flagship) Restaurant a few years before the pandemic, we asked co-owner Lydia Chang for recommendations of wines that would go well with Peking duck and flounder under a bamboo lean to. She suggested the Brooks Rosé of Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley in Oregon (2021 Brooks Rosé of Pinot Noir (\$27 retail). We recall thinking at the time how unusual to see a rosé made from the premier red wine of Pinot Noir from Oregon, and for that matter, from the region in the USA best known for Pinot Noir.

The Brooks Rosé of Pinot Noir has light flora fragrance and a taste of berries from wild vines. It’s as dry as a good Pinot Noir though without the harsh tannins one might expect to find in a young red varietal. It complemented the flavors of the dishes and the sauces that bring out these sweet and savory tastes. Taking a small step from Brut Sparking Rosé to a still wine Rosé would explain the popularity of Pinot of Rosé.

We are now thinking that the emergence of truly dry Rosé with acidic backbones coincides with the increased warming of wine regions that grow lighter red grapes, especially Beaujolais and Sangiovese. As those everyday wines have become more robust in hotter climes and become too big for lighter fare, winemakers have begun capturing the essence of lighter reds in very approachable varietal Rosé. Piling on traditional Rosé of Provence and varietal Rosé of Grenache, we see have large numbers of Rosé of Pinot Not, Rosé of Sangiovese, Rosé of Malbec and a host of others on the shelves.

Rosé wines have increased in popularity relative to red wines. Try a Rosé version of your favorite red wine and you’ll see why,

*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 his 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 11

ance with the city code of requirements of 7 days 7-night rentals, why is code enforcement not already sending letters to these properties owners warning them to come into code compliance? When I asked this question to the city compli-  
ance department I was told they would address the issues if the property was reported as a complaint. What? It sounds like the city already knows who is in compliance and who is not, they need to go ahead and send letters to all of these non-compliant property owners and not wait for the citizens to bring this to their attention!! I have reported a couple of vacation rentals next to me, one is now compliant the other is not and I have reported that neighbor several times. That neighbor changed it to seven nights on the Airbnb listing and now it's back to a two-night minimum, nothing is being done apparently to monitor their ongoing compliance.

The following excerpt is taken from the Sarasota observer article published 10/5 2023.

Chief among the regulations is a minimum stay of seven nights.

"You have a solid code requirement of seven days and seven nights, That is the issue," said City Manager Marlon Brown, referring to a map that shows vacation rentals operating throughout the city, "If you look at the map, you will see the number of properties that are not compliant."

Please if the City already knows where these short-term vacation rentals are on the mainland and they are not in compliance then the City code enforcement should be tracking them and taking action. Do you expect that to occur? Please this will help some and should not be up to property owners to file all these individual complaints if you know what short term vacation rentals are a problem already.

June and Michael Brusoe  
Sarasota

Gulfstream Roundabout and US 41 in Sarasota

To: FDOT District Traffic Operations Engineer  
Gulfstream Roundabout

I want to let you know how successful the downtown Gulfstream exit has been for the residents who live west of the Gulfstream roundabout in Golden Gate Point, Sunset Drive, Bird Key, Plymouth Harbor, Lido and Longboat Keys. The exit provides safer and more convenient access to the downtown cultural amenities, restaurants and businesses as opposed to left turns on Main Street.

I understand there have been minor crashes at the roundabout but few have been related to the downtown Gulfstream exit. Viewing videos of these accidents highlights speeding, driver error and the lack of driver familiarity with roundabouts.

Roger J. Barry  
Sarasota

Gulfstream Roundabout and US 41 in Sarasota

To: Roger Barry  
Thank you for your comments Mr. Barry.  
Walter Breuggeman  
Interim District Traffic Operations Engineer  
FDOT District 1

Gulfstream Roundabout and US 41 in Sarasota

To: Sarasota City Engineer Nik Patel  
Thanks for sharing your valid insight.  
Marlon Brown  
City Manager  
City of Sarasota

Wastewater

To: Sarasota City Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch  
Employees at a restaurant in the middle of downtown routinely clean and hose off their dirty and greasy grills in the alley behind their otherwise very nice establishment. The alley also happens to be behind my condo and it is routinely used by pedestrians. The water runs down the alley and drains

into the storm sewer rather than the water treatment system.

Would you please direct me either to the city department that has authority over this? I'm not sure whether to go to streets, the water department, or beyond the city to the EPA. We certainly don't need this untreated water in the alley, not to mention Sarasota Bay. Commissioner, any help you might offer is appreciated.

David Morrow  
Sarasota

Wastewater

To: David Morrow  
Thanks for the email. I've copied the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and staff on this email to respond to your inquiry (and copy me please).  
Jen Ahearn-Koch  
City Commissioner  
City of Sarasota

## KeyCrossword



Vegas Odds Robert Stockton

- ACROSS
- 1. Word with self or home
  - 5. Hardcore sinner's total
  - 10. He may tell Bugs what's up
  - 13. Ringlet
  - 14. Smooths, in a way
  - 16. Bambi's aunt
  - 17. Time for your favorite show?
  - 19. Suffix with cash
  - 20. Basket-maker's branch
  - 21. Comparitively tight
  - 23. Like some sonograms
  - 26. Beyoncé's most notorious fan
  - 27. Place for a pint
  - 28. Time before overtime, sometimes?
  - 31. Editorial page property
  - 33. Big name in netbooks
  - 34. Fashion
  - 35. "Metamorphoses" poet
  - 37. "\_\_\_ Said": hit song by 40 down
  - 39. Pindaric poems
  - 42. Chèvre source
  - 44. Relish
  - 48. It may give one pull on the Outdoor Channel?
  - 51. Soviet rifles, for short
  - 52. Pre-ordained
  - 53. Like some laughter
  - 55. Title for a former professor
  - 58. Praise to the heavens (literally)
  - 59. Cambodia's Lon \_\_\_
  - 60. Motoring to the landromat?
  - 64. NBC show since 1975
  - 65. One that frequently ends up in hot water
  - 66. First-rate
  - 67. Author LeShan
  - 68. Like an anime hairstyle
  - 69. It may require a PITI payment

- DOWN
- 1. Old-school anti-feminist: abbr.
  - 2. Like the Northern Lights

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- 3. Genus for some insect eating plants
- 4. City near Chicago
- 5. Home for the 300
- 6. Shade tree
- 7. "Fantastic Voyage" vessel?
- 8. Developer's specialties: abbr.
- 9. Clear gas that can glow orange
- 10. Allow that one might reluctantly
- 11. Like some kings or pirates
- 12. "Relic Hunter" actress Tia
- 15. Blitzkrieg bomber
- 18. "Quick Clips"home-video series
- 22. StreetPilot creator
- 23. POV airer
- 24. One way to be sick
- 25. Many USMA grads
- 29. "\_\_\_ Long, Long Time" -- Statler Brothers song
- 30. Monk and Psych network
- 32. Many a deli customer
- 36. Source of many turn-overs: abbr.
- 38. Ex Miss California and current WWE Divas Champion Perez
- 39. Tort, e.g.
- 40. Singer-songwriter Neil
- 41. "Great Expectations" girl
- 43. Word before and after "in"
- 45. Desired outcome of the activity suggested by 17, 28, 48, and 60 across
- 46. Giving the nod to
- 47. Pret-a-porter pioneer, initially
- 49. Nincompoop
- 50. Al Gore wants it to be clean and green
- 54. Indian region, or its teas
- 56. When Wimpy might pay for his hamburger: abbr.
- 57. Give \_\_\_ on the shoulder
- 61. RICO enforcement group
- 62. Shade tree
- 63. Word for those who'd rather not drop names?

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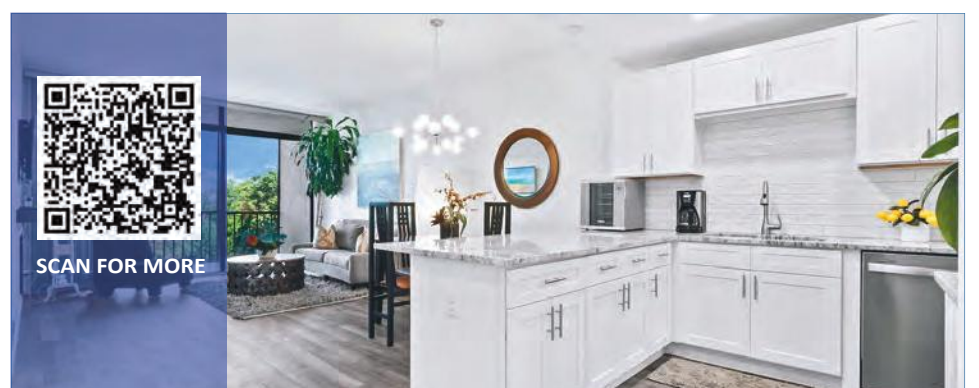
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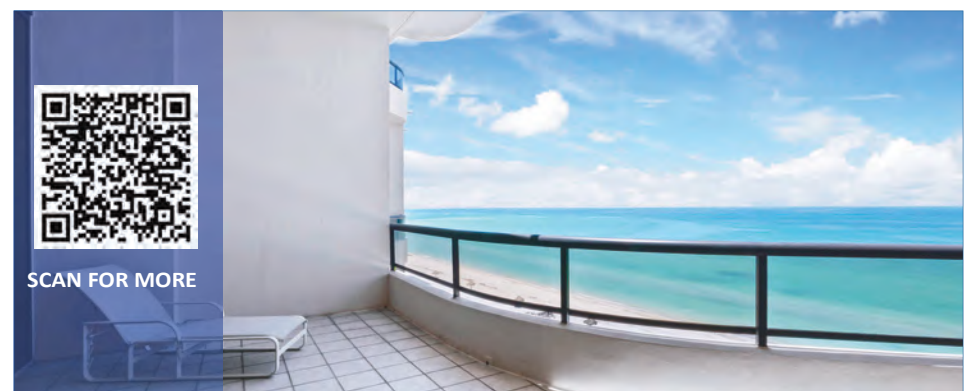
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