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Arroyo accused of conflict in vote on City Island plan

Arroyo is registered agent for entity seeking to develop.

Sarasota city commissioner Eric Arroyo has been accused of a potential conflict of interest with his vote regarding a proposal to allow an amusement attraction and golf course at Ken Thompson Park on City Island, nestled between Longboat Key and St. Armands Circle.

During the public comments section at last week's Sarasota City Commission meeting, public speaker Rob Grant said Commissioner Arroyo is the registered agent for Park Golf Entertainment — formerly Ride Entertainment — and Park Golf Entertainment Orlando. Park Golf Entertainment owners



Arroyo

and brothers, Jeffrey and David Koffman, proposed the public-private partnership to commercialize Ken Thompson Park.

Grant suggested commissioners

reconsider their approval to allow an advisory board to consider the park plan.

Arroyo voted in favor of allowing the Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection advisory board to vet the plan at its April meeting.

Dozens rally to protect Ken Thompson Park

Outside City Hall on Thursday, dozens protested the proposed development for Ken Thompson Park.

At a commission meeting on Feb. 5, Ride Entertainment made a pre-See Park, page 2

Bridge between Bird Key, St. Armands replacement under review

The small humped-back bridge connecting Bird Key and St. Armands Key is due for replacement at a cost of more than \$60 million, and despite the likely traffic construction will generate, most residents seemed pleased with the idea.

Engineers and staff with the Florida Department of Transportation gave their recommendations for improvements to the Little John Ringling Bridge at

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Mote and Taiwan partner to help save coral as ocean temputures rise

The partnership aims to address one of many stressors affecting coral reefs across the globe – rising ocean temperatures.

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for international collaboration on heat-resilient coral research and restoration with three science-focused entities based in Taiwan and the U.S.: Delta Environmental and Educational Foundation, the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (NMMBA), and the National Museum of Marine Science and Technology (NMMST).

The MOU establishes the first such international partnership between Taiwan and a major U.S. marine research and science education institution, and aims to address one of many stressors affecting coral reefs across the globe – rising ocean temperature, as coral reefs worldwide are experiencing the detrimental effects similar to what Florida's Coral Reefs experienced this past summer.

Delta, a global provider of power and thermal management solutions, focuses on addressing key environmental issues with innovative technology.

As part of its mission, Delta has developed a coral restoration project, in collaboration with the NMMBA and NMMST, which



aims to restore ten thousand corals over three years through continued efforts in propagation and breeding. The MOU establishes Mote as a key science partner in this coral restoration project, as it has led science-based restoration methods for over 30 years.

"We're pleased to partner and collaborate with researchers in Taiwan, and all around the world, as part of Mote's international marine science diplomacy initiative, that develop and deploy innovative science and technology to help solve the many challenges our oceans face," said Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Mote President & CEO.

Global, regional, and local stressors have significantly contributed to the decline of our coral reef ecosystems. Living coral cover (the proportion of the reef covered in living coral) on Florida's Coral Reef is currently between just 1 and 5 percent, dramatically less than just 40 years ago when it was more than 30%. Many factors make a natural recovery of Florida's Coral Reef unlikely and nearly impossible on a timescale relevant to humans. The recovery of function on Florida's Coral Reef is likely now entirely dependent upon adaptive management and pro-active science-based restoration.

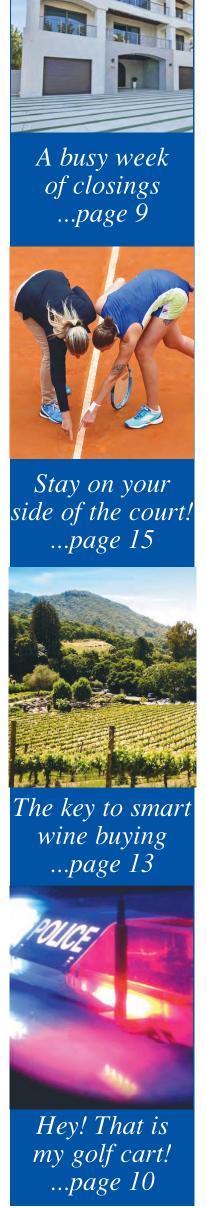
Dealing with heat...

After Florida's Coral Reef experienced record-breaking heat waves starting in July 2023, with temperatures in adjacent backreef areas reaching temperatures above 100°F, Mote witnessed its sexu-

ally produced resilient genotypes, despite the intense stress event, survived, thrived, and some never even bleached. Mote is focusing its efforts on carrying out more surveys of reefs to get a clearer picture of which corals survived and why, and adjust its efforts accordingly, while continuing to focus its efforts on expanding upon its comprehensive asexual and sexual reproduction methods for producing genetically resilient coral, and sharing its findings with partners in Taiwan and around the world.

"The Delta Foundation sent representatives to Mote last year to observe their coral bleaching rescue mechanism," said Ms. Shan-Shan Guo, Executive Director of the Delta Environmental and Educational

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sentation to the board on turning the park into a privatized commercial attraction. According to that presentation it would include a possible restaurant, nine-hole mini golf course, splash pad and an Aerobar. The Aerobar takes residents into the air over 100 feet and rotates them around.

According to Ride Entertainments presentation, they would maintain the park and it would also provide the city with a new source of revenue, among other benefits.

Those opposed say they are appalled at the idea of commercializing the park and public space and also are not in favor of attractions that draw traffic.

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an open house held at St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church on North Adams Drive last week. Currently, the Little Ringling Bridge is a two-lane road that does not allow room for two pedestrians to pass each other due to its narrow width. A new bridge, says FDOT, would allow for a construction of a wide walking path that would link the wide path on each side of the bridge. The bridge could also be taller allowing for motorboats underneath to pass.

The existing bridge has no shoulders or designated bike lanes and was built in 1958.

Options include a brand new single bridge or a set of twin bridges with up to 14 feet.

Options include a brand new single bridge or a set of twin bridges with up to 14 feet of shoulder for bicycles and pedestrians.

FDOT said the cost for replacing the bridge is between \$63 million and \$72 million.

If the bridge is not replaced and residents and the City do not want a new bridge, the other option, the no-build plan, is lower-cost but would incur upgrades and maintenance likely every five years.

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Coral, from page 1

Foundation. "We are honored to officially collaborate with Mote this year and will provide funding to support researchers at the NMMBA and the NMMST. Additionally, we will send volunteers from Delta's coral restoration project to the United States for exchange and learning. We hope that by enhancing coral bleaching early warning and rescue mechanisms, we can better prepare for the next coral bleaching event in Taiwan."

Delta has leveraged its own automation technology, equipment, and corporate volunteers to contribute to heat-resilient coral research and conservation efforts. Building upon the coral restoration project's success, Mote will learn more about these technologies, and how the intuition can incorporate it into its methods.

This MOU, signed by Mote President & CEO Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Ms. Shan-Shan Guo, Executive Director of the Delta Environmental and Educational Foundation, Te-hao Chen, Vice Director of the National Museum of Marine Biology & Aquarium and Su-fen Chen Director-general of the National Museum of Marine Science and Technology, sets the framework for future collaboration between the organizations.

The MOU seeks to:

Establish an international research and public education platform focused on heat-resilient corals; Organize international training workshops; Conduct follow-up investigation for the corals in the seas around Florida and regularly share the results; Provide cross-training on observing and learning about coral early warning systems, coral bleaching restoration and rescue mechanisms, and the genetic cultivation of heat-resilient corals.; Develop science-based coral restoration training protocol for volunteers, and international training hubs in Taiwan and Florida; Develop and implement joint high school experiential learning opportunities and STEM workforce training for high school and undergraduate students with an emphasis on coral genetics, ecology and restoration.

This collaboration with Taiwan expands Mote's International Marine Science Diplomacy Initiative, as Mote also continues to grow its US Harmful Algal Bloom Control Technologies Incubator with Japan, Chile and Korea; it's Global FinPrint project, the world's largest shark survey in 58 nations that has resulted in new international trade regulations for these species; it's coral reef research in Mozambique; as well as it's sharks and rays conservation work in Belize



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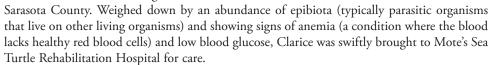
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Rehabilitated sea turtle "Clarice" set free

On Monday morning, March 18, Mote Marine Laboratory released a subadult, believed-female loggerhead sea turtle nicknamed "Clarice."

She has been outfitted with a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) and flipper tags, which provide identification data for Clarice if future needs arise. She was released at Lido Beach and was carried into the water due to a previous injury to one of her flippers. Although she initially swam in the wrong direction, Clarice, with the help of Mote's Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital Staff, found the sea.

Clarice's tale began on a Halloween night, October 31, 2023, when she was found adrift three miles off the coast from the Venice Fishing Pier in



Upon her arrival, it became evident that Clarice was suffering from what was suspected to be debilitated turtle syndrome, a condition where turtles become lethargic and anemic. She was placed in a rehab pool with shallow water, gradually adjusting to her surroundings. Despite her weakened state, Clarice showed a spark of resilience by eagerly foraging on capelin and squid.

In the following days and weeks, Clarice's condition improved steadily. With each passing day, she became more active, and her tank depth was adjusted accordingly. Mote's Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital staff carefully monitored her diet and increased as she regained her strength. Regular treatments, including antibiotics, iron injections, and deworming, helped in her recovery process.

Clarice's progress has been remarkable. After 140 days of dedicated care and rehabilitation, Clarice has been deemed fit for release. Clarice's story serves as a testament to the resilience of these magnificent creatures and the tireless efforts of those committed to their conservation.

"Tagging Clarice before her release was crucial for her future well-being," said Lynne Byrd, Mote's Rehabilitation and Medical Care Manager. "By affixing a PIT tag and flipper tags, Mote ensures that if Clarice ever requires rescue or encounters any challenges in the ocean, she can

be readily identified and provided with appropriate assistance."

In an ocean vast and unpredictable, these identification tags serve as her voice, allowing Mote to continue supporting her journey toward a thriving existence in her natural habitat.

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EditorLetters

Longboat Key News and Sarasota City News encourages Letters to the Editor on timely issues. Please email to: letters@lbknews.com or mail to PO Box 8001, Longboat Key, FL 34228. We also print

Library on Longboat

To: Longboat Key Commission

We attended both County Library concept presentations/ input sessions to the Town and are compelled to offer our observations. The Town's County partner is in the "Modern" Library business and does an excellent job at the Selby downtown hub Library and with their regional libraries.

letters sent to Town Hall that address Longboat Key issues. We reserve the right to edit.

Their understandable priority mission was evident by their inadequate response to the Town residents input of adding needed Education programming and Community meeting "enhancements."

This is not surprising because the County is of course focused on planning for their 8,000 sq ft "Modern" Library which is suited to a semi urban population of all ages. Longboat Key demos are 82% over 60 and 55% over 70 based on 2022 Census Reporter. Clearly the "Modern" Library including space for youngsters to work on ideas is not useful to a Seniors population, for example.

Also, the problem is that the parcel available in the Town Center, is simply not large enough for the almost 10,000 square feet "Modern" Library with the enlarged but inadequate meeting space. The revised and elevated building mass will loom over the small Town Green available space for stage audiences and special events. In short, it is out of scale with the area. Something has to go.

It is crystal clear that based on a relatively recent Town Resident survey in 2022

and the recent newspaper driven online survey, that there are many different opinions. However, their are majority opinions that set the top priorities for Adult Continuing Education and Community meeting space.

So what to do in listening to and acting on Town resident priorities? Build the requested and needed Education and Community Meeting Center. In addition, include a small Library book distribution and return counter for books ordered on the County Library website for periodic delivery and pick up at the Community Center facility.

This service is available and will save the County money while providing mobile Library service to island residents.

There is another popular option to keep the Town Center green space open to provide adequate space for unlimited fun and HIGH USE events i.e. seasonal Holiday events, music festivals, art shows, craft shows, car shows, boat shows, the weekly Market Place, concerts, plays, charity events, etc., etc. and adequate space for mobile food and beverage offerings.

In that case, repurpose the existing Library site next to Town Hall for the Education and





Community meeting space.

Last but not least, the Town and County should always be close partners in protecting and providing services to residents. However, this Library "partnership" is fundamentally and foundationally at cross purposes considering Longboat residents' "spoken" and researched priority needs vs. a relatively large "Modern" Library. Town Center Green available land is limited.

Good partnerships must have common goals and objectives and resident feedback priorities say that we don't have the same priorities in this case.

Given the very large tax contribution Sarasota County receives from half of LBK

there should be a contribution from the County to help finance our Education and Community meeting space and the Library book distribution facility.

Finally, our Town Center should be totally owned and operated by the Town of LBK for obvious reasons.

Please give serious consideration to this approach and stick to the residents' opinions on Town Center priorities. A County "Modern" Library is not at the top of Longboat Key resident's priority list. If you proceed on this course no one is going to be happy with the result because the highest and best favored use of our Town Center land will not be achieved.

Simply put, first things first, please. Thank you for your consideration and service. Bob and Shannon Gault

Longboat Key

Water quality restoration success stories - New York/New Jersey Harbor

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission

As you well know – or at least you should know – our water quality in Sarasota Bay has improved over the past four years, such that FDEP no longer considers us "impaired" for nutrients in any of the open waters of the bay. That happened, we believe, because our local stakeholders have already completed and/or initiated \$300 million in stormwater retrofit and wastewater upgrade projects. Those projects have, we believe, already allowed us to reach our 20% pollutant load reduction goal, which was set back in 2021. When the 2024 seagrass maps come out next year, we are anticipating substantial improvements – my bet is that we will see at least 800 acres of new seagrass meadows between the 2022 and 2024 maps.

But we're not alone in this – there are other success stories out there as well, and how they got the results they achieved is worthy of review and consideration.

Earlier this year, EPA asked me to serve as an ex-officio reviewer of the progress being made by the New York / New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program (NYNJHEP). So far, I've focused most of my review on how they have documented and communicated the same issues as we have – is water quality getting better, and how do we know that? And I gotta tell you, I'm damned impressed by the progress they're making there.

First off, the graphic below shows the percent of water samples that had low levels of dissolved oxygen (aka hypoxia). For this plot, the downward trend is good news –

Note how the step changes (decreases) are often linked to actions related to wastewater upgrades and/or expansions – just like our nutrient reductions in Sarasota Bay are related to getting our spills under control.

With fewer wastewater issues, the water should be cleaner from a pathogen standpoint, as well. Well, this might surprise many folks, but the waters of Lower New York Bay and Jamaica Bay typically meet our bathing beach standards for enterococci bacteria, and much of the Raritan River and Bay, Upper New York Bay and the East River and Western Long Island Sound meet Florida's Class 3 marine waters standards as well. The beaches of Coney Island and

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Editor Letters



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Rockaway Beach regularly meet the same bathing beach standards for enterococci bacteria as we have in Florida – which maybe I'll take advantage of when I'm next up there.

Quite a bit of our focus in Sarasota Bay is on nutrient management, and like us, the NYNJHEP focuses on nitrogen. Well, they've also got good news (expected, based on the sewage projects) in terms of nitrogen concentrations declining over time –

In terms of trash/debris, the Clean Shores program in New Jersey shows a remarkable improvement over the past 30 years – especially considering the highly urbanized watershed!

The NYC region has MUCH more industrial activity than anywhere in Florida. And while problems still exist, look at the great trends for reduced levels of PCBs in fish over the past few decades.

To be sure, there are still problems that their watershed has to deal with. Climate change is raising water temperatures, and it is unknown how their built and living shorelines will be able to handle the accelerated rates of sea level rise we (and they) are experiencing the last few decades. And there are challenges in terms of some of their wildlife populations. But there is progress being made on a number of issues in what is the most densely populated part of the country.

To leave you with one last bit of interesting information, the report that I reviewed to get all this information included this picture, what appears to be a Humpback Whale in the New York Bight, with lower Manhattan in the background!

During the years of 2017 and 2018, researchers documented 73 whale sightings, dolphins and porpoises were documented over 300 times, and researchers also documented sea turtles, sharks and rays in the New York Bight and Lower New York Bay.

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & HEARING ORDINANCE 2024-06 MARCH 26, 2024 – 9:15 AM

Please take notice that a public meeting and hearing of the Town of Longboat Key's Planning and Zoning Board will be held to consider proposed modifications to Title 15, Land Development Code, Chapter 158, Zoning Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Longboat Key, as more particularly set forth in Ordinance 2024-06:

ORDINANCE 2024-06

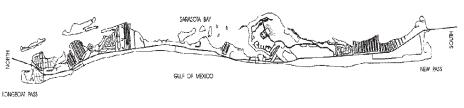
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, MODIFYING AND AMENDING TITLE 15 LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 158: ZONING CODE; MODIFYING AND AMENDING SECTION 158.114, PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board on proposed Ordinance 2024-06 will be held on **March 26, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Town Commission Chambers at Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to proposed Ordinance 2024-06. Copies of Ordinance 2024-06 and related material associated with the amendment may be viewed at the Planning, Zoning & Building Department, 501 Bay Isles Road, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays prior to the hearing. Questions may be directed to the Planning, Zoning & Building Department at 316-1966. The proposed amendment will affect property within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Longboat Key as shown on the map appearing at the bottom of this advertisement.

No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes). In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk's office at 941-316-1999 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding. If you are hearing impaired, please call 941-316-8719.

David Green, Chair Planning and Zoning Board Published: 03/22/2024



TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY FLORIDA

If the stakeholders throughout the highly urbanized and industrialized watersheds of the NYNJHEP can bring about the recovery that they've seen over the past few decades, there's no reason why we here in Sarasota Bay's watershed have to let our hard-earned water quality improvements slip away from us over the next few decades.

It's all about knowing the literature, learning from experience, and then making choices. We could have chosen not to invest like we did to improve our bay, but we decided to spend what needed to be spent to bring us this cleaner and healthier bay we're now experiencing. Similarly, we could decide to do nothing more, and have this hard-earned success slip away from us again. Or we could decide that future population growth and increased urbanization are not going to doom us to degraded water quality.

On a personal note, I love NYC. My wife was born in the Bronx, we've spent many of our family vacations up there, and my daughter is up there for spring break this week, enjoying the city. Despite a post-Covid increase in property crimes, It's still a much safer city than it was in the 1970s to mid-1990s, as I can attest, having been mugged a few blocks from Times Square back in the mid-1980s. Not only is it safer than it was 30 years ago, but its water quality is much cleaner as well.

Good news for those of us who know and love that city and proof that we should be able to handle the impacts of future growth here in Sarasota Bay without letting our recent success slip away from us.

Dave Tomasko

Executive Director

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Water quality restoration success stories - New York/New Jersey Harbor

To: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Director Dave Tomasko

Thanks for sharing this very informative article. As a coastal New Jersey native with strong ties to the area, I can attest (anecdotally at least) that the waters off NY/NJ are getting better. It's not at all unusual to see whales in late summer from the beach or on a ferry ride from New Jersey into New York. This past winter seals were spotted in abundance in the bay off Sandy Hook. Good news indeed.

Debra Williams Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Water quality restoration success stories - New York/New Jersey Harbor

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

It's very cool to see that! As someone raised across the river from Washington DC (Alexandria, VA) I've also seen the evidence of a widespread improvement in water quality in the Potomac River during my lifetime. There are success stories out there.

Dave Tomasko

Executive Director

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Demographics

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

About 7,500 people remain on Longboat after season. The median age is 71. Season lasts for approximately four months, with a shoulder month at the beginning and end of season.

For about half the year the island population is quite small. Perhaps too small to be a viable base for a library or education center.

I am under the impression that the current learning program does not operate in off-season. If so, I suspect lack of students may be the reason.

Of the 7,500 off-season residents, a large proportion may be younger and workers during the day, unable to avail themselves of town facilities.

I believe any pole taken during season may not accurately reflect the year-round demographics of the island. No one wants an empty edifice in the middle of the town center.

Gene Jaleski

Longboat Key

Comments on FDOT Public Workshop for the LBK Pass Bridge PS&E Study

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

I wanted to tell you how much my family appreciated you coming to the bridge meeting and the time you spent and recommendations you shared about reaching out to the Commission. You spent time talking to my mom and dad, aunt, cousins, neighbors, wife and myself.

We've already hosted Commissioner Karon, because it's her district I wanted to ensure she knew the issues before it was raised at the town meeting. She recommended Howard come out to the property as well and I would love to have you visit too. If you have time before the town meeting to stop by please let me know. I want to make sure folks are able to see the impact and speak to the issue.

Ben Ghosh Longboat Key

Comments on FDOT Public Workshop f or the LBK Pass Bridge PS&E Study

To: Ben Ghosh

My pleasure Ben, your family was a delight. I will check on this and get back to you later this evening.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

EditorLetters



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Comments on FDOT Public Workshop for the LBK Pass Bridge PS&E Study

To: Ben Ghosh

Your observations and experiences are well presented and clear. I am meeting with our Town Manager today and will address your issues with him. I am not an engineer, nor did I play one on any of my uncles productions, but we will get back to you with FDOTS response and concerns. Again that you for you attention to detail on this project, and your genuine interest.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Comments on FDOT Public Workshop for the LBK Pass Bridge PS&E Study

To: Ben Ghosh

Great. Howard Tipton and Isaac are coming Thursday the 28th at 2 p.m. If you can come during that time I think it would be useful for you to all be on the same page. I'll visit on Thursday the 28th of March if that will work for you. If you can call me tomorrow we can work out the details.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Home Rule Hero Award

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold

Congratulations again on receiving the FLC Home Rule Hero Award!

Home Rule Hero Awards will be presented at the ManaSota League of Cities meeting Thursday, May 9 at 9:30 am. The meeting will take place at the Town of Longboat Key Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228. Please RSVP with Gail Loeffler (gloeffler@longboatkey.org) whether you are able to attend the meeting. There may be a cost associated to attend the meeting. If you are not attending, please let us know and we will leave your award with Gail Loeffler to present to you at another time.

Brenda Jones

Legislative Coordinator

Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Home Rule Hero Award

To: Legislative Coordinator Florida League of Cities Brenda Jones

This is my RSVP for the Longboat Key Home Town Hero's presentation on May 9. I will be there. Thank you very much.

Penny Gold, Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Traffic amusement

To: Longboat Key Commissin

We did not include any comments about the proposed amusement park at KT Park at the southern end of the Key in our goals and objectives, but we did discuss objections to it briefly on our last LBK North call.

As we look to evaluate the proposed entertainment center's impact on traffic we should thoroughly consider the major expansion of tourism on AMI over the last 5 years (most houses now are weekly rentals and hold multiple visiting families). The number of cars that will travel south on GMD mid morning from AMI to the amusement park and return in the late afternoon will only exacerbate an already dreadful traffic situation (2:30-7:30pm) on the northern half of the Key.

Maureen Merrigan

Longboat Key

Traffic amusement

To: Maureen Merrigan (and Longboat Key North)

Excellent point regarding potential traffic from AMI to proposed KT Park/Ride Amusements, and no doubt people coming from AMI was one of the factors that Ride Entertainment factored into their numbers for the proposal. It would be interesting to see an un-biased traffic study for this proposed project.

Debra Williams

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

County information

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Shinkle

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Letters, from page 7

Is it possible to calculate the total amount of taxes that the residents have paid into the county school system for the just the past six years, and also the total number of students that have used it? I believe that exact comparison would give us some factual information to help with the decision process.

Gary Coffin Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

County information

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

I am forwarding to Sue Smith who may have a contact in both Counties to determine if she can get that information for you.

Trish Shinkle

Town Clerk

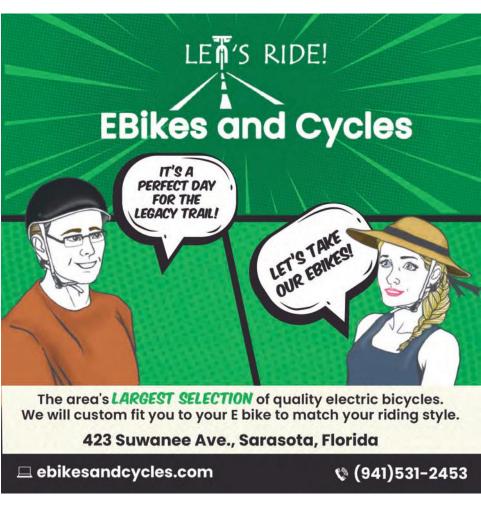
Town of Longboat Key

County information

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Shinkle

I think it's best to do a public records request for both counties, especially for six years.

We have estimated or backed into the tax dollars because the homestead exemption is different for schools than our regular taxable value. I have had to request the number of students from the school administration offices in the past. I can only locate 2023 school children





counts which I had requested last July.

These are the people who responded.

42 students - Barber, Michael barberm@manateeschools.net

39 students - Butters Lori Lori.Butters@sarasotacountyschools.net

The email attached is when Sandi did the calculation.

Sue Smith

Finance Director

Town of Longboat Key

Crosswalk

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Tip, is there such a thing as a dedication or grand opening for crosswalk activation?? Sounds crazy I know, but this for the residents of Country Club Shores is a big deal and I thought it would be of some interest to some of them if there was something to recognize its activation. Also to sincerely thank the state for their assistance in providing it.

Gary Coffin

Commissioner

Town of Longboat Key

Crosswalk

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

Well, I can say I've not been to one before but I understand what you're saying and we could accomplish both (recognition for CCS pedestrian safety and a thank you to FDOT). We have another crosswalk being installed at Bayfront Park but one dedication should be able to serve both locations. We'll reach out to FDOT and see what they think. Thanks for the suggestion.

Howard N. Tipton

Town Manager

Town of Longboat Key

Crosswalk

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton Wow, we will be expanding our horizons,,,good to great Gary Coffin

Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

Ken Thompson Park Commercialization

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission

The proposed plan to turn our neighboring Ken Thompson Park into a strange combina-

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Bird Key, Lido Key, Longboat Key latest sales

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4651 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#102	4,007	\$5,650,000	4	5	1	246	\$5,650,000
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3527 FAIR OAKS LN	4,154	\$2,595,000	4	4	1	124	\$2,547,500
3040 GRAND BAY BLVD Unit#221	2,925	\$2,330,000	3	3	1	196	\$2,180,000
350 NORTH SHORE RD	1,878	\$1,850,000	3	3	0	11	\$1,800,000
747 MARBURY LN	2,353	\$1,450,000	3	2	0	22	\$1,350,000
5635 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#201	1,886	\$1,349,000	3	2	0	8	\$1,230,000
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515 SUTTON PL Unit#T8	1,450	\$575,000	3	2	1	81	\$550,000
1955 GULF OF MEXICO DR Unit#G6-202	1,257	\$499,000	2	2	0	209	\$490,000
160 BRYANT DR	5,783	\$8,995,000	4	4	1	4	\$8,995,000
2052 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#W301	4,229	\$4,999,000	4	4	1	150	\$4,800,000
1102 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DR Unit#408	1,213	\$899,000	2	2	0	65	\$830,000
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OnPatrol



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

Mar. 15 Driver's license

9:02 a.m.

Officer Pescuma responded to a vehicle with a canceled driver's license. Officer Pescuma conducted a traffic stop at the 4900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, upon making contact with the driver the officer advised her of the reason for the stop. She said that she knew that her driver's license was suspended/canceled and handed the officer a Florida ID card. She said she knew she should not be driving. Officer Pescuma advised the woman that she cannot driver until she gets her driv-

er's license reinstated. Officer Pescuma issued a criminal citation for operating while driver's license is canceled with knowledge. Additional citations were issued for having no insurance on file. The woman made arrangements for another person with a valid driver's license to pick her and the vehicle up from the location. Case clear.

Mar. 16 Wants and Warrants

2:54 p.m.

Officer Connors while on marine patrol in the area of Linley Street boat ramp, observed a bow line in danger of fouling the propeller. Officer Connors immediately recognized the boat and operator as U.S. Coast Guard Special Agent McGowan. The Special Agent advised that the boat operator had two active felony warrants. They were a felony in possession of firearm and a criminal possession of a weapon. Officer Connors advised the man to navigate the b oat away from the nearby anchored sailboats to deeper water in close proximity to the Linley Street Dock, put his vessel in neutral and retrieve the line. At that time, the man put his vessel in neutral and went forward to retrieve the line. Officer Connors advised the man that he was going to conduct a vessel safety check and would come along side. The man requested to anchor his vessel upon nis own will. At that point, knowing that the man was distracted by anchoring his boat, Officer Connors was quickly able to retrieve Officer Pescuma from the nearby dock, and come along the port side of the man's vessel. As the man was returning aft along the port side from anchoring his vessel, Officer Connors advised the man to step down the Longboat Key Police vessel. At that time, Officer Connors immediately handcuffed, searched him for weapons and detained the man. Officer Connors informed the man the reason for being detained. The man was provided a life vest while handcuffed and transported to the boat dock. The boat was towed to the nearby boat dock and with the assistance of Officer Pescuma, Officer Ramsier, Officer Swinford and Sgt. Butler, the boat was secured via dock lines and the man was escorted off the marine vessel to the dock. The man gave permission to a friend to take custody of the vessel. Sarasota Special Agent Baker, was notified and responded to the scene. Special Agent Baker provided a copy of the warrant. Officer Pescuma transported the man to the Manatee County Jail. Case clear.

Graffiti

6:16 p.m.

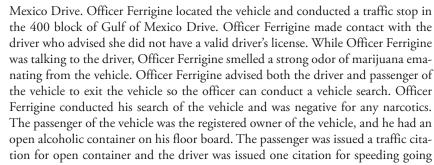
Sgt. Montfort was dispatched to a report of a criminal mischief complaint underneath the Longboat Pass Bridge. It was further reported that graffiti was located along with a rope hanging from the bridge. Sgt. Montfort patrolled the area and observed graffiti underneath the bridge on the pilings that has been present for some time. Moreover, the rope hanging from the bridge was removed by Sgt. Montfort. Sgt. Montfort did not wish to make contact with law enforcement. Case clear.

Driver's license

11:50 p.m.

Officer Ferrigine received a license plate reader alert for a suspended driver's license. Officer Ferrigine was alerted via the stationary camera at Bay Isles Parkway southbound on Gulf of





48 in a 35 mph zone and a criminal citation for no driver's license. The driver stated she did not have a valid driver's license. Case clear.

Mar. 18 Suspicious person

9:14 a.m

Officer Miklos and Sgt. Puccio were dispatched to the dumpster of the Lazy Lobster, 5400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a suspicious person going through the dumpster. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos came into contact with the man who was collecting bait for fishing purposes. Sgt. Puccio made contact with the Lazy Lobster manager who advised he had no problem with the person and was unsure who called. Officer Miklos made contact with the complainant at the florist shop. Officer Miklos advised her that the man had permission to be in the dumpster. The man was checked for wants and warrants with negative results. Case clear.

Stolen golf cart

9:40 a.m.

Officer Miklos was dispatched to Jackson Way in reference to a stolen golf cart. Upon arrival, Officer Miklos came into contact with the complainant who advised she located the golf cart at Lands End. Officer Miklos followed the complainants to Lands End where the golf cart was parked in a driveway. The complainant confirmed that the golf cart belonged to her. Officer Miklos made contact with a resident who advised she was unsure who's golf cart was parked in her driveway. Officer Miklos contacted the complainant and provided an update. At this time, Officer Miklos d]did not observe a key in the golf cart. The complainant advised she was on a bike ride and would retrieve the golf cart when she returned. Case clear.

Mar. 20 Fraudulent tag

3:29 p.m.

Sgt. Montfort while on beach patrol, observed a gray Ford Mustang parked at the beach access to Geer Island. Sgt. Montfort further observed that the vehicle was bearing a fraudulent Texas Temporary Buyer's tag. Sgt. Montfort observed that the license plate. Sgt. Montfort observed that the license plate did not possess the required 'QR' code which is on all Texas Temporary Buyer's Tags. Moreover, a FCIC/NCIC/NLETS check revealed the vehicle was not registered in the state of Texas. Sgt. Butler and Sgt. Montfort conducted various other database searches with negative results. The officers then made contact with the driver who was from England and in the area for vacations. The woman said she had rented the vehicle through a third party app Turo. The woman provided officers with her cellphone which revealed the vehicle rental was legitimate and she had no knowledge about the fraudulent license plate. Sgt. Montfort then made contact with the rental company and spoke to the owner who said that the license plate on the vehicle should be a New Jersey plate and someone must have stolen his license plate. Furthermore, the owner said he was in possession of a second New Jersey license plate and proceeded to Longboat Key to put it on the vehicle. Sgt. Montfort seized the fraudulent license plate which showed the proper license plate being affixed to the vehicle and hitting on multiple LPRs in the tri county area. The owner was advised to contact his local law enforcement in regard to his missing license plate. Case clear.



Editor Letters



Letters, from page 8

tion of golf course/zip line trail/beer-swilling tower and who knows what else, made it to the front page of today's Herald-Tribune. The story is extremely relevant to our community and very much worth reading. The text is pasted below and a PDF is attached. If you were here last week to witness the continuous traffic jam from the Longboat Key bridge to downtown--without an amusement park in our backyard--we need say no more.

If you agree that the proposed commercialization should be withdrawn from consideration by the City of Sarasota Commission, please take a few minutes today to tell our leaders that Ken Thompson Park must stay green, free and open to all. Follow these steps and they will get the message:

- 1. Send an email to the five City Commissioners and Parks & Recreation Board by highlighting and copying their addresses (blue type below) and pasting them into the "To" line of your email window.
- 2. Type: Vote No to Ken Thompson Park commercialization in the subject line.
- 3. Type as much as you wish in the body of your email, or paste: I am a homeowner in Lido Shores and urge you to vote against further consideration of the Ken Thompson Park commercialization plan. We must all work together to keep this unique City asset green, free and open to all.

Hit send and our Commissioners and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will see your concerns. This is one of the most important issues facing Lido Shores. Please make your thoughts known.

Lido Shores Property Owners Association Board Sarasota

Ken Thompson Park Commercialization article

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton

Hello, Howard. LSPOA emailed the following letter to our members this morning. Please feel free to change text to suit Town of LBK and send out if you wish. We plan a peaceful protest before Thursday's PREP meeting.

Elliott Himelfarb Longboat Key

Ken Thompson Park Commercialization article

To: Longboat Key Commission

You may have already received the below email from Elliot Himelfrab, but just in case this is for your information.

We can discuss at the 3/25 workshop what you'd like to do in terms of communication regarding the City of Sarasota's Parks, Recreation, & Environmental Protection Advisory Board meeting on April 18th.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Ken Thompson Park Commercialization article

To: Michael Renick

Seaplace owners may want to weigh in on this idea of a privately owned amusement park at Ken Thompson Park. The traffic issues alone should make this a non-starter, but... it's Sarasota, so you never know. They may well decide to give away this public park unless there a public outcry in opposition

Penny Gold Commissioner Town of Longboat Key

Meeting

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

I hope your day is going well. The Ken Thompson Park proposal will be presented during the PREP Board Meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 pm in the Commission Chambers.

New Business (Limited to 15 minutes each item), Ken Thompson Park Proposal Presentation – Jeff Koffman of Ride Entertainment.

Jerry Fogle Parks and Recreation Director City of Sarasota

Whitney Plaza - LBK North Learning Center

To: Longboat Key Commission

This is the latest version of the buildout for the Whitney Plaza Learning Center provided by the Manatee County Project Manager Simona Brinkman. She wanted me to know (and I'll share) that the County is building out the facility and the School Board is tasked with the FF&E and vending machine (if desired). The biggest difference in this plan that I see is that it creates a better space for the art programming opportunities.

Maureen had shared that she was working to connect Dr. Gansemer (MTC Director and the School's lead on this project) with Educational Center's Susan Goldfarb and others to explore possible synergy for offering classes on the north end.

At this point, they're still planning on opening late summer/ early fall. Great efforts from the County, School Board, and community to pull this concept together to create additional space options for arts, culture and education.

Howard N. Tipton Town Manager Town of Longboat Key

Affordable housing

To: Mackenzie Grimes

Please convey my appreciation to SURE leadership for its recognition of the City of Sarasota's efforts to spur development of "Affordable Housing" in the City.

The City is receiving letters of intent from developers in response to the recently-passed zoning amendments which increased the permissible density of a residential or mixed-use project if it includes at least 11% affordable units. As these projects are completed, I expect housing affordability

to improve for two reasons. In addition to the mandated units for residents earning less than 120% AMI, the density increase can triple or quadruple the number of homes provided – significantly raising the supply to meet the demand.

I believe the City of Sarasota is doing what it has to do to address the need for housing for (what I call) people on a budget. But we need SURE's help.

I am reaching out to ask for SURE's help changing people's hearts and minds. During my short tenure as City Commissioner, citizens have communicated their opposition to locating rental projects with even a small percentage of affordable units adjacent to their neighborhoods. (I use the word "adjacent" rather than "in" because citizen response hasn't been welcoming of the newcomers).

Every citizen comment has expressed strong support for increasing the supply of affordable housing, but protecting their families is a higher priority. Nevertheless, I believe their fears are driven by incorrect or out-of-date information and failure to acknowledge that ways to prevent potential problems exist.

Concerns expressed include:

Renters: e.g., poorly maintained property, increased crime, reduced property values, dangerous strangers/transients

Increased density: e.g., dangerous traffic speeding through neighborhood, increased traffic causes delays, competition for parking spaces, noise

Poor people: e.g., increased crime, bring chaos and disor-

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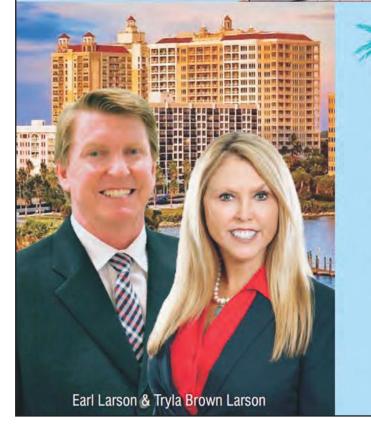
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der, wealthier neighbors become robbery targets

Although government can provide facts to counter these concerns, changing hearts and minds is really a task for the faith community. I hope SURE will step up to address this need. Please share this request with the pastors.

Debbie Trice City Commissioner City of Sarasota

Pedestrian safety at the crossing of Tamiami and Blvd. of Arts

To: Sarasota City Mayor Liz Alpert

I am delighted to have met you at the Harvard Alumni event yesterday and applaud your resilience in pursuit of civic service, and, know a fun fact about you; your abilities as dancer!

As I mentioned to you, recently, a few of us were almost hit by a car on the junction of Tamiami and Blvd of Arts (BOA). We were crossing to go to the Park during the pedestrian light and the car was turning left at the same time. Mine is not an isolated case and I would be happy to send you a dozen or more similar instances from others.

You mentioned that the City had considered a roundabout there but did not proceed. Is there a possibility of making a crosswalk with pedestrian lights directly from May Lane to cross Tamiami Trail into the Bay Park? It would be a cheap option. It would also take care of issues of walking on narrow sidewalks flanking speeding cars and inadequate lighting from May Lane

along Tamiami up to Blvd. of Arts which deters people from walking to evening performances at Van Wezel and activities at the Bay Park.

This problem is going to get worse. There is bound to be more pedestrian and automobile traffic with all the residential construction in Rosemary district and development of the Bay. So, I would urge you to request the City to revisit the pedestrian safety and accessibility to the Bay Park and all it has to offer the residents of Sarasota.

I am taking the liberty to copy AG Lafley in this request. Last week, he spoke to our building residents about the fabulous plans for Phase 2 & 3, for Sarasota's "One Park for All". He showed sensitivity for the traffic and pedestrian access to the park and I believe he understands the concerns I have raised.

BTW, I am trying to have the Park introduce communal genres of dance given my fondness for dancing and teaching it in the past.

Looking forward to seeing you at "Take a Walk on Park Day".

Raji Patel

Sarasota

Pedestrian safety at the crossing of Tamiami and Blvd. of Arts

To: Raji Patel

As I mentioned to you when we met, we are aware of the need to provide a better pedestrian experience at that intersection. I have copied the city manager so that the appropriate city staff can respond with what is being considered for that intersection.

Liz Alpert

Mayor

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WineTimes

Wine Shopper 101: Look for the Middle Label

A number of winemakers who have achieved success with high end labels sourced from famous wine regions have branched out to less well known regions to develop labels at a lower price.

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

Buying guidelines for shoes say to buy not the highest priced or lowest price brand, but one in the middle of cost and quality. The same guidelines hold for wines.

The Château Pesquie Ventoux in the Rhone Valley of France offers red (Syrah and Grenache)

and white (Rousanne) varietals in its Quintessence series. Look for a highly rated bargain 2020 Rosé in their Terrasses series (\$10). This blend of Cinsault, Grenache, and Syrah has a fragrant nose and tastes of fresh berries, currants, and white peaches. Drink the 2020 vintage now with shellfish appetizers on the back porch or pool deck.

Rosé wines have some of the tannins and other acids from the skins of red grapes, though with less time soaking in the skins than red wines. They belong somewhere in middle of a white and red wine, and they have some of the better qualities of each, as well as generally more attractive pricing.

The 2020 Château de Nages Costières de Nîmes Heritage Vieilles Vignes Rosé (\$19), composed of organically grown Grenache (85%) and Mourvèdre (15%), features a particularly good vintage for white and Rosé Grenache. Pair the

apricot tastes in this wine with grilled zucchini, rich vegan casseroles, and butter sauces. This ripe and ready, old vines Rosé fits between the Château de Nages JT series and their more economical Butinages series.

The Rapaura Springs Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Classic has climbed up from its historically modest ratings among New Zealand white wines. The 2021 Southern Hemisphere vintage (a half year younger than the 2020 Nothern Hemisphere vintages) at \$14 stands out among its peers. A classic pairing with oysters, other shellfish, and pork tenderloins, the 2021 Rapaura Springs will likely surpass the popular Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc and compete with the dominate Cloudy Bay label. The price of the Rapura Springs looks very attractive when compared with prices of French Bordeaux Sauvignon Blanc.

A number of winemakers who have achieved success with high end labels sourced from famous wine regions have branched out to less well known regions to develop labels selling at a lower price point. The Etude label has its origins in the Carneros Region in the cooler southern extremes of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys of California. Etude Lyric Pinot Noir comes from Santa Rita County area within the Coastal California region. Pricing of the 2019 Lyric (\$20) places it at the upper end of the price range of wines that grocery stores stock.

California Pinot Noir features the tastes of ripe cherries. Rising temperatures within prime Pinot Noir regions replace the slightly tart tastes of ripe cherries with jammier tastes. Climate change is playing a part in shifting production of the grape from the Carneros region to cooler areas within Coastal California and in the Russian River and Alexander Valley regions north and west of Carneros. We also see sparkling wine producers from the Champagne region of France acquiring land in Northern California and planting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes for use in Méthode Champenoise sparklers. The Roederer Estate Brut from the Anderson Valley (\$30), for instance, has high ratings, as do a couple of labels that originated in Mendocino County: the Scharffenberger "Brut Excellence" Mendocino County Brut Sparkling Wine (\$20) and the Schramsberg Blanc De Blancs (\$33).

Lighter wines from regions known for big and bold wines also fill gaps between overpriced premier labels and poorer quality wines from these regions. The Antonio Vallana e Figlio Barbera (\$15) from the Piemont in Italy does not have the complexity of aged Barola and Barbaresco, or the high prices. During the summer months, Barbera complements summer fare better than wines produced from the more austere Nebbiolo grape.

The middle ground of wine quality and price usually offers the best deal. During an episode of general price inflation, prices of the labels in the middle tier tend to increase slower than those at the top or the bottom. Second-level labels of well known brands have consistent quality and grocery store prices.

Rosé wines in middle labels give winemakers multiple options for producing tasty wines.



Successful winemakers find areas outside the better known wine regions and often build on their successes by matching grapevines to the features of the land and climate. Lighter wines made from grapes such as Gamay Beaujolais, Barbera, red and white Grenache/Garnacha, Chenin Blanc, and Pinot Gris/Grigio work well everyday as pairing for warm weather foods. These shopping guidelines will help you make the most of your budget for buying wine.

S. W. Hermansen has used his expertise in econometrics, data science and epidemiology to help develop research databases for the Pentagon, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and Health Resources and Services. He has visited premier vineyards and taste wines from major appellations in California, Oregon, New York State, and internationally from Tuscany and the Piedmont in Italy, the Ribera del Duero in Spain, the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia, and the Otego Valley in New Zealand. Currently he splits time between residences in Chevy Chase, Maryland and St. Armand's Circle in Florida.

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

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When it comes to calls, stay on your side

When Shapovalov disagreed with the out call he can ask the umpire to check the mark, but he is not allowed to cross the net.

JACKIE BOHANNON Guest Columunist tennis@lbknews.com

Recently I was watching a match with Shapovalov and he

crossed the net to look at a mark and the umpire gave him a point penalty.

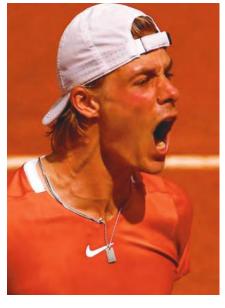
Some of the most basic rules in tennis revolve around sportsmanship and the understanding that each player is responsible for what happens on their side of the net only. When Shapovalov disagreed with the out call he can ask the umpire to check the mark, but he is not allowed to cross the net.



In the case of professional tennis the umpire is responsible for making or overruling calls and ultimately has the final decision of which ball mark is accurate. In recreational tennis you can ask your opponent if they are sure if you disagree with a call, however, they are not required to show you a ball mark. At the end of the day each player is responsible for playing with good sportsmanship and making their calls. Stay on your side of the court.

I was playing a doubles match when the server hit a serve that hit me (the receiver's partner). I was nowhere near the service box so their serve clearly out but they were adamant that it was their point. Who was right?

When server hit the ball and it hit you (the receiver's partner) you lose the point. The server was correct they



did in fact win the point. Why? In tennis you can't call the ball out until it bounces. If it had bounced out then hit you

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then it would be a fault, but when it hit you out of the air it is

their point. This usually happens when a server mishits their serve but I've seen servers do this on purpose. Obviously this is bad sportsmanship and I do not recommend this as a strategy but there are players who do this.



Always be aware and if a ball is going out make sure it doesn't touch you.

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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