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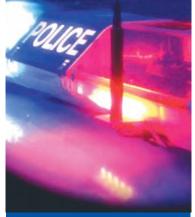
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Sarasota faces future floods

Downtown Sarasota, Lido and Siesta Key the most vulnerable to flooding, sea level rise says study.

flooding on the City of Sarasota is the topic of a risk assessment presented last week in City Hall.

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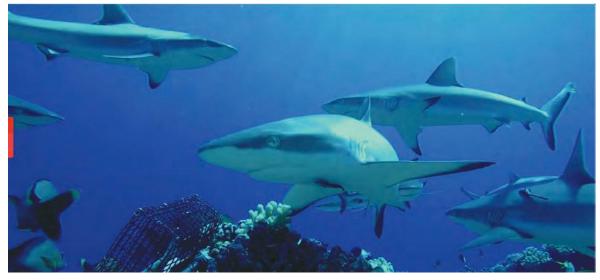
Sea level rise and the impact of ed grant funding for a vulnerability assessment. The money was given to the city from the Florida Department of Environmental

Program.

A vulnerability assessment of Sarasota was conducted and presented to the city on Monday.

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The key to protecting sharks



New study finds reef shark conservation depends on protected areas and national fisheries management

Marine protected areas (MPAs), areas that provide legal protection to important marine and coastal ecosystems, often have more reef sharks compared to non-protected areas, but according to a new study in Nature Ecology and Evolution by researchers of Curtin University, Mote Marine Laboratory, and others, finds that when MPAs are established in nations that also limit shark fishing through catch limits or gear restrictions, conservation benefits are doubled. See Sharks, page 12

Sarasota Commissioner says shooting left family in shock

Kyle Battie, the cousin of Brian Battie and a Sarasota City Commissioner, calls the shooting that left the Auburn running back in critical condition and killed Tommie Battie IV, Brian Battie's older brother, a "senseless act of gun violence."

Auburn head football coach Hugh Freeze took to social media on Monday morning, asking for prayers after Brian Battie suffered a

See Shooting, page 2

Judge says Mosby must sell Longboat **Property**

Former Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby was sentenced to 12 months of home detention, three years of supervised release, and 100 hours of community following perjury and mortgage fraud charges. A federal judge also ordered Mosby to forfeit her

See Mosby, page 2

A Day at Myakka River State Park

A white ibis probes the water with its long, downcurved, buoy-colored bill making concentric circles in the water. It's a sedate way to end our full day at the Myakka River.

MICHAEL GIVANT Contributing Writer givant@lbknews.com

Myakka River State Park is one of the state's oldest and largest parks at 37,000 acres. It has enough to do all day as the park features a tram ride, an airboat ride, a birdwalk, a weir and some picnic tables near Upper Myakka Lake where, on a cloudy March day, my wife, two friends and I watched a multitude of avian life.

As we board the tram ride, an osprey holding a fish in its claws flies over some tall trees. Perched in one of them is a great egret. The tall, stately white bird stands motionless. Along the tram trail we see an osprey in a tree with a fish draped across a branch. Is this the same one we saw earlier?

Adjacent to the parking lot is a grassy area where there are some picnic benches that overlook the lake where airboats go out. There are at least 120 white pelicans, winter visitors to Florida, in the water in a few tightly packed groupings. As we are about to eat lunch one of those massed groups starts to come by, moving with synchronized precision.

See Myakka, page 12



A group of white pelicans parades by at Myakka River State Park



A female boat-tailed grackle in the water at Myakka River State Park

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Flooding Key, from page 1

The team looked at locations at risk of sea level rise and high flooding. They prioritized each area based on critical assets. Those critical assets include community and emergency facilities, transportation, and evacuation centers, to name a few.

More than 160 assets are at risk in the following five focus areas highlighted by the team. Downtown Sarasota, Lido Key and St. Armands, the North Trail, including Edwards Drive South to Centennial Park and everything west of Tamiami Trail, the South Trail, including Hudson Bayou to Bay Road West of Osprey Avenue, and North Siesta Key.

The city's sustainability coordinator Jeff Vredenburg said the City is in the final phase of planning and the next step will be to apply for funding from the state to address the vulnerable assets.

Mosby, from page 1

condo in Longboat Key during a forfeiture

The ruling follows Mosby's conviction by two separate juries on charges of perjury and mortgage fraud charges after trials involving her personal finances for lying to a mortgage lender during the purchase of one of her Florida vacation homes. Mosby was accompanied by two teenage daughters dressed in white like their mother as the crowd chanted her name. Her ex-husband Nick Mosby, President of the Baltimore City Council, arrived later.

During the hearing, U.S. District Court Judge Lydia K. Griggsby argued that Mosby would not have been able to purchase the vacation home until she obtained fraudulent funds to procure the mortgage

Siding with the prosecutors, Griggsby ordered Mosby to turn over 90 percent of the appreciated value of the vacation home once the property is sold. She will get the down payment of \$47,600 back and 10% of the appreciated value of the home if the property is sold with profit. Mosby has denied wrongdoing.

Leading up to sentencing, Mosby launched a public campaign seeking a presidential pardon from President Joe Biden, claiming she was unjustly convicted in her two trials. Her efforts garnered the support of the Randallstown branch of the NAACP Randallstown and from Rev. Bernice King, the youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

Shooting, from page 1

"set back" the night prior and remained on a ventilator.

According to a Sarasota County Sheriff's Office press release, deputies responded to the Tallywood Centre Plaza, located in the 3400 block of 17th Street in Sarasota, at approximately 3:30 a.m., where they found a large crowd with multiple shooting victims in the parking lot.

Sarasota Director of Community Affairs Evan Keats told AL.com on Tuesday that there had been no further update from the sheriff's office outside of its initial press release, which called the shooting an "isolated incident" but did not name a suspect or a motive.

On Sunday, a GoFundMe campaign was launched in effort to support the Battie family.

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EditorLetters



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Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Town Commission

What happened to the code enforcement mentioned last week? We need your immediate help with this, it is a true nuisance and blatant disregard to the commitments made to the Mayor and the City Commissioners in a public forum. This issue is not going to go away and neither are we, the tax paying citizens of Longboat Key and Country Club Shores until this is resolved. In fact, the amount of property owners that are disgusted with this issue is growing tremendously and by the day. The City attorney is hanging her hat on something (SB250) that has absolutely nothing to do with this problem and seemingly for other reasons. The City Officials need to step up and override this excuse she is using. She is also dodging my requests to set up a phone call and sending e-mails full of useless information that we already know about. She can't even point to the specific wording that she thinks would relate to and impact this ordinance. Either the Mayor misunderstood, or she mislead someone because I was told that the ordinance was already written and ready to go, now she is saying that she can't produce it because it could not be written because of this state bill, however the bill came out long after the commission voted to make this the law! Changes need to be made! We need to get past this and do the right thing before it does cost the city a legal battle, money, and more aggravation, why would you let it come to this? Although I have had attorneys read this and spoken to state officials about this, it does not take a law degree to read and understand this bill and also see that by enacting and enforcing this ordinance, an ordinance that is already in use by an overwhelming majority of cities and counties that are also part of the bill, it would have nothing to do with impeding anyone from accessing their property or carrying out activities or recovering from events caused by storm damage.

This needs to come to a head, do we need a forum to have an open dialogue about this without the constraints of a timed statement? This is truly a no brainer and to be held up by someone's misuse/misinterpretation of a state bill is ridiculous. We need to pull the bandage off and do the hard job of getting this done and behind us. If this is not dealt with and ended immediately this could start to happen on every canal, cove, and waterway on the island and then the beginning of the end is what we are faced with. I can't imagine any of you want that, but its reality.

Thank you for the time on this issue and the efforts that you spend to keep Longboat Key the special place that it is. I am available at any time to help in any way possible.

Mike Percopo

COO/Founder, Orlando





Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

We just returned home from being out of town and were so disappointed to see that "violators boat" is moored in the middle of our canal (Sloop/Ketch) and he is boarding it as we speak , working on it , dumping water out of it! Are we now being viewed as a public mooring canal space for any friend or acquaintance to park their boats in the middle of the 30 percent rule of the neutral navigational canals , we as homeowners pay taxes to enjoy this amazing privilege and we need our public officials to please step up and not allow this continued abuse and disrespect to be allowed, it has been way over a week now and this boat owner is bragging about his new free boating space at the Longboat Key Club. This is outrageous and we need a swift solution or CCS I & II will have to seek legal representation as an association to protect our homeownership rights living on our canals with peace and security as this has been encouraged to me as the President of CCS I & II from several neighbors.

Kathy Callahan Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Mike Percopo

You all do know that the State of FL has forbidden any new ordinances for two years in areas within 100 miles of communities impacted by Hurricane Ian? I thought Kathy was at the meeting where this was discussed. It is not rocket science but Tallahassee has the power, not us.

BJ Bishop

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

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To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

BJ, Have you read the ordinance? It has Zero to do with this subject. Your statements are factually incorrect, and I encourage you to read SB250 and its amendments and if you conclude that it in anyway pertains to passing a law about not parking a boat or vehicle in or on property that does not belong to you, I would be intent on understanding the logic of you or anyone who makes this interpretation. This bill pertains to permits and construction related to work needed, or in progress, prior to or because of the storm as well as temporary structures, debris removal etc. all storm related. The bill is intended to not burden anyone who is strug-

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

Villa Di Lancia, one of Longboat Key's premier communities. This corner residence boasts 3 bathrooms, and epitomizes tropical Gulf-front living. The covered terrace, connected to the living room provides a spacious year-round haven to immerse yourself in the stunning surroundings. A spiral staircase offers easy access to resort amenities and the beach just outside. Includes 2 parking spaces.



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gling to continue a project or recover from the storm or that was impacted by the storm. This bill has not "forbidden" the city of Longboat Key from passing the "boat ordinance" and in fact this is just the city attorney's interpretation and a judgment call. There is no one that lives on a canal in all of Longboat Key that was impacted by the storm that would be burdened by this ordinance and if there was a special reason or need to be parked in the center of a canal on a temporary basis for say, construction reasons or any other logical reason this bill would not impact them.

Once we are out of session and I also have a little extra time this will be discussed on the state level with our house and senate representatives. I have had discussions with the Mayor, and I will be following up on this.

Mike Percopo Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Kathy Callahan

The city officials have agreed to pass the ordinance. The city attorney needs to get off Center and write the ordinance! This is not rocket science. We need to not make it more of a process than it is, and get caught up in the minutia of bureaucracy. This is not something Out of the ordinary this is common practice for any canal in the state of Florida and any canal community! I am going to make it a priority to support any city official that is no nonsense and makes this happen and anybody who's obstructing it needs to be called out.

Mike Percopo Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Mike Percopo

Typical as the code enforcement officer was here taking pictures they pulled out as they should. Their ears were burning as they say!

But this is not the end of it as you know, so we do need to get an ordinance, a special section ordinance to make this compliance stick for every homeowner that lives on water. They deserve that right of enjoying their home, their canal their docks, that they all spent a lot of money, and did it the right way with permits And being a good citizen of the community.

Thank you for your help and attention to this

Kathy Callahan

Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Kathy Callahan

Kathy, if they're being loud and being disorderly, call the police, in any event, I will bring it up with the town manager in the morning. Thanks for the update.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

Thank you for your attention and help with this Gary! Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Mike Percopo

Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Commission

The same couple are now living on the boat in the middle of the canal, tied up to the homeowner of the property - Antos. They've been there since last weekend supposedly temporary since they sold their slip at the moorings. We really need to find a way to have this ordinance codified because as long as Antos lives there, we will constantly have this type of abuse and complete disrespect of the community, the neighbors, and actually what the commissioners and the mayor requested the homeowner to not continue with allowing people (that don't own property here or rent property) to park a big vessel in the middle of our canals he thinks he has a private marina for rent! we really need some help with this matter it's not going away!

Kathy Callahan

Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

The same couple are now living on the boat in the middle. With the boat turning into a residence, does this violate the code in a single-family residence area?

Lynn Larson

Longboat Key

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EditorLetters



Letters, from page 6 **Mangroves**

To: Longboat Key Planning and Zoning director Allen Parsons

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

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Our friend Mark has the big boat in the middle of the Canal again. The same boat that was supposed to have been there for its last night before being sold by his friend, so I guess we (more so you) have been lied to once again Mr. Mayor!

Since our last conversation I have made progress with state government officials, both in contact with the senator that sponsored SB 250 Jonathan Martin and Fiona McFarland, our state representative who I have worked with on previous projects. There is nothing in this bill that would prohibit the city from passing this ordinance, so I respectfully request from you the following. Last we spoke, you said the ordinance had been drafted and was ready to be put into law. Can you please reply with an attachment of that ordinance/document so that I could have it reviewed by the people mentioned here? Secondly, can you have the city attorney tell us exactly what wording/ part of SB 250 she thinks would prohibit the city from putting this ordinance into law. I will respond with the direct responses from these elected officials once I have this information. I may be able to arrange an in-person meeting if necessary.

Thank you for your immediate attention and help with this, I look forward to your timely response.

Mike Percopo Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Mike Percopo

Sorry to hear the big boat is back. I think we have determined at least that it's not permitted for non-residents to be occupying a boat adjacent to a residential property, so I will ask staff to pursue that.

As for the ordinance, we have been assured repeatedly by highly qualified town counsel that we cannot pass this until October, 2026, but I am copying her on this note as well so that she can respond if appropriate.

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

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To: Mike Percopo

As I mentioned in my email and message, I am happy to talk to you. I have not been available to even respond to emails for the past 2 days due to public meetings. I am available to talk on Thursday, May 23 from 8:15 a.m. – 10 a.m., or from 12 - 2:30 p.m. Please let me know you are available during either of those windows and the best number to contact you. Thank you.

Maggie D. Mooney

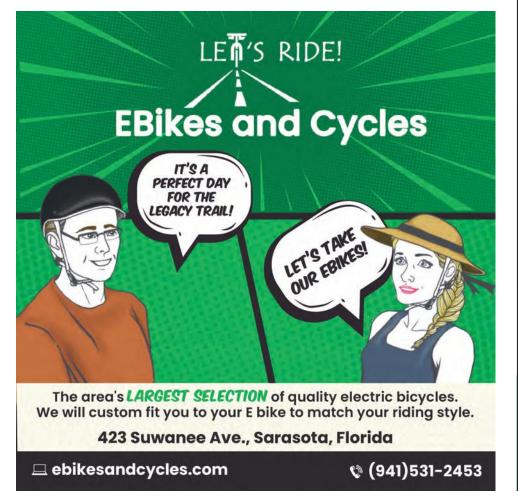
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To: Longboat Key Town Attorney Maggie Mooney

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This is my 2nd response to your e-mail. You tried calling me late in the afternoon on Friday and I was in a prior commitment. It's hard to catch people when you try them that late on a Friday. I would appreciate you returning my request to set up a phone call so we can get some more clarification on this, and hopefully a quick resolution. Please let me know what time either Wednesday May 22 or Thursday would work for you for a quick phone call. Thank you in advance for your response.

Mike Percopo Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Mike Percopo

I just left you a voicemail because I have been requested to reach out to you to discuss your concerns. When you brought the canal navigation issues to the Town Commission's attention in summer 2022, the Town Commission asked my office to research the issue of vessel regulations within the Town's canals. In response to that direction, my office produced the attached Memorandum dated September 19, 2022. In that September 2022 Memorandum, there were multiple options discussed relating to canal navigation.

One recommendation to address vessel size in canals was for the Town to consider a potential amendment to Section 158.099 of the Town's Land Development Code to add "vessels" to the existing list of regulated projections into the waterways and canals. Included in that Memo was an example of what the text amendment could look like if such an ordinance was advanced.

While the September 2022 Memo includes proposed text changes to Section 158.099 of the Town's Land Development Code text, that language was ultimately not presented in an Ordinance form to the Town Commission for its consideration. The reason an Ordinance was not presented has to do with the timing of the Legislature's passage of SB 250 (2023). A second Memo dated September 28, 2023 discussing the pre-emption issue caused by the passage of SB 250 and its applicability to potential amendments to Section 158.099 (which is within the Town's Land Development Code) is attached. For the above reasons, a draft Ordinance responsive to your records request below does not exist.

While I understand you are advocating for code changes, there are other means of enforcement available to address canal navigation hazards. The September 2022 Memorandum, includes a section titled "Other Means of Enforcement" and includes a discussion about the enforcement option available under Fla. Stat. 327.44. This Florida law allows the Town's Police Department to pursue an action against anchored vessels that unreasonably or unnecessarily constitute a navigational hazard or interferes with another vessel. Accordingly, if a moored vessel is creating a navigational hazard on a particular canal that obstructs another vessel's ingress/egress, the obstructed vessel owner may contact the Town's Police Department so a Town Police

Officer can respond to the situation and enforce the statute. This statute may provide some assistance to you addressing conditions associated with the large vessel moored within the canal abutting Sloop Lane.

I hope the attached Memorandums are of assistance to you. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this email or the attached Memorandums further.

I have removed the Commissioners from this email string to avoid any Sunshine law issues. Maggie D. Mooney

Town Attorney

Town of Longboat Key

Please help us with our canal

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Ken, thank you for your response. Please send a copy of the ordinance that has been drafted as you told me it was. Also, no one is doubting the competence of the individuals involved. We as citizens are asking for the logic and the specific wording that they feel is inhibiting them because as I stated above the author of the Bill and our state representative does not feel that this is applicable to anything in the Bill! What I am asking for is by rights, information that should be available to every citizen and taxpayer on longboat key. We have a continuing nuisance and it needs to be dealt with, this is going on long enough! Thank you again. I will await your response with the draft of the ordinance and the specific information that we are requesting.

Mike Percopo Longboat Key

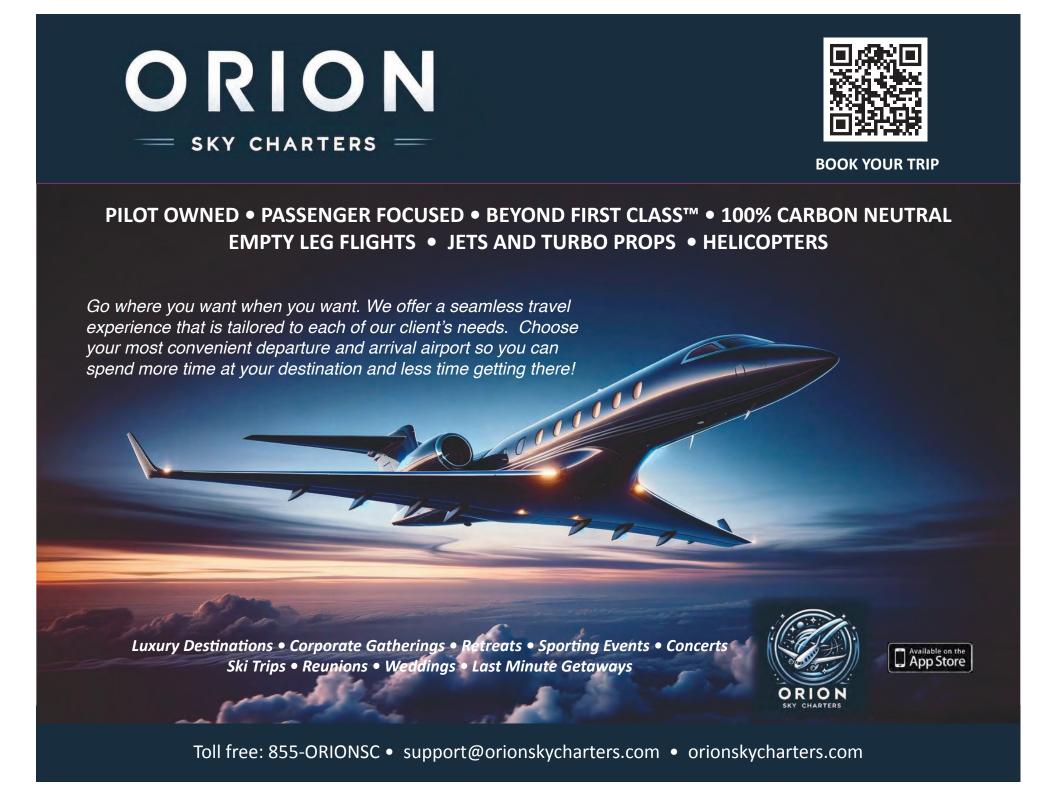
SRQ Flight Path Change

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

It's obviously very concerning that management at SRQ did not share this information in a timely manner or include us in the conversation. What's more concerning is that airline passenger traffic has tripled in the period from 2017 to 2022 (latest data available from the SRQ website). While this doesn't necessarily translate to triple the number of departing flights from SRQ, it does amount to a significant increase in outbound flights that fly directly over some portion of Longboat Key - and these increased flights translate to increased noise and air pollution. Can we request that SRQ management conduct an air quality study under the outbound flight path?

Debra Williams Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

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Bird Key, Lido Key, Longboat Key latest sales

Address	Sq. Ft.	List Price	Bed/B	ath/	Half Bath	Days On Market	Sale Price
1955 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#G6-102	1,257	\$499,900	2	2	0	0	\$499,000
2295 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#25S	1,235	\$650,000	2	2	0	249	\$600,000
745 BAYPORT WAY Unit#745	1,623	\$819,000	2	2	0	16	\$715,000
817 EVERGREEN WAY	1,440	\$725,000	2	2	1	0	\$725,000
490 N SHORE RD Unit#8	1,350	\$849,000	2	2	1	99	\$813,000
5055 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#332	1,633	\$900,000	2	2	0	47	\$885,000
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610 BROADWAY ST	1,270	\$1,322,000	2	1	1	49	\$1,200,000
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1145 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#505	1,819	\$2,300,000	3	2	0	356	\$1,900,000
525 NORTON ST	3,601	\$2,950,000	4	3	1	75	\$2,500,000



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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.

May 16 Early construction

5:46 a.m.

Officer Tillman responded to a report of a suspicious person at Marbury Lane. Upon arrival, Officer Tillman spoke with the construction workers who said he had arrived early to pour concrete. Nothing appeared unusual. Officer Tillman relayed the information to the complainant. Case clear.

May 18 Noise

7:53 a.m.

Officer Maple was dispatched to the 5500 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a noise complaint. Upon his arrival, Officer Maple met with the complainant who stated he was residing in one of the units when a new occupant arrived at around 8 p.m. on May 17. Upon arrival of the new tenant, loud music began to play. Music and loud voices continued sporadically from approximately 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. The complainant did not know what unit number the new tenants were staying but noticed numerous empty beer bottles and cans spread throughout the front of the complex in the morning. The complainant was advised to call again if the noise repeated so the complainant could take action. No noise or unusual activities were noted by Officer Maple while on scene except for the littered bottles. The complainant contacted management company to clean up the area. Case clear.

May 19 Sleeping

9:33 a.m.

Officer Smith was dispatched to the 3300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a report of a suspicious person sleeping in the pool area. Upon arrival, Officer Smith met with a man who said he and his girlfriend were on the property to visit his grandmother who lives in the complex. He went on to say he had traveled 17 hours from Virginia and was taking a nap until his check in time at the hotel next door. The caller arrived on scene and was informed who the two men were visiting. The caller apologized. Both men were ran through NCIC/FCIC no wants or warrants, case clear.

Dog on beach

5:14 p.m.

Officer Miklos was dispatched to the 4100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a dog on the beach. Upon arrival, Officer Mikos observed to unleashe black dogs near a group of people Officer Miklos came into contact with the man who advised he was unaware that dogs were not allowed on the beach. The man and his family proceeded to have the beach without issue. Case clear.

Suspicious activity

May 20

9:20 a.m.

Officer Mathis responded to Bogey Lane and Birdie Lane in reference to construction workers possibly fighting or in distress. No one attempted to flag the off. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis observed construction workers throwing debris in a tractor bucket and items on a truck. Officer Mathis contacted the complainant and advised her of his findings and asked if she was able to provide a better description of the subjects fighting. The woman was unable to provide a description of those allegedly fighting. Officer Mathis checked the area and was unable to locate any suspicious activity. Case clear.





2:00 p.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the 2800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a civil disturbance. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis met with the complainant and his handyman. The complainant advised that the construction worker was supposed to complete the deck and he would get paid \$800. The man further explained that when the man finished the deck he would get paid the remaining amount. The construction worker further explained that he was expecting to get paid the full amount even though he hadn't completed the work. Both parties advised this was a civil issue and noth-

ing criminal had taken place. The complainant asked that the construction worker leave the property for the day for things to cool down. Case clear.

Traffic

2:42 p.m.

Sgt. Montfort while on routine patrol on Firehouse Road, he observed a yellow forklift traveling north on the south side of the roadway. Moreover, Sgt. Montfort observed the forklift fail to stop at the stop sign while making a left turn at the intersection of Joy Street and North Shore Road. Sgt. Montfort followed the forklift into the Longboat Beach condominium parking lot and made contact with the operator. The operator was identified by a Nicaraguan identification card. The man was advised the reason for the contact and during so an English speaking coworker arrived to assist with translation. The driver said he only spoke Spanish and stated he did not have a driver's license. Sgt. Montfort then returned to his patrol vehicle and conducted a FCIC/NCIC query along wit a query in LINX. All resulted in either no license on file or contact with law enforcement. The man was then processed and released in the field with two uniformed traffic citations. The driver is scheduled to appear in the Manatee Court. Case clear.

May 21 Driver's license

2:40 p.m.

Sgt. Montfort while on patrol on Gulf of Mexico Drive, observed a van leave its lane of travel and touched the dirt shoulder of the roadway. The operator of the vehicle made an abrupt corrective action to avoid driving off the roadway. Moreover, the vehicle then continued out of its lane of travel along the bicycle lane. A traffic stop was conducted in the 6600 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Sgt. Montfort made contact with the operator who apologized and stated she dropped her water bottle. The driver said she had just completed a delivery. Sgt. Montfort then asked for the driver's license, registration card and proof of insurance. The driver provided a passport from Mexico. She said she had never had law enforcement contact before. As Sgt. Montfort returned to his vehicle, he advised her to locate someone with a driver's license to come and get her car. Sgt. Montfort conducted a LINX query which revealed the woman had several law enforcement contacts in Lee County and was issued numerous traffic citations in the past. Sgt. Montfort also learned that she had driving privileges suspended by court order back in July 2009. The woman was then processed and released int eh field with two traffic citations. The driver is scheduled to appear in the Manatee Court on June 26. Case clear.

Citizen assist

4:54 p.m

Officer Martinson was dispatched to Marbury Lane on a call of a citizen assist. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson observed the construction worker cutting pavers for a new driveway being installed at Marbury Lane. Officer Martinson made contact with the complainant who said he had health related problems with his lungs and dust being caused by the pavers being cut was is irritating his breathing. The complainant said he believed the worker was in violation of town code by not using a wet saw. Officer Martinson searched for dust and wet saw on the town ordinance website but did not see any such ordinance stating pavers shall be cut with a wet saw and/nor cause dust. Officer Martinson advised the complainant that he could not make the worker stop cutting the pavers and to contact code enforcement tomorrow if he wanted further information or to make a complaint. Case clear.



Editor Letters



Letters, from page 8 **SRQ Flight Path Change**

To: Longboat Key Commission

We had a question from a resident about a possible flight path change and so we asked SRQ for any updates they might have. Below is there response which confirms, using satellite navigation, a change made by the FAA (not SRQ).

It appears that this has been a conversation between SRQ and the FAA and as accurately noted with no Town or LBK citizen engagement. I'll talk with the Mayor about whether to include this as part of the June 3rd agenda as a discussion item and so please don't respond to this as a group message.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

SRQ Flight Path Change

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

We have received your concerns about a possible recent flight path change over Longboat Key, and we can confirm that there has been a slight change in the path over the center of Longboat Key.

As you know, until May 11, 2024, jet aircraft departing runway 32 made a left turn after take-off on a 265-degree heading and crossed the island just north of the county line. This was named the "SRKUS" procedure. The new departure procedure still requires the same left turn after take-off but to a heading of 270 degrees. This new procedure is called "TIDES" and shifted the crossing point over the island by about one mile north.

The Airport Authority was first notified by the FAA of the proposed change in November. The airport immediately reached out to the FAA to obtain background information and the FAA's reasoning for the proposed change as we aware of the long history and sensitive nature of this issue. The FAA's branch of Air Traffic met with Air Traffic Facilities last year to discuss the request of deleting the SRKUS departure and replacing it with the TIDES departure. The FAA stated the SRKUS departure needed to be amended mainly due to safety reasons filed by the Air Traffic facilities of Tampa Approach Control. Also, FAA separation criteria changed which we were told was another reason for the procedural change.

When inquiring about FAA engaging with the local community and airport for this change, the FAA stated they had conducted an environmental review for these departures which fell under Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) and satisfied National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, therefore no public engagement was required. Also, we were told that there was a 30-45 day comment period post on the FAA Gateway website where the public could have made comments about these departures.

When the airport first became aware of the proposed change, the Airport Authority expressed serious concerns. We enquired why the FAA did not directly reach out to the Airport Authority and the community at the early stages of

this process, since the SMAA would be left to address the new path complaints from Longboat Key residents. We later met with the FAA group in charge of developing the new procedure to enlighten them about the reasons behind the procedure in place since the early 2000's, and the upcoming concerns that astute Longboat key residents would quickly notice the change. The airport urged the FAA to reconsider and engage the community.

Our pleas appear to have been disregarded as all suggestions offered were ultimately not implemented. With the regular use of satellite navigation, these flight tracks are becoming extremely precise, and all aircraft fly the same track over a narrow area. We advised the FAA that the airport would likely receive inquiries and complaints from the Longboat Key area once the change became effective, condemning the airport for the change, when in reality this was determined solely by

Your residents can reach out to the FAA directly to voice their concerns or discontent over the change through their dedicated portal https://ancir.faa.gov/ancir?id=ancir_sc_cat_ item&sys_id=6149ade187a1f550b0d987b9cebb357e or to the personnel that are familiar with this issue:

Reginald.e.davis@faa.gov PBN South Team Co-Lead (Management), Operations Support Group (AJV-E24)

Joseph.b.tinsley@faa.gov Co-Lead, NATCA

The graphic below compares the previous departure procedure (green) with the newly implemented procedure (orange) for visual reference.

Lionel Guilbert Sarasota/Bradenton Airport

Mangrove Trimming Complaints Received

To: Longboat Key Commission

Follow up to the number of mangrove trimming complaints received.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Mangrove Trimming Complaints Received

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Tip, aside from the administrative staff that needs to be assigned or hired to assist, do we have a feel for what the salary would be for an employee with those technical qualifications?

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Mangrove Trimming Complaints Received

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

At yesterday's Commission Workshop, Vice Mayor Haycock asked how many complaints, about potential mangrove violations, have been received by the Town. I couldn't recall the exact figure & noted that staff research had been done in a memo that was provided to the Commission last Fall. The research had indicated that 8 complaints were received about potential illegal mangrove trimming or removal. That report is attached to this email.

In addition, I'm also attaching a copy of the latest tracking sheet that staff has been maintaining, in coordination with FDEP, on the status of reported mangrove violations.

Allen Parsons

Planning and Zoning Director Town of Longboat Key

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Myakka, from page 11

These birds are collective hunters, herding fish to shallow water where they feed on them with their enormous orange bills. I'm fascinated as I've only read about this behavior before and not witnessed it in numbers of this size. They again come by slowly, but like a parade are soon out of sight. My wife admires how they seem to glide and gracefully turn in another direction. For her they are peaceful. For both of us, they alone make the drive here worthwhile.

As we are about to bite into sandwiches, five black-necked stilts fly in close to shore. These are 14-inch elegant birds with long, pencil-thin red legs and a curved black and white body design. I've never gotten as close to these birds as I'd like to, and this seems like the right moment. As I get up, two fly and the others follow.

However there's a consolation prize. It's a yellowlegs that's walking in and around clumps of grass in the water. These sandpipers are so named because of their yellow legs, and this one appears to be a lesser yellowlegs because it doesn't have a slight upturned curved bill, as do the greater yellowlegs. A friend of mine thinks that they are sedately beautiful birds. I note the brown pattern on its back and the feeling of calm that it brings.

Some boat-tailed grackles are here. The males are large and iridescent black with a long broad tail that resembles an oar. The females are smaller, tawny and lean like greyhounds. When they are in a group there's something Shakespearean about them.

By now the sun is out and there's a mystery in the water. There are a number of coots, black duck-like swimmers with white bills and ruby-colored eyes. They are quintessential Florida birds and are sometimes nicknamed "mud hens." One appears to have a stick in its bill that is trailing in the water. This can't be nest material or is it? I watch for a while and see one submerge its head and come up with some aquatic vegetation. Partially obscured in a tree near our table to which I've returned is a male boat-tailed grackle. It's calling and stays still while I take a few photos, one showing its clearly open bill. I could stay here all afternoon but we've got the airboat ride coming up soon.

As the airboat is preparing to depart, a glossy ibis is feeding nearby. Its long down-curved bill probes the sand below the water for tiny shells. If the day was really sunny the bird's brick red color and iridescence would show but today it looks uncharacteristically dull.

Out on the boat I'm impressed with the captain's intimate knowledge of the lake and its wildlife, as I always am. It makes the trip more than just a pleasurable ride. Some white pelicans come flying overhead, their huge wingspans showing black at the tips. On the far shore an alligator slides into the water while others remain on shore snoozing. One has its jaws wide open showing a pink mouth and those teeth. How'd you like to be its dentist?

Out at the birdwalk a bald eagle flies by. In the grass are five sandhill cranes, large gray birds with tiny heads that have red crowns. These stately birds go back in the fossil record 2.5 million years, much longer than most other birds. For me, that puts them on a pedestal. There is also a very large feral pig that we see at some distance.

We go back to the parking lot and out to the weir, a small dam where the lowering sun falls on two birds. A great blue heron stands close to the walkout, its body still while it looks straight ahead, somehow looking so alive in its stillness. The scene resembles an outdoor museum. Nearby a white ibis probes the water with its long, down-curved, Lifebuoy-colored bill making concentric circles in the water. Watching those circles I start to feel mellow. It's a sedate way to end our full day at Myakka River.

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Sharks, from page 1

Based on the world's largest reef shark and ray survey, Global FinPrint, a project funded by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, these findings emphasize that nations should use both approaches (the use of MPAs and effective fisheries management) to rebuild reef shark populations, which have declined on average globally by 63%.

"Previous studies have shown that fully protected areas – that is MPAs where all fishing is prohibited – can benefit reef sharks. Our study adds a new element; nations can boost these benefits even further," said Dr. Jordan Goetze, the study's lead author, and Adjunct Research Fellow at Curtin University. "They can do so by applying restrictions on destructive fishing gear such as longlines and gillnets or limiting shark catches outside the protected areas. These actions reduce shark mortality across the whole nation and supercharge the effect of fully protected areas".

The study used baited remote underwater video stations (BRUVS), which are cameras placed in front of a bait source on a reef for 60 minutes. Global FinPrint amassed over 20,000 hours of video footage across 58 nations, which trained researchers scoured for reef sharks to identity population abundance of various species on reefs. Previous analyses of these data highlighted alarming trends: reef sharks were functionally extinct on close to 20% of surveyed reefs and there was an average global decline of 63% across five main reef shark species (grey reef, Caribbean reef, whitetip reef, blacktip reef, and nurse sharks).

Reef shark sightings were on average twice as common in fully protected areas than nearby fished areas, yet the team also found that many fully protected areas didn't provide any measurable benefits for reef sharks.

"We found that successful fully protected areas were large and protected whole reefs, not just parts of a reef. If designed correctly, MPAs could even be successful in areas of high human pressure," said Dr. Demian Chapman, Director of the Sharks and Rays Conservation Research Program and Lead Scientist of Global FinPrint.

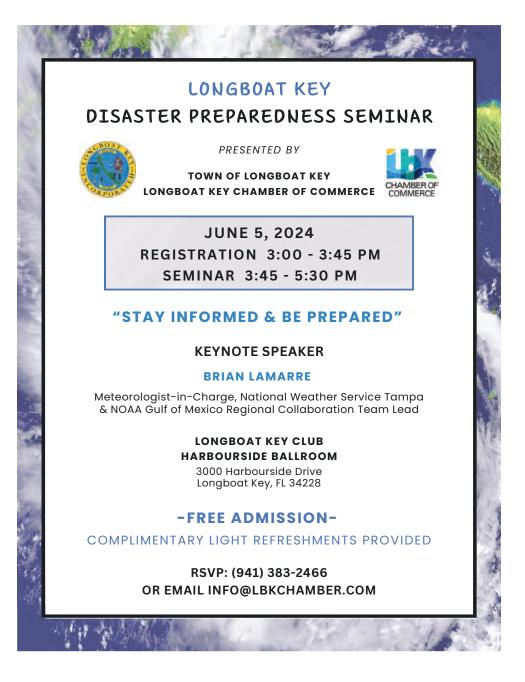
Fully protected areas found to benefit reef sharks were located all over the world, including the U.S., Australia, Belize, Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Fiji.

The team compared reef shark sightings inside fully protected areas in nations that had fisheries management measures known to benefit reef sharks and in nations where shark fishing was not effectively controlled.

"It was clear that the best outcome for reef sharks occurred when nations used both fully protected areas and effective fisheries management together," said Dr. Goetze. "An advantage of national fisheries management is that it also likely benefits wide-ranging sharks like tigers and hammerheads that we showed didn't benefit from fully protected areas because they don't stay in on the coral reefs for as long as the reef sharks."

Reef sharks are iconic species that likely play an important role in coral reef ecology and in some areas benefit people as living tourism attractions. In some cultures, they are celebrated as embodiments of gods, guardians and protectors.

"Many nations are currently in the process of expanding their protected areas as part of the global 30 x 30 initiative, which aims to protect 30% of our oceans by 2030," said Dr. Chapman. "This study provides guidance on how nations can expand their protected areas in a way that benefits these ecologically, culturally, and economically important reef sharks. It also highlights that these protected area expansion efforts need to work with national fisheries management efforts to ensure the conservation of as many species of sharks as possible."



WineTimes



Inflation of Alcohol By Volume

Inflation of ABV in alcoholic beverages shows up in a variety of settings. During a recent visit to an outdoor bar in a club, the bartender described a draft Belgian wheat beer as a low alcohol choice in contrast to an draft IPA. The ABV of the low alcohol beer? 4.7%. The bartender and his colleague agreed that a 4.7% ABV was a low alcohol selection despite the fact the its ABV exceeded that of the top two sellers in the beer market.

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

Alcohol By Volume (ABV) is one of the simpler properties of an alcoholic beverage. In the USA, the proportion of ethanol (ethyl alcohol) in a beverage must appears on its label as an ABV%. Beer and ale have an ABV% in the 3-12%; wines in the 10-16% range; fortified

wines and liqueurs 15-24%; spirits 36-60% (also expressed a the 'proof' at double the ABV%). Most consumers at a bar or restaurant understand the ranges of ABV% for each type of beverage without seeing the ABV%. An estimated two billion people drink alcoholic beverages daily.

Some 30-50% of persons of East Asia parentage have an intolerance to alcohol. For this ethnic group and others with high rates of intolerance to alcohol, an increase in beverage ABV% has special importance. In the USA mass consumer market for beer and ale, the 4.4 ABV Modelo Especial has overtaken the 4.2 ABV Bud Light as the sales leader. This small ABV difference would not mean much, except that hundreds of millions daily sales of beers magnify the increase in ABV.

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ety of settings. During a recent visit to an outdoor bar in a club, the bartender described a draft Belgian wheat beer as a low alcohol choice in contrast to an draft IPA. The ABV of the low alcohol beer? 4.7%. The bartender and his colleague agreed that a 4.7% ABV was a low alcohol selection despite the fact the its ABV exceeded that of the top two sellers in the beer market. The IPA had an ABV of 6%. A recent trend in buyer preferences for higher ABV beverages is leading breweries to introduce new IPAs with ABV approaching 10%. In Colorado, new brand names Mango McMango Face (9.6%) by Coors A.C. Golden, Juice Force IPA (9.5%) by New Belgium, and Juicy Oasis Fruited Hazy IPA (9.6%) by Breckenridge are being aimed at the Gen X, millennial, and Gen Z consumers who buy cheap hard seltzers and canned cocktails.

We also see the impact of climate change in higher ABV of wines. Wine grapes grown in cooler climates have ripened faster and longer in recent years. The Gamay grape in the Beaujolais region of France, Cabernet Sauvignon in the Bordeaux region of France and from the Napa Valley (and elsewhere) in California, Nebbiolo in the Piedmont region Sangiovese from Tuscany in Tuscany in Italy, and Pinot Noir from Burgundy in France have higher levels of sugar in the 2022 vintages than in vintages in the 1990's, and, with more sugar to ferment into alcohol, ABV increases from about 12.5% to 14% or higher. Winemakers in the Bordeaux have responded to critics complaints about 'hot', less food friendly wines, and have modified ripening and fermentation practices to bring red Bordeaux ABV down by a percentage point.

Younger drinkers of alcoholic beverages, women as well as men, are purchasing beverages with higher ABV. Older ale and wine drinkers are also leaning toward higher ABV choices, such as sweet and sour fruit ales and bold Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Zinfandel, Malbec, and Grenache red wines. Countering these trends, some beer, ale, and wine drinkers prefer lower ABV beer, ale, and wines, especially in the USA for dietary and general health reasons, and no alcohol beer and wine in Europe for health reasons and for designated drivers where laws prohibit any alcohol consumption by motorists. Overall we are seeing an inflation of ABV in alcoholic beverage sales, yet trends in the opposite direction among health conscious drinkers. Inflating ABV above traditional levels in alcoholic beverages may cause serious health issues

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in the population. Whether due to consumer preferences, climate change, or new brewing, winemaking, or distilling practices, an increase in average ABV increases the risk of alcohol abuse.

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 in Florida.

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

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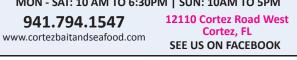














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Bob and Mary are @ 5370 #2020 Gulf of Mexico Dr



Letters, from page 11

Suncoast Waterkeeper Weekly Report

To: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Executive Director Dave Tomasko

I recall that the City of Bradenton Beach used to pressure wash bird feces from the floating dock. Not sure if this is ongoing, but may be a possible cause if they cleaned the floating dock before samples were collected. Certainly direct stormwater discharge to the bay in the spot where samples are being collected is another possible source.

Thomas Larkin Environmental Manager Florida Department of Health

Suncoast Waterkeeper Sampling Results

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission On May 13th, the enterococci survey was carried out during a period of an incoming tide. The data for this survey was collected in the intertidal zone, where salinity levels ranged between 31 and 36 parts per thousand (ppt), and moderate signs of decaying plant matter were observed. In general, the results indicated some favorable enterococci levels. Results for sites sampled in Sarasota are as follows:

Town of Longboat Key Boat Ramp (10#/mL) Bridge Street Pier (1081 #mL) Palma Sola Causeway North (41 #mL) Robinson Preserve N (Undetected #/mL) Emerson Point (20 #/mL)

Please note that any count exceeding 71 is considered a failure, indicating a potential health concern.

The well-being of these water bodies holds paramount importance for both the

recreational enjoyment and economic stability of our community. We are dedicated to bringing these critical issues to your attention. Enclosed, you will find the official reports for this week's sampling activities, courtesy of Benchmark Enviroanalytical. These reports provide comprehensive data for all the sampled sites.

Additionally, we have provided a link to our website, where you can access more information about our ongoing water quality sampling program. Your support and awareness are vital in our mission to preserve and protect our local water resources. Please direct all questions, suggestions for additional analysis, and feedback to Abbey Tyrna at Executivedirector@ suncoastwaterkeeper.org.

Abbey Tyrna Executive Director Suncoast Waterkeeper

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On April 8 in the evening, during a low outgoing tide, I grabbed a sediment and water sample at our weekly monitoring location. Our initial monitoring date was postponed due to rain; we wanted this to be a dry-season sample. We asked LuminUltra to analyze the samples for human and horse DNA. The results came back with only quantifiable horse DNA and in moderate abundance. The amount of sediment and water collected was tiny. We just wanted to take a single sample to see what we would find. I was somewhat surprised that we only found horse DNA. However, given how tiny the sediment sample was, it makes sense. We plan to sample again in the rainy season. We will take another single sample at the same place for a comparison. However, to get more robust results, we will need to do some sort of mixed sampling for a greater representation of the area. There was a lot of horse waste in the bay at the time of sampling. I purposely moved away from the floating waste to collect any of it.

I will contact you when we have our rainy season results and the beginning ideas of a sampling design that will help tell the full story. In the meantime, please feel free to provide your ideas for a sample design or approach for more robust results.

Abbey Tyrna

Executive Director Suncoast Waterkeeper

Microbial source tracking

To: Suncoast Waterkeeper Executive Director Abby Tyrna The Florida Department of Health-Manatee, Environmental Public Health section currently does not have budget to perform source testing activities. There are a couple thoughts based on the years of data we have collected in the Healthy Beaches program.

Spatial variability within a water body can be expected. Our experience looing at data from Palma Sola North (SP-5) and Palma Sola South SP-6 from 2000 to August of 2011 showed differences between our two sample sites on Palma Sola Bay.

Pairing source testing samples with routine healthy beaches samples is desirable and provide information as to the source of the bacteriological results.

The attached spread sheet provides all the onsite sewage treatment and disposal (OSTDS) permits issued from the past 20 years. We pulled the data based on permits issued in the 34209-zip code area. Not all these permits are in the Palma Sola watershed, but it provides an idea of the number of OSTDS repair permits that were issued during the period. 53 repairs were issued during the 20-year period looked at. These permits are not mapped.

Lastly, Dr. David Tomasko had some very good points on his response to source testing efforts. If his team has funds to help with testing, Water Keepers should consider leveraging the additional funds to help provide a more comprehensive data set.

Thomas Larkin Environmental Manager Florida Department of Health

KeyCrossword

Caleb Madison

ACROSS

- 1. Studio associated with a roar
- Combine
- 7. Vietnamese rice noodle soup
- 10. Award for Taylor Swift or Reba: Abbr.
- 13. The end of an _
- 14. Mundane 16. Young fellow
- 17. Fun unit?
- 18. National museum of the Netherlands designed by Pierre Cuypers
- 20. Racecar inits.
- 22. Career that stresses foot work
- 23. "Pure Heroin" pop
- 24. Postminimalist sculptor known for her work with latex
- 26. Give heed
- **27.** Cafeteria coterie disdained by the cool kids
- 28. Sphere
- 29. Indefinite article, in Acapulco
- They were originally called the Colt .45s 35. Flows back
- 39. "Ohhh...Alright..."
- artist **42.** Language that gave us "hubbub"
- 43. Nailed a test
- 44. In the style of 45. Pujols's team, once:
- Abbr. 47. Ball counterpart?
- 49. LOL in real life
- 52. Artist whose wife Ada is the subject of 250 of his portraits
- 55. Creation of 24-, 39-, 52- or 58-Across 56. Director Kazan
- 57. United

29 58 63

- **58.** Artist who was a teacher of 24-Across during his tenure at the Yale School of Art
- **61.** Test for almost
- postgrads: Abbr. **63.** Creation of 24-, 39-, 52- or 58-Across
- 64. See 65-Across
- 65. With 64-Across emulate Garfield
- 66. Word after killer or spelling
- 67. Neighbor of Oman: Abbr.
- **68.** Subj. in
- parapsychology 69. Legal academic's deg.

DOWN

- 1. Piazza, once 2. Common British
- surname meaning 'Master Huntsman"
- 3. Flat-bodied bottom swimmers
- 4. Car mortgage no.

- 5. Faucet problems Places to get one's kicks?
- 7. Over
- 8. That dude
- 9. Pupil-related? 10. Many a Dickens character
- 11. Title woman in a Hal Ashby intergenerational
- 12. Don Draper and Pete Campbell, for two
- -Ball 19. Certain palate

romance

- cleanser 21. Final degree?
- 24. Toughen
- 25. Actor Morales 26. Successor of Anwar
- in Egypt
- **31.** La ____ (Milan landmark)
- 32. Major active ingredient in marijuana, for short

- 33. GPS indication 34. "The Professor and
- the Madman" subj. 36. "Do me a favor,
- darling" 37. With two parties
- 38. Spice (up), slangily 40. "Gil Blas" author
- 41. Label for Booker T. and the M.G.'s
- 46. Thing that's caught but hopefully soon
- gotten rid of 48. "King Kong" studio 49. Traditional Muslim women's wear
- Love for Luigi
- 51. It's made when time is short
- 52. Jessica of "Sin City" 53. Manor man
- 54. Rakes in
- 56. Other
- 59. Tiny battery
- 60. Nitwit
- 62. Airport info: Abbr.

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