

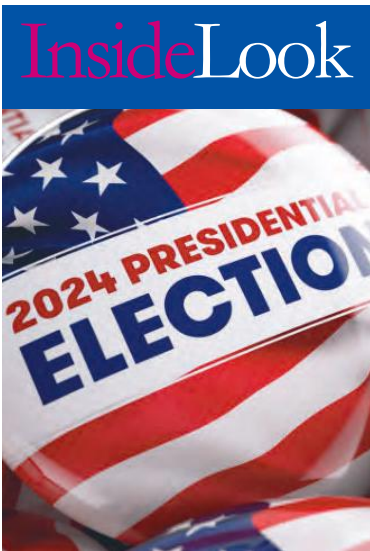


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February 10, 2023

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Instinct for dog prevails as car slips into Bay

Man said his dog jumped out of the car and he chased after him, "like any of us would."



A Sarasota man forgot to put his car in park when he hopped out to retrieve his pet dog. That proved costly as his car rolled into Sarasota Bay.

The Sarasota Police Department was called out to Centennial Park last week for a rescue.

According to a Facebook post from the agency, the man said his dog jumped out of the car and he then chased after him. The Facebook says, "DIVE TEAM ON THE SCENE. We were called out to Centennial Park (10th Street Boat Ramp) last week for a rescue. A man said his dog jumped out of the car and he chased after him, like any of us would. In all of the chaos,

he forgot to put his car into park and it rolled into the water. We are happy to report man and man's best friend are a-ok!

There was no information on the extent of the damages to the car.

Red Tide lingers

The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County (DOH-Sarasota) issued an advisory to remind the public that red tide remains evident at all 16 Sarasota County beaches.

Also, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) noted that six bloom concentrations of the red tide algae had been detected over the past week in Sarasota County.

"Bloom concentration" is the designation given to water samples when more than 100,000 cells of the algae, *Karenia brevis*, are present, FWC has explained.

In comparison, FWC reported that it had found bloom concentrations

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More lane closures on way at roundabout



FDOT notifying residents of construction at US 41/Gulfstream

The Florida Department of Transportation bears more news: a temporary daytime lane closure near the US 41/Gulfstream roundabout.

Starting Monday, Feb. 13 and lasting through Valentine's Day, there will be lane closures in the outside lane on US 41 between Gulfstream and Fruitville.

Work will start at 7 a.m. and go through 4 p.m.

The temporary lane closures are necessary, says FDOT, while crews install underground piping for storm drainage on US 41 at 1st Street. A concrete driveway also will be poured.

Sarasota Downtown adds another Ritz-Carlton

The newest Ritz-Carlton property will break ground at the site of the former shopping center, The Quay.

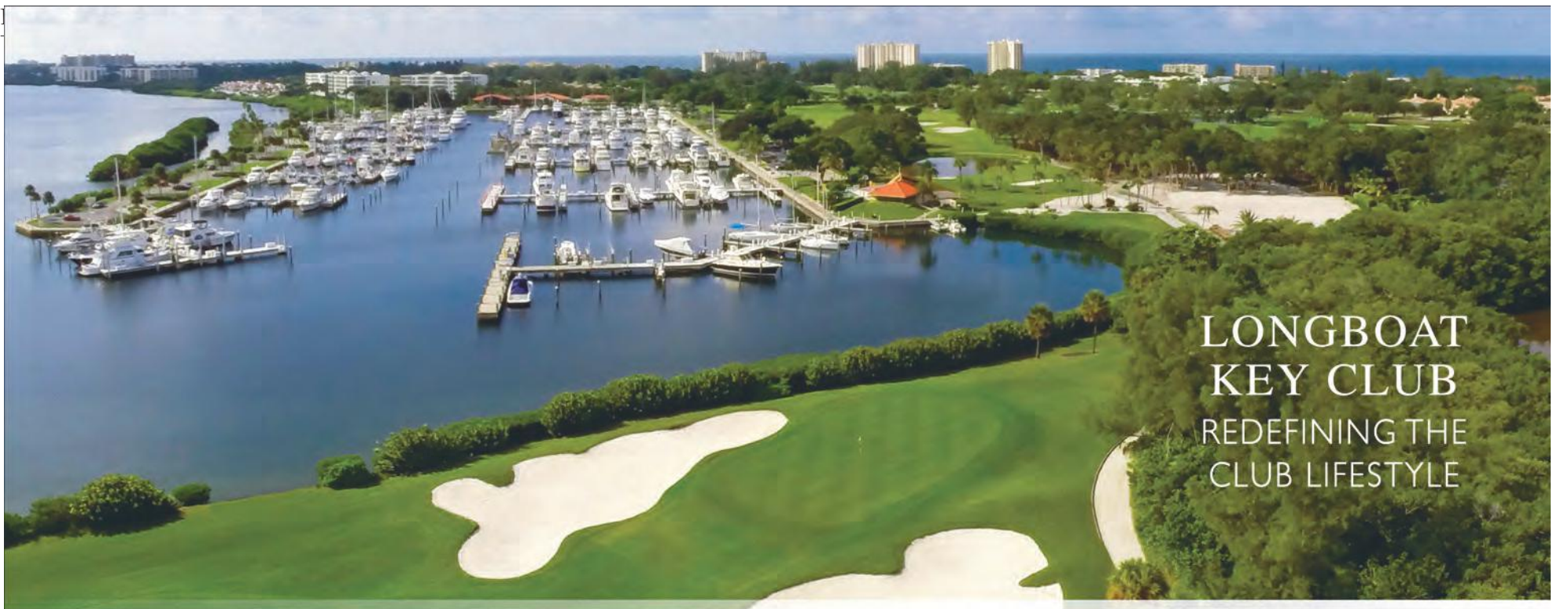
This Ritz-Carlton will be very close to the most recent Ritz project situated along the boardwalk and completed in late 2020. These projects as well as the BAYSO residential complex currently under construction are spearheaded by developer Kolter Urban, who was also the developer of the VUE and The Mark.

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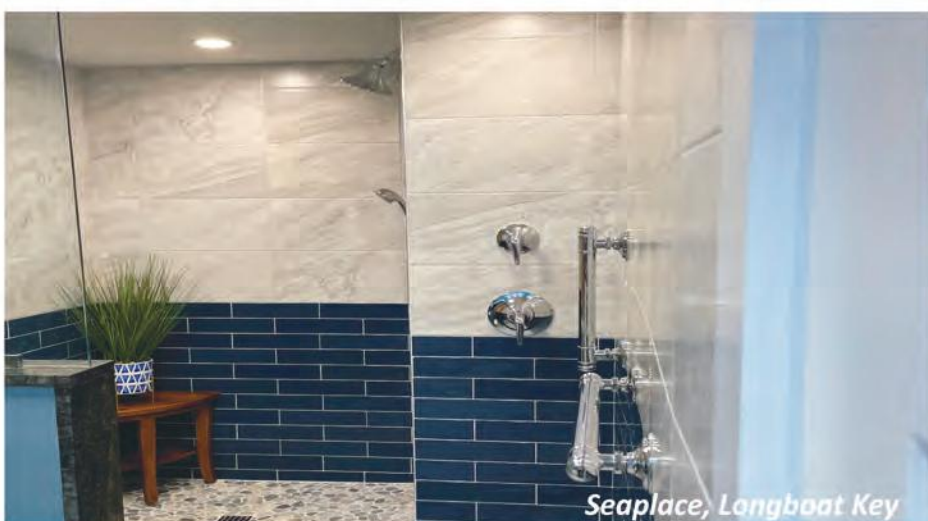
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Robert Hanson, Susan Benjamin, Cantor Jay O'Brien

“HALLELUJAH! **Leonard Cohen and Friends**” was presented by Susan Benjamin, musical biographer and performer, Cantor Jay O'Brien, and Robert Hanson, musical director, symphony conductor and composer on Sunday, February 5 to an audience of over 200 people in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth Israel as part of the Exclusive Engagement concerts offered by The Education Center at Temple Beth Israel. Susan Benjamin shared fascinating stories of Leonard Cohen and how some of his talented friends such as Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins collaborated to create memorable songs. Jay O'Brien played the guitar and sang Leonard Cohen's most popular songs ending with Cohen's signature “Hallelujah,” during which everyone joined in to conclude the amazing program that lifted spirits and brought happy audience members for a champagne reception afterwards to meet the artists and thank them for the wonderful presentation.

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Ruth and Andy Maass, Rabbi Sniderman of Temple Beth Israel, Francine Achbar

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Tide, from page 1

in 10 samples from Sarasota County over the week prior to its Dec. 14, 2022 update. About five weeks earlier — on Nov. 9, 2022 — FWC noted bloom concentrations in 40 Sarasota County samples.

In its Feb. 8, midweek red tide update, FWC staff wrote that bloom concentrations were present in 31 samples collected in Southwest Florida over the prior seven days. Lee County had the largest number: 19. Two samples from the Gulf of Mexico offshore of Collier County also had bloom concentrations, FWC said.

Moreover, in that Feb. 8 update, FWC reported that respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide had been reported at multiple Sarasota County beaches over the past week: Lido Key, Manasota Key, Nokomis, Siesta Key, Venice, and Venice North Jetty Beach.

In its previous update, released on Feb. 3, FWC reported that bloom concentrations had been found in only one Sarasota County sample over the prior seven days. Further, it noted that reports of fish kills believed to have been related to red tide had occurred over the previous week in Sarasota and Lee counties.

Likewise, in FWC's Feb. 1 red tide report, it noted only one bloom concentration sample from Sarasota County over the previous seven days. The agency added that *Karenia brevis* had been observed at “background to medium concentrations in Sarasota County” over the week prior to release of that report.

DOH-Sarasota explained in its advisory that it had received results from water samples taken Monday, Feb. 6, showing that red tide continues to be detected in low to medium levels at the following beaches: North Lido Beach, Lido Casino Beach, South Lido Beach, Siesta Key Beach, Turtle Beach, Nokomis Beach, North Jetty Beach, Venice Beach, Service Club Beach, Venice Fishing Pier, Brohard Beach, Casperson Beach, Manasota Key Beach, and Blind Pass Beach, the advisory said.

Additionally, Longboat Key Beach and Bird Key Park/Ringling Causeway were added to the advisory on Feb. 8, DOH-Sarasota noted, “as both beaches are showing low to medium levels of red tide present.”

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Parking at Bayfront Park

To: Longboat Key Commission
My husband and I reside on Longboat Key five months per year in our condo that we purchased in 2013.
One of the many things I love about Longboat Key is the caliber of workout /Yoga classes that are available at Bayfront Park through the Longboat Key Recreation Department. I have participated in these classes regularly for the past 10 years. The classes are offered from November -May.
As you may or may not know, the cost for this is a \$25 yearly Recreation Department Fee and \$10 per class. If a person is not a member of the Longboat Key Recreation Department, they are required to pay \$15 per class with the extra \$5 going to the Department.
Over the past few years the parking situation for class attendees has become increasingly more difficult. If one looks at the number of pickle-ball players playing, taking lessons, and lined up for play in the morning, it is pretty evident where the parking squeeze is coming from. Many of the players are not residents of Longboat Key-either seasonal renters or players from around the SRQ area.
I read in the newspaper this past week that you are aware of the parking problems. I believe the Pickle-ball players should have a fee like the fitness attendees do. This may help ease the predicament. One way to accomplish this is to require a yearly parking sticker for a fee that covers parking and/or court fees. Another way this could be accomplished is through parking stickers, as well as team fees for those who sign up to play.
Class signups have always been required for fitness classes, and I am sure you could find data that will support the number of persons who have paid for the memberships and classes over the years.
Thank you so much for your commitment to making Longboat Key such a special place!
Gwen Wallin
Longboat Key

Parking at Bayfront Park

Hi Gwen,
Thanks for your letter and for making some great points below (and for reminding us of the fees associated with class instruction at Bayfront).
Hope to have a few good options to consider at our next Commission meeting.
The long-range plans for Bayfront Park and the Rec Center will also be considered during the Commission strategic planning discussions in April /May
Glad you continue to enjoy yoga on LBK and are pleased with the classes!

Maureen Merrigan
Vice Mayor
Longboat Key

Assistance program

To: Sarasota Deputy City Manager Pat Robinson
Managers – very good to see you all today and Venice thanks for your hospitality ! Per Jonathan’s conversation please see attached the revised Sarasota County Federal Program that now includes reference to debris collection/FEMA. The language is as follows:
Storm Recovery / Debris Removal: Currently the FEMA (2020) Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide v4 (Page 109) Chapter 7, I.G.4. states that “Removal from Commercial Property (Requires FEMA’s Pre-approval) Removal of debris from commercial properties, such as industrial parks, golf courses, cemeteries, apartments, condominiums, and trailer parks is generally ineligible because commercial enterprises are expected to retain insurance that covers debris removal. In very limited, extraordinary circumstances, FEMA may provide an exception. In such cases, the Applicant must meet the requirements of Chapter 7:I.E.1. Approval Process and FEMA must approve the work prior to the Applicant removing the debris.”
· Local definitions of “apartment”, “condominium”, and/or “trailer park” may be in conflict with FEMA’s interpretation and may receive residential benefits consistent with single family structures such as solid waste collection, homestead exemption, and utilities.
· Are these definitions of “apartment”, “condominium”, and/or “trailer park” based on structure ownership, land ownership, structure type, number of units, or another factor? Due to the unique seasonality and demographic of our region, there are many ownership styles which are very much structured like restricted and unrestricted access private road communities which are eligible under a PPDR.
· Insurance policies may be obtained for the common area properties, however, is not attainable for the residential structures to remove debris.
· Those living in these communities are often the most vulnerable, socio-economic demographic that makes debris removal a significant physical and financial burden.
Federal Request: Sarasota County supports rule changes or guidance and clarification, such as a number of apartment or condominium units per residential living structure to be considered commercial and consider debris removal under private road guidelines per FEMA (2020) Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide v4 (Page 108) Chapter 7, I.G.2.
Robert R. Lewis,
Sarasota County Government / Director of Governmental Relations

Bayfront Park


To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
I would like to echo the parking frustrations at Bayfront Park. I have been taking Yoga classes there faithfully for 12 years. There was never a parking issue until the renovation. Although much improved facilities for more activities, there are not enough parking spaces to support it. Construction workers take up the spots at the playground which may resolve when the house across the street is built. But, also people park there and walk across the street to the beach. However, you know the Pickleball players take up the bulk of spaces. I’m sure you are aware that we pay \$25/yr. as members and \$10.00 per class whereas non-class users pay nothing. It’s stressful to sit in the car off to the side or circle continuously to find an open spot as Yoga practice does not condone late entrance. Patience all around is getting spread thin.
Unfortunately, I offer no answers other than replace the shrubbery in front of the Dog Park with parking spots. I hope you and your team will take this major parking situation seriously and promptly address the situation.
Gail Cardi
Longboat Key

FDOT decision on St. Armands park usage

To: Sarasota City Attorney Robert Fournier, Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown
The purpose of this email is to point out these two things:
A City Commissioner specifically requested when this item comes back in front of the City Commission that there be a comparison of how the festival could be handled within City


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EditorLetters

Letters, from page 4

Code, whether by another park usage permit vs. a change to the special events ordinance vs. a change to some other ordinance. I want to make sure that this request doesn't fall through the cracks.

Another City Commissioner asked for residents to be surveyed, and I believe this to include Lido and Longboat residents ("all barrier island residents who have to go back and forth"), not just St. Armands residents. Will City staff be conducting their own survey(s) in order to satisfy this request, or will they be reaching out to each of the barrier island neighborhood associations and the Town of Longboat Key?

Please allow me to expand upon these two items:

In the attached November 14 email from FDOT, it says: "The Department has no records of a deed granting ownership of the circle to the State. As such, the planned activities are outside of our jurisdiction".

This was in response to an email that I had sent. You all were copied on it, but, if there was another more formal communication that was sent directly to the City, then I'm not aware of it. This is all I have to go on.

I read the email as saying: This is not an FDOT right of way. Therefore, FDOT can neither consent to, nor object to,

the festival. That decision is completely up to whichever level of government whose right of way it is. Presumably it is a City right of way (my interpretation).

But, at Monday's CC meeting, it sounded to me that Bob's position was that it remained an FDOT right of way and that they did not object to the festival, and that they said that the City could treat it as a park and not as a right of way:

I think that this is a meaningful difference in interpretation. Does it need to be clarified with FDOT?

Also at the CC meeting, Bob said more than once that (I'm paraphrasing) perhaps a park usage agreement is not the best vehicle to permit this festival in the future; that perhaps a modification to the special event and/or other ordinance(s) is the better way. It seems to me that you're acknowledging that a park usage agreement would effectively be a lease for land that the City doesn't hold title to, which would be wrong in principle if not in law:

The residents association has documented the work that went into the St. Armands section of the City's Special Events Ordinance on our website at this link. Based on the numerous news articles we reference there, it looks like Bob spent an entire year working on this (2013-2014), and that the resi-

dents, merchants, and commercial property owners--the three main stakeholder groups--all collaborated on what was put into the final ordinance. And, until now, I believe there have been nearly 10 years of relative peace and harmony among the three stakeholder groups with regard to this collaboration on how the St. Armands Circle Park should be used.

Here is the specific request from Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch that I want to make sure doesn't slip through the cracks when this item goes back in front of the Commission:

The St. Armands Residents Association will object to changing the Special Events Ordinance to accommodate this festival. And I would expect City-wide outcry at the idea that any City park could potentially be privatized like this.

Commissioner Debbie Trice requested that residents be surveyed AND that the City should understand the impact to "barrier island residents who have to go back and forth". I believe that this is in reference to Lido and Longboat residents, in addition to St. Armands residents:

Questions:

What action will the City take to obtain this better understanding of the impact to "barrier island residents who have to go back and forth"?

Will the City be conducting a survey, or will the City accept the requested data from each of the affected resident associations and neighboring communities (Longboat) and give each of these groups permission and the time to do their own surveys?

Will the City contact the Town of Longboat Key about this to satisfy the Commissioner's request, or is it up to them to monitor this issue and to proactively provide any relevant data?

How much time is reasonable to give people to conduct a survey like this?

Can you give "us" until at least the first CC meeting in April to get this done? (that would be less than two months)

Please advise me on your preferences and on how much time is available. Doing this right will take some time, and I ask for your generosity here.

Lastly, I'd like to make sure that any analysis of St. Armands parking revenue and the duration that people park (which the applicants specifically mentioned at the meeting) takes into account the impact of the St. Regis construction workers who park their cars there all day and then take a bus to the Longboat construction site. I suspect that this activity is significantly inflating both numbers.

Chris Goglia
President St. Armands Residents Association
Sarasota

FDOT decision on St. Armands park usage

To: President St. Armands Association President Chris Goglia

Thanks again for this info. We would be happy to participate in a survey of LBK opinions on the use of St. Armand's, should that come to pass. Very could catch by you on the use of the parking garage by St. Regis construction workers—likely a huge contributor to the increased revenue.

Ken Schneier
Mayor

Introduction

To: David Novak

Mayor Schneier thank you for the introduction to Mr. Novak, this sounds like an amazing opportunity. I've added members of the Bank leadership team in Sarasota to assist in navigating next steps etc. David, I am traveling to Houston this week to host an event for some of our Bank teammates from across the country. Perhaps we can connect the week of the 19th to understand what steps would be needed and what parties would need to sign off on pursuing this opportunity. My assistant Angela can help us find time to talk through this

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The saddest thing about this subject is that we have a current and past President who are both under investigation

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In January I was the featured speaker at the Longboat Harbour Men’s Club meeting which was attended by approximately 60 men and a few women. I spoke for about one hour about the problems we face in this country but did not have nearly enough time to cover them all.

We know very little about the Pence issue with classified documents at this time so I will focus here on Trump and Biden which I covered in the meeting.

In our divisive society of today some have made the ridiculous statement that since Trump seems to be more guilty than Biden then it means that Biden is not guilty at all. For me, based on what we know at this time the answer is not one of guilty or not guilty but rather that both share some degree of guilt. It is clear to me that Trump obstructed justice by not being forthcoming but as reported by a New York Times podcast called “The Daily,” so did Biden. The podcast focused on the fact that Biden had become aware of the document discovery on Nov. 2, just prior to the midterms and made a conscious decision to cover it up for 68 days when he was forced to reveal it by a CBS report. Even then he did not reveal that further documents had been found. There is no question in my mind that covering up incriminating data is a form of obstruction of justice.

The podcast stated that Biden made the decision to cover it up himself hoping that it would just go away.

The saddest thing about this subject is that we have a current and past President who are both under investigation by “special counsel” for potential violations having to do with mishandling of classified documents. It is also a fact that they are both the subjects of alternative investigations;

Trump for several including the January 6 event and Biden for his alleged collaboration with son Hunter on the Burisma issue. It is crystal clear that the Hunter Biden issue has been covered up by the Democrats when they ruled the House and also by the mainstream media but that is changing.

The New York Times ran a huge three-page report which raised many questions about the Hunter Biden story and my opinion is that it will be an explosive issue when the facts are revealed.

I offer one more comment about the classified documents issue. I had “top secret” clearances both in the military and also when I worked at Cape Canaveral on the Apollo and other programs. My department also handled security clearances. Anyone who mishandled or violated proper use as both Biden and Trump had done would have been fired and in one case prosecuted. What is happening now is one more case of total mismanagement by our government in failing to properly administer the classified documents. There are also far too many documents that get classified, some for the purpose of covering up information that the government does not want to get out; an example are thousands of pages related to the assassination of John F. Kennedy which still have not been released because the CIA and FBI have fought against release.

Armpit of Tennessee

A brief comment on another subject which is Memphis. When I had my Human Resources consulting company, I was sometimes asked by a client to do a geographic location study on where to open a new operation. In one case the client was considering Memphis as the location for a new manufacturing operation. My recommendation was to avoid Memphis for a number of reasons and I offered alternative locations which included others in Tennessee which is a good State to do business in. But, the CEO of the Company decided on Memphis where the plant was built, opened and then closed after two years of bad experiences. Anyone who lives in that State will tell you that Memphis is the “armpit” of Tennessee.

Challenger anniversary

On a sad subject; January 28th was the 37th anniversary of the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger 73 seconds after liftoff which killed seven astronauts including the school-teacher Christina Mc Cauliff. I was there and we cried. Sadder yet is the fact that it never should have happened; NASA ignored engineers who strongly advised not to go on such a

cold day which might cause ‘O’ rings to malfunction and result in an explosion. The Rogers committee investigated the event and covered up the incompetence of NASA.

Electric Vehicles PR

Moving on, we are all being subjected to a huge Public Relations campaign by the Federal Government which is telling us of all the great things about Electric Vehicles but none of the potential downsides which are numerous and as follows:

- Battery operated vehicles require considerably less labor content than gas powered which will result in lower staffing levels for the manufacturers.
- There are at least four materials that are critical in making batteries; lithium, nickel, cobalt and manganese. Much of the mining and refining of these raw materials are based in just a few countries which include China and the Congo which has 72 percent of the cobalt worldwide.
- Public Charging Stations are a big potential problem. I have already read horror stories about people who needed a charge but could either not find one at all or found one that would not work.
- On the plus side there will be battery manufacturing plants opening. Several have already announced locations which will mostly in Southeastern States that are “Right to Work” which means that workers cannot be forced to join and pay dues to a labor union in order to get a job.

On a political issue: Senator Joe Manchin has stated that he would not rule out a run for the Presidency in 2024. Manchin is the moderate Democrat from a Republican State who restrained some of the Biden proposed out of control spending which would have made inflation far worse than it has been.

Some comments on the subject of debt which is much in the limelight right now as we have reached the so-called debt ceiling as a result of our continuing out of control spending by both parties over the years. I had a chat with a woman the other day who stated that then problem was all caused by the Republicans and Donald Trump. The fact is that Trump made his contribution but was a long way from being his contribution but was a long way from even being the biggest spender. The worst of our problem started in the year 2000 and has grown from about \$5.6 trillion then to over \$31 trillion now. The NYTimes Daily show did an excellent podcast on the subject and I also researched other reliable sources for this information.

The ‘Daily’ podcast did an in-depth study on spending since year 2000 and found that it was equally divided by Administrations of both parties.

A non-partisan group which issued an excellent report stated that the five Presidents who have run up the biggest deficits and contributed the most to debt are Woodrow Wilson, FDR, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

We spend almost 80 percent each year on mandatory requirements and entitlements plus the interest payments on the money we borrow to meet these requirements.

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There is a big flap going on around here about the fact that Governor DeSantis has appointed seven conservatives to the Board of Directors at New College. The Sarasota Herald, in usual fashion has offered numerous emotional, factless articles to which I will offer my comments in my next column. Have a nice week.

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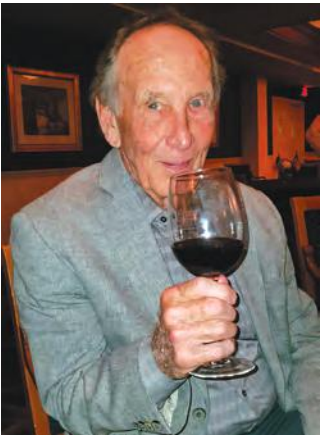
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A niche in the market for beer, as we learned from co-owners and brothers-in-laws Vic Falck and Geordie Rauch (along with brewmaster Jason Thompson) of the Calusa Brewery, leaves space for craft breweries that combine a basic brewpub, deliveries of draft beer to selected local restaurants, food trucks, and take-out sales. Although craft beers have a tiny share of the overall market for beer, specialized products selling at relatively high prices support the owners and around a dozen employees, and have opened up opportunities for expansion. Currently located in a warehouse in an industrial area off Clark Road in Sarasota, Calusa is moving into a larger store and facility on nearby McIntosh Road. The company plans to add food service at the new location (while still providing an outdoor area for food trucks).

Craft brewing has its factory side to it. Grain and hot water combine with hops in machines that pump sugars from wheat and hops flavors into tall, gleaming stainless steel vats where yeast begins the fermentation process that converts grain sugars to alcohol. Calusa controls the temperature in each vat individually by pumping coolant into a sheath that surrounds the main contents of each individual vat. Different beers ferment at different temperatures. We came to realize the scope of the machinery of even a brewery of modest size, and the impending difficulties of moving it to a new location.

The creative side of craft brewing blends grains, harder or softer water, one or more selections of hops, a vat temperature target, and one or more yeasts into the fermentation vat. Different yeasts convert sugars in grains to different levels of alcohol by volume. The brewmaster orchestrates these settings and monitors what happens inside the vats. Brewmaster Jason arrived at Calusa with his own recipes for beers, and has added more. The recipe for the flagship Zote draft beer (same name as in the Hollow Knight game and bestseller among Calusa beers) includes four different hops. Calusa calls Zote and the similar one hop (Citra) Citronius “hazy IPAs”. They both have an unfiltered look and a Florida citrus taste. Other Calusa beers have an astonishing variety of styles and tastes, including a coffee brown ale, stouts, sour fruit beers, and a Pilsner easily compared to the Czech Pilsner Urquell. The current Calusa list of twenty-four draft beers shows up on the web at <https://www.calusabrewing.com/what-s-on-tap>.

Founding owners Falck and Rauch compare the creative sides of winemaking and craft brewing. Winemakers have to make the best of what they have on the vines. The location, weather, grape stock, and other elements of terroir give winemakers the advantages of a local monopoly. The weather may vary from vintage to vintage, but location and grape stock takes years to establish and bring into a wine both the terroir and the winemaker’s style.



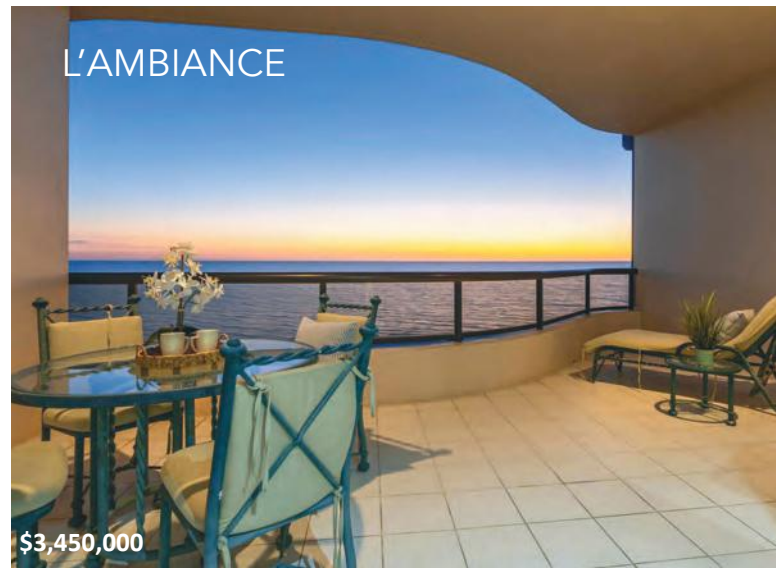
In contrast, a craft brewmaster has much more freedom to create a recipe that specifies grains, water, hops, and equipment settings, topped off with selected yeasts and natural spices, herbs, and fruit flavors. Following a recipe recreates a popular beer or ale every time. Variations in the weather outside do not affect the final product. The brewmaster may also choose to experiment with variations on recipes on a whim, or create an original recipe for a new style of beer.

Calusa pushes the outer limits of beer and ale recipes. They age English Barleywine in brandy barrels for 24 months. Their OPP Fruit Beer has flavors of fresh oranges, passion fruit, and peaches. The 8oz bottle of Totemic Table Saison has to be opened gently lest the mousse champenoise overflow. This exotic ale has a taste somewhere between a frothy fruit beer and a sparkling wine. Clearly Calusa beers and ales appeal to a clientele well versed in the finer points of the craft. Calusa offers different combinations of hops in beers and ales. Foederhead, an oak-fermented American wild ale brewed in a traditional cask called a Foeder, keeps within the cask itself what once began as a wild yeast, and, after adding yeasts from other ales, has become its own, unique combination of yeasts.

These guys have fun brewing high quality products. The staff engages with patrons whether in discussions about beer or current events. During a recent visit to the Taproom, we noticed patrons sampling a wide range of beers and ales. Yet when asked about future directions for the business, the owners expect to expand offerings of traditional styles of beers and ales: English bitters, German golden lagers and pale pilsners, and Irish red ale. Look for Calusa to add to its local fanbase and hold off on geographic expansion in the immediate future.

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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OnPatrol

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

Feb. 4 Boating

2:33 p.m.
Officer Connors was dispatched to Sarasota Bay in the area of Grand Bay Boulevard for a report of a marine rescue in regard to a personal watercraft run aground. Upon arrival, Officer Connors spoke to the operator of the personal watercraft who advised that he ran aground and was able to push the watercraft back into deeper water. Nothing further, case clear.



Suspicious incident

4:34 p.m.
Officer Tillman responded to Putting Green Lane in reference to a suspicious incident. Dispatch stated that the incident involved an app advising of an air bag deployment approximately one mile east in Sarasota Bay. Marine Officer Connors responded by water and Officer Tillman responded by land. The areas were checked and nothing was noticed. Dispatch notes that the app alert was accidental. Case clear.

Suspicious incident

11:00 p.m.
Officer Montfort responded to the 4700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a report of a suspicious incident. It was further reported that an Apple Air Tag was found in the caller's rental vehicle. Officer Montfort arrived at the resort where he was greeted by the complainant. She stated that this evening she started to receive notifications an Apple Air Tag was near her person and tracking her location. Once she returned to the resort, members of the valet staff assisted her with locating the air tag. The air tag was located taped in the trunk of the vehicle. The vehicle was rented out of Tampa, and the complainant stated she had rented the vehicle through a third party app on her phone for three days. It appears that the Apple Air Tag was placed in the vehicle for tracking purposes while its being rented. Officer Montfort advised the complainant if any other air tags are found to notify the police. Officer Montfort completed a property receipt and provided a copy to the complainant. The air tag was then transported to the police department and placed into evidence for safe keeping. Case clear.

Feb. 5 Suspicious vehicle

2:28 a.m.
Officer Montfort while on patrol at Cedar Street, observed a vehicle in front of the marina. He observed that the vehicle was unoccupied with the windows down. Officer Montfort conducted an area search with negative results. Officer Montfort observed that the vehicle was cold to the touch and appeared to have been parked for a long time. Case clear.

Boating citation

2:00 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol in the area of Jewfish Key, observed two personal watercrafts on plane with an excessive wake in a posted "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake" zone. Officer Connors conducted a stop of both watercrafts and advised the operators of the violation. One operator, a 15-year-old boy, was unable to produce the required boating safety education ID card. The other operator, the juvenile's father, advised that he allowed him to operate the personal watercraft. Officer Connors advised the father that was a violation for allowing a juvenile to operate a personal watercraft without the required ID card. Officer Connors issued the father a citation for the violation. Case clear.

Feb. 6 Citizen assist

12:36 p.m.
Officer Miklos responded to the 6900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to an illegally parked vehicle on the right of way. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos came into contact with a Wilco employee, who advised he believes the vehicle belongs to the resident who lives

in the house. The employee advised the resident parked on the right of way due to them blocking the driveway earlier in the day for electrical work. Officer Miklos made contact with a man at the home who advised the vehicle was his car and he would move it into the driveway. Nothing further.

Feb. 7 Suspicious vehicle

2:33 a.m.
Officer Ferrigine while on patrol at Broadway, observed a dark color pickup truck parked in the back of the dirt lot. Officer Ferrigine conducted an NCIC/FCIC on the vehicle and it came back with negative results for being stolen. The vehicle was issued one parking ticket.

Noise

6:22 a.m.
Officer Miklos was dispatched to Sands Point Road in reference to a noise complaint. Dispatch advised that the beach was being raked too loudly. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos came into contact with a Longboat Key Resort employee operating a tractor, raking the beach. The employee advised she was almost finished. Officer Miklos advised her of the noise complaint and the noise ordinance. Officer Miklos advised her that he would attempt to speak to her manager about the complaint. Officer Miklos made contact with the front desk person at the resort who advised the maintenance supervisor did not start until 8 a.m. The front desk person advised he would pass the complaint on to the supervisor and see if there are any solutions to prevent the reoccurring problem. The front desk person advised the beach gets raked every Tuesday morning. Case clear.

Citizen assist

8:06 p.m.
Officer Nazareno responded to Fair Oaks Lane for a citizen assist call regarding noise originating from a gas line/gas meter area. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the caller who stated that the gas meter was mking a strange noise, but no odor of gas was reported. Officer Nazareno then checked the gas meter which was not making any noise and did not smell any odor of gas. The caller was advised to call 911 the next time the gas meter makes noise. The caller also advised that the homeowner lives out of state and will contact them the next day. Case clear.

Feb. 8 Citizen assist

6:30 p.m.
Officer Montfort was dispatched to the 5300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive to assist a woman who's vehicle had broken down. It was further reported that the caller would be parked in a handicapped parking space and was afraid to leave the vehicle overnight. Officer Montfort arrived on scene and was greeted by the woman who said her vehicle began to smoke and then died in the parking space. The woman had arranged for a tow truck which would not arrive until 11 p.m. The woman was advised she could leave the vehicle in the parking lot until the tow truck arrives. Officer Montfort then provided the woman a courtesy transport to her residence. Case clear.

Citizen dispute

11:35 a.m.
Officer Martinez was dispatched to the 1400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in regard to a citizen dispute. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez made contact with the complainant who is a duly sworn process server in the state of Florida. The complainant said the gate guard at the location would not give access to the property who was acting under the scope of his duly appointed position. Officer Martinez escorted the complainant to the property office who then gave him access to the property. No criminal nature involved, no further involvement. Case clear.

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Editorial Opinion

Issues start to shape 2024

Historically, the American public seems to be a judicious steward of long-term centrism. Remember the thumping sustained by George McGovern and the Democratic Party in 1972? Or the thrashing Barry Goldwater and his Republican party endured in 1964?

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The Republicans' elevation of "woke Democrats" as a national theme foretells a major campaign issue leading into the 2024 presidential election. Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders signaled the attack in her State of the Union rebuttal which highlighted cultural differences with President Biden and his party, while Florida Gov.

Ron DeSantis continued to abide by his inaugural speech promise that "Florida is where woke goes to die." This strategy has potential downsides, but the upsides and the theme are relevant and potentially dangerous to Democrats.

When either party is viewed as too extreme by voters, it usually loses. The Democrats portrayed the Republicans as "election deniers" and "MAGA Republicans" in 2022, and the GOP underperformed. Historically, the American public seems to be a judicious steward of long-term centrism. Remember the thumping sustained by George McGovern and the Democratic Party in 1972? Or the thrashing Barry Goldwater and his Republican party endured in 1964? And there are always underlying campaign issues that drive voters beyond the typical pocketbook and foreign policy staples. Cultural beliefs and values inherently weave their way into the body politic, and into each of our world views. Hence, the GOP effort afoot to portray Democrats as weak and woke.

The Republicans are bundling issues and connecting them to this overarching narrative. Tie the open border to the catastrophic fentanyl crisis. Weave the massive surge of undocumented immigrants pouring through the border into the sense of lawlessness in many American cities caused by the Democrats' "soft-on-crime" policies. Connect radical curriculum pushed on students by academia to a war on parents and school choice. As no dedicated progressive can leave home without playing the race card, differentiate the Democrats' insistence on equity to a preferred, more sensible drive for equality. And the crazy progressive effort to deny that a boy is a boy and a girl is a girl (a biological fact clear at birth) opens up endless possibilities for Republicans to mock lunacy theories.

Drug overdose deaths have increased dramatically across the country, escalating to a new record of nearly 108,000 in 2022. The prevalence of fentanyl caused the majority of these tragic deaths. Without question, the open, chaotic border is to blame for many of the fatalities as drug cartels more easily moved their poison into an interior America also overwhelmed by undocumented immigrants. There were 251,487 migrant encounters at the southern border for the month of December alone, surpassing 179,253 in December 2021 and eclipsing 73,994 encounters in December 2020. Add an estimated 1.2 million illegal "got aways" (migrants detected by authorities but not apprehended) under the Biden Administration, and the result is a nation unable, or unwilling, to protect its sovereignty.

Americans will not vote for a party associated with open borders or a sense of lawlessness. A new set of progressive district attorneys in deep blue cities allow repeat offenders to quickly return to their criminal ways without consequences, and too many state legislatures pass lax bail laws provoking mayhem and violence.

Voters also will likely side with parents over teacher unions and school boards. The gubernatorial election of Virginia's Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin demonstrated, and foreshadowed, a powerful parents' movement prioritizing traditional curriculum over progressive, concocted courses of study. It turns out that parents and kids actually prefer course loads of reading, math, science and actual history to gender studies and critical race theory. A recent example resulted from Gov. DeSantis' rejection of the College Board's initial framework for a new high school advanced placement (AP) course in African-American studies. The original version featured such topics as "Black Queer Studies," "Post-racial Racism" and "The Case for Reparations". DeSantis' position was vindicated as the College Board subsequently released a major rewrite of the AP course.

In Arkansas, Gov. Sanders recently unveiled her education plan for the state. It calls for



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increased teacher pay while stipulating a working policy against both critical race theory and "sexuality," which she considers to be "harmful material" for students. "Of course, this bill will make sure students spend their time in the classroom learning reading, writing and arithmetic," Sanders said. "We will never subject our kids to indoctrination and we will never ever expose our children to inappropriate material." This seems reasonable. Progressives are vigorously promoting elementary school curriculum that encompasses transgender and gender nonconforming identities, topics best left to parents to discuss with their children. Many other Republican governors also are leading calls for school choice and tighter curriculum supervision in their states. These are winning issues with voters, and a national campaign incorporating the grassroots parents' movement likely would gain strong traction.

That traction seems additionally fueled by the FBI, which continues to stick its nose where it does not belong. Remember Attorney General Merrick Garland's memo to the FBI and U.S. Attorney offices directing them to hold meetings with federal, state and local law enforcement to combat harassment and threats against school officials by protective parents? Well, now we learn that the FBI's Virginia field office released a memo last month warning against "radical traditionalist Catholic ideology," and claiming that it "almost certainly presents new mitigation opportunities." Thanks to former special agent and whistleblower Kyle Seraphin for releasing this information. The Bureau subsequently distanced from the memo, stating that it "does not meet the exacting standards of the FBI." Let's hope those "exacting standards" aren't a pursuit of parents who attend Mass regularly and dare to speak up at school board meetings.

The next presidential election is 21 months away. As Republicans already are staking out a cultural wedge theme, Democrats may be best served by rejecting many of the extreme "woke" perspectives insisted upon by their fringe wing. Otherwise, they better hope for a booming economy, retreats by China and Russia, and President Biden's discovery of the fountain of youth.



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EditorLetters



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together. My interest has definitely been piqued, look forward to further conversation.
Erik M. Vatter
President, Bank of America Sarasota/Manatee

Introduction

To: Erik Vatter
Erik, I certainly appreciate the referral from Mayor Schneider. My goal is to solve the stalemate that has existed on Longboat Key since the State gave rights to EV owners to charge their vehicles within their condominium properties. Simply said, it's not been possible to exercise those rights. BA and other forward thinkers have come forth using their parking lots for customer convenience and an additional revenue stream.
Residents of the Town of Longboat Key have purchased EV's at a rate well above the national average. However, these EV's are almost exclusively from single family homes as condominium associations have not solved power adequacy and power distribution problems for their many residents. To accommodate these underserved residents and also seasonal and periodic visitors, the solution appears strongly to be public Level III fast chargers.
The BA facility on Longboat Key has an overflow lot with 17 marked spaces. It is rarely if ever used and is adjacent to a major power source/transformer. A Tesla placement representative has responded favorably to this potential location as it meets their criteria of size and its proximity to retail and food outlets. There are other charging providers besides Tesla that would have similar views of the opportunity, including those who may have contractual relationships with BA.
I believe this is an opportunity for BA to increase their Longboat client count, get very positive press coverage, and greatly enhance its community leadership position from many perspectives.
The Town has named me and a few others to an ad hoc committee to pursue solutions. This offers me no personal benefit as I've been charging my vehicle in my garage. However, I will certainly assist my community in any manner to evaluate and support EV charging for all.
David E. Novak
Longboat Key

Introduction

To: Erik Vatter
I want to introduce you to David Novak, a good friend on Longboat Key. David is a property manager, tends to our wonderful swan population and focuses on many environmental issues, including the location of electric vehicle charging stations on the island. He may wish to contact you about this last subject.
I hope all is going well with the branch as residents return for the Season. Many people have told me they are very happy you re-opened. If I can be of any help, please let me know.
Ken Schneider
Mayor, Longboat Key

EV Charging on LBK

To: Erik Vatter
Jeffrey, following the year end hiatus, are you ready to meet and discuss possibilities?
I see where BofA is supporting EV adoption in their auto loans. Nice touch.

Bank of America Becomes First National Bank to Let Customers Finance Chargers With Their EVs (yahoo.com)
Maybe we can put the Sarasota region in the news with an EV Fast Charge Station?
David E. Novak
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Roadwatch Report US 41 Gulfstream Roundabout, Week of February 12, 2023

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission
US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue Roundabout Project, Sarasota: Construction project: Crews will work within the right-of-way, medians, driveways and throughout the project limits. Please use caution and watch for construction vehicles, dump trucks, semi-trucks and heavy equipment entering or exiting the work zone.
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Storm drainage pipe video inspection throughout the project.
Installation of curb and sidewalk on Gulfstream Avenue between US 41 and Sunset Drive.
Installation of sidewalk and driveways on US 41 between Palm Avenue and Fruitville Road.
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The outside lane on US 41 between Gulfstream Avenue and Fruitville Road will be closed. Lane closures will be in effect Monday and Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
These lane closures are necessary as crews install storm drainage underground piping on US 41 at 1st Street and pouring a concrete driveway that connects to US 41.
Detours/Crossings:
Phase 2B configuration is in place. Motorists on approach yield to motorists within the roundabout. Vehicles within the roundabout have priority and right of way.
Palm Avenue, 1st Street, and 2nd Street are closed at the US 41 connection in both directions. Entering and exiting the downtown area via Coconut Avenue to Fruitville Road is recommended.
Sidewalk at the northwest corner of US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue is closed. Pedestrian paths are available via US 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT) along Ritz Carlton Drive.
Sidewalk on the east side of US 41 between Gulfstream Avenue and Fruitville Road is closed for reconstruction work. Pedestrians should use Coconut Avenue for access to downtown and to the Main Street.
The east pedestrian crosswalk at Sunset Drive and Gulfstream Avenue is closed. The west pedestrian crosswalk is available to cross Gulfstream Avenue. Signage and pedestrian barricades are in place for guidance.
Marina Jacks north parking lot entrance/exit on Gulfstream Avenue is closed to vehicular traffic. Motorists may access the parking lot via Bayfront Drive at Main Street/Marina Plaza. No through traffic allowed through this area. Motorist may not exit the Marina Jacks parking lot via Bayfront Drive at Main Street/Marina Plaza. The south exit at Ringling Boulevard must be used to exit Marina Jacks.
Detours and lane closures will be in place during various phases of the project. During construction, the speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph on US 41 and Gulfstream Avenue.
We encourage motorists to allow extra time to travel, follow the roadway signage and messaging and avoid making unauthorized U-turns or changing lanes across solid lines between the lanes when traveling through the construction work zone.
Construction activities will take place weekdays and weekends, daytime and occasionally during nighttime hours. Expect noise from grinding asphalt, hammer drills, noise and vibration from construction equipment, backup alarms, vacuum trucks, pumps, and lighting.
Improvements being made as part of this project consist of replacing the existing signalized intersection on US 41 at Gulfstream Avenue with a roundabout, installation of HAWK pedestrian crossing signal system, raised pedestrian refuge islands, replacement of underground drainage structures, utilities, fiber optic, new LED streetlights, reconfiguration of stormwater retention ponds, sidewalks, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is spring 2023.
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EditorLetters



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I hope this helps answer your question. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.
Carolyn Brown
Support Services Director
Town of Longboat Key

Reciprocal library services

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
At a recent commission meeting where we discussed Sarasota County building a library on Longboat Key, the issue of reciprocity between the Manatee County and Sarasota libraries came up, and we were told there were full reciprocal privileges between the two. I would like to clarify that, in the event it comes up in future discussions. The reciprocal agreement only applies to physical library materials, not digital or electronic library materials or services.
Debra Williams
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Reciprocal library services

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams
I asked County Administration the question you posed and their reply was, "the existing agreement between Manatee and Sarasota is not intended to change". It only applies as you have indicated.
Assuming Manatee County moves forward with their lease for a library space on the north end, and that's one of the things we want to ensure stays on track with the change in Manatee leadership, our residents should have excellent access to materials both digital and physical. Maybe once both are operational, the entities will see the benefit of a little extra cooperation.
Howard Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Reciprocal library services

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Thank you for following up. I do understand the position of both counties regarding reciprocity of digital materials (essentially that each county provides adequate access), but in terms of Longboat Key's unique two-county situation it would be nice if all residents had access to the same materials. However, this is a relatively minor issue with the prospect of both counties having a presence on Longboat Key.
Debra Williams
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Longboat Key Library

To: Charles Lynch
I am surprised you were denied a card. My understanding is that Manatee residents of LBK are entitled to borrow

books from the Sarasota system but not electronic or digital materials. We are working on resolving this gap in conjunction with the new library.
Ken Schneider
Mayor
Longboat Key

Longboat Key Library

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
Thanks Ken. Just one more problem with the two-county system.
Charles Lynch
Longboat Key

Longboat Key Library

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams
That was exactly my experience. Very cumbersome to have to first get a Manatee County card, and only then be able to get a Sarasota County card. Not to mention the restriction on digital materials. What's that all about? Why is that even an issue in this day and age? I hope this get resolved as part of the new LBK library project.
Charles Lynch
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Bayfront Park tennis court painting and striping conversion needs pause

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
I understand a citizen presentation was recently made at your town meeting requesting "emergency" attention and a request to convert, paint and stripe the current tennis court at Bayfront Park into additional pickle ball courts. I'd like you to consider the impact of such an action.
First of all, the current parking situation is horrendous. Adding additional pickle ball players and their vehicles into the mix would be a nightmare. Many of us pay a yearly membership fee to attend fitness classes at the park, only to drive around and around looking for a parking place. We would like to also have access to the children's playground, the dog park, the kayak launch, the basketball court, the shuffleboard courts the public beach, fishing pier and all the amenities boasted by the town. However, the pickle ball players use up a majority of the parking spots. Do the pickle ball players pay a recreational membership fee or taxes like I do or is this a freebie for those living off the island looking for pickle ball competition?
Please take a pause on this described "extreme emergency" because a pack of players are drooling over an idle tennis court. I am opposed to the painting and striping conversion of the Bayfront Park tennis court.
Ann Breslin
Longboat Key

KeyCrossword



See Crossword Answers
on page 12

ACROSS

- 1. With 8-Across, what's green and homeomorphic to the open unit interval?
- 5. Add
- 8. See 1-Across
- 12. Ye ___ Shoppe
- 13. That, in Tijuana or Toledo
- 14. " ... and others who weren't lucky enough to have their name be first alphabetically"
- 15. Dark shade of red
- 16. Trig function
- 17. Georgia and neighbors, once; abbr.
- 18. What's yellow, normed, and complete?
- 21. Trig function
- 22. The "E" in Q.E.D.
- 23. Greatest lower bound, for short
- 26. To the ___ degree
- 28. Problem involving unknown powers?
- 31. Socials in the Muhly lounge four times a week
- 33. Collection
- 35. "___ Croft: Tomb Raider"
- 36. Research presentations
- 38. Algorithm named after its inventors
- 40. Teacher's favorite (not that I have one or anything ... but there's definitely some students I like more than others)
- 41. Coastal region
- 44. With 46-Across, what's purple and commutes?
- 46. See 44-Across
- 50. Worrisome engine noise
- 51. Banzai, Ed, and Shenzi, in "The Lion King"
- 52. One might streak across a college campus at night
- 53. "Jagged Little Pill" singer
- 54. With 55-Across, what's yellow and equivalent to the Axiom of Choice?
- 55. See 54-Across

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- 1. Eldest Stark child on "Game of Thrones"
- 2. Zeno of ___
- 3. Yemen's Gulf of ___
- 4. "___ c'est moi"
- 5. Trigonometric functions
- 6. Sports org. that oversees American athletes
- 7. Israel's Dayan
- 8. Guitar hero?
- 9. Famous line from Admiral Ackbar
- 10. Painter Chagall
- 11. Option word
- 19. Possible calculator output upon dividing by zero
- 20. 29-Down takers, perhaps
- 23. Cousin on "The Addams Family" (no relation)
- 24. Class-conscious org.?
- 25. Unusually high voice
- 27. ___'s formula
- 29. Test for 20-Down
- 30. Sup, but not supremum
- 32. "Helter ___"
- 34. Airport screening org.
- 37. "___, O Ship of State!" (Longfellow)
- 39. Scottish sweater pattern
- 42. ___ Criterion (part one of Proposition 36 on page 396 of Dummit and Foote, which states ... uh, get back to me on that next semester when we cover that)
- 43. Freshman's ___ (mathematical fallacy that I really wish my students would stop committing)
- 44. Branch
- 45. Folk singer Joan or Chicago Cub Javier
- 47. Part of A.D.
- 48. Nuisance
- 49. Letter that's also two-thirds of the letters of this answer
- 51. Protagonist in David Foster Wallace's "Infinite Jest"

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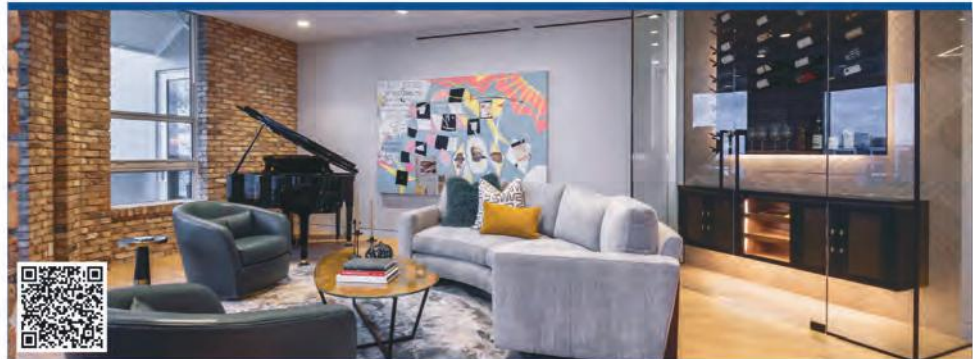
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