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Pair of turtles swim away after Mote rehab; Red Tide led to illness

Both turtles were suspected to be impacted by red tide and were admitted to Mote's hospital showing signs of toxin exposure.

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium released two sub-adult loggerhead sea turtles—nicknamed “Grimm” and “Monique”—back into the Gulf following successful rehabilitation at Mote's Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital this morning, Wednesday, April 23. The release took place off Lido Beach, with Grimm being lowered into the waves by Mote staff and Monique crawling into the surf from the beach.

Both turtles were suspected to be impacted by red tide and were admitted to Mote's hospital showing signs of toxin exposure. After receiving expert medical treatment and monitoring, they were medically cleared for release.

Red tide—caused by a naturally occurring microscopic alga (*Karenia brevis*)—can produce toxins harmful to marine life, including sea turtles. These harmful algal blooms occur periodically along Florida's Gulf Coast. To learn more about red tide and Mote's ongoing research and mitigation efforts, visit mote.org.

Grimm was admitted on February 16, 2025, when the turtle was found floating near Sanibel, Florida (Lee [See Turtles, page 15](#))



Opposition to Ringling Museum transfer to New College grows

Potential changes in ownership to The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art are bringing the ire of area residents.

Organizers of the recently formed Citizens to Protect the Ringling said more than 300 attended its town hall Tuesday night in opposition to the potential transfer of power from Florida State University to New College of Florida.

“The museum and Florida State University partnership for the past 25 years has taken a surviving institution to a thriving one,” Nancy Parrish, president of the group, said. “I would see very hard years ahead for the museum.”

Critics argue the school would not have the capacity, experience, infrastructure or staff to manage the museum. The governor proposed to have New College of Florida take over as part of his budget which has a “focus on fiscal responsibility” for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The proposal would allow the transfer of “all duties, responsibilities, and state financial obligations” which include the art museum, Ca' d'Zan, and the Ringling Museum of the Circus to the New College of Florida under the bill language.

[See Ringling, page 2](#)

Sarasota-Bradenton Airport Sets All-Time Monthly Passenger Record

With airline flights arriving and departing now from two terminals at Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, the airport broke its all-time monthly passenger traffic record in March.

Nearly 600,000 passengers (597,796 to be exact) traveled through the airport, under the call letters SRQ, in March. That was an 7.5% increase over March 2024, according to airport activity records. Since January, traffic is up 1.1% over 2024.

SRQ opened five ground-level gates in the new Concourse A in January, a wing of the airport fully leased by Allegiant Air. It was the first expansion of the airport in 35 years. More gates in Concourse A are forthcoming, including a five-gate expansion at the south end of the new building and three at the north end.

Eleven airlines operate from SRQ, with 68 nonstop destinations. Allegiant flies to 36 of those, either year-round or seasonally. On average, Atlanta is the busiest destination from SRQ, accounting for more than 15% of the airport's flights.

Longboat initiates new post-storm re-entry program

Longboat Key is launching a new decal re-entry program for the 2025 hurricane season. The Town will be enforcing this new re-entry program after hurricanes.

Frank Rubino, the interim chief of the Longboat Key Police Department, says he helped develop the idea to improve storm season preparation.

For him, hurricanes are nothing new.

“I've been covering hurricanes since 1980,” he said. “So, pretty much my entire career.”

The program will help residents get through checkpoints after a storm. The police department is currently handing out decals for the program.

“We're going to meet with the manager from Ace Hardware,” Rubino said. “This particular hardware store is the only one on the island. We want them to reopen as soon as possible (after a storm), so we're going to give them a green

[See Decal, page 2](#)

SMH cuts ribbon on \$75 million research, education facility

Sarasota Memorial Health Care System cut the ribbon Thursday on a long-awaited \$75 million facility designed to merge its research and medical education programs under one roof.

The Kolschowsky Research and Education Institute will expand training opportunities for health care providers while supporting clinical trials. That in turn will improve patient care and develop state-of-art treatments while attracting and retaining medical professionals.

“We are excited to dedicate this state-of-the-art facility to medical advances and innovative treatment options that will benefit our community today and for generations to come,” health system CEO David Verinder said.

The five-story, 82,000-square-foot building provides operational and education space for clinical educators and medical education faculty, physician residents and fellows.

With Florida State University as its academic partner, Sarasota Memorial provides residency and [See SMH, page 15](#)



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Parrish, a former board chair of the museum foundation, said the proposal has a number of donors already concerned stating some are withholding gifts this year and others have moved to change their wills.

“They’re concerned now that once a stable partnership is becoming an unstable situation,” Parrish said.

New College President Richard Corcoran expressed support for the move during a February meeting. He cited the added benefits that could come with it including growth in faculty, enrollment, and resources.

“A partnership with Ringling could just be fantastic,” Corcoran said.

Town hall attendants included frequent visitors of the museum and those who work in the arts. They expressed concerns over the repercussions for the other surrounding art institutions.

“All of that is threatened and that will turn the arts and nature of arts in this community upside down,” Bruce George said.

Critics also raised concerns about the potential for University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee to be transferred or merged with New College.

In a statement, a spokesperson wrote that USF and New College currently partner on several shared facilities and services, including a residence hall and campus security.

“At the September 2024 BOG meeting, Chair Brian Lamb asked USF and New College to look at how our two institutions can identify additional synergies in our partnership. Since that time USF leadership has been in discussions with New College. At all times our students, faculty and staff have remained USF’s highest priority and we will continue to provide the university community with updates regarding our partnership, if there are any,” stated Althea Johnson with USF.

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sticker.”

There are three re-entry tiers:

- Tier 1: For emergency responders. They do not need a decal.
- Tier 2: A green decal for relief workers, health care workers, and others involved in recovery, such as insurance agents and businesses like Ace Hardware.
- Tier 3: A red decal for other business owners and residents.



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“These go right inside (the vehicle),” Rubino said. “Don’t block the VIN number, and don’t place it where we can’t see it, like in the tint. We’re hoping this will expedite entry for you and also reduce congestion.”

This new system means drivers won’t have to stop for ID checks.

“It’s quicker than the system we had before, which didn’t work for us,” Rubino said. “It took too much time, and the lines were hours long.”

As Rubino continues making his rounds on the island, he knows educating people about the program now is a key step in improving storm preparation.

To receive a decal sticker, you must be a resident, business owner or essential worker.



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HUD block grants to Sarasota County

To: Sarah Karon
As I mentioned during our LBK North call today, Sarasota County just finalized its SRQ Resilience Action Plan for the use of \$210,000,000 of HUD funds it will likely receive related to the recent hurricanes. The County is allocating \$75 million to the dredging of Phillipi Creek and other “major waterways.”
If LBK canal dredging can be characterized as necessary for storm resilience, and if our canals or waterways can be characterized as ‘major waterways’, then I think the Town should consider making application to the County. Nothing to lose by trying.
Manatee County will also be receiving a HUD block grant of about \$250,000,000 I believe. I’ve not followed that one, but it may also allocate funds to dredging. Worth a look.
James G. Haft
Longboat Key

American Coastal Coalition Lunch & Presentation at Venice City Hall

To: Longboat Key Commission
Commissioner BJ Bishop shared LBK’s concerns and we appreciate Sen. Boyd’s stance on this SB 1664 issue! In his leadership role, we are cautiously hopeful that this bad legislation doesn’t move forward.
Additionally on HB 943, Comm. Bishop shared that the senate version may be the best we can hope for and that other similarly situated communities (like Longboat) have come to the conclusion that they likely won’t be impacted as the economics just don’t work in a community like theirs/ours. It is still a rough bill for a number of cities and counties, but we may escape. Stay tuned.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

SB 1664

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
Good afternoon. Sen. Boyd is not in support of proposed changes to the usage of the TDT. Thanks. Kathy Kathy Galea Legislative Assistant to Sen. Jim Boyd Senate District 20
Sen. Boyd is not in support of proposed changes to the usage of the TDT.
Kathy Galea
Legislative Assistant to Sen. Jim Boyd
State Senate District 20

SB 1664

To: Senator Jim Boyd and Kathy Galea
As you know, the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) is a critical resource for cities and counties for promoting our communities and tourism development, and importantly for coastal communities, a resource for nourishing Florida’s beaches.
As currently written, HB 1221 will end this source of funding for our erosion control projects. There has been bipartisan opposition to this bill and for good reason as legislators are rightly concerned about how this will impact Florida’s beaches. We very much share this concern. The companion bill is SB 1664, while not as bad as the House version is still concerning during budget reconciliation.

I urge you to consider these negative impacts and to oppose the provisions in these bills that affect the tourist development taxes. Thank you for your time and for all that you do for Longboat Key.
BJ Bishop
LBK Commissioner

HB 1221

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
The Senate Bill companion to HB 1221. It’s SB 1664 – Local Option Taxes. While it doesn’t appear to have quite as much traction as the house bill, the fear as you well know is that it becomes a negotiating tool for budget reconciliation.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

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To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
I have been back and forth with Jim Boyd on Live, Local. Is there a Senate bill on this? I will add it to my list.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

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To: Florida State Representative Will Robinson
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Cell Trust Application

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
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of requesting a port of the numbers for those who requested a cell phone. Once the numbers are released, we can have those phones ordered and numbers transferred over. Please feel free to test out the texting and let me know of any issues.

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To: Longboat Key Commission
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Jason Keen
Chief Information Officer
Town of Longboat Key

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BJ Bishop
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HB 1221

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
It’s on their radar but doesn’t have the full FLC focus as it really impacts coastal cities and counties. Making the TDT available to fund general government expenses is part of the House plan to reduce local government property taxes.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
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HB 1221

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
FLC not following this or did I miss it?
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
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Short meeting

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold
Thanks for your openness to meet. Let’s do Monday the 28th at 2:30. Where is it convenient for you to meet?
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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.

April 17 Citizen assist

9:25 p.m.
Officer Maple and Sgt. Smith responded to a phone call reporting a possible criminal mischief event at Bay Isle Road that was reported to acting Police Chief Frank Rubino. Upon arrival, Officer Maple met with the complainant who stated three juveniles and one potential adult rode their bikes across the tennis courts the night prior causing damage. Officer Maple watched the video feed which showed the four individuals in question riding amongst the seven tennis courts with minimal surface damage to six of the courts. The seventh court suffered damage in the form of tire tracks indentations measuring from approximately .25 to .50 in depth. Surface of the court was soft clay type that was watered down that night and was softer than normal. Officer Maple met with a worker who was able to conduct repairs using normal maintenance tools. The damage does not appear to be criminal in nature and individuals rode through courts for only a few minutes prior to departing the area. The training court appears to have been ridden on by the larger and heavier individual that caused the damage. Case clear.



southbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive. The caller said he would call back if the men returned. Case clear.

April 21 Found property

3:09 p.m.
Officer Van Dyke responded to Sands Point Road in reference to found property. Upon arrival, Officer Van Dyke spoke with the security guard who advised that one of the guests left his prescription marijuana in his room, but did not want it back. According to the guard, it is company policy to submit narcotics to law enforcement. The marijuana was submitted for destruction. Case clear.

April 18 Property

5:45 p.m.
Officer Tillman responded to the 1000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a report of property damage. Upon arrival, it was determined that the driver was coming onto the property using the left side entry gate. The driver stated that he thought both gates had opened but did not notice the right entry gate which was now stuck in the truck's wheel well. Once the driver pulled forward, the gate was detached from its base. The truck had no damage. An incident number was given to the security guard for future reference. Case clear.

April 19 Fire

11:28 a.m.
Officer Smith was dispatched to the 6800 block of Gulf of Mexico for a report of a fire on the beach. Upon arrival, Officer Smith made contact with a subject cooking on an enclosed grill. Investigation determined they were not in violation of state law or any town ordinances. Case clear.

Citizen assist

12:24 p.m.
Officer Smith was dispatched to Bayside Drive for a report of a loose vessel. Officer Smith arrived and observed a 40 foot sailboat near shore and next to two vessels that were docked on a private dock and lift. Officer Smith made contact with the complainant who indicated that the vessel broke anchor and the owner had left the area. The complainant indicated to avoid damage to the vessels at his dock and to the adrift boat he was going to attach his vessel to the adrift vessel and move it from shore. Officer Smith observed the vessel being towed to approximately 300 yards from shore and anchored. Case clear.

April 20 Disturbance

7:54 p.m.
Officer Martinson was dispatched to Harbourside Drive on Disturbance call. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson met the caller in the parking lot of the marina and he said he observed a group of four juveniles trying to fish from the marina docks which is not allowed. The caller stated when he told the group that they needed to leave they began to mock him and danced around in the parking lot. The caller said after giving the men several warnings about trespassing the group of juvenile males got into a black GMC pickup truck and left the area of

Disturbance

6:34 p.m.
Officer Mathis was dispatched to Bay Isles Road in reference to a disturbance. Upon Officer Mathis's arrival he met with the pharmacist. She explained that a man was in the store to get his wife's prescription filled and was unable to do so because of low inventory. The man became verbally upset and started yelling at pharmacy staff. An unknown customer attempted to de-escalate the situation but was unsuccessful. Officer Mathis then spoke with the man who was still somewhat upset. The man explained that he is an Olympic athlete, a Bronze Medal holder in wrestling and boxing and wouldn't be talked to like he was. The man further explained he was there to get his wife's medicine and was unable to do so. The man advised he was at one point a pharmacist and knows how the industry works. The man didn't call in to refill the prescription rather showed up and demanded it be refilled on the spot. While speaking with the man, the pharmacist advised she could possibly partially refill the prescription. The man apologized to the pharmacist for his rude and arrogant remarks and the profanity. After obtaining the partial prescription refill, the man then left the store without further incident. The pharmacist explained that she did not want to trespass the man at the time and showed empathy for the man and his wife's situation. The pharmacist requested no further police action for this matter and was thankful for the quick response from law enforcement. Case clear.

April 22 Vehicle

12:59 p.m.
Officer Pescuma was dispatched to Bay Isles Parkway in reference to a suspicious vehicle. The caller stated that the vehicle has been parked for several days and its unknown if its abandoned. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Pescuma observed a white Nissan van and conducted an FCIC/NCIC check which showed that the vehicle was not reported stolen nor abandoned. There were no occupants and the vehicle was not derelict. Upon speaking with the caller, she said that she just learned that the owner is a maintenance worker for the bank and the vehicle broke down. The vehicle should be picked up later by the owner. Case clear.

Suspicious

1:44 p.m.
Officer Van Dyke responded to the 4300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and met with the property manager who advised that an unknown woman wearing a blue bikini was on the property and he was unsure if she belonged. Officer Van Dyke located the subject in the outdoor pool area on the south side of the building and she identified herself. She advised that her Aunt owns one of the units. Officer Van Dyke reported back to the manager and he acknowledged that the information was correct, therefore he was satisfied with the outcome of the investigation. Case clear.

April 23 Raccoon

12:43 p.m.
Officer Smith was dispatched to the 5500 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a report of a baby raccoon found at the base of the tree. Officer Smith arrived and made contact with the caller who stated that they had made contact with a sanctuary in Bradenton and informed that they would respond but would euthanize the animal. Officer Smith informed the caller that Florida State Law prohibits the removal of raccoons to other locations. Officer Smith advised the caller that the mother raccoon could respond back and it would better to let nature run its course. Case clear.

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Town records that can better inform us on this request? AKA, when removal decision was made and terms?

Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Peacocks in Village

To: Longboat Key Commission
Please consider changing the order to allow a couple peahens in the Village. We currently are allowed only a few males and when they are gone they are all gone. With all the changes occurring there due to the hurricanes the village is losing all of its old traditions and character. Many of us residents are concerned about losing yet another characteristic that has made the Village unique and special in the past. I have lived there for 13 years and would really like to see the peacocks stay as many of the residents would. If allowed, we can supply the birds. Thanks.
Fred Kagi
Longboat Key

Peacocks in Village

To: Fred Kagi
You're right, Fred. I guess I was thinking more in terms of "managing overpopulation" since the flock (reportedly) at one time numbered 100+. From what I'm hearing, the Village

has worked through a variety of dialogues about peacocks through the decades, so I am cc-ing your current Village Assoc president Madeline Stewart here along with Jim. Perhaps the Village community wants to reengage with this dialogue. Let me know what you all come up with.
Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Peafowl Information

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon
You are not managing the stock by allowing only 6 males to stay. You are just killing off the population. That is not managing. Once they are gone there will be no more. How can you call this managing the stock? This makes no sense. I don't understand how you could possible call killing off all of them as managing. Do you intend to replace these males as they die off to keep the number at 6? Otherwise, you aren't managing anything. Please clarify.
Thanks for the prompt response.
Fred Kagi
Longboat Key

Peafowl Information

To: Fred Kagi
See below, with thanks to our wonderful Deputy Town

Clerk Stephanie Garcia. If you read the two most recent notes, you'll see that a good amount of thought, planning and funds went into the Town's efforts to manage our Village peacock population. Removing peahens appears to be key to maintaining a manageable stock. I'm cc-ing LBK North co-chair Jim Haft here, in case he has more thoughts or recollections to add. Thanks, enjoy the beautiful birds!
Sarah Karon
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

HB 1221

To: Florida State Representative Robinson
As you know, the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) is a critical resource for cities and counties for promoting our communities and tourism development, and importantly for coastal communities, a resource for nourishing Florida's beaches.
As currently written, HB 1221 will end this source of funding for our erosion control projects. There has been bipartisan opposition to this bill and for good reason as legislators are rightly concerned about how this will impact Florida's beaches. We very much share this concern. I urge you to consider these negative impacts and to oppose the provisions in these bills that affect the tourist development taxes. Thank you for your time and for all that you do for Longboat Key.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Peacocks

To: Jim Haft
The other serious issue with peacocks is the growing and serious issue of Bird Flu. It has now spread to dairy herds, cattle and humans. There was a great piece done on 60 Minutes last week that describes the serious nature of this to become a major pandemic. The last thing we need is to increase the chances by adding more peacocks to the Village population. We actually were approached by people who wanted to keep chickens in a coop on their LBK property. That went nowhere. On the second point, from my perspective, getting people back in their homes and other measures to mitigate the flooding issues in the Village and my neighborhood should be our priority. I remain homeless, waiting to see a home built while living in a small apartment over our garage. So, this is my final time speaking to this issue. I hope the Village will focus on these critical issues.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

Stormwater management

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier
See Letters, page 13

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Editor Letters



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Sir, you are correct in your explanation. To add, the system is designed with the intent to mimic historical flow patterns while improving the efficiency of the stormwater management system. The proposed drainage system maintains existing flow conditions while achieving the required FDOT design standards for roadway drainage systems.

Also, there will be a public informational and access meeting on May 1st from 2-4 p.m. at Town Hall. The Design Consultant, Town Engineer, and members of FDOT’s Team will be in attendance. Members of the public are welcome to attend and express their concerns. This may be a great opportunity for you to get the best information from those that are planning this project.

Charles Mopps
Public Works Director, Town of Longboat Key

Firehouse Rd. Concern

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider

Thanks so much for your quick response, Ken. I am fearful that our home, along with the rest of the neighborhood, will be even more susceptibility to flooding with this change, and if flooding does get worse, who is then responsible? I look forward to Charlie’s insights.

Mimi Kennedy
Longboat Key

Firehouse Rd. Concern

To: Mimi Kennedy

Thanks for your note. We share your frustration with the FDOT plan changes for the Broadway roundabout, but an important element of the re-design involves stormwater management plans so that drainage problems in the area will not be exacerbated in the case of future storms. I am copying this response to Charlie Mopps, our Public Works Director, in case he wishes to provide further details.

Ken Schneider
Mayor, Town of Longboat Key

Firehouse Rd. Concern

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider

My name is Mimi Kennedy, and first let me start by saying thank you for all your efforts in keeping Longboat Key such a special place, especially as you have faced such a difficult year.

My grandfather bought a condo in Longbeach Condominiums in the 1970s so I have been lucky enough to spend my entire life going to LBK. I even used to walk past “the fancy French restaurant” L’Auberge as a child and told myself I would go there someday. Little did I know that once I was finally able to “go there” the cooking would be horrible... because I am now the chef. My husband and I purchased 7040 Firehouse Rd. in April of last year.

Sadly, like much of the key, our house flooded 2.5 feet in September due to the hurricanes. Our home sits directly on the ground so we lost an entire living level.

My understanding is that the water came across Gulf of Mexico Dr. from the bay. Although our family appreciates the traffic safety reasons for the roundabout at Broadway, we are very concerned that we will be even more susceptible to flooding in the future due to the road being flattened. Have our home and the other Conrad beach homes’ safety been considered in the current roundabout plans? What will happen to our home if the road is flattened and there is more flooding?

I know these questions may not be specifically for you, but if you could help me find the answers, connect with someone to talk to, or even meet with someone in person to discuss I would really appreciate it.

Mimi Kennedy
Longboat Key

Peafowl Information

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

OMG! I perused some of the file materials. I had no idea that so much Commission time and consideration went into the peacock issue. By my read, the goal is to cap the population at 12 birds, which if they are all male will at some point require the addition of a female. But that’s a problem for another day...we have far more pressing issues to worry about.

Jim Haft
Longboat Key

CS/HJR 1257

Dear Delegate Buchanan: Your Commerce Committee is hearing CS/HJR1257 tomorrow morning. There are a number of issues associated with this legislation that greatly concern us here in Longboat Key.

As you know, this is a proposed constitutional amendment to establish a \$50,000 exemption for certain residential properties with long term lease agreements. Rental properties would also have a cap of 3% on the assessed value adjustment annually. A proposed committee substitute (PCS) has been filed that adds the following:

It creates an additional homestead exemption for first-time FL homesteaders. Why on earth would the State create additional exemptions for first time homesteaders when the proposal shifts the tax burden on businesses and existing homestead property owners?

The rental property exemption has no estimate for how many rental properties these exemptions would apply to. The fiscal impact previously was \$1.4 billion, reducing funds for public safety.

These bills make major taxation policy changes late in session, with no study or evidence to support them incentivizing first-time home ownership. This seems to be a sales incentive for developers - not legislation that helps our residents. Please reject this legislation.

BJ Bishop
Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

Police Support

To: Longboat Key Vice Mayor Debra Williams

Judy and attended church services this morning at St Mary’s. At the end of the service, Fr Robert cautioned everyone to be careful leaving the parking lot because “we have no police

support today” to direct traffic. He said he had talked to Chief Rubino and was told no duty officer was available from the force. Fr Robert offered to pay for the cost of an off duty officer, but was told that none of them would want to drive in because “of all the beach traffic”.

I think there are at least 500 tax paying LBK residents who attend Mass at St Mary’s. In addition, we had a large number of visitors who heard the announcement. Obviously, it did not go over very well at all. It is very difficult to make a left turn exit out of the lot with all the traffic on GMD. In addition, we have many senior citizens who rely on the police to help them make the turn without getting broad sided from vehicles going 45 mph.

It seems to me that safety should be the primary goal of our local police. It would take no more than 15 minutes of an officer’s time to clear out the entire parking lot. Can you imagine the bad press if we had a fatality outside of church and it became known that our local police refused to help? Because of beach traffic?

As Fr Robert and I have both observed, our local officers seem to have no problem parking in our church driveway watching for speeders. It is also a frequent meeting spot for 2 police cars, sitting and kibitzing together. But then there no one available for 15 minutes on Sundays to help? What are all our police doing at 11:30 a.m.? What are we residents paying for? Needless to say, I was embarrassed by the whole situation and our house guests from Atlanta were appalled. Great publicity for our town!

John Lynch
Longboat Key

Police Support

To: Longboat Key Police Chief Frank Rubino

I want to thank you for your department’s excellent traffic control for the past three weeks at St Mary’s church. As the officers can attest, the church services during this period were heavily attended. Fortunately, your officers handled the crowd with great care and without needlessly impeding normal traffic on Gulf of Mexico Drive. Everyone appreciated the assistance in getting out of the lot without incident. On behalf of us all, please convey our sincere thanks to the officers who provided the assistance.

John Lynch
Longboat Key

Police Support

To: John Lynch

Thank you for your acknowledgment. Our officers remain committed to the safety of the residents and visitors on Longboat Key, and their efforts at St Mary’s church were in line with this commitment. I’ll be sure to share your appreciation with the officers involved.

Frank Rubino
Police Chief
Town of Longboat Key



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Turtles, from page 1

County). Showing signs consistent with red tide toxicity, Grimm was transported to Mote for emergency care. Just a few weeks later, on March 6, 2025, Monique was discovered washed ashore on South Siesta Key’s Turtle Beach—also suspected to be suffering from red tide exposure.

Thanks to the animal care team at Mote’s Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital, both Grimm and Monique made full recoveries.

“Watching these turtles return to the Gulf is the most rewarding part of what we do,” said Lynne Byrd, Mote’s Rehabilitation and Medical Care Manager. “Monique and Grimm’s jour-

SMH, from page 1

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The institute, located across Arlington Street from Sarasota Memorial Hospital’s main campus, is named after longtime donors Jerry and Karen Kolschowsky, whose foundation provided a \$25 million gift in 2023 that served as a catalyst for construction.

The Kolschowskys, who live part of each year in Sarasota, have been financially assisting the community-owned health system for nearly 20 years after Karen Kolschowsky was successfully treated for cancer by Sarasota Memorial’s cancer team.

Foundation president Stacey Corley said the Kolschowskys have inspired other philanthropists to step forward in support of the institute.

“I can’t overstate what the Kolschowsky Research and Education Institute brings to Sarasota Memorial and our community,” said Chief Medical Officer Dr. James Fiorica, an oncologist who led that cancer team who treated Karen Kolschowsky.

neys remind us why this work matters—because every turtle released is another step toward a healthier ocean.”

Both turtles were released with Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags—similar to a pet microchip—that will help researchers identify them if they are encountered again in the future.

Mote’s sea turtle conservation and rehabilitation efforts are supported in part by grants from the Sea Turtle Grants Program and Longboat Key Turtle Watch, which fund critical equipment and resources needed for rescue and recovery.

For more information about how to support sea turtle conservation or report a stranded turtle, visit www.mote.org/sea-turtles.

Within Sarasota or Manatee County waters, if you see a stranded or dead sea turtle or marine mammal please call Mote’s Stranding Investigations Program, a 24-hour response service, at 888-345-2335.

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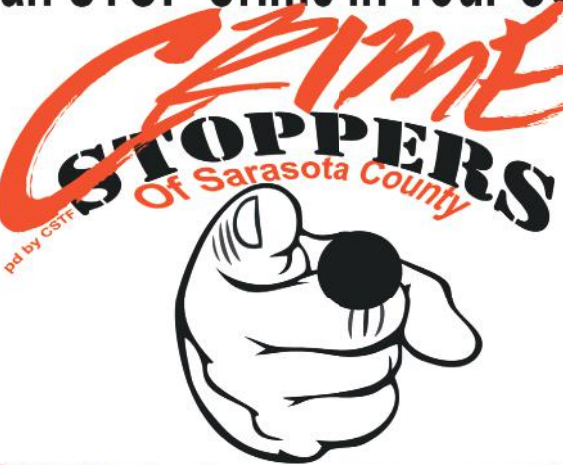
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3BR/2.5BA • 2,830 • Updated



EMERALD POINTE NORTH - \$1,849,000
2065 HARBOUR LINKS DRIVE
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
3BR/3.5BA • 2,865 SF • Updated



GRAND BAY • \$1,695,000
3010 GRAND BAY BLVD. #482
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
3BR/3.5BA • 2,250 SF • Furnished



COREY'S LANDING • \$1,235,000
3467 BYRON LANE
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
3BR/2.5BA • 2,227 SF • 2-Car garage



FAIRWAY BAY • \$995,000
1900 HARBOURSIDE DR., #102
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2.5BA • 1,590 • Updated • Boat Dock



JUST LISTED

BEACHPLACE - \$939,000
1095 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #503
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 1,503 SF



BAYPORT BEACH & TENNIS CLUB • \$895,000
520 BAYPORT WAY
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 1,456 SF • Gulf to Bay



PLAYERS CLUB • \$895,000
1485 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #205
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2.5BA • 1,569 SF • Gulf front



FAIRWAY BAY • \$885,000
1928 HARBOURSIDE DR., #1404
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 2,565 SF • Furnished



LBK YACHT & TENNIS CLUB - \$869,900
4215 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #103
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 1,497 • Furnished



ISLANDER CLUB • \$799,000
2301 GULF OF MEXICO DR., #85N
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 1,235 SF



NOW PENDING

HARBOR OAKS • \$1,095,000
2129 HARBOURSIDE DR., #901
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
3BR/2.5BA • 2,219 SF • Golf views



NOW PENDING

LONGBOAT KEY TOWERS • \$1,595,000
603 LONGBOAT CLUB RD., #1102N
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
2BR/2BA • 1,458 SF • Gulf & Bay views



NOW PENDING

L'AMBIANCE • \$2,995,000
415 L'AMBIANCE DR., #C404
LONGBOAT KEY, FL
3BR/3.5BA • 2,820 SF • Furnished



NOW PENDING

BIRD KEY - \$4,150,000
524 N. SPOONBILL DRIVE
SARASOTA, FL
3BR/3BA • 3,425 SF • Waterfront



NOW SOLD

THE MARK • \$1,100,000
111 S. PINEAPPLE AVE., #1004
SARASOTA, FL
2BR/2.5BA • 1,513 SF • City views

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