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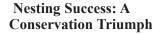
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InsideLook Record number of 'disoriented' turtles hatch in 2025 says Mote

5,735 sea turtle nests were counted along the 35 miles of Sarasota County beaches, stretching from Longboat Key to Venice

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium has announced a historic sea turtle nesting season in 2025, documenting the highest number of nests in its 43-year monitoring history, even as researchers sound the alarm over a dramatic increase in hatchling disorientations.

Mote's Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program (STCRP) recorded a total of 5,735 sea turtle nests along the 35 miles of Sarasota County beaches, stretching from Longboat Key to Venice. This record far surpasses the 4,369 nests documented in 2024.



The vast majority of nests were laid by Loggerhead turtles (Caretta caretta), a threatened species, accounting for 5,384 nests. Green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas) contributed 351 nests, with occasional rare nests from Kemp's ridley and leatherback turtles also observed.

Dr. Jake Lasala, Manager of Mote's STCRP, celebrated the achievement. "This year's record





vation measures are working," Dr.

numbers show that Mote's conser- Lasala stated. The program's success See Nests, page 2

County to Create 'No Wake Zone' at South Lido Beach

Sarasota County leaders have backed away from a proposed ordinance that would have banned motorboats near the shore of South Lido Beach and Ted Sperling Park, opting instead to pursue the creation of an Idle Speed, No Wake

The decision, finalized after a public hearing and input from law enforcement and legal teams, reflects the complexity of regulating Florida waterways. A full motorboat ban would have required lengthy and rigorous approval from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), whereas the creation of an idle speed zone is a more immediately achievable action under local authority.

Safety Concerns Drive the Change

The push for new water restrictions follows years of escalating public safety concerns and complaints

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18-Story Waldorf Astoria Tower to Replace Zenith Building at Five Points Intersection

Developers emphasized that the design is intended to correct the Zenith Building's isolation from streetlevel activity.

The long-discussed redevelopment of a key downtown parcel is moving forward.

Local development group Jebcore Companies and WMG Development, in partnership with Hilton, have announced plans for the Waldorf Astoria Residences Sarasota, an 18-story luxury residential tower slated for the prominent Five Points site.

The project, located at 1390 Main Street and 40 South Pineapple Avenue, will involve the demolition of the 12-story Zenith Building-a structure built in 1972 that has long drawn criticism for its bulky profile and deep setbacks. WMG Development acquired the 1.19acre property, including its attached parking structure, for \$24 million in 2023.

The new tower, designed by



ODP Architecture & Design with interiors by Workshop/APD, will feature 86 private residences, spanning one- to five-bedroom units and penthouses. It will introduce the Waldorf Astoria brand to the Sarasota market for the first time.

Focus on Streetscape and **Commercial Use**

Developers emphasized that the design is intended to correct the Zenith Building's isolation from street-level activity.

"That Five Points site deserves a stronger presence," said Sadek Omar, Partner at Jebcore Companies. "We've worked with the Downtown Sarasota Condominium Association and neighbors and listened. It's an opportunity to improve a key intersection and it feels like a privilege to help reshape it."

The plans dedicate substantial

space to public engagement, includ-

- 42,000 square feet of Class A commercial and office space across the ground and second floors, with plans for a restaurant and bar.
- Ground-floor activation through wider sidewalks and shade

The building also outlines over 50,000 square feet of exclusive resi-

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Nests, from page 1 conducted by the Sea Turtle Patrol, a dedicated team of STCRP staff, interns, and over 300 volunteers, who monitor and protect nests from April 15 through October 31 (with a few nests still incubating into November this season).

The New Challenge: Rising Disorientations

Despite the record nesting numbers, the data also revealed a disturbing trend: 716 disorientation events, the highest number ever documented by Mote.

Disorientations occur when artificial lighting along the shoreline misleads hatchlings or returning nesting females. Instead of heading toward the natural light over the ocean, the turtles are drawn inland, often leading to exhaustion, dehydration, or death.

Dr. Lasala emphasized the urgent need for community action to address this new challenge. "However, we're seeing new challenges emerge, such as the rise in disorientations. It's more important than ever for our community to turn off or shield beachfront lights, remove beach furniture at night, and keep nesting areas clear to give every hatchling the best possible chance at survival."

Long-Term Monitoring Informs Protection

Mote's STCRP has been a cornerstone of sea turtle protection since 1982, maintaining one of the longest continuous sea turtle monitoring datasets in the U.S. Scientists use this long-term data to study population trends, reproductive success, and how human and environmental factors affect nesting behavior. This research directly supports management decisions made by local, state, and federal conservation partners.

Mote's sea turtle activities are conducted under multiple FWC Permits. The public can learn more about joining the Sea Turtle Patrol or how to help protect sea turtles by visiting mote.org/seaturtles.

Boats, from page 1

from South Lido residents and non-motorized watercraft users (kayakers, paddleboarders, and swimmers). Residents presented the County Commission with eyewitness accounts and video showing reckless operation, particularly by personal watercraft (jet ski) users, who were frequently seen speeding dangerously close to the shore.

The issue was tragically underscored by a fatal jet ski collision in the summer that killed Luis Guevara, a 22-year-old minor league baseball player for the Baltimore Orioles, accelerating the County's move to regulate the chaotic area.

From Ban to 'No Wake'

Initially, the County Commission considered a full exclusion zone that would prohibit motorized vessels within 300 feet of the park's boundary. However, during the review process, law enforcement expressed concerns about the difficulty of enforcing a total ban. Furthermore, the legal and regulatory hurdle of securing FWC approval for a motorboat exclusion zone—which requires the state to determine it is "necessary to protect public safety"—was seen as a significant potential

By pivoting to an Idle Speed, No Wake Zone, the County

- Reduce speed and wakes near the popular recreational area, minimizing the risk of collisions between motorized vessels and non-motorized users.
- Implement the safety measure faster, as a No Wake designation is easier to establish locally.
- Provide immediate relief to residents who have long called for action to restore order and safety to the popular area.

The County has been authorized to proceed with the process of establishing the idle speed zone.

Astoria, from page 1

dential amenities, including a resort-style pool deck, spa, movie theater lounge, golf simulator, and unique resident services such as a house car and a private day yacht.

Cost, Pricing, and Market Uncertainty

The City's approval of the project comes with an understanding of its position in the region's highly competitive luxury market. The developers have included seven attainable units under the city's bonus density program in the overall

While final pricing has not been released, Waldorf Astoriabranded residences in other markets typically command substantial figures, often starting in the low millions and rising into the tens of millions for larger floor plans.

Developers acknowledged that the economic climate presents variables for the project, which is dependent on delivering a high-quality product in a cooling environment. Construction is not anticipated to begin until late 2026.

"There's some uncertainty due to things like tariffs affecting costs, and we're seeing a pullback in the condo market,"

The project is currently proceeding through the planning stages, with sales to be represented by Michael Saunders &



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St. Regis arch

To: Longboat Key Commission

We the people who enjoy the Beach of Longboat Key, use the Pier for fishing, watching stingrays kettling and many other fish, it is always amazing! Because you can walk out to the end of the pier, many different species can be seen.

No one owns the water; therefore no one owns the Pier!

The arch erected with their name on it, no less; shouts ownership by the St. Regis. This is beyond arrogance! If the Town of Longboat Key creates an Amendment for one property, it would not be good Land use planning but instead opens a Pandora's Box.

This pier has been used by the public for decades and it should continue as such. Judi Earnshaw

Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: John Connolly

Sounds like we're not aligned in terms of expectations. Charlie, do you have any time before Thanksgiving to discuss via Zoom? Kalee, join if you wish? I know the steps toward grants and approvals have been slowed and must progress in sync, look forward to getting us all on the same page soon.

Sarah Karon Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Should have copied you on this last week. Fwiw I have not heard anything back yet.

Hope you're well.

John Connolly

Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: Kalee Zavela

I'm going to confess to being really confused here. We were told back in April that the Norton street construction project had been "put out to bid," with a 30-day window to receive said bids, and that after that the bids would be evaluated, contractors selected, etc., and the likely start date for construction of the Norton project was June (2025). Our assumption was thus that we had, at the town level, the money in hand to pay for the construction phase of this project. I gather that this was either never the case (in which case, why were we ever told that the construction would likely commence in June?), or if it was the case, that money is now no longer available.

We've been told since then that the construction could not be started because the design grant could not be closed out and some federal (FEMA?) agency was being unresponsive.

Now, unless I'm mistaken (and given all of the above, it's entirely likely that I am), you're telling me that we are just starting to look for grant money to pay for the construction phase, and that the design grant has in fact been closed out?

Please clarify as carefully as you can the evolution and status of all of this-- don't worry about the federal government shutdown part, that will no longer be an excuse moving forward.

I'm trying hard to explain to Norton Street residents what the hell is going on, with very lim-

ited success. What is our new timeline, and why? Thanks. I've copied in Blythe, June and Tip. John Connolly Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: John Connolly

Mr. Connoly, the previous grant has been closed. We are currently waiting on Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Florida Division of Emergency Management (HMGP- FDEM) to review the deliverables from that grant closeout to then award the next phase of Norton Street through the HMGP grant. They are reviewing that with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but with the government shut down, that has been paused.

Kalee Zavela

Grants Coordinator

Town of Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: Longboat Key Grants Coordinator Kalee Zavela

To be clear, we simply need to have a grant closed out, not awarded, correct? My understanding was that LBK has the money to start the Norton project when that is accomplished. Please advise.

John Connolly

Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: John Connolly

Mr. Connolly, I just wanted to give you an update. With the government shut down, they are currently not awarding any HMGP Grants at this time. Once I hear more information, I will be sure to pass it along.

Kalee Zavela

Grants Coordinator

Town of Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: John Connolly

Hi Mr. Connolly, I just sent another email checking in on it. The last response was that it was at FEMA for review and I am wondering if the government shut down may be affecting it. I will let you know once I hear back from the state.

Thanks for checking in.

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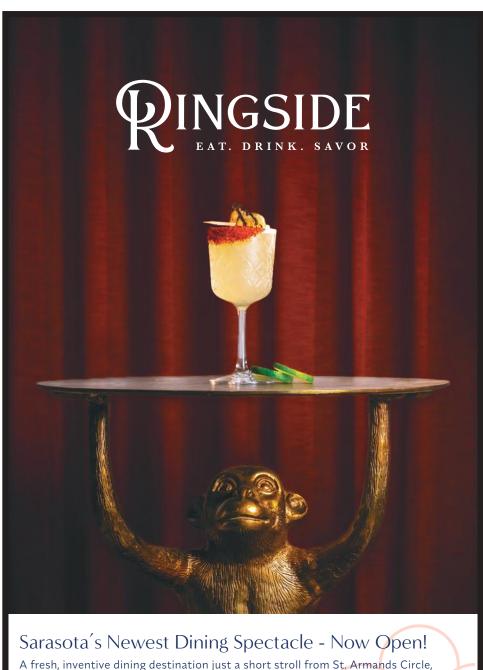


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Editor Letters

Letters, from page 3

Kalee Zavela Grants Coordinator Town of Longboat Key

Update on Norton Street

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Charlie Mopps

Any updates on getting the design grant closed out on Norton street so we can actually move ahead there, or is this just a stalemate we can expect to drag on for another year or whatever (by my count, it has been 6+ months since originally promised start on that)?

John Connolly

Longboat Key

Thanks

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Super - I will put you down. \$100. With your donation, I have managed to get the whole tree, rental and set up, donated. Deadline is this afternoon, so I was concerned if you received my email. We have all of the four women commissioners, and I wanted all on the donors list.

This year is simple and successful. Then next year we are going to get funds donated for a permanent tree to be owned by the Chamber for the future town events. Thanks again and perhaps see you at the event on the 22nd.

Ann Sears Longboat Key

Tax valuations

To: Longboat Key Commission

Attached you will find two letters. The first is to the Manatee County Property Appraiser regarding the valuations he certified on July 1, 2025 and what we believe are inconsistencies in how values were calculated. Changes to valuations have large implications for taxing authorities like the Town, County, and School Board, but they can also have potentially significant impacts to property owners as well when it comes to insurance and resale. The goal of the letter is to create a dialogue between the taxing authorities like the Town and the Property Appraiser's Office so that we can understand how we got to where we are and what the future holds.

The second letter is an example of a letter sent to our fellow taxing authorities alerting them to this conversation and inviting them to join the Town in this discussion. We don't yet have a date when the Property Appraiser's Office might agree to meet, and we will keep you informed of our progress to get this set up. From a timing perspective, all taxing authorities need to understand any additional valuation changes (positive or negative) as we kick off our budget

planning in early 2026. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

FLC Legislative Committee appointment

To: Longboat Key Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Garcia Can you see if you can find what Tommy is looking for? BJ Bishop

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

FLC Legislative Committee appointment

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop

Florida League of Cities (FLC) President Holly D. Smith has appointed you to serve on the 2025 FLC Legislative Committee as representative for the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST).

Attached is your appointment letter containing important information about this year's committee. I have also attached the committee roster. The Legislative Committee will meet on Friday, December 5, 2025, from 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EST. This meeting is in conjunction with the FLC Legislative Conference held on December 4-5, 2025, at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. The meeting packet will be emailed to you two weeks before the meeting.

Please respond to this email to confirm whether you will be able to attend the Legislative Committee meeting on December 5. Let me know if you have any questions.

Mary Edenfield

Legislative Administrative Supervisor

Florida League of Cities, Inc.

St Regis Amendment

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Can you please check out the issue of dogs walking on beach from hotel or condos at St. Regis.

BJ Bishop

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

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Editor Letters



Letters, from page 4 St Regis Amendment

To: Longboat Key Commission

I respectfully request that you vote against the proposed amendment that would allow the St. Regis to disregard Town regulations, this time concerning the sign on the pier. The St. Regis has repeatedly positioned itself as unaware of or exempt from established rules and then sought special accommodations. Our sign ordinances were created to apply uniformly to all parties.

I recall, for example, when Lynches operated their restaurant on Longboat Key. Their shamrock sign did not meet the Town's requirements, and they were required to modify it accordingly—ultimately cutting it in half to comply. They later relocated to St. Armands. Experiences such as this underscore the importance of applying our regulations consistently; otherwise, it is only a matter of time before the St. Regis asserts additional privileges, potentially even limiting Longboat Key residents access to walk on their beach.

Along those lines, I am also concerned that St. Regis owners appear to walk their dogs on the beach despite longstanding prohibitions. Those of us who live on the beach adhere to these rules, yet we are expected to overlook ongoing exceptions made for the St. Regis, which increasingly seems to be treated as though it is above them.

Another issue is the St. Regis's possession of water barriers intended to protect its own property during major storms. While understandable in isolation, the use of such barriers would likely redirect storm surge toward adjacent properties that sit at lower elevations, increasing the risk of greater damage to the neighboring properties. This raises serious questions about their commitment to responsible and considerate community stewardship.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote no on the amendment and to uphold the consistent and equitable application of Town laws.

Elaine Meurer Longboat Key

Utility System

To: Longboat Key Commission

Yesterday was a big day for our Utility System. The feds had apparently authorized more than a billion dollars for states impacted by 2024 storms and wildfires. As you see below, our amazing team jumped on the application for these funds, and we found out yesterday evening that we were awarded a \$9.58 million grant and another \$9.58 million as a no interest loan. These funds will be applied to the subaqueous project costs.

Staff will be bringing to Commission in January a project update that will share more about these funds and how they will help move the project forward. Congratulations to our Utilities Manager Jessie Camburn and the entire Utilities team for this excellent work and successful outcome.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Funding Secured Through SRF

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Charlie Mopps The Town of Longboat Key is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$19.2 million for wastewater infrastructure improvements. Specifically, this funding will support the construction of the new Subaqueous Wastewater Force Main. These funds were received based on federal funding as part of the American Relief Act, 2025, Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Helene and Milton and the Hawai'i Wildfires (SAHM). As you know, the Town was directly and significantly impacted by both Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The impacts to the Town's wastewater system enabled the town to apply for these SAHM funds in June 2025. On November

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12, 2025, the FDEP State Revolving Funds (SRF) announced the results of the funding for numerous impacted utilities, with the Town of Longboat Key being one of the selected recipients.

Specifically, the Town's request included funding for the construction of the new Subaqueous Force Main, which is a critical pipeline that transmits all of the Town's wastewater to the Manatee County Wastewater Plant on the mainland. This appropriation, administered by the Florida DEP State Revolving Funds (SRF) program, provides low-interest loans to local governments and other entities for water quality and water supply projects.

The results of the appropriation are as follows:

- Loan: \$9,583,252 loan at 0% interest
- Grant: \$9,583,252 "principal forgiveness," not to be repaid

- Total: \$19,166,503

Next Steps – Although the town has already applied for and received approval for these funds, it must now initiate a formal application process with FDEP SRF to submit the required loan documents and supporting information. This process will begin immediately and is expected to be complete by March of 2026.

The Town has been in the planning and design process for the new critical Subaqueous Force Main for some time already. The receipt of these funds will enable the Town to proceed with the construction of the new force main while further solidifying the Town's financing for these facilities.

Great question and one of the things we are exploring. We may be able to, for example, begin the landside work ahead of schedule. We will cover what these funds might enable us to do in January.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Funding Secured Through SRF

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

This is great news. Can we think about expediting the project?

BJ Bishop Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Funding Secured Through SRF

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Woah, that is just fantastic. Our staff is the most qualified, the best informed and most talented individuals in their fields. Their determination and aggressiveness in pursuing excellence is impressive.

Gary Coffin Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program update

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission This will be my last Director's Note, as the eminently qualified Ryan Gandy, supported by our fantastic staff, will be in charge as of next week. But I wanted to spend just a bit of time to summarize what we've done the past few years, and why we did it.

The signs that Sarasota Bay was in trouble predate me

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taking the position five years ago. Back in 2013, Sarasota County started to see troubling signs in terms of the abundance and types of macroalgae in the lower bay. Between 2014 and 2018, the lower bay lost 30% of its seagrass coverage, wiping out most of the gains that arose between 1999 and 2016 in that part of the bay. In the upper bay, we suffered one of the most intense and longest-lasting red tide events in decades. Researchers at New College documented a huge impact on the bay's fish populations during that red tide, which was also the likely main cause of a seagrass loss of about 2,000 acres between 2018 and 2020. Then, in 2021, FDEP determined that the waters from Ringling Causeway down to Venice Inlet were "out of compliance" with the Numeric Nutrient Concentration (NNC) criteria that were established back in 2013.

In short, our bay was in trouble, with macroalgae blooms, elevated levels of floating microscopic algae, intense red tides, seagrass loss and widespread impacts to our fish populations.

Fast forward to 2025, and where are we? Well, we're not pristine, but we're in much better shape:

Thanks to over \$300 million worth of investments in wastewater upgrades and large stormwater retrofits, the Pollutant Load Reduction Goal (PLRG) that we set in 2021 appears to have been met already

Due to the implementation of projects that have met our PLRG, we have been seeing positive system responses the last few years:

The amount of floating microscopic algae has decreased by about 50% over the past few years.

The amount of macroalgae has declined even more, in the lower bay in particular, over the past few years.

Bay-wide, we've gained nearly 2,000 acres of seagrass since 2022, the second largest increase (19%) in the past 30 years.

Using values used by FDEP and FFWCC, that seagrass increase is likely sufficient to support over 70 million fish.

This graphical abstract, developed by Megan, illustrates how we used the combination of our Ecosystem Health Report Card and our watershed-wide pollutant loading model to develop our PLRG. We then hosted, in 2021, a Water Quality Restoration Workshop where we asked our local government partners to bring us all the projects that they could commit to implementing, which turned out to be sufficient to meet our PLRG target. And then, over the past three years, we've worked with our partners to collect, analyze and interpret the data that shows that our efforts have actually worked.

This does not mean that we've solved all our bay's problems, but it does mean that we are a healthier system than we were a few years ago. And, as we've said multiple times, a healthier bay is a more resilient bay. And we'll need to be more resilient, because the indicators of climate change are already here.

As we've discussed in the past, our air is warmer than it was a few decades ago, as is our water temperature. Warmer air holds more moisture, and as discussed previously, we have seen a big increase in the frequency of what used to be rare rainfall amounts. Using data from Bradenton, we had only a single day with more than 5" of rain in the 20 years between 1965 and 1984. Over the last 10 years alone, we've had eight

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WineTimes

Beaujolais Nouveau Day 2025

Our experience in our search for Beaujolais Nouveau in Sarasota during its special day remined us of the quest of Linus Van Pelt in the comic strip Peanuts

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

November 20th of 2025, the third Thursday in November and a week before Thanksgiving

in the USA, marks the day in France that the first wine of the 2025 vintage arrives in Paris. We had announced the occasion a week earlier and scouted wine stores in the Sarasota Florida area on the big day for bottles labelled "Beaujolais Nouveau 2025". We discovered that stores such as LBK Liquors and others had missed the wholesalers cutoff date for ordering Beaujolais Nouveau and could not ask for a November 20th or earlier delivery date.

Our experience in our search for Beaujolais Nouveau in Sarasota during its special day remined us of the quest of Linus Van Pelt in the comic strip Peanuts (circa 1966) to find the mythical Great Pumpkin during his vigil in a pumpkin patch. Cartoonist Charles Schulz penned both the episode of the Great Pumpkin in the comics and the script for a movie about Linus' obsession with the Great Pumpkin.

Our quest for Beaujolai Nouveau 2025 fared better than

Linus' search for the Great Pumpkin. We found small displays at a couple of stores that we had asked a few days earlier about their plans for Beaujolais Nouveau Day: ABC Fine Wine and Spirits and Sarasota Liquors Wine. We bought a bottle of the iconic 2025 George DuBeuf Baujolais Nouveau from Sarasota Liquors.

We also bought a bottle of the 2025 Marechal Beaujolais Nouveau from ABC. Each of the bottles sold for \$17.

Some of the 125 guests at a pre-Thanksgiving feast at CitySide, an apartment complex in the Rosemary District in Sarasota, sampled the two bottles of Beaujolais Nouveau. Both had fresh red fruit tastes and light, dry finishes. The Marechal had a deeper red hue than the DuBeuf. Each of these wines paired well with turkey and ham, dressing, cranberries, squash, and root vegetables traditionally part of a Thanksgiving feast.

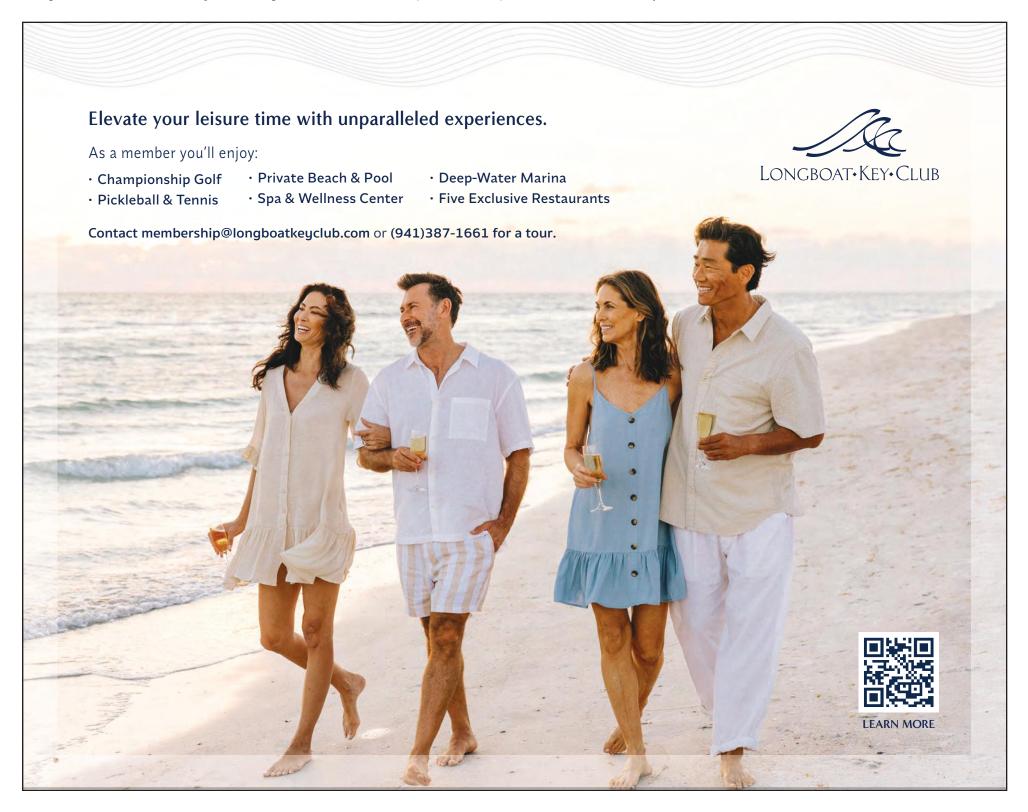
We echo the recommendations of wine experts. Serve Beaujolais with harvest feasts. It has the light tastes that enhance bird, pork, and vegetarian dishes. While Beaujolais has usually

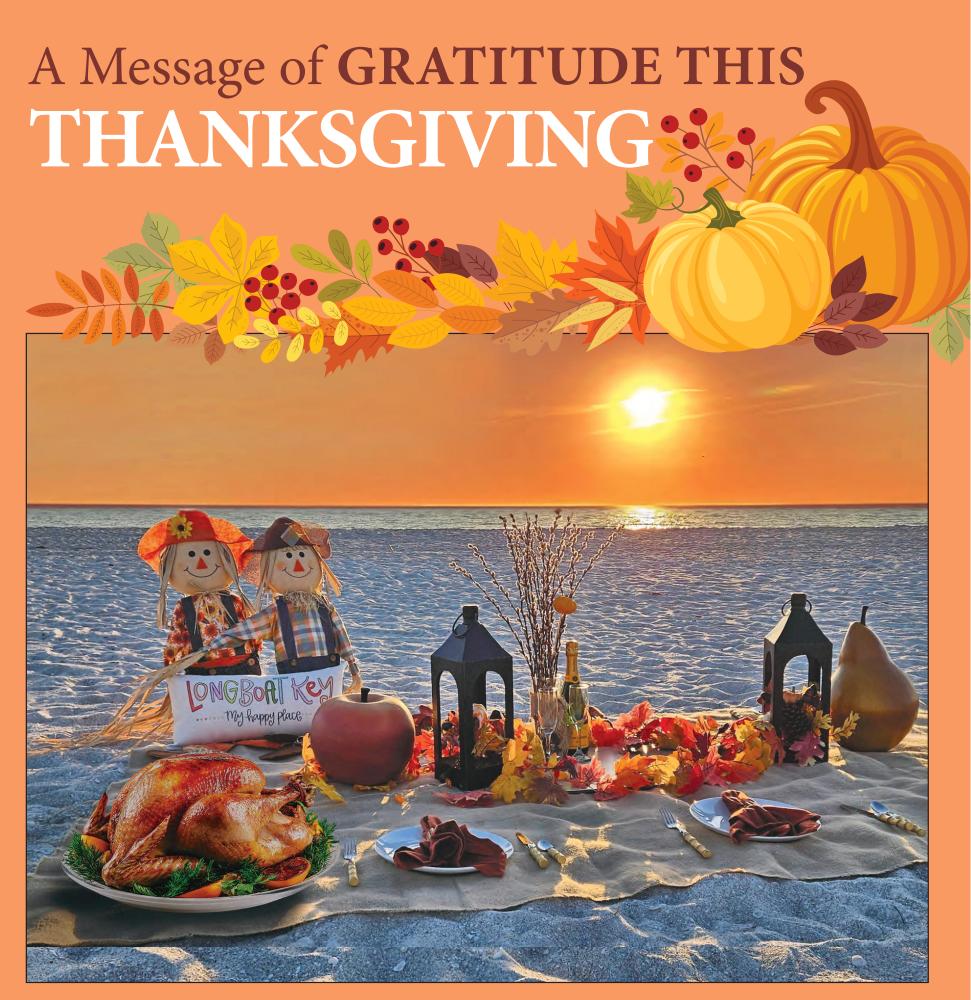


made lighter wines, the region also produces natural Cru Beaujolais wines from the Gamay grape that rival the Pinot Noir of neighboring Burgandy.

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.





As we reflect on the year behind us, we are reminded of the resilience and unity that carried our community through the difficult months following last year's hurricanes. The strength we found in one another has been our greatest source of hope.

Today, we give thanks-for progress, for calm weather, and for the spirit that binds our island together.

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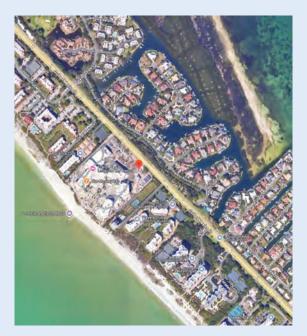
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OnPatrol



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

Nov. 11 Noise

6:43 a.m.

Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Buttonwood Drive for a noise disturbance regarding construction noise prior to 8 a.m. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno observed workers from a construction seawall company using heavy construction equipment on the seawall. Officer Nazareno made contact with the worker and advised him that his company is in violation of Town Ordinance. The worker ordered the others to immediately stop the construction work. The worker stated that he was not aware of the Town Ordinance and was issued a written warning for violating the town ordinance. Case clear.



Officer Troyer while on patrol received a license plate reader alert for a suspended driver's license in the Bay Isles Parkway area. Officer Troyer cleared the license plate through NCIC/FCIC which revealed the registered owner. Officer Troyer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop at Royal Road and Gulf of Mexico Drive. Upon walking up to the vehicle, Officer Troyer observed the driver based on the photograph uploaded to the database. Officer Troyer asked her to confirm her identity and gave her the reason for the stop. The woman provided Officer Troyer with a State of Florida Driver's License to identify herself. Officer Troyer asked her if she had knowledge of the suspension to her driver's license, which she confirmed she did. She said she

had a payment plan. Based upon Officer Troyer's investigation, he found probable cause to issue her a criminal citation in violation of Driving while License Suspended with Knowledge. The driver had a licensed passenger in the vehicle, which took custody of the vehicle and drove afterward. Officer Troyer took the driver's license and turned it into property/evidence. Case clear

Nov. 16 Incident

4:11 p.m.

Officer Martinson while on patrol in Greer Island, was flagged down by a citizen. The citizen stated there was an elderly man taking pictures of an underaged female out on the beach. Officer Martinson made contact with the man and the female who stated they were friends. The man works for a photography business and his friend asked him to take some pictures of her on the beach at sunset. The female provided her driver's license and she was 30 years old. Case clear.

Incident

5:22 p.m.

Sgt. Smith was contacted by a man who reported that a known subject arrived at his place of business on Nov. 15 and made verbal threats to cause him bodily harm. The caller further stated that the same person placed several phone calls on this date, during which he continued to threaten to "beat him up." The caller requested law enforcement to make contact with the subject, advise him not to return to the restaurant and to cease further communication. Sgt. Smith made contact with the subject who acknowledged the situation and agreed to stop calling the complainant and to avoid the business. Case clear.

Nov. 17 Easement

11:22 a.m.

Officer Mathis was dispatched to St. Judes Drive North in reference to a civil disturbance. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis and Officer Troyer made contact with complainant at his residence. The complainant explained that after enjoying the beach he was utilizing the deeded easement to return home. The complainant advised it was at this time while on the easement he was approached by a white male in his 50s, wearing a bluish grey shirt and khaki hat. According to the complainant, the unknown man accosted him about the usage of the easement and told him he could no longer use it. The complainant advised no physical altercation took place and that the verbal disagreement was brief but unnecessary as he has been granted access to the beach using the easement. Officer Troyer and Officer Mathis then canvassed the area of the easement in an attempt to make contact with the subject the complainant had described. Both officers canvassed the 5600 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive as well as the easement and were unsuccessful in locating the unknown man. In passing, Officer Mathis spoke with the maintenance man whom advised he had been there since the morning and didn't hear or see any disturbance take place. At the time of this report, the unknown man was gone. The complainant was advised to contact Longboat Key Police Department if anything further develops. The complainant did explain that the use of the easement is under review by both property's attorneys and tension is high amongst local beach goers who utilize the easement and property owners. Case clear.

Vehicle

12:08 p.m.



Nov. 18 Incident

3:31 a.m.

Officer Troyer was dispatched to the Police Department to a walk in complaint. The complainant and her husband walked into the police department lobby and they requested to make a police report regarding suspicious incidents occurring at their residence at Bogey Lane. The complainants said they go back and forth traveling but have lived on Longboat Key for three years. Approximately one and a half years ago, the complainants noticed every time they leave for vacation, personal items were missing upon their return. The complainants believed someone was breaking into their house and were taking items without permission. The complainants said the person must be close to them because she hides very personal items in specific spots where they should not be found but they are gone nonetheless. The complainant mentioned they have no house keepers and their home was not under current construction, therefore no one had access to the residence. The complainants also mentioned they keep the house very secure when they leave and they recently changed locks to the residence. The complainants reported they were missing a very sentimental ring, dishes, pillowcases and other miscellaneous items, however all of her very expensive items were all in place which was confusing to her. The complainant also said the windows to the home do not open and none of the doors had any pry or forced entry marks. Based on what the two were reporting, the items appeared to be lost. However, the complainants wished for Officer Troyer to visit their residence and see for himself. Upon Officer Troyer's arrival, he checked the front door locks which appeared to be fully operations and were free of any pry marks. Officer Troyer also observed all other doors and windows appeared to be operational as well and were not broken. The complainants invited him into the house and showed the officer around and he observed the residence was well kept, but the complainants had a lot of personal items inside of the residence. While walking around, the husband kept mentioning how the wife was forgetful lately and ever since her return from New York, she had constantly been misplacing items around the house. While speaking with the wife, she kept mentioning how she keeps having items missing again like her pillow case but again was very focused on her ring. The complainants said the ring was placed in a box inside of a locked closet and when they returned home approximately two weeks ago, the ring was nowhere to be found. The wife was very upset and began emptying a bag of jewelry and jewelry boxes onto the bed and looking for the ring, but she couldn't find it. Officer Troyer had her go through all the individual boxes and look through them, which she appeared to not have done before. She eventually located the missing ring and was very thankful. In the end, the sentimental ring was not stolen and the husband agreed to assist her with locating the other missing items around the residence as well. Case clear.

Corvette

12:45 p.n

Officer Mathis was dispatched to the area of Bay Isles Road in reference to a battery. Upon his arrival, Officer Mathis met with the complainant who advised that he had transported a man's vehicle from Northville, Michigan to Longboat Key. He explained that upon delivery of the vehicle, the man noted damage on the vehicle that allegedly was not there when the vehicle was picked up and a disturbance ensued over the civil issue. The car delivery driver alleges that the car owner grabbed him by the arm to remove the delivery person from the vehicle. Officer Mathis didn't observe any marks or redness on the delivery driver's arms. The complainant refused to complete a written statement and explained he didn't want anything further to do with the incident, but just to be paid for the transport and be on his way. Officer Mathis then spoke with the car owner who advised that his Corvette was damaged somehow during transport and he has already contacted the carrier to handle the damage in a civil manner. The car owner explained that during the disagreement, the car delivery driver jumped into his Corvette and it was at this time that the owner removed the man from his Corvette. The owner also refused to complete a written statement and explained he would handle the incident in a civil manner. Officer Mathis stood by while the two completed their transaction. The delivery driver explained that the damage could have occurred when the vehicle was loaded in Michigan. Neither party wished to prosecute. The delivery driver was paid for the transport and the parties went their separate ways. Case clear.

Nov. 20 Frisbee

9:28 p.m.

Officer Martinson responded to the 4400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a noise complaint on the beach. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson located a group of six 30–40 year-olds playing night frisbee. The group was not being loud and Officer Martinson could not hear the music being played from further than 50 feet. The beach is open to the public until 11 p.m.

Editor Letters



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such days. Increased water temperatures are adding more fuel to spin up more powerful hurricanes and also leading to increased rates of sea level rise. Sea level has been increasing for about 20,000 years, but our rates over the past 20 years (3"/decade) are not only in line with the State of Florida's expectations over the next few decades, they are about three times higher than the rates we've documented over the past 80 or so years. Our current rates of sea level rise also appear to be higher than the average rates that we've had over the past 5,000 years.

We are seeing climate change happening in front of our eyes, which has led in part to the almost complete collapse of the live coral coverage on the Florida Keys Reef Tract, as well as an increased likelihood that storms that would have been Category 1 to 3 are now more likely to be Category 4 and 5 events.

As I say to friends and family (and folks who are neither) you can ignore climate change, but it won't ignore you.

Which leads to the last element of this Director's Note - what are the likely biggest problems we'll see with our changing climate? Will we have another year like 2024? Sure we will, but nobody knows if that will happen in 2026 or maybe not for another 50 years. But we're playing Russian roulette with storms, and our lack of adequate action to address climate change is adding more rounds to the chamber.

With or without a major storm, our region will be challenged with the combination of increased sea level and the increased probability of more intense rain events. Another graphic, created by Megan (who puts my communication efforts to shame) highlights the challenges of dealing with more intense rain co-occurring with higher sea level. Basically, our low-lying areas will find it harder to drain their streets when it rains on a high tide.

Will the SBEP and its stakeholders have the foresight and wisdom to respond to climate change the same way we've responded to the issues of water quality and nutrient enrichment? I don't know, but I hope so. But I would suggest keeping this in mind as well – the vast majority of the costs of the projects that have been implemented to address our water quality problems were paid for by local residents. Neither the State nor the Federal governments have funded most of the wastewater upgrades and stormwater retrofits. They've not played NO role, but they've not played the major role either.

Don't expect much support from either Tallahassee or Washington, D.C. to respond to the stressors of climate change. They might not even want you to say those two words. So maybe you're on your own for a bit on this topic. But if I know this region, I know that you're up to the challenge – more so than any other part of Florida.

And that's the final thing I'd like to point out. This bay isn't better because of me, or the SBEP. Or because of EPA or FDEP. It's cleaner and healthier because of YOU, the local and regional governments, supported by informed and engaged local stakeholders that have funded the projects that got our pollutant loads under control, and that led to our recent improved condition.

Sarasota Bay is the healthiest urban estuary in Florida. And that is something that I, and

you, should be proud of. It's also one of the reasons why I want to go back in the private sector, to see if we can get a few more Sarasota Bay-like success stories initiated, before I shuffle off this mortal coil. It's been a privilege and an honor.

Dave Tomasko

Executive Director

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Public email access

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

Good morning, Mayor. Yes, unless there is some urgency/time sensitivity, there is always a day's lag (even without a holiday) in the processing.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

Public email access

To: Longboat Key IT Director Jason Keen

I see a lot more 11/11 emails today on the Commission email site. May be a holiday delay or just a lag in this processing. Thanks.

Ken Schneier

Mayor

Town of Longboat Key

Public email access

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier

That is all I see approved that is displayed on the website. Each e-mail is reviewed before it is allowed to be published by the Clerk's office. With today being a holiday, any emails received today will be published by Trish's team tomorrow morning.

I do see several e-mails over the last few days but it does look like all spam/junk/advertise-ment e-mails are not being approved to publish to the website. This is most likely to keep the e-mails published only relevant to Town business. I'm in the office tomorrow if you'd like to stop by if that helps.

Jason Keen

Chief Information Officer

Town of Longboat Key

Definition of "citizen" on Advisory Board application

To: Sarasota City Clerk Shayla Griggs

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Editor Letters



I was just reviewing the application of a highly qualified person for the AHAC Advisory Board. Detailed qualifications for seats are "citizen" with specific experience. I don't know if these qualifications were dictated by the State or a previous Commission, but I'm wondering what was intended by "citizen." Of the US? Of the City of Sarasota? And if City/County, what exactly makes one a citizen?

Reason for the question is that the applicant is neither a City resident nor a property owner. Do we include "citizen" in the criteria because we want board members "with skin in the

Would it be appropriate to change "citizen" in the special qualifications for individual advisory boards to "resident and/or property owner" for clarity? Would that require a Commission

Could it be added to "Institutional Memory" to avoid using the word "citizen" without further clarification?

Debbie Trice

Mayor

City of Sarasota

Definition of "citizen" on Advisory Board application

To: Sarasota City Mayor Debbie Trice

This language was taken directly from state statute. This would be something I think the commission should discuss if you think this should be changed. I will let Joe add his opinion on the matter. Thank you.

Shayla Griggs

City Auditor and Clerk

City of Sarasota

Tree removal

To: Sarasota City Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch

My condo association is proposing the removal of five Washingtonian palms in front of our building and two ligustrum trees. In the past the City has denied the removal of the palms. We have never asked about removing the ligustrums. Does the City have an arborist yet? Can you let me know who in the City is handling these issues?

Cathy Antunes

Sarasota

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Tree removal

To: Cathy Antunes

ICM and City Arborist copied on this email.

Jen Ahearn-Koch

City Commissioner

City of Sarasota

Sick long leaf pines in Luke Wood Park

To: Sarasota City Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Fogle

I noticed when I was at the historic alliance event calling for the restoration of water and power to the fountain in Luke Wood Park that two long leaf pines there appear to be dying.

I also watched another long leaf pine, used by yellow crowned night herons for nesting, die recently (it is on private property by kayak launch on Ohio Place).

I don't know if there is some sort of disease killing them, or what, but I thought I should flag it for you and the city arborist. If there is a disease, maybe the dead pines should be taken down before it spreads to healthy pines.

Kelly Franklin

Sarasota

Sick long leaf pines in Luke Wood Park

Thank you Kelly for the information. I hope they are ok, of course, and that this not a disease of sorts but I am confident the City's arborist will have a look and get an update.

Jen Ahearn-Koch

City Commissioner

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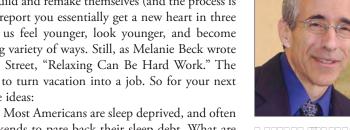
How to rest on vacation

Rest renews, rebuilds, and rewires our brains and bodies, which can make us look better, feel younger, get healthier, plus obtain the peak experiences and memories of a lifetime.

MATHEW EDLUND Contributing Columnist news@lbknews.com

When was the last time you took a vacation and came back fully rested, renewed, and refreshed? Half of Americans come back from vacation bushed or exhausted. Yet rest should

produce renewal. We see our hair and and nails grow, but we don't see our brain grow. Yet that's what happens during rest, which is when our bodies literally rebuild and remake themselves (and the process is fast. Some researchers report you essentially get a new heart in three days.) Rest can make us feel younger, look younger, and become healthier in an amazing variety of ways. Still, as Melanie Beck wrote in the June 15th Wall Street, "Relaxing Can Be Hard Work." The last thing you want is to turn vacation into a job. So for your next vacation consider these ideas:



1. Get enough sleep. Most Americans are sleep deprived, and often use vacations and weekends to pare back their sleep debt. What are you left with at the end of a vacation? For most of us, it's memories.

Memories are powerfully summarized and remade during sleep, which is also the period where we grow more brain cells (more on this later.) So try to give enough time to sleep - that way you'll really remember some of the best times you have.

- 2. Spend time enjoying food. Food is more than fuel and materials, it's also love, pleasure, celebration, plus critical information to our body. When we travel we experience different foods with entertainingly different results. Try dining rather than feeding, enjoying food socially as well as physically, emphasizing both new tastes and the people with whom you dine. Meals often become wonderful memories.
- 3. Alternate physical and mental activities. Brain cell growth occurs through combining physical activity and proper rest. If you move around, strolling, hiking, walking, biking, you create conditions for the brain cell growth which occurs during sleep. One of the easiest ways to do this is described in my book "The Power of Rest" (Harper One, 2010,) by going FAR - following a daily pattern of Food, Activity, Rest, as do many of the longest lived people on
- 4. Get outside. Studies prove that moving in nature, especially when surrounded by greenery and water, markedly and quickly improves mood. Even if you are in the most urban of environments, get to a park or waterside if you can. Nature is high, wide, vast, and deep, and moments spent in nature can make us feel better physically, mentally, and spiritually.
- 5. Emphasize experiences. You don't want to treat a vacation like it's a job, where you manage to run through 17 palaces, 24 museums and 11 amusement parks in 8 days. Take time to look and see the unexpected. Let serendipity take its eventful course. A great advantage of travel is to experience the new.
- 6. Take time for people. When in Paris you may want to see the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, but what about the people you meet, only some of whom will be the wondrously singular French? Language barriers exist, but people find astonishing ways to get around them and enjoy refreshing perspectives.

I often talk to people at the end of their lives. Their most powerful and enjoyable memories frequently involve relationships and vacations.

- 7. Make your days rhythmic and musical. Ever wonder why people enjoy music so much? It's because we are inherently musical. Try to make your vacation days (actually all your days) rhythmic. FAR is one easy way to do this, as is to alternate physical with mental activities. Yet there are many different rhythms in the human body, varying from milliseconds to ninety minutes to the 24 hour day and the year. Every human enjoyment, whether it's conversation, hiking, dining or dancing, has its own rhythm.
- 8. Use active rest techniques. Rest is not a passive, slow process but quick and active. Using active rest techniques, like following a memorable meal with a pleasant ramble in a park, can aid far more than your waistline. It also allows you to do something truly powerful, giving the right kind of directions to your body's rest and renewal.
 - 9. Figure out your desired level of adventure and go for it.



Keep your vacation a vacation and don't turn it into a job.

Some people like bungee jumping or parachuting from airplanes, while others prefer to watch. Vacations are new experiences. Try to think up experiences you consider imaginative and self-expanding, and try at least one each vacation. Learning new things can be a wonderulf kick, and you can learn a great deal on vacations.

But please, don't forget that rest is a critical part of a healthy lifestyle. Rest renews, rebuilds, and rewires our brains and bodies, which can make us look better, feel younger, get healthier, plus obtain the peak experiences and memories of a lifetime.

Don't you want to try that kind of rest on your next vacation?

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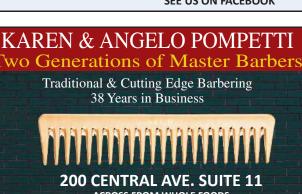


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BreakPoints



Why is hitting down the middle a good shot?

I started off with a one handed backhand, but I'm curious do you generally advise learning a two-handed? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

JACKIE BOHANNON Guest Columunist tennis@lbknews.com

"Down the middle solves the riddle". If you take a doubles clinic with me you will often hear me recite these words. Hitting in the middle of the court is a great shot in doubles for a variety of reasons. It can cause confusion and a delayed

reaction between partners because they are unsure whose ball it is. From the baseline it is a high percentage shot because you are hitting over the lowest part of the net and in the middle of the court, so your chance of an unforced error is lower. As the net player your highest percentage shot is a volley to the middle of the court. The angle of this shot is very hard to cover unless your opponents follow the ball perfectly. For example, if the returner hits the



BOHANNON

return to the opposing net player 8 out of 10 of their volleys should go down the middle and the other 2 can be angled off the court. The key to being a successful tennis player is playing high percentage tennis. I encourage you all to work on your ball placement next time you hit the court!

Who can call a double bounce?

Only the player or players on the side of the court hitting the ball can call a double bounce. You and/or your partner can only call the double bounce on yourselves. If you think your opponent did not get to the ball but they keep playing you must keep playing too. If you stop play to call a double bounce on your opponent and they disagree then you lose the point. The best option is to continue playing and at the end of the point ask them if they thought it double bounced. Again, it is their call so always keep playing until your opponent calls it on themselves.

Who can call a let?

Anyone on the court playing can call a let.

Can I take a serve out of the air?

No. The serve must bounce first. If you are serving and hit the receiver or the receiver's partner with the ball before it bounces it is your point. Even if your serve would have been

Can I serve underhand?

Yes! As long as the ball is hit out of the air the serve can be hit many different ways.

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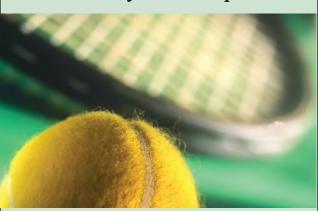
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What is a swinging volley? And when should I use it?

A swinging volley is one of the most aggressive shots in tennis, and is typically used when taking high loopy balls out of the air from the baseline. The swinging volley can be used as a great transition shot from the baseline to the net. The swinging volley is basically a forehand that doesn't bounce. It should be hit low to high with a forehand grip usually above the waist and below the shoulders. You still want to follow through like you are hitting a traditional forehand. The swinging volley should be used to take time away from your opponent. For example, if you hit a nice deep shot and your opponent is in trouble, and they lob the ball up to allow themselves more time, you should come forward and take the ball out of the air. The swinging volley can also be helpful if your opponent has heavy topspin and is hitting shots that are bouncing over your head. Instead of backing up and being extremely defensive, move forward and take it out of the air. The swinging volley can also be used as an alternative to an overhead if the sun is in your eyes or you have a shoulder injury.

Serve Jackie your best question!



Long-time tennis pro and America's Top Coach Jackie Bohannon will answer any question on tennis. Please email question you have on strategy, technique, mental game, fitness, equipment, etc., to: tennis@lbknews.com

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