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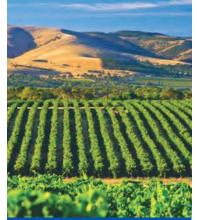
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Kiwanis Lawn Party Roars Back on Saturday, Ready to Serve Fun, Support for Kids

Get ready for an afternoon of local restaurants, wine, and community spirit!

The annual Lawn Party by the Bay, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key, is set to return in grand fashion next Saturday, December 6th, at Ken Thompson Park on City Island, promising to be one of the area's most vibrant signature events.

This year's party is generating palpable excitement, especially after a necessary hiatus. The event was canceled last year due to the impact of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, but Kiwanis Club members are thrilled to

"This year feels different," said Michael Garey, past president of the Kiwanis Club and owner of Lazy Lobster. "Everyone seems ready to enjoy themselves, and we are happy to bring the event back after last year's hiatus."

A Feast for a Cause

The dining experience boasts an impressive lineup, featuring culinary delights from over 30 area restaurants—a testament to the community's support. Attendees will be able to sample fine food, wines, beer, and other beverages while enjoying great music and the waterfront setting.

Adding to the fun, organizers are bringing back favorites like the art sales and, most notably, the 50/50 Raffle, which event organizers say is where much of the day's excitement is focused.

\$\$\$ The Excitement of the 50/50 Raffle

The Lawn Party's famed 50/50 Raffle is back and is



"This year feels different," says Michael Garey, past president of the Kiwanis Club.

shaping up to be bigger than ever. With tickets priced at \$50 each (or 5 for \$200), the lucky Grand Prize winner is guaranteed a minimum take-home prize of \$15,000 in cash! In the last 50/50, the winner walked away with over \$22,000, creating massive buzz and supporting

The excitement doesn't stop with the cash prize. The Second Prize is a fabulous getaway: a 3-day, 2-night stay for four at a Universal Orlando Resort hotel, plus VIP passes to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. The raffle continues to be one of the most anticipated parts of the event, offering high-stakes fun for a worthy

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Retail Powerhouse: Whole Foods Anchors Massive \$1.2 Billion Mixed-Use Revitalization of Sarasota Square Mall

project poised to transform the site of the aging Sarasota Square mall into a luxury, experiential destinaion has landed its cornerstone tenant: Whole Foods Market.

Torburn Partners has signed a lease with the premium grocer to anchor the first phase of the ambitious project, officially known as Sarasota Square. The overall plan entails redeveloping the 1977-vintage indoor mall into what the company touts as "a next-generation, experiential-driven, open-air lifestyle destination."

The redevelopment is a major indicator of Sarasota's strong commercial and residential growth, particularly in the south county area. The property, located at 8201 S. Tamiami Trail at the busy intersection of U.S. 41 and Beneva Road, sits near the expansive 10,000-acre Palmer Ranch community, an area witnessing significant upscale residential expansion.

New Model for Retail, Living

The new Sarasota Square is

A massive 96-acre redevelopment designed to be a complete lifestyle Tsutskova of Metro Commercial hub, integrating retail, residences, and public spaces into a walkable community, aligning with the dom- Mixed-Use Center Stage inant trend in regional develop-

Overall plans include:

- 530,000 square feet of new retail, restaurant, and commercial
- 1,200 luxury residential units, with ground breaking anticipated in the first quarter of 2026.
- More than 1 acre of open-air gathering space for social events and community programming.
- Pedestrian-friendly districts and wellness-oriented amenities.

The introduction of Whole Foods, occupying 35,828 square feet, marks a significant upgrade to the area's grocery options. Torburn Managing Director Michael Simpson confirmed additional leases have been secured, including home décor and furniture retailer HomeSense (24,214 square feet), as well as Charles Schwab and three fast-casual restaurants. Leases were arranged by Rod Castan and Alyona

Real Estate.

Square is the latest and largest example of the "prominent trend" of mixed-use developments identified by SVN Commercial Advisory Group. These projects are crucial to the region's expansion, integrating units, retail, and amenities to foster walkable, vibrant neighborhoods.

This focus on integrated development mirrors other major regional projects, such as Downtown Wellen, a mixed-use district within the Wellen Park master-planned community. That project's Phase Two includes additional retail, office space, a 120-key hotel, luxury apartments, and public amenities.

The launch of the Sarasota Square redevelopment, anchored by Whole Foods, confirms the shifting real estate landscape in Sarasota—one that favors community-focused, density-friendly, and experiencedriven destinations over traditional closed-door mall formats.

Historic Preservation **Group Names** Six Sarasota **Treasures** 'Too Precious to Lose'

In a move reflecting the relentless pressure of rapid growth across the region, the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation (SAHP) officially released its 2025 "Six to Save" list, calling urgent public attention to threatened landmarks ranging from rare mid-century modern homes to vital public infrastructure.

The 2025 list features a broad spectrum of Sarasota's history under threat, with five properties located within the city limits:

- The Warriner Residence (1677 Hyde Park St.): Considered a midcentury modern masterpiece, this 1960 home was designed by the renowned husband-and-wife team, Joan and Ken Warriner. The residence received national recognition in Architectural Record Magazine in 1961 for its "Good Design on a \$14,500 Budget." The house remains remarkably intact, but its current listing on a large lot makes it highly vulnerable to demolition for a high-density replacement.
- U.S. Garage Building (330 S. Pineapple Ave.): This downtown commercial site faces an immediate threat of being torn down for a planned 18-story luxury residential project, confirming the intense development pressure that characterizes the downtown core.
- Lawyers Professional Building (2051 Main St.): Another downtown mid-century modern gem, this 1961 building was the first commercial project completed by architect Frank Folsom Smith after he opened his own firm. It is now critically exposed to redevelopment that typically values height over historic, one-story commercial design.

The Alliance is actively working with the City to develop a Historic Preservation Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program to give private owners an economic incentive to protect their historic buildings rather than sell them for demolition.

The 2025 "Six to Save" List

- J.B. Turner House, 1225 Fruitville Road, Sarasota.
- U.S. Garage building, 330 S. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota.
- Warriner Residence, 1677 Hyde Park St., Sarasota.
- Lawyers Professional Building, 2051 Main St., Sarasota.
- Luke Wood Park Mable Ringling Fountain, 1851 Mound.
- Blackburn Point Swing Bridge, Blackburn Point Road, Casey Key/

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Major Impact for Local Children

While the food and raffle are star attractions, the true heart of the Lawn Party is its commitment to charity. All proceeds from the event benefit the Children's Guardian Fund, a vital 501(c)(3) group dedicated to immediately responding to the needs of local children in foster care who have been removed from abusive or neglectful homes.

These children often arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs. The fund steps in to provide essential, immediate support—from emergency essentials, cribs, beds, bedding, and clothing to ongoing support like tutoring—for 800 to 1000 children annually, filling gaps not met by state and local agencies.

The Kiwanis Club has a powerful track record of support. The 2023 Lawn Party generated an incredible \$102,150 for the nonprofit. Even during the challenging year without the party, the club remained committed to their mission, donating an impressive \$50,000 to the Children's Guardian Fund in the spring of 2024.

Community Partners Step Up

The success of the event is bolstered by key community partners, notably The Resort at Longboat Key Club, which is serving as the main sponsor.

"The resort wanted to be the main sponsor because it aligns with the Longboat Key Club's philosophy of supporting the community," said Managing Director Rick Konsavage.

Mark your calendars for next Saturday afternoon to enjoy a signature Longboat Key event that promises great food, exciting prizes, and a powerful way to support the most vulnerable children in our area.

Lawn Party by the Bay: Essential Information

The Lawn Party by the Bay takes place on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Ken Thompson Park on City Island (next to Mote Marine). The event runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. It is Longboat Key's signature food-and-wine fundraiser, organized annually by the Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key.

The Cause

Proceeds from the event benefit the Children's Guardian Fund, a nonprofit that supports over 700 foster children in Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties. The fund provides children who have been removed from unsuitable homes with emergency essentials, tutoring, and crucial enrichment opportunities to help them achieve normalcy and academic success.

General Admission

A \$75 ticket includes access to signature samplings from over 30 area restaurants, six curated wine tents, beer from Gold Coast Eagle, and live music throughout the afternoon. Tickets and raffle entries can be purchased online at LBKLawnParty.org.

Reserved Tables

Guests can choose from two reserved table options located inside the Main Tent. A Neighborhood Table is \$675, which reserves a table for 10 in the Main Tent, saving \$75 off the cost of ten individual tickets. The Patron Table is \$1,000, offering a round table for 10 with VIP seating, name recognition on the table, on a sponsor banner, and in the official printed program.

The 50/50 Raffle

The event features a major 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$50 each, or 5 for \$200. The Grand Prize is a guaranteed minimum of \$15,000, though the winner of the last 50/50 took home over \$22,000. The Second Prize is a 3-day, 2-night stay for four at one of six Universal Orlando Resort hotels, plus VIP passes to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. You do not need to attend the party to participate in the raffle.

Participating Restaurants

Attendees will enjoy signature bites from over 30 of the area's best establishments, including:

Alma de España, Blue Dolphin Cafe, Café on St. Armands, Columbia Restaurant, Crab & Fin, Daiquiri Deck St. Armands Circle, Drift Kitchen & Bar, Dry Dock Waterfront Grill, Food+Beer, Gecko's Grill & Pub, Harry's Continental Kitchens, Island Time Bar & Grill, Kacey's Seafood & More, La Norma Italian Restaurant, Lazy Lobster of Longboat, Lo' Key Island Grille, Longboat Key Fire Rescue, Mean Deans Local Kitchen, Ocean Prime, Old Salty Dog, Pascone's Ristorante, Pesto, Poppo's Taqueria, The Resort at Longboat Key Club, Ringside at Cirque, Sara's Italian Kitchen, Stonewood Grill & Tavern, Tsunami Sushi, Tyler's Gourmet Ice Cream, Ventura's Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar, Viento Kitchen.



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Turtle Disorientation Rate is Down Significantly

To: Editor

As your paper states, the number of turtle nests increased in 2025 to a record number and the number of disorientation events also rose to a record, to 716. Dr. Lasala of Mote calls this a "new challenge" creating an "urgent need for community action to address this new challenge". He is not telling the whole story. In fact, he should be congratulating the community for their commitment and success on behalf of the turtles! Yes, the number of disorientations did increase from last year, but only because the number of nests increased by a whopping 31 percent. Disorientations on the other hand increased by barely half of that, 17 percent by Mote's own numbers. Over the past 3 years, the disorientation rate has decreased from 19 percent in 2023 to 14 percent in 2024 (source: 1/28/25 issue of the Observer) to a record low rate of 11.5 percent in 2025! This is a fantastic success by the beach communities in the county, showing their steady commitment to the turtles. It is sorely disappointing that the community is being chastised for the number of disorientations instead of being congratulated for the dramatic and significant decrease in the rate of disorientation.

Eric Lofgren Longboat Key

GT Alert | Florida House Select Committee on Property Taxes | November 20, 2025

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold

Thanks for sharing Penny. Likely a negotiating move on the House's part. We shall see what the Senate does with the ball now that it is in their court.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

GT Alert | Florida House Select Committee on Property Taxes | November 20, 2025

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold

According to this report, today's House Select Committee on Property Tax approved and moved forward all eight property taxes proposals with plans for each to be included in a ballot referendum. Hopefully, the Senate will take a more measured approach to this complex issue. I hope citizens will realize that destroying their property tax base will directly impact the quality of life they enjoy here in Florida.

Penny Gold Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: Scott Seabaugh

Sorry David - we aren't involved with ownership behind gates only know canal was dug when the Bayou was built and since no seawall was erected on the side near Buttonwood Longview has flooded with king tides and storms.

BJ Bishop

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

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Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

Thank you for the detailed information and clarification provided in the emails below. I have contacted the Bay Isles Association service provider responsible for the mangrove and waterway maintenance. They confirmed that, upon completing their current mangrove project, they will address the downed tree referenced in this email thread. I will follow up with them to ensure the work is scheduled promptly once they finish their active assignment. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Scott Seabaugh

General Manager Bay Isles Association, Inc.

Longboat Key

Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

I think we can work thru these disconnects. I'd like to correct one statement though: the Perimeter Channel and the Private Waterways are the domain of Bay Isles Master Association with the exception of the Key Club owned sections as denoted on the Property Appraisers map. This is clearly documented in the governing documents of Bayou and Bay Isles but had been ignored until five years ago. Since that time, Bay Isles has been trimming the mangroves on both sides of the waterways. Bay Isles is also responsible for the shoreline up to the property line of the Bayou homeowner. One exception: Bayou owners who construct docks in the channel must maintain the areas of their docks.

To correct the fallen tree issue in the waterway, I will ask Scott Seabaugh of Bay Isles to have the tree removed. This is allowed under the Florida Tree Law. Compensation for removing the tree is another issue and I trust whoever caused the tree to fall will provide reimbursement.

David E. Novak

Longboat Key

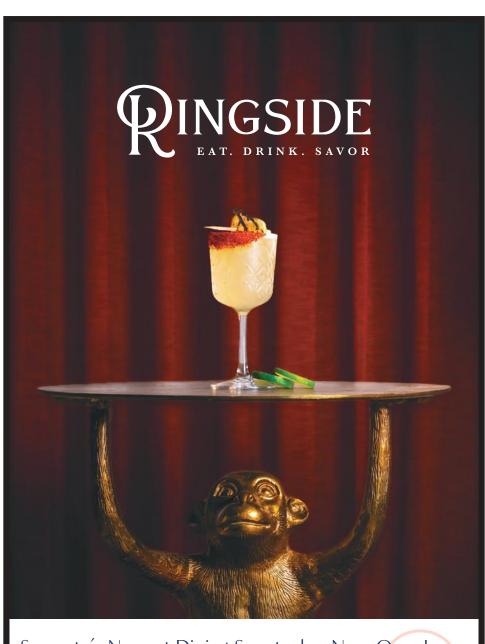
Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: David Novak

David, The Commissioner is correct. You may want to get Neil involved, he has the backstory. We had meeting to discuss the maintenance of that area in July of 2024. I attached an email from back then to help with this understanding. The area highlighted in blue is part of Bay Isles responsibility to maintain.

Charlie Mopps Public Works Director Town of Longboat Key

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Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: David Novak

Bayou Sound owns the property on the Buttonwood side of the canal. They have not maintained(Bayou) property in decades. Next to Bayou property is Town property. No homes are under construction on Longview at this time. If there is a tree in Bayou Canal the canal is the Bayou's. There is no management company for Buttonwood.

BJ Bishop Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Charlie Mopps

Charlie, I do not have firsthand information on the situation below, and I would normally contact the management company for Buttonwood. But apparently management has changed. Can you assist in determining the danger to Mr. Tonnesen's property

Charlie, I do not have firsthand information on the situation below, and I would normally contact the management company for Buttonwood. But apparently management has changed. Can you assist in determining the danger to Mr. Tonnesen's property and how the situation can be best relieved? I have copied Scott Seabaugh, manager for the Bay Isles Association, who maintains the perimeter channel.

David E. Novak Longboat Key

Tree in the canal between 3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound

I've been meaning to let you know that there's a tree hanging down into the canal between BREAKFAST · BRUNCH · LUNCH · DINNER · CATERING · GOURMET DELI & BAKERY · CORNER STORE



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3131 and 3121 Bayou Sound coming from the other side of the canal probably from the workers working on houses in Buttonwood. My concern is this could cause a boat accident. We've already had 2 boats hit into our boat lift so they could avoid hitting the tree. Can you please have the town remove that tree before anyone gets hurt.

Scott Tonnesen Longboat Key

Bell Ringling at Publix

To: Longboat Key Town Staff

Thank you for your incredible response to our note last Friday—the spreadsheet looks terrific!

Kevin Register will kick off the ringing in just 3 days. His Dad, Cash Register, is surely smiling down from heaven. Kevin has already taken about 7 shifts so far—an amazing commitment! We challenge anyone to match that dedication.

There are still more shifts to fill, and we'd love your help. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to friends who might also want to join in.

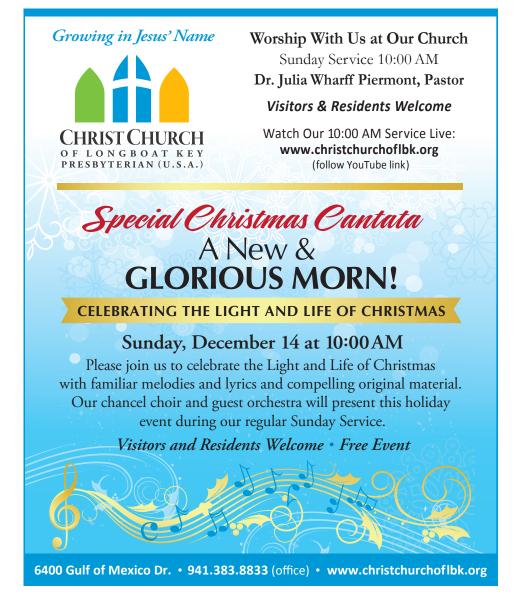
Every ring makes a difference. The funds raised as Salvation Army bell ringers provide yearround support in Sarasota through:

- Social services assistance
- Homeless shelters
- Disaster relief
- Children's programs
- Rehabilitation services
- Anti-human trafficking efforts

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WineTimes



SHE-razz, the Australian name for fine red wine

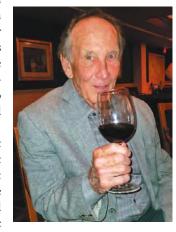
We soon discovered that the name SHE-razz isn't a marketing gimmick but really is Australian for fine red wine.

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

A Super Bowl commercial for Foster's beer revived the slogan "Foster's, Australian for beer". When we asked a decade ago about Foster's during a tour of the east coast of Australia, the natives scoffed and told us that no one in Australia

actually drinks Foster's. In fact, Foster's comes from Manchester, England. Clever marketing promoted Foster's in Great Britain and the US as an Australian product with images of macho Australian footballers and parties on the beach,

We soon discovered that the name SHE-razz isn't a marketing gimmick but really is Australian for fine red wine. A varietal called Shiraz, much like Malbec in Argentina, flourishes in



dry and gritty soils of Southeastern Australia. Although French winemakers in the southern Rhone wine region hold fast to the claim that the Syrah grape originated in France, Australians call the grape Shiraz and pronounce it SHE-razz. Shiraz clones, link genetically to the French Syrah grape, but arguably could have originating in the vicinity of the ancient Persian city of Shiraz. In Australia, Shiraz accounts for about 27% of the volume of wines produced in that country, and, at higher than average prices per bottle, an even higher proportion of Australian wine sales. The flagship Penfolds Grange bottles of Shiraz command prices between \$750 and \$1,500, depending on vintage, in the international market. Less coveted Shiraz wines compare favorably with French Bordeaux and California Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, yet sell for much

Our admiration for Shiraz wines increased exponentially when we arrived in Adelaide during a train ride from Perth on the west coast through the 1000 kilometer Nullarbor Plain along the southwestern expanse of Australia. The USA has fertile river valleys and plains in the interior. Australia has far less hospitable regions between the coasts. Over 90% of the population lives on the coasts. Arid and rocky soils in the interior do not support amber waves of grain and fruited plains but do leave ample room for grape vines. Vineyards in the rolling hills of the Barossa Valley, Northeast of Adelaide, and the McLaren Vale to the south, produce superior Shiraz in single varietal and blended vintages.

The route to the Barossa Valley winds through hills of scrub brush and gulches akin to the terrain of West Texas or parts of the California Central Valley, except, instead of herds of white-tail deer in the fields, one sees mobs of kangaroos bent over while feeding on sparse clumps of grass. The impressive limestone with red trim of the Yalumba Winery buildings and its tasting rooms and grounds accommodate large numbers of day trippers. Among the highlights, a cooperage tour of the workshops where Yalumba makes its own barrels. For those of us who find a bottle of Grange beyond our budgets, try the unique Yalumba 2016 Hand-Picked Shiraz + Viognier (\$38), with skins of Viognier grapes added to crushed Shiraz grapes to moderate harsh tannins and add flavor. (The Aussies have

borrowed this blending technique from traditional Rhone Valley vineyards.) For an everyday wine, consider the consistent Yalumba

Shiraz-Viognier (\$11).

Were we to set sail due south from the McLaren Vale, skirting Kangaroo Island, next landfall would be in Antarctica. During the southern hemisphere summer, the heat in McLaren Vale fully ripens grapes, but ocean breezes moderate both summer heat and winter cold. Wines from McLaren Vale do not have the initial acidity of those from Barossa.

While enjoying lunch at the d'Arenburg winery restaurant during a tour of the McLaren Vale, we asked to speak with their renowned winemaker, Chester Osborne. Our server went off to find out his whereabouts and returned to say that Chester would be tied up for the remainder of the day. We to him when a restaurant manager approached and asked us if we would like to join Chester's Master Sommelier class that would begin in a few minutes. We settled our bill quickly and hustled off to a conference room where a group of sommeliers and other wine buyers, transported Down Under by the Australian Wine Board, were meeting with Chester and younger winemakers from other prestigious vineyards in McLaren Vale. Chester stood in front of a geological map of the region and alongside rows of some of McLaren Vales premier wines waiting to be tasted. He explained that the distinctive character of the region's wines comes from the different soils, exposures to the sun, prevailing winds, and timing of rainfall. To illustrate, he asked winemakers to describe their

and bargain prices: the 2017 Shiraz The Dead Arm (\$54) and

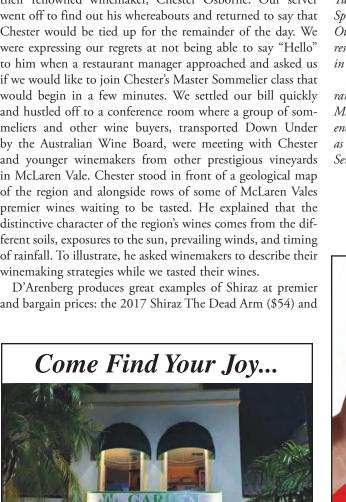
a blend with Grenache, the 2017 Stump Jump Red (\$11),

named after tractors designed to jump over stumps of felled Eucalyptus trees in the region's vineyards.

We had the good fortune to be in the right place at the right time for a serendipitous moment in wine tourism. May you also enjoy the same good fortune.

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 Otego Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle

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



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Your support is deeply needed and greatly appreciated. Together, we can bring hope and help to so many. Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sue Wertman, Chris Sachs, and Lynn Larson Longboat Key

St. Regis support of Longboat Key

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

As discussed with Winfred, please find attached a list of recent activations the hotel has supported for the Town of LBK. We value our partnership and remain committed to supporting our community however we can.

Jenny Quinn

Executive Assistant to the General Manager The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort

St. Regis support of Longboat Key

To: Jenny Quinn

Thank you for your quick response Jenny, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment Committee Packet

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

Your hotel room is already booked (attached) for check in on Dec. 3 and check out on Dec. 4. You don't need to register for your policy committee meeting but if there is anything else you want to attend let me know and I can help.

Savannah Cobb

Assistant to Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment Committee Packet

To: Longboat Key Assistant to Town Manager Savannah years. It now looks tacky.

Savannah did you register me for this along with the room or should I do this part of it?

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Bell Ringing

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Shinkle

Trish, could you put Susan and I down for two slots both on December 10 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.?

Steve Branham

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Bell Ringing

To: Longboat Key Commission

Dear Friends, We are less than one week away from our much-anticipated bell ringing at Publix! Shifts begin next Friday, and we've attached the latest schedule for you to review. Please take a moment to look it over and email both Chris and me with the shifts you'd like to take. Let's focus on filling in the first week so we can start strong together. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue & Chris Longboat Key

The arch on the pier in front of The St. **Regis Hotel**

To: Longboat Key Commission

We are asking you to have the arch removed from the pier across from the St. Regis Hotel. The main reason is that it is unattractive, actually an eyesore. It disturbs the view of that otherwise beautiful stretch of beach. As neighbors, we have enjoyed the view of the Gulf, sand, and simple pier for many

Another problem with it is that during the day, it catches the sunlight, making it unpleasant to look in that direction. I will attach a photo that gives you an idea of how difficult it is to look at when the sun is on it. It is worse in person.

As far as we understand, the pier is public property and not for the hotel to decide to change or add on to. That pier protects the beach and is for all to enjoy. It is not a wedding venue. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Laura Moskowitz

Longboat Key

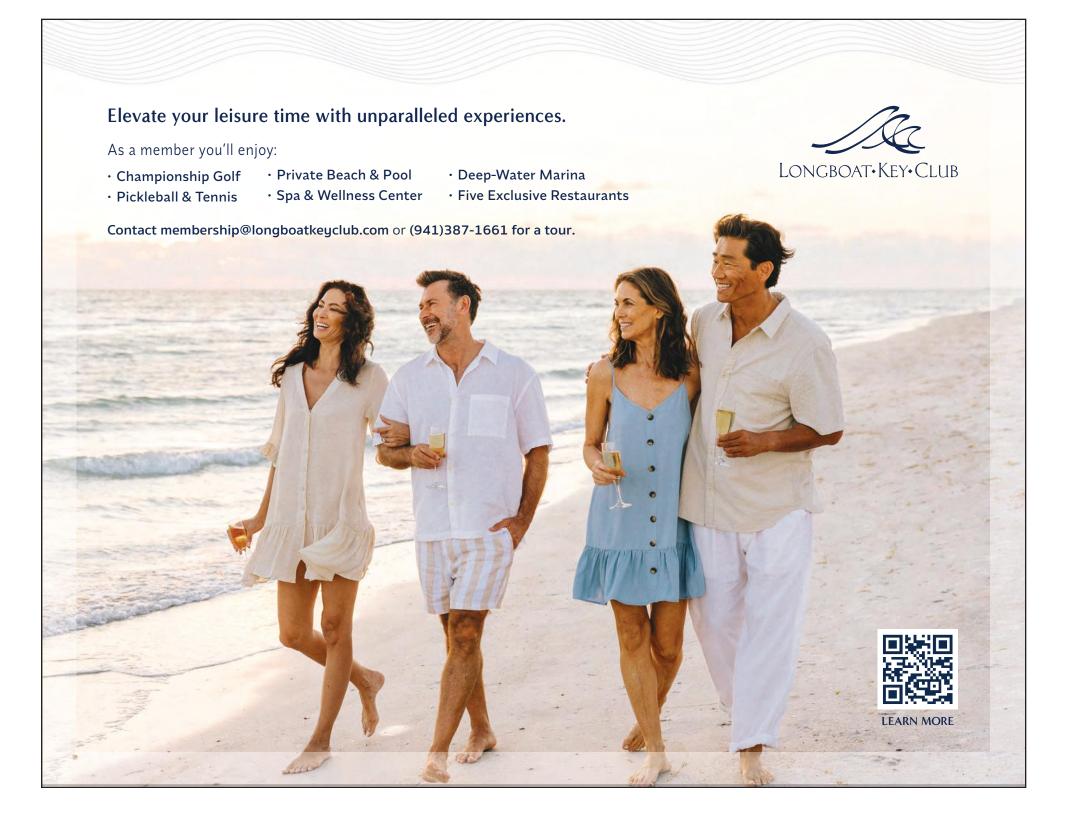
Information on another approach to alleviating chronic homelessness

To: Anand Pallegar

I am currently in Salt Lake City attending the National League of Cities' annual City Summit conference. One of the best things about this conference is the "Mobile Workshops" which gives participants the opportunity to see, firsthand, how the host city is addressing issues that most cities are fac-

Wednesday morning, I visited "The Other Side Village" and had my eyes opened to a different approach to ending chronic homelessness: "Human First" instead of "Housing First." The Other Side Village is the core of a unified system that includes a Prep School which is a transition program from the streets to permanent housing in the Village, Village businesses which offer paid employment to Village residents and revenue to make the Village financially self-sustaining, plus the Village itself in which the residents are a self-governing community. As I listened to the presentations, I thought of the various organizations in Sarasota that offer some of the pieces, with Harvest House leading the pack, but none in an end-to-end system — and not necessarily with the "Human First" focus. But I thought it would be worthwhile to bring Harvest House into the discussion and exploration of whether a model like The Other Side Village would be feasible and worthwhile for Sarasota.

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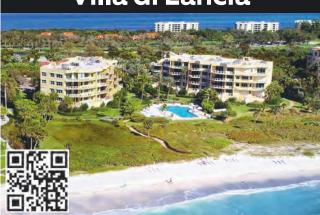
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OnPatrol



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

Nov. 21 Boat

3:28 p.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to Marbury Lane in reference to a suspicious boat on the lift. Upon Officer Mathis' arrival, he spoke with the property owner and he advised that a suspicious boat had been placed on his lift and he had no idea of who it belonged to. A check of the boat's identification showed it belonged to a company. Officer Mathis called the owner's phone number and it turns out the company delivered the boat to the wrong lift by accident after servicing it. The man apologized for the mix up and he said he would contact the homeowner to remove the boat from his lift. Case clear.



to the owner that unannounced visits are not allowed and that he was staying on private property and was in possible violation of town ordinance for overnight camping. Motorhome was approximately 36 feet in length and had a Montana license plate. The owner was completely cooperative and departed the area without incident when the situation was explained by Officer Maple and the security who were also on scene. Case clear.

Citizen assist

5:30 p.m.

Officer Tillman responded to the 3200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive to meet with three juveniles on the beach, who the

complainant stated were parked on private property. According to one woman, her parents own a condominium and they were visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday. Officer Tillman called the complainant back and explained the situation. The complainant stated that this is an ongoing issue with a neighboring condominium, who have been using their parking lot. The complainant also stated that gates are being installed Wednesday and this should remedy the problem. Case clear.

Nov. 22 Animal

12:40 a.m.

Officer Pescuma was dispatched to the 1900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a snake in an apartment. Upon arrival, Officer Ericsson and Officer Pescuma located a small corn snake located under a plastic container. The snake was removed and placed outside without incident. Case clear.

Nov. 23 Person

2:49 a.m.

Officer Pescuma was dispatched to the 2000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to someone walking up and down the sidewalk with what appears to be a long blade. The caller who wished to stay anonymous stated that the subject was a white male, six feet tall, and wearing a t-shirt and sweatpants. Upon arrival, Sgt. Butler located the individual and identified him to be a resident nearby. The subject was wearing a multi-tool. No crime was committed. Case clear.

Incident

1:35 p.m.

Officer Troyer was dispatched to the 1600 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference toa found property. The caller contacted the police to report that staff found a small white baggie with an unknown white substance inside at the pool. Upon arrival, Officer Troyer met with the caller who reported the resort staff member was working by the pool when she found the small clear baggie with the unknown white substance inside. The staff member gave the baggie to the manager who called police. The manager didn't have any knowledge of whom the baggie belonged to either. Officer Troyer looked at the baggie and observed a brownish colored substance with small amounts of glitter. There was only remnants inside the baggie as well and not enough to even weigh. Through Officer Troyer's experience, the substance did not appear to be cocaine or any related narcotic, it appeared to be beach sand. Officer Troyer did take custody of the baggie and tested the substance for cocaine at the Police Department to ensure the substance was not an illegal narcotic. The substance did not test positive using a presumptive test and there was no substance leftover after testing. The baggie was properly disposed of and the substance was presumed to be beach sand. Case clear.

Nov. 24 Vehicle

6:59 a.m.

Officer Maple and Officer Nazareno were dispatched to the 400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a suspicious vehicle call. The complainant stated a suspicious motorhome was parked in front of their building. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with the occupant of the motorhome, who stated he wanted to meet with anyone from the company as he was a huge supporter of their movement. The owner stated he arrived around midnight and was waiting until the businesses opened. He was recommended to visit by a local resident. It was explained



Nov. 25 Incident

4:28 p.m.

Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Halyard Lane for a suspicious incident call regarding a white boat dropping off a diver at the canal. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno made contact with the caller who advised that the white boat had dropped off a diver in the canal and immediately left the area. Officer Nazareno checked the canal behind Halyard Lane but was unable to locate any divers in the water. The caller also advised that he is currently out of town. Case clear.

Nov. 26 Incident

8:00 a.m.

Officer Troyer was dispatched to the 1100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a suspicious incident. Upon arrival, Officer Troyer spoke with the complainant who said that on Nov. 21, she went to the post office on Bay Isles Road. When she left she observed a gray Mercury sedan parked on the roadway of Bay Isles Road. The following day, the complainant was near the intersection of Avenue of the Flowers and Bay Isles Parkway and observed the same Mercury sedan. On Nov. 26, the complainant observed the same Mercury near her residence in the 4900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. She did not think much of the vehicle and its whereabouts until she observed the vehicle near her residence and felt she was being followed. This morning, the complainant observed the vehicle again near the intersection of Avenue of the Flowers and Bay Isles Parkway again and decided to call. The complainant took a photograph of the license plate and showed Officer Troyer. The complainant described the driver as a white male, gray beard, glasses, 60-70 years old and he was playing on his cell phone. Prior to his arrival, Officer Troyer cleared the license plate through NCIC/FCIC which revealed the registered owner. The description the complainant provided to Officer Troyer appeared to match the description of the man. Officer Troyer asked the complainant throughout her experience of seeing the vehicle, if there was any aggravating circumstances where the driver threatened her or drove recklessly towards her, which she said there was not, and she just kept seeing the vehicle near her. Based upon Officer Troyer's experience, the incident did not appear to be a stalking case and appeared as if the complainant was possibly being followed by a private investigator. The complainant agreed she would call back if she had any further contact or the situation escalated. A free internet search concluded the man was a licensed private investigator. Case clear.

Sand

2:58 p.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to Overlook Park in reference to illegal dumping. Prior to Officer Mathis' arrival, he spoke with the complainant via telephone. The complainant wished to report contractors dumping sand and dirt in the park and spreading said materials onto the shoreline and beach. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis spoke with Sgt. Montfort who had arrived to the incident location before. In sum, the FDOT project located in Overlook Park included relocation of sand and soil that was removed from the seawall project just south of the beach in Overlook Park. The FDOT contractor was instructed to redistribute the materials and fill in voids along the shoreline to be followed by large rock to control shoreline erosion. The complainant disagreed with the project and the effects on the local ecosystem. The Public Works Director arrived on scene and spoke with the complainant and FDOT contractors about the ongoing project. No further police action is needed. Case clear.

Nov. 27 Alarm

11:40 a.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the 6400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to an alarm activation. Upon arrival, Officer Mathis met with Sgt. Montfort and they accessed the property through the front gate. Sgt. Montfort and Officer Mathis made their way around the exterior of the residence and observed a second story French door open. After announcing 'Police' several times, they made entry via the open door and cleared the residence. No people were located in or near the residence. It appeared the door was left unsecure and blown open by high winds. Officer Mathis spoke with the homeowner whom advised to secure the residence and he would let Sgt. Montfort and Officer Mathis out the garage door. Once the garage door was secure officers left the scene. Case clear.

Editor Letters



Letters, from page 5

The following are some of my notes from my visit. I'd welcome an opportunity for us to get together to decide whether to pursue this concept.

Guiding Philosophy: Single major factor in chronic homelessness is lack of connection to family and community, and their support. Coping mechanisms developed over years on the street are counterproductive in community living. Housing alone doesn't solve the problem. People need to change. This can happen with a supportive community that sees more in the individual than they see in themselves.

The Other Side Prep School provides an "onboarding" process — a 6-12 month residential program with daily coaching by staff who themselves have overcome chronic homelessness. This is a significant departure from the way Housing First is implemented. There is an application and interview process for acceptance into the Prep School, which currently has a waiting list and 85 percent success rate.

The Other Side Village is the community that Prep School "graduates" are seeking admission to. Members of the community are permanently housed, self-reliant, drug free and crime free. Phase 1 houses 60 single adults in individual cottages, 10 percent of them are on-site coaches. Residents police themselves in a democratic community — including deciding whether a Prep School resident is ready to join the community. The community is designed to have neighborhoods and a central community space. Buildout will be 470 homes on 38 acres.

The houses: Stick-built offsite and dropped in place. Some were built as part of high school vocational training programs. Sizes are 350-450 square feet, monthly rents are \$450-500. Rents are not based on income. If you want a more expensive unit, you need to earn more money to afford it. Solar panels on all buildings.

Social Enterprises: provide employment opportunities for community residents and income to eventually replace philanthropy to maintain the community. Currently there's an awardwinning donut shop and a "hotel." Plans include a grocery store. The businesses also serve the adjacent area — which reduced neighbors' resistance to the Village.

Local government involvement: Zoning changes were required. Land itself is city owned, former landfill (some remediation is needed). Development is in phases; city provided 99-year ground lease for phase 1.

Additional information is available at www.theothersidevillage.com

They've also developed a Leadership Institute to share information about their methods.

NPR's Morning Edition ran a story about The Other Side Village last month. It is available online. Let's plan to get together after the Holidays to discuss possibilities in Sarasota.

Debbie Trice

Mayor

City of Sarasota

Sidewalk Art

To: Morgan Bentley

I received this email after I accepted your invitation to join the Tiger Bay panel (now scheduled in March). I subsequently discussed the situation with City Attorney Polzak. As you can imagine, he is recommending against participation in the panel by any City representative while there is pending or threatened legal action.

I may be naïve in believing the issue will be resolved before March, so I'm not backing out at the moment. But I guess the likelihood is fairly high that it might happen. So you might want to line up a replacement for me. Sorry. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Debbie Trice

Mayor

City of Sarasota

Sidewalk Murals in Sarasota Panel Discussion

To: Sarasota City Mayor Debbie Trice

From the moment I learned of the destruction of the sidewalk murals, I have been working to find justice for the artists involved. As early as late August, I began to research the

Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990. To be clear, a VARA case is a federal case, not a local court

I compiled evidence and asked the University of Miami Law School for assistance. The Art Law faculty reviewed the project and referred me to LegalArtLink / LocustProjects. A group of attorneys and law students studied the case and found it qualified as a strong case under VARA Law. Their opinion document allowed me to reach out to over 70 top law firms nationwide.

A small group of artists and I have narrowed down our attorney prospects to three firms. In the last month, the ACLU of Florida has also committed to providing us with pro bono legal support. A formal announcement will be coming soon.... I'm happy to discuss this with you. If you wish me to be part of the panel discussion at Tiger Bay, I'm available.

BTW- I'm not now, nor have I ever been associated with the Avenue of Art or Denise Kowal. This was my independent project. I initially shared some documents with Denise, but I am not connected with her or any of her proposals for the city.

Wendy Rosen

Sarasota

Sidewalk Art

To: Sarasota City Mayor Debbie Trice

Hope everything is going well. I was reaching out today on behalf of Tiger Bay. There is an interest in putting together a panel regarding the recent removal of the sidewalk art downtown. I believe you had an interest in that subject so I was wondering if you would be willing to be on the panel for a City perspective or perhaps recommend someone who would be good to give the City's side of things? We are looking to either January 8 or February 5. Any direction you can give would be great.

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Letters, from page 11

Morgan Bentley Bently, Goodrich, Kison, P.A.

Noise Ordinance revisions, Dec 1 agenda item X3, "The Schools"

To: Sarasota City Commission

While I'm pleased with City staff's work on this revision to improve our noise ordinance, there's one aspect that is not dealt with, that of amplified noise issuing from The Schools, specifically Sarasota High School. As you know, this has been an ongoing issue for the surrounding neighborhood for several years now.

Yes, I bought a house abutting SHS, knowing full well that I would hear normal school noises (also from nearby SSIS, now Innovation Academy charter elementary school). I, personally, actually enjoy hearing the MSB -- Mighty Sailors Band (and unlike many, i also enjoy the drums, even pre-7am); I'm fine with the "crowd sounds" of athletic and other events. [Although that year when a coach decided on using an Air Horn for daily afternoon football practice, that was a bit much!] However, in recent years SHS has upgraded their amplified sound systems for their stadium (and other athletic fields), apparently without thought of neighbors. Sometimes these are used responsibly, but other times whoever is running the equipment seems to have no thought as to sound limits, and the technology enables their actions.

We all know we live in a loud world (and this is a City), but this is just what the revision of the Ordinance is meant to balance with the "peaceful and quiet enjoyment of one's property." Why would one entity, such as a government entity such as The Schools, be held to different standards than all others? This doesn't need to be so!

As you know, another Alta Vista resident, Mr. Martinucci, has been working long and hard with The Schools on many specific, and often simple and inexpensive, actions that they could take to mitigate their sound issues, sometimes with good results and other times, shall we say, with less willingness on their part. The Schools is not compelled, due to this exemption, to solve these issues.

Schools, specifically SHS in this case, are a part of our City, they are surrounded by dense residential zones, by City residents, who should be able to expect the same standards enforced for all their neighbors, including any nearby government entities. How is unreasonable noise blasting from one neighbor, perhaps a local resident, any different than that blasting from another neighbor, perhaps a SHS PA system? Please see what you can do. Linda Kitch Sarasota

Noise Ordinance revisions, Dec 1 agenda item X3, "The Schools"

To: Linda Kitch

Thanks so much for your input on this, and "yes" I am well aware of Mr. Martinucci's efforts and communications with SHS over many years. We have met and discussed this on a number of occasions and many of his requests and solutions are reasonable.

I have copied the City Attorney, City Manager, and Government Affairs Director, along with Mr. Martinucci on this email as this is an aspect of our sound ordinance that is often not taken into consideration. It is my understanding that schools in the City have an exemption from our ordinance (but that may be too simple of a description of the situation) but the conversation around "why" they are exempt and if that should or should not (could or could not?) is a worthwhile discussion, as Mr. Martinucci has talked about for a while now. To your point, as the City grows, so do the schools and learning institutions, and we all have to work together to make room for each other. If the learning institutions are exempt, then the opportunity is lost.

The above may be a mis-characterization of the situation and I look forward to a discussion (or email response) with the City attorney on this and learning what our opportunities are now that this "door may be open".

Thanks so much Linda for your participation in our community and for taking the time to reach out to me with your invaluable input.

Jen Ahearn-Koch City Commissioner City of Sarasota

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How cell recycling benefits you

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There's great power in biological cell recycling. Your body's ability to self-digest (autophagy) lets you fight cancer, resist aging, recycle everything from broken cell walls to destroyed viral

proteins, kill off pathogens, remake your energy balance, recast most nutrients, and deny diabetes (it also works while you sleep.) It's high time the Nobel committee recognized the power of garbage remaking, giving this year's medicine prize to Ohsumi Yashinori of the Tokyo Institute of Science and Technology.

Why is Cellular Garbage So Great?

It's critical to life. The human body works so quickly it gets used up fast. As Ana Maria Cuervo of Albert Einstein Medical College points out, most of your heart is remade in about three days. It's must be rapidly replaced, or you and I will literally turn heartless.

This is just the beginning of the work autophagy must accomplish. For this is not a Browning-Ferris, Waste Management kind of

maneuver. Unlike human societies, we can throw out the vital components of our lives to giant into dumps hidden in unlikely, unlucky places. We have to remake and renew almost everything we use.

And that's what autophagy does. Think for a second of the cell, of which you've got ten trillion human ones, as a house. Normally houses last decades.

What if they only lasted days?

That would require very efficient removal of wrecked materiel. But if every house we lived in only lasted a few days, we'd never have the chance nor the environment to make thousands of copies of all the parts inside it – the windows and doorlatches, television sets and showers, pet cages and kitchens.

So autophagy does more than just "break stuff down." It rapidly begins and moves towards completion the process of remaking and recycling and renewing.

Fortunately for us, the components of a cell are made out of the same materials, like the amino acids of proteins. We break down the stuff of which we are constructed, reconfigure it and reuse it. Yet we do a lot more with autophagy.

Infection

What happens when a pathogenic bacterium or virus enters your cell? You have to stop it. Fight it. Destroy it. Recycle the remains.

Autophagy does a major job. The same processes that put a ring around "regular" materials for recycling can be used to fight infection. The phagosomes, big vesicles or bags that "ingest" material for autophagic processes, can be used to ingest invading pathogens. You can even get the invading stuff remade into materials you almost immediately reconfigure to line your cell membrane or control protein synthesis. That's part of the promise of information health – seeing your body as an endlessly updated information system. Autophagy, reprocessing everything, is a critical part of renewing you – and what makes you.

Cancer

We may produce dozens of cancers every day, innumerable cancerous cells over a lifetime. Autophagy is used to identify and destroy the cells we want gone. It plays a vital part in programmed cell death, where cells that are too old, too ineffective, or just simply dangerous are given signals to self-destruct – which in many cases comes to mean self-digest.

Aging and Dementia

We hear a lot about amyloid and tau proteins "clogging up" the brain cells of older adults, leading to Alzheimer's Disease. As I've argued before, this is a very oversimplified view of what happens in Alzheimer's, yet it is true that clumps of material like amyloid do kill

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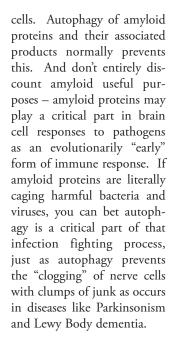
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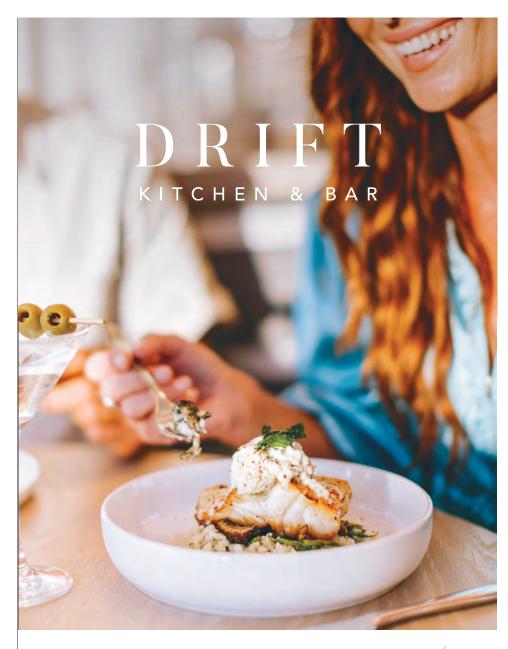
Information Health

Your body is not just fats and proteins, bones and skin.

It's information. How you process the material of life changes life. And it can do so greatly for the better.

Research on autophagy has demonstrated how quickly we remake our bodies. It also has shown how much of our processes of physiology – from clearing away to recycling to remaking and recreating – are deeply integrated with another. Autophagy lets us make more efficient the same "old" molecules, and lets us see our bodies as more dynamic, focused, and malleable than many thought. Health is a profoundly creative process.

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Focus on the Serve & Volley

Sometimes my opponent will suddenly start to serve and volley. What is my best strategy to deal with that? Also, when is it appropriate to serve and volley, and when does it not make sense?

JACKIE BOHANNON **Guest Columunist** tennis@lbknews.com

If your opponent starts serving and volleying, focus on the ball and not on the movement of your opponents. Have a preplanned game plan of how you are going to return based on the serve you receive. If your opponent has a strong serve,

an appropriate return to neutralize the serve and volley is a lob over the server's partner's head. Down the middle and low is always a good return. Try to make sure if you can't lob or pass your opponent that you hit your shots nice and low at their feet. Positionally, stay one-up one-back as the receiving team unless you are not having success. If you are getting attacked off your return then I highly suggest having the receiver and the receiver's partner



BOHANNON

at the baseline. Having both players at the baseline, gives the serving team a different look which alone can cause good results. Playing both back takes pressure off the receiver so they aren't pressured to hit a perfect return. If the receiver's partner is at the baseline they have a better chance and more time to defend themselves if needed. The receiver's partner

can always resume their position at the net if their partner hits a good offensive lob, or if the serving team stops serving and

Serving and volleying is a great strategy if you have good mobility, a strong serve, and solid volleys. If you or your partner have a difficult time moving backward it is probably not for you. I do not suggest ever serving and volleying on a second serve. Serving and volleying can be used as a change of positioning/strategy if you are losing. Sometimes, just making your opponent have a different look can sway momentum. Perhaps your opponents don't have a good lob, or seeing you rush the net puts pressure on them? Sometimes serving and volleying can cause missed return of serves because it makes the receiving team nervous. These are potential benefits or serving and volleying. Also, if you have a big serve and or your opponent has a weak return, serving and volleying makes sense. If you play someone that has an effective drop shot serving and volleying helps take that shot away as well. Generally, throwing in some serve and volleying is a good strategy because you want to take your opponent off guard. No matter how good you are at serving and volleying do not

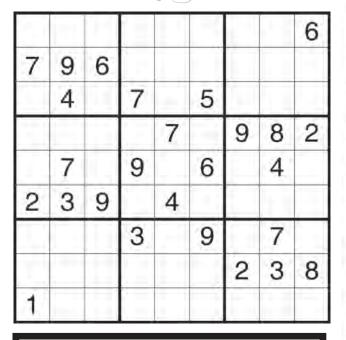


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do it every time, because you do not want to be predictable. Serving and volleying is a great skill set to develop, and when used at appropriate times can be highly effective.

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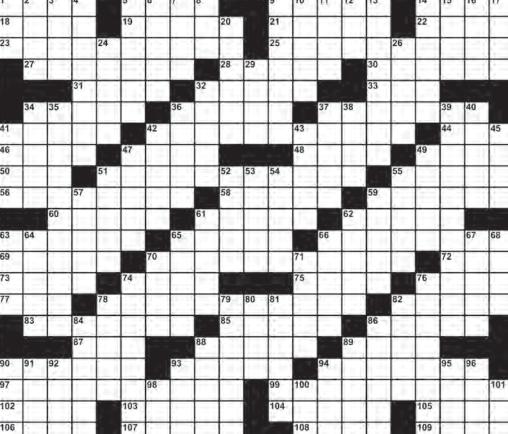
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