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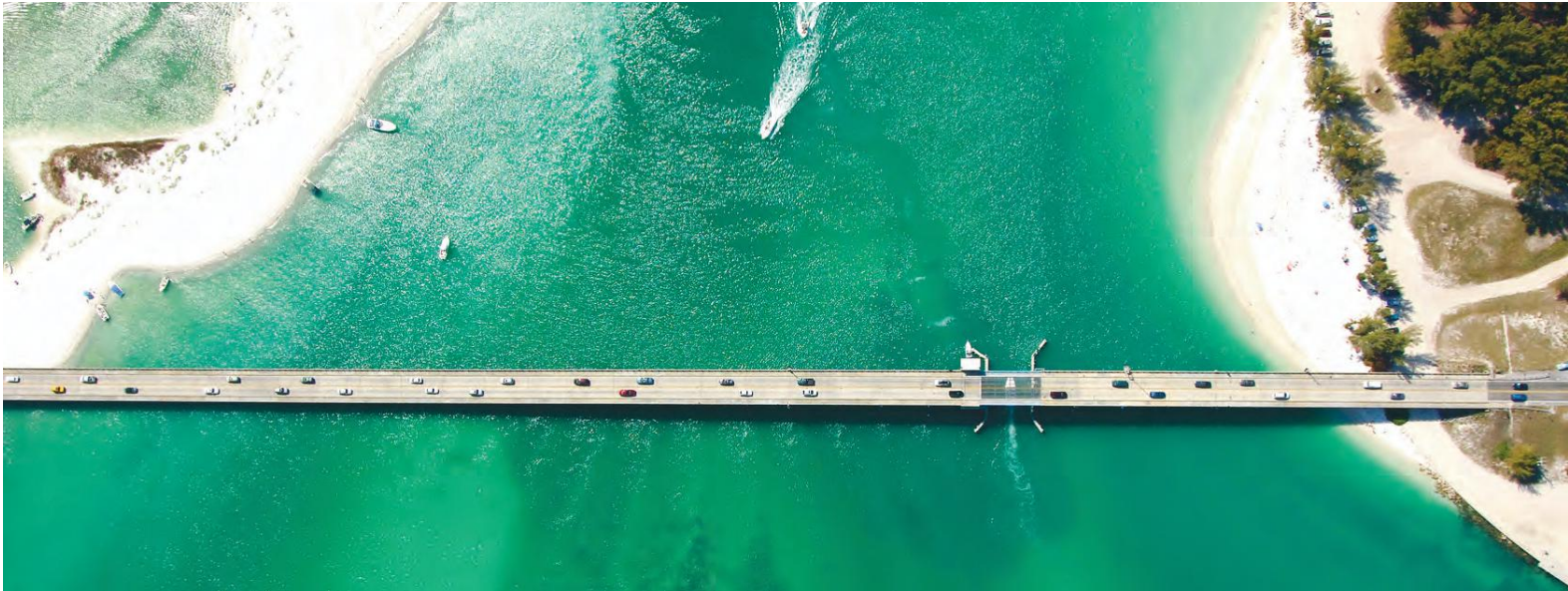
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Longboat's Tale of Two Shorelines

Accumulated sand will soon be dredged and moved back to beach.



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Longboat Pass

It's a tale of two shorelines on the northern tip of Longboat Key.

For years, the sand has eroded ferociously on the Gulf side and transported through wave action

and current around the northern tip of the island where it has settled under Longboat Pass Bridge.

Over the past decade, anyone driving to or from Anna Maria Island can look down at the ever-

expanding land mass that forms the very northern terminus of Longboat Key.

In fact, the beckoning beach that curves under the bridge has grown to the point that boat congestion to

the lagoon is prolific and has had an impact on north end properties.

Longboat Key Town Commission will decide on April 3 if it wants to spend about \$1.2 million to dredge

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Hurricane costs blow back into Longboat's coffers

The largest expense for the town in Hurricane Ian is unsurprisingly debris removal which cost more than \$510,000.

Some would say our region is simply lucky: the meteorological Gods have more or less spared Sarasota and Longboat Key from the kind of hurricane damage that rendered other regions in total devastation.

Even better news for the Town of Longboat Key is the fact that 100 percent of eligible costs will be paid including debris removal as well as wages and overtime from the most recent hurricane, Ian, which struck last September 29.

Ian formed as a Tropical Storm on Sept. 23 and within three days was looming at full strength off the Florida coast. More than 20 inches of rain caused flooding and tree loss. It was the naming of the event as a Major

Disaster that makes all of the cost to the town reimbursable through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The largest expense for the town in Hurricane Ian is unsurprisingly debris removal which cost more than \$510,000. Longboat Key also spent just under \$60,000 on wages and overtime due to the storm with a total Hurricane Ian cost to taxpayers of \$585,605.

In addition, the Town has also claimed about \$45,000 in damage to fencing at the Tennis Center. The Town has made this claim to its insurance carrier, which provided reimbursement of \$39,288. The difference is the deductible which will likely be paid by FEMA.

Sigmund Freud is Everywhere Again

We are not, in fact, masters of our own mind.

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GuestOpinion

Although Sigmund Freud's last important papers were published more than a hundred years ago, and although he has been angrily and bitterly criticized and disavowed, Freud is everywhere again.

Freudians would say that the reason he is denounced is that Freud tells a story that few of us want to hear: We do not know ourselves. We do not really know what motivates us or why we do what we do. Our conscious thoughts are just the tip of our mental iceberg. We are not, in fact, masters of our own mind.

The Wisdom of Defense Mechanisms

Freud revealed that our thoughts and actions are not exclusively driven by our conscious mind, but by forces outside our awareness and control. This is what explains the virulent rejection of Freud's ideas. Thus, the unconscious mind defends itself from becoming known.

A new generation is looking to Freud and his talking cure, according to a recent New York Times article.

The Instagram account freud.intensifies has more than a million followers. Parapraxis, a magazine started last year, to "inquire into and uncover the psychosocial dimension of our lives" has attracted a large following. A new film starring Anthony Hopkins "Freud's Last Session" will come out soon. Vienna Blood, a well received BBC TV thriller, was based on a



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student of Freud investigating a series of disturbing murders around the grand cafes and opera houses of 1900's Vienna. It has been airing on PBS.

One of the best novels that deals with Freud's theories is Jeb Rubinfeld's The Interpretation of Murder. On the morning after Sigmund Freud arrives in New York City on his first – and only – visit to the United States in 1909, he stumbles on a murder and sets about solving it using his psychological theories.

Couples Therapy is a recent popular Showtime Series that features many of Freud's ideas.

It has been more or less 100 years since Freud wrote many of his groundbreaking books and papers on the human mind. Although many details of Freud's theories are wrong, most of his major ideas have been borne out and are still relevant today, according to Discover Magazine. They are a roadmap to our minds and are still useful and accepted—in one way or another—by all educated people who grapple with the issues of self-knowledge and human motives.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. In the following list, compiled with help from the American Psychoanalytic Association, are 12 examples of the gifts Freud left to us.

1) The Unconscious. Nothing Comes "Out of the Blue": Freud discovered that there are no accidents and no coincidences. Even "random-seeming" feelings, ideas, impulses, wishes, events and actions carry important, often unconscious, meanings. Anyone who has ever made a "Freudian

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NewsWorthy

Bicyclist Dies Days After U.S. 41 Crash: Florida Highway Patrol

A hospitalized bicyclist died Thursday, days after a U.S. 41 crash in Manatee County, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release.

The 52-year-old Sarasota man was hit by an SUV Monday around 9:30 a.m. while crossing U.S. 41 north of 22nd Avenue W. on his bicycle, the agency said. He wasn't wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

The SUV driver, a 31-year-old Bradenton woman, swerved in an attempt to miss the bicyclist, but hit him with the left front of her vehicle, FHP said.

He was brought to Blake Medical Center with critical injuries on Monday morning.

The crash is under investigation.

Terminal Expansion Project Breaks Ground At SRQ

Work has started on the construction of a new five-gate terminal at the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$73 million terminal expansion project took place Monday, according to a news release from the airport.

Connected to the east end of the ticket wing, the 75,300-square-foot facility will include a four-lane security checkpoint and five boarding hold rooms with 970 seats.

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The new terminal is a response to the increase in travelers the airport has seen in recent years.

In 2022, Sarasota Bradenton International Airport saw 3,847,606 passengers, a 21.6 percent increase over 2021's record passenger traffic. And over the past five years, passenger traffic has tripled at the airport.

Town Hall Art Exhibit - 7th Annual Artists' Reception

Event Set for April 18, 2023 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

The Town of Longboat Key is hosting a reception recognizing over 20 years of local artists' participation in Town Hall Art Exhibits installed in the Town Hall, Commission Chambers. This exhibit is the 75th since inception. Over the past 20+ years, the Town Hall Art Exhibits have featured the works of 112 local artists and 1559 pieces of artwork. Thirteen local artists are participating in the current Town Hall Art Exhibit and each will attend the reception, showing additional work in the Commission Chamber and common areas of Town Hall. The April 18, 2023 Exhibit is composed of works by:

Lynn Armstrong-Coffin, Judy Herman, Linda Italiano, Barbara Jendrysik, Marie Therese Lacroix

Marlene Lawrence, Pat Lundy, Mary McGrath, June Morse, Joni Ross, Mike Tendall, Lynn Wellings, Madeline Wikler

The event will begin at 5:30 PM with wine, beer, and appetizers, provided by local sponsors.

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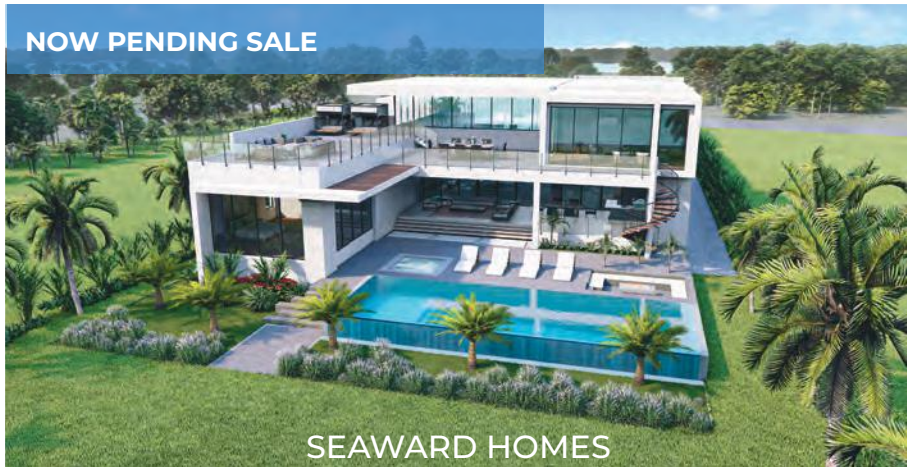
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Long Overview Wedding in Paradise called LBK

To: Editor
My partner and I have been together over 21 years and been coming here longer than that. For no particular reason we haven't officially tied the knot and decided it was about time and also an excuse to get the entire family together. We did the paperwork at the courthouse and then had everyone out to Longboat Key for a small celebration. They came from Omaha, Brooklyn, Des Pere Wisconsin, University Park, Palmer Ranch and Iowa.
Was so excited my 96-year-old mom Mickey made it as well. We had an absolutely wonderful early dinner at Harry's in the back room — our favorite place and never had a bad experience there in over 50 years and then off to White Sands for sunset photos. A perfect setting for a perfect day that my wife Jeannie and I will never forget. Thanks again Harry for making this so special.
Donn Seidholz
Omaha, Nebraska

Roundabout construction site

To: Florida Department of Transportation Interim District One Secretary John M. Kubler
I read your letter in the Longboat Key News to Mayor Schneier concerning the Gulfstream/41 roundabout with great interest. I have lived twelve floors above the construction from its conception and have an excellent view of the process. I read the litany of reasons why the project has been delayed and noticed that the overriding reason was missing. The contractor rarely has anyone on-site. The construction equipment sits idle three to four days per week and when someone is on-site, it is for a few hours at most. If the disincentive and liquidated damage clauses were enforced, this project would have been completed long ago.
Residents and visitors have lost thousands of hours of their lives sitting in the traffic caused by this partially completed project. Every day from 4 PM to 7 PM the traffic is backed up from the unfinished circle to the center of Longboat Key – a trip that used to take 15 minutes, now takes an hour.
As a comparison, the St. Regis construction on Longboat Key was started early 2022 using the same local labor pool and suppliers available to the circle contractor. So far, they have poured more than 60,500 cubic yards of concrete, which is about 6,740 truckloads. A complete description of the St. Regis project can be found at: <https://www.yourobserver.com/news/2022/dec/31/enough-concrete-poured-at-longboats-st-regis-to-build-a-234-mile-sidewalk/>
Garry Brooks
Sarasota

Sea Walls

To: Patricia DeChiara
Thank you for your email. As a North End Longboat Key resident who enjoys beach walks, I share the sentiments of the members of One Island One Beach in seeking to obtain unimpeded pedestrian access around or through the property occupied by the Ohana Seawall. I believe this access issue was exhaustively considered previously by the Commission to no avail. Should new information have come to light that could change the legal opinion expressed by the Town Attorney, Maggie Mooney, I encourage you to bring these facts forward at a Commission meeting for all commissioners to understand.
As a new Commissioner, I am learning a lot about government processes. Should you wish to pursue how to propose an ordinance along the lines you suggest, I would be happy to arrange a meeting with the Town Manager. and/or the Town Attorney to discuss.
Thank you for your advocacy on the Ohana matter as I agree that it does negatively impact the beach walks for many Longboat Key residents.
Debbie Murphy
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Sea Walls

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debbie Murphy
I'm sure that Maureen Merrigan updated you on the issue with the new owners of the Ohana sea wall. I think it might be further pursued with a new town ordinance that would prohibit any sea wall to be built or repaired if it should extend past the mean high tide line. Many of us who live on the North end of Longboat Key cannot understand why the town allowed the Ohana sea wall to be repaired in the first place or, now that it has been repaired, not provided for continued pedestrian access over it. As I and many other residents here as members of One Island One Beach, Inc. have previously shared our concerns regarding constricted beach walks, difficulties of our turtle patrols, marine clean-ups, etc. it would be helpful to know how we would go about proposing such an ordinance. Your advocacy and recommendations would be greatly appreciated.
Patricia DeChiara
Longboat Key

Tennis Center

To: Longboat Key Support Services Director Carolyn Brown
BJ asked a question about the events held there and do they make us money. Or are the events costing the Tennis Center money but the community overall benefits (and how do we measure that benefit)? Her thinking was that we close the center to our regular activities for a week – is it really worth it in the end? Appreciate you thinking on this and let's talk sometime in the next few days.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Tennis Center

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
I had a chance to speak with Kay this morning. Although there are two tournaments each
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Guest Opinion

Freud, from page 1

“Slip” that has left them embarrassed or baffled will attest to the importance of the unconscious meanings of the things we do and say. That time you “accidentally” left your keys at your lover’s apartment may have been an accident; but more likely, at least unconsciously, you wanted to go back for more. From dreams, to Freudian slips, to free association, delving into one’s unconscious as a means of unlocking often hidden or denied fantasies, traumas or motivations is still crucial to gaining the whole truth about human behavior.

2) Sexuality is Everyone's Weakness—and Strength: Sex is a prime motivator and common denominator for all of us. It is not a message many want to hear. So high is our disgust for these elementary Darwinian principles—that led to human triumph over all other living things—that we spent much of our time denying the dark side of our lives. Even the most prudent, puritanical-appearing individuals struggle greatly against their sexual appetites and expressions. One need only look to the many scandals that have rocked the Vatican, fundamentalist churches, politicians and celebrities alike.

3) A Cigar is Never Just a Cigar (except when it is): It is a commonly accepted idea in contemporary psychology that everything is determined by multiple factors and also idiosyncratic to the individual. So, nothing is so simply determined. Is it a pacifier, then? Okay. A penis? Perhaps. A cigar? Sure. However, few would argue that all meanings have profound implications. No controversy here. So go ahead, have a cigar.

4) Every Part of the Body is Erotic: Freud knew that human beings were sexual beings right from the start. He took his inspiration from the baby nursing at the mother's breast to illustrate the example of more mature sexuality, saying, "No one who has seen a baby sinking back satiated from the breast and falling asleep with flushed cheeks and a blissful smile can escape the reflection that this picture persists as a prototype of the expression of sexual satisfaction later in life." He knew, too, that sexual excitation is not restricted to genitalia, as pleasure is achieved through erotic attachment to potentially any idiosyncratically defined area of the body, and most definitely not limited to genital intercourse between a male and female. Even today many people have great difficulty accepting this idea.

5) Thought is a Roundabout Way of Wishing: Freud discovered that the mere act of thinking (wishing and fantasizing) is itself gratifying. In fact, what therapists and psychoanalysts commonly observe is that the fantasy is more mentally and physically stimulating than the actual, real life action the fantasy is organized around. Is it any wonder that reality doesn't measure up to the intense, vivid fantasy? Freud's observation that humans' attempt to fantasize things into reality is today fully accepted by neuroscientists as the basis for imagination

6) Talking Cures: “If someone speaks, it gets lighter” From Freud’s introduction lecture XXV. Whether an individual’s therapy is based in Freudian psychoanalysis or some other form of talk therapy, the evidence is clear that talking helps alleviate emotional symptoms, lessen anxiety and frees up the person’s mind. While medication and brief therapy can often be effective in alleviating symptoms, talk therapy uses the powerful tool of the therapeutic relationship. The whole person is involved in the treatment, not just a set of symptoms or a diagnosis, therefore deeper and more lasting change becomes possible.

7) Defense Mechanisms: The term “defense mechanism” is so much a part of our basic understanding of human behavior that we take it for granted. Yet, this is another construct developed and theorized by the Freuds (Sigmund and his daughter, Anna). According to Freud, defense mechanisms are psychological strategies brought into play by the unconscious mind to manipulate, deny or distort reality in order to protect against feelings of anxiety and/or unacceptable impulses.

Among the many types of defense mechanisms coined by Freud, i.e. repression, rationalization, projection, denial is perhaps the most well known. Denial is an outright refusal to admit or recognize that something has occurred or is currently occurring. Denial can be personal—for example denying an addiction or denying a painful life experience—but it can also take the form of denying scientific, social and cultural phenomena. Think: -- for example, the reality of climate change or the Holocaust revisionism.

8) **Resistance to Change:** Our minds and behavior patterns inherently resist change. It's new, it's threatening and it's unwelcome-- even when it's a change for the good. Psychoanalysis got this ubiquitous principle of resistance right, and found tools to bring it to consciousness and defeat its stubborn ability to create obstacles to forward movement, both of individuals and groups.

9) The Past Impacts the Present: This might seem like a no-brainer to most of us in 2023, but more than 100 years ago, this was an “ahh-ha” moment for Freud. Today, many of Freud’s theories on childhood development and the effects of early life experience on later behavior contribute greatly to helping and treating patients whose lives are stuck in repetitive patterns.

10) Transference: An example of the past impacting the present is the concept of transference, another Freud construct that is widely understood and utilized in today's psychology practices. Transference refers to very strong feelings, hopes, fantasies and fears we have in relation to the important relationships of our childhood that carry forward, unconsciously, and impact present day relationships.

11) Development: Human development continues throughout the life cycle; a successful life depends on adaptability and mastery of change as it confronts each of us. Every new stage of life presents challenges and provides the opportunity to reassess our core personal goals and values.

12) The Price of Civilization is Neurotic Discontent: Freud stated, “The inclination to aggression constitutes the greatest impediment to civilization.” Few thinkers have looked so unflinchingly at human aggression as Freud. While the guns of August still echoed and European anti-Semitism grew rife, Freud wrote: “Man is wolf to man. Who ... will have the courage to dispute this assertion?” “Men are not gentle creatures who want to be loved,” Freud wrote in 1929, using words as relevant today as then, “but rather, (are) creatures whose instinct (is) aggressiveness.” We continue to meet the enemy...and it is us. Yet if we cannot change, what will happen to our civilization?”

The Nazi invaders in World War II banned and attacked Freud, as did the Communists afterwards. New Yorker editor David Remnick quotes a Hamas leader saying that Israel must be destroyed because “the media -- it’s controlled by the Jews. Freud, a Jew, was the one who destroyed morals.”

But Freud did not like America. He thought that Americans had channeled their sexuality into an unhealthy obsession with money. He wrote to a German friend after World War I, "Is it not sad, that we are materially dependent on these savages, who are not a better class of human beings?"

Ironically, America, in the end, turned out to be a most favorable repository of Freud's exquisite legacy of ideas.

Freud had a massive impact on psychopathology and therapy mainly because of some commonly held ideas that seem intuitively obvious to us now, but at one point weren't even within the realms of conscious thought.

Childhood experiences shape adult personality. Contemporary clinicians still view childhood experiences as significant and emphasize problematic parent-child relationships and how they can influence later adult relationships in negative ways.

There are unconscious influences on behavior. Contemporary research in cognitive neuroscience and psychopathology shows that people can be unaware of the causes of their behavior. The origins/causes and purposes of human behavior are not always obvious. Freud shed a glaring light on this reality/sensitized generations of clinicians to the nonobviousness of the causes and purposes of human behavior. Contemporary psychodynamic theorists continue to caution us against taking everything at face value. A person expressing disdain for another, for example, may actually like the other person very much, yet be fearful of admitting positive feelings. This tendency, to find hidden meanings in behavior, is perhaps Freud's best-known legacy.

Freud's go-to treatment to help miserable people is psychoanalysis. But this full treatment for lasting change is not for the masses. You have to be intelligent, articulate and wealthy. Treatment from an MD usually consists of 4 fifty minute sessions per week for three plus years at \$400 per session, potentially costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. One psychotherapist says his practice is mostly rich, young start-up founders.

But recently analysis has democratized somewhat. Once analytic institutes limited training to medical doctors only. But today psychologists, social workers and even people from creative or literary backgrounds can now pursue psychoanalytic training.

Views of Freud's theories have changed. He was labeled sexist for his concept of penis envy and a homophobe. But recent analysis of his writing have refuted these accusations according to the New York Times.

Blake Fleetwood was formerly a reporter on the staff of The New York Times and has written for The New York Times Magazine, New York Magazine, The New York Daily News, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, the Village Voice, Atlantic, and the Washington Monthly on a number of issues. He was born in Santiago, Chile and moved to New York City at the age of four. He graduated from Bard College and did graduate work in political science and comparative politics at Columbia University. He has also taught politics at New York University.

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EditorLetters

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year – The Observer Challenge which you attended, and the Senior’s Tournament, the Commissioner was likely speaking about the Senior’s Tournament which is held each year after Thanksgiving.

The tournament which is through the Friends of Tennis makes money... and eventually those funds help support the Tennis Center (TC) in various ways for things that are needed but are not part of the TC operating budget. The tournament raises money through the entry fees from the players, and donations from TC members to the Friends of Tennis to help with the tournament. So yes, the tournament raised a good bit of money through those avenues. We do charge them a facility fee to help offset revenue that the Town would have received.

Carolyn Brown
Support Services Director
Longboat Key

Tennis Center

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
Wanted to follow up on your question regarding the Tennis Center and the financial benefit from tournaments. Based

on the below and my observations about the love affair that Longboat has had with tennis over many years, there seems to be a sufficient benefit to the Town, the Tennis Center, and our tennis brand/reputation to continue on in the future. And now with the Town Center available for the next season, I could easily imagine the synergy between tournaments and concerts or art shows. Thanks again for the question and I’m hoping to get out to the Center and see if I can rediscover my long-lost game.

Howard Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Tennis Center

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
I think my question was more direct - how much is made from sponsorship money? How much is made from entry fees? How much is lost in lessons and court rentals?

BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Tennis Center

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
The Tennis Center for fiscal year 2021/22 (our latest complete year and first full year post COVID):

Revenues (charges for service)	\$726,628
Expenditures	\$678,736
Net of Rev & Exp	\$ 47,892

Year end fund balance (operating reserve) for the Tennis Center as of 9/30/22 was \$187,632.

The capital outlay at the Tennis Center funded through Sarasota County surtax:

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
2021/22		
\$141,773	\$25,816	\$63,666
\$152,683		

Please let me know if you require anything else.

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Broadway Traffic Calming

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman
Hello Isaac. Thank you very much for pursuing traffic calming mini circles for the Longbeach Village neighborhood. The Broadway Traffic Calming Committee of our neighborhood has developed suggestions that we would appreciate your considering while you develop the mini circle plans. Could we meet with you and Kimley Horn in the near future to review these suggestions? Thanks very much.

The Broadway Traffic Calming Committee
Design Criteria for Mini Circle Speed Tables on Broadway - Committee Suggestions for Discussion with Town Staff and Consultant -
Mini Circle Speed Tables - What are they?

- “Mini Circle Speed Table” is the terminology the Village Residents’ Committee is using to refer to the circular shaped speed tables proposed to be located in the center of the three Broadway intersections with Lois Ave., Poinsetta Avenue, and Longboat Drive South/North.
- The picture below depicts a mini circle similar to those envisioned by the Committee, to be appropriately engineered and sized to achieve the design objectives set out below.

Design Objectives:

- The primary design objective is to physically require/encourage traffic on Broadway to comply with the posted speed limit of 20 mph. The height, diameter, and slope angle of the speed tables should be engineered to achieve this objective - whether the driver chooses to drive over, around, or partially over and partially around the circle.
- Other design objectives include:
- The design should allow all types of vehicles (passenger cars, emergency, fire, delivery, moving vans, trailers, etc.) to have the same access ability they have today.
- The mini circles should be aesthetically appealing, consistent with the character of the Longbeach Village neighborhood and consistent with the planned GMD/Broadway roundabout. e.g. color and edging.
- Clean and simple is the preferred design approach. The Committee wishes to see the implementation of these traffic calming circles achieved as soon as possible in a cost-effective manner.

Suggested Design Details - In keeping with the design objectives, the following details should be incorporated if possible:

- No arrows should be painted on the pavement outside the mini circle to encourage driving around the circle. These are not traditional roundabouts. These are traversable speed table mini circles.
- The design should allow left turns to be made in front of or over the circles.
- The design should strive to minimize, and hopefully avoid, the need for any extra signage or paint on the pavement.

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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.

March 24 Noise

11:36 a.m.
Officer Martinson responded to Hornblower Lane on a call of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson did not hear any music being played. He observed two workers sitting in a truck and asked them if they were working on a seawall. The men said they were working on a seawall at the location, but were on break. Officer Martinson advised them that when they went back to work if they wanted to play music to please keep the volume down. The men agreed to not play their music loudly when they went back to work. Case clear.

Injured bird

5:26 p.m.
Officer Martinson responded to Broadway Beach Access on a call of an injured bird. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson met with the caller next to his Dodge pickup truck in the parking lot. He said there was an injured bird about ¾ mile down the beach and he called 911 to get it help. Officer Martinson informed him that Manatee County Animal Control stated they would not be responding and that Save Our Seabirds was closed. Officer Martinson also informed him that he had no way to transport an injured bird. The caller and his wife then decided to get the bird and transport it themselves to the Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center on Anna Maria. Case clear.

March 25 Lost property

7:13 p.m.
Officer Smith responded to the 4400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a lost gold ring with the owner applied inscription “JF to MG.” She stated she had lost the ring at the beach or in the water. The owner stated she would be returning to Boston and just wanted a report filed in case the ring was turned in. Case clear.

Suspicious vehicle

9:55 p.m.
Officer Smith while on patrol, observed a vehicle travelling at approximately 10 mph in a 45 mph zone in the 3700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Officer Smith made contact with the female owner who said her boyfriend had told her he wanted to walk home. Officer Smith asked if there had been a physical fight and she indicated no. Officer Smith observed no injuries or signs of a physical altercation. The man returned to the vehicle and left the area. Case clear.

March 26 Suspicious vehicle

11:22 p.m.
Officer Ferrigine responded to 100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a Toyota parked at Overlook Park After Hours. Officer Ferrigine made contact with the vehicle and observed the driver sleeping in the vehicle with his younger son. The driver advised he was visiting from Poland and provided all his proper documentation and was advised thereis no sleeping in the park. Case clear.



March 27 Boating

12:45 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol in the area of New Pass, was flagged down by two occupants on a personal watercraft. The operator advised that the safety lanyard was malfunctioning and was unable to restart the personal watercraft. Due to the personal watercraft in close proximity of the New Pass Bridge and becoming a hazard, Officer Connors directed and assisted the personal watercraft to shore for the personal watercraft to shore for the operator to make further arrangements. Case clear.

March 28 Public health

2:29 p.m.
Officer Montfort while on patrol in the 100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in the Quickpoint area, he observed a white plastic bag on the ground. Officer Montfort had previously observed the white plastic bag stuck behind a closed passenger door and the ground on a previous illegally parked vehicle. The vehicle was bearing a Florida vehicle. The illegally parked vehicle had since left the area and Officer Montfort placed the garbage in the trash receptacle. A Town of Longboat Key Civil Citation was completed and will be mailed to the vehicle owner’s home. Case clear.

March 28 Agency assistance

4:13 p.m.
Officer Connors while on marine patrol, responded to a Coast Guard marine VHF broadcast for a report of a possible vessel on fire, two miles west of Longboat Pass. Upon arrival, Officer Connors observed the vessel with heavy black smoke emanating from the stern. The captain advised that his diesel engine was burning oil, heading in and did not need ay further assistance. Office Connors notified the Coast Guard of his findings and that no further response was needed. Case clear.

March 30 Dog on the beach

4:22 p.m.
Officer Martinson responded to Broadway Beach access on a call of a reported dog on the beach. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson walked out onto the beach and observed two women off the beach approximately 30 yards away from Officer Martinson carrying a small dog. The women left the beach before Officer Martinson was able to make contact. Officer Martinson then stayed on the beach near the beach access for approximately 5 minutes and made sure they did not return. Case clear.

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specifications for the Sarasota roundabout at Gulfstream and Route 41. You mention that the incentive would have applied for completion before April 18, 2022 (almost a year ago) and that the intention was to complete the project in the Fall of 2022. You also mention a disincentive payable by the contractors “after allowable contract time has expired”, but you fail to identify that date. Instead, you catalogue a variety of reasons why the project has exceeded expected time parameters, including supply chain issues and weather, even though Covid-related supply chain issues began in early 2020 and severe weather in Florida should not be a surprise. In any event, please let me know what the date was when disincentives could have been assessed and whether FDOT has determined finally that these penalties are unavailable under the circumstances. I hope this is not the case.

Longboat Key was actively involved in the discussions leading up to the construction of the roundabout. Besides design, our critical concern was that construction not overlap two busy winter seasons, which now it has—completely. We were assured of a Fall, 2022 completion of the project, with the serious Disincentives for delay being our insurance. It will be very disappointing to learn that they had very little value at all.

Ken Schneier
Mayor
Longboat Key

Speed limit on Broadway

To: Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman
On a recent drive down Broadway, I noticed that my husband’s cars (a Tesla) self driving/navigation system has the speed limit at 25 mph, rather than the correct 20 mph. The heads up display/navigation on my car, an Audi, correctly has the speed limit at 20 mph. I believe the difference here is in the mapping technology used - Tesla is based on Google, and Audi (Mercedes and BMW also) are based on Here Technologies. I don’t know about other major car manufacturers.

As drivers become more reliant on heads up displays for speed limit, as well as self driving technologies, it’s important that these mapping services have the correct information about our roads. Is there a mechanism to get the correct speed limits posted with the major nav systems?

Debra Williams
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Tennis Center Tournaments

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop
As one who knows that responsibly fulfilling the due diligence obligations takes work pursuing facts behind the gates of platitudes such as synergy, etc., did you ever receive a straight empirical answer to your entirely reasonable question?
For some reason, even during my tenure, any request for factual information regarding the operation of a truly valuable Town facility seemed to be seen as an attack met with defensiveness and reluctance. I had thought we had reached a level of understanding that record keeping and learning from the operating statements were of the same level of importance as customer service and making players happy. Like it or not, it is a business and not just a synergistic service. Good luck.
Terry Gans
Longboat Key

Tennis Center Tournaments

To: Terry Gans
Thanks Terry.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Longboat Key

February tourism numbers and legislative update

To: Longboat Key Commission, Sarasota City Commission
Most of you know that I use this very plain monthly email to provide you with the latest Sarasota County tourism numbers.
However, I do want to make sure everyone is aware of the legislation that is moving through the Florida House of Representatives. Unfortunately, the Florida House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee passed PCB RRS 23-02 yesterday, the biggest attack on the Florida tourism industry ever proposed. Speaking in opposition to the bill were representatives from the Florida Association of Counties, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Florida Attractions Association, Florida Association of Museums, Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, RV Park and Campground Association, Small County Coalition, Associated Industries of Florida and Florida Chamber of Commerce. The only organization voicing support for the legislation was Americans for Prosperity. It is widely expected that the next stop for this legislation is the House floor. There still is no companion bill in the Senate.
The bottom line on this legislation means that the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) sunsets
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Editorial Opinion

Why is free speech deteriorating on campus?

Today, sadly, the era of free speech, open discussion, and exploration of fact-based positions has withered away on many campuses.

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Free speech has deteriorated on U.S. college campuses. Why? A legitimate desire for greater diversity and equality in institutions of higher learning has been hijacked by divisive Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programmatic overreach, narrow-minded students and radical left faculties that appear to have rendered diversity of opinion a thing of the past.

College campuses and academia have, to varying degrees, been progressive hubs for many decades. William F. Buckley Jr. highlighted this ideological proclivity in his compelling 1951 novel, "God and Man at Yale: The Superstitions of 'Academic Freedom.'" But in those days and until recently, conservative speakers and students could energetically engage with their progressive counterparts, sparring intellectually for the soundest position. Today, sadly, the era of free speech, open discussion, and exploration of fact-based positions has withered away on many campuses.

The recent Stanford Law debacle highlights the disturbing interrelation between the decline of free speech and the ascent of DEI administrative power. After reading several news articles on the student mob shout down of Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Kyle Duncan during a recent attempted lecture at the school, I decided to watch the actual video. I urge you to do the same. It is shocking. A federal judge is invited to a renowned law school to discuss how circuit courts interact with the Supreme Court on a variety of issues. A disruptive student horde hurls



RUSOVICH

insults at the judge as he tries to speak, an effort rendered impossible by the screaming activists. Enter the law school's associate dean for DEI, Tirien Steinbach, who walks to the podium and reads a prepared statement. She lectures not the petulant young elites, but rather Judge Duncan as she asks him, "Is the juice worth the squeeze?" Her reproach continues as she references his anticipated speech as something that "feels abhorrent, that feels harmful, that literally denies the humanity of people." Meanwhile, as Judge Duncan again attempts to speak, the students snap their fingers loudly, reminiscent of the sound the click beetle makes when flapping its wings. The session ends as another administrator stands and asks that half the students leave while the other half stays for a very short lecture by Judge Duncan so that their questions can be answered, and their concerns addressed. The camera follows the delinquents as they walk out, proud of having shut down a dissenting opinion.

Against the backdrop of the Stanford disgrace, Furman University did its part to uphold intolerance and censorship. Respected novelist and essayist Mary Eberstadt canceled her planned speech at the university following protest threats and a lack of reassurance from the college's administrators. Eberstadt made the reasonable judgment not to indulge the angry mob, and instead sent her new book, "Primal Screams," to students in Furman's Tocqueville Program. How can Furman present itself as an institution of higher learning if it cannot allow a respected novelist to present her viewpoint?

When there are no conservative speakers on the agenda to cancel, gender politics takes priority. This became clear last week when Wellesley College, an all-female liberal arts college in Massachusetts, held a study body vote on gender inclusivity. As a result, the university, which has accepted men who "consistently identify as women" since 2015, will now accept women who identify as men. And the students also voted to overhaul potentially "offensive" language, replacing terms such as "women" with "students," "she/her" with "they/them" and "alumnae" with "alumni." Wellesley President Paula Johnson moved immediately to satisfy all-gender aspirants, pledging to do "more to acknowledge and respect individual identities." Students at the privileged university now can upload their preferred pronouns into an online system and use an increased number of "all-gender bathrooms on campus." Thank goodness! More potties for more genders are far more critical than studies focused on Western Civilization, math or science.

Overall, the collegiate DEI bureaucracy — and its power — have grown exponentially. According to a comprehensive report by Jay Greene of the Heritage Foundation, DEI staff levels at sample universities were 1.4 times larger than the number of professors in history departments. Georgia Tech, for example, has 3.2 times as many DEI staff as history professors. At The University of Virginia, there are 6.5 DEI staff for every 100 professors. Overall, the report puts the average number of DEI personnel at major universities at 45. Higher tallies are reported at The University of Michigan (163 DEI officers); The University of Virginia and Ohio State (94 DEI staff each); The University of California at Berkeley (86); and Virginia Tech (85).

Across the country, newly established college DEI programs have spawned cult centers of identity politics. They lack diverse viewpoints and divide more than they unify. The legitimate goal of ensuring more diverse student bodies by lifting up minority groups has largely been usurped by a sect committed to ideological purity. State legislators, tuition-paying parents, and donors may want to review DEI programs prior to committing funds to universities where the cancel culture is on full display.

Further influence for DEI gone awry stems from President Biden and his team of dedicated egalitarians who have hopped aboard the DEI train. Satisfying the angry activist wing of his party through Executive Order, Biden has directed a massive effort throughout all departments of the federal government to "develop and issue a Government-wide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Accessibility and Strategic Plan." To ensure compliance, "The head of each agency shall make advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility a priority component of the agency's management agenda and agency strategic planning." Forget the cost to taxpayers of a new ideologically committed DEI army across government. No expense should be spared when it comes to issuing government-wide gender pronoun diktats.

Equality and diversity are noble goals both in our government and in academia. But redefining equal rights with equity purity — which tears down one group presumably to raise another — and shutting down a free exchange of ideas is dangerous to our republic. America has been world renowned for its outstanding universities of higher learning, which are also a crucial part of our foundational values. Sitting idly by while out-of-control administrators, faculty and students destroy free speech, a core tenet of freedom and democracy, is unacceptable. College boards, presidents and deans must act. Parents and donors should yank funding from the culprit colleges. As Edmund Burke so beautifully stated, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

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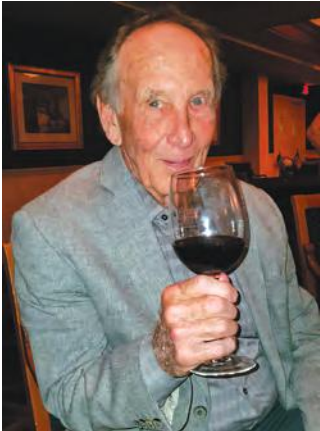
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The emerging world of NFT wine

We describe what is happening in this niche market, how it may benefit serious wine collectors, and a few downsides of emerging wine marketplaces.

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It had to happen sooner rather than later. What began with collectors of digital images has found its way into the domain of wine collectors. Former NBA player Yao Ming’s vineyard, Yao Family wines in China, began selling digital tags linked to bottles of its wine during April of 2021. Established wine producers followed suit quickly: a limited-edition French Champagne Dom Pérignon in collaboration with Lady Gaga and Penfolds of Australia limited release of a Cabernet-Syrah. We describe what is happening in this niche market, how it may benefit serious wine collectors, and a few downsides of emerging wine marketplaces.



Digital tags: Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT)

A bottle of an exceptional vintage of a premier wine could be thought of as a unique asset, even though a few thousand bottles of the same varietal and vintage could be interchanged following bottling with one another, with no one the wiser. Once separated into different bottles, though, one bottle may become tainted or overheated while another remains stored under ideal conditions and unscathed. If we tag any one bottle with a unique ID, we can track that one bottle wherever it goes and no matter who owns it. In tech-nobabble it becomes a Non-Fungible (unique) asset with its digital identity, and its unique ID a Non-Fungible Token (NFT) with which we can distinguish it from any other bottle of wine.

Why should that matter? It does when we don’t have physical possession of the bottle and seek to buy or sell it in a virtual marketplace on the web. Trading an NFT represents a trade of a specific physical asset (the bottle). Possession of the NFT amounts to possession of the bottle.

Trades of a wine NFT closely resemble ongoing trading of wine futures by wine merchants on behalf of buyers of wine futures. Say you go to a wine shop and buy a contract for a future delivery of a bottle of a varietal, vintage, and quantity of a wine made by a vineyard. The vineyard holds the quantity of wine in a barrel or in the bottle until it releases that vintage. You depend on your wine shop and the vineyard to honor the contract and deliver the wine to you. Trading of wine futures generally has to go through layers of middlemen.

Now let’s say that you connect directly to a vineyard’s web site to purchase an NFT representing a bottle of wine. Wait, that’s not how it works. More typically you’ll begin with a general NFT marketplace, such as <https://opensea.io/> , or one the many new wine and spirits NFT marketplaces, for example: <https://www.farandole.io/>, <https://blockbar.com>, or <https://winechain.co> . NFT marketplaces usually quote NFT prices in one or more cryptocurrency denominations, perhaps Ethereum (ETH) or Avalanche (AVAX). The wine and spirits marketplaces now support credit card purchases of either NFT’s directly or by first charging an amount in a national currency to a required cryptocurrency amount and transferring cryptocurrency to the cardholders digital wallet on the marketplace web site.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Wine NFT Purchases

The time and effort that goes into finding and buying a wine NFT suggests that the same wealthy investors and speculators who trade wine futures find certain aspects of wine NFT’s appealing. That producers of high-end wines who assign the tokens initially to bottles of wine have a strong vested interest in preserving the reputation of their products, for instance, builds trust in the wine NFT. Switching contents of bottles to inferior wines or mislabeling bottles, if caught, would immediately diminish the value of the estate. Also, whether the bottle identified with the NFT goes directly to the holder of the NFT upon release, or to intermediate storage in warehouses operated by the NFT marketplace, a blockchain technology updates the NFT to show changes in custody of

The wine bottle. The technology further retains equivalents of wine spec sheets, quality of storage indicators, and details of shipments and deliveries. It also serves as a proof of ownership of the bottle and a key to use to redeem the bottle when the owner is ready to accept delivery.

The wine NFT establishes the authenticity of the wine as the original bottle to which the producer assigned the digital token and the provenance of the bottle during its transitions from place to place and from owner to owner. Authenticity and provenance have much the same importance in wine collecting as they do in art collecting. The NFT also fits neatly into an NFT marketplace, making it easier to sell and reducing transaction costs. In some instances an NFT has value independent of the wine linked to it. NFT’s may have the form of digital artwork with the token embedded in an image.

The disadvantages of wine NFT’s include difficulties understanding and dealing with the complex technologies underlying blockchains and tokens, and the attendant transaction costs. The buyer of a wine NFT has to rely on the expertise and stability of the NFT marketplaces. Digital assets always have some risk of disappearing when their support systems go down. The companies behind the NFT marketplaces are trying to build stable platforms but are working on the bleeding edge. The transfer and storage costs involved in moving and holding fine wine will add to the cost of collecting wines and holding them as financial assets.

At this stage in the evolution of wine NFT’s, we see little value in NFT’s for anyone not already active in the premier wine collecting or the wine futures market. Over time the block-chain technologies may improve to the point where each wine that we store will have its unique story written into an NFT and easily read. When and if that happens, we suspect that we will have a much greater interest in enjoying the taste of the wine than assessing its authenticity, provenance, and liquidity.

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

Rich Hermansen selected his 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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in 2028 unless there is a Sarasota County referendum with 60 percent voter approval. TDT would have to go out for reauthorization referendum every 6 years. In addition, after July 1 of this year, our Sarasota County Commission cannot bond TDT for projects such as spring training facilities, Mote Aquarium, Nathan Benderson Park etc. without a voter referendum.

Sarasota County would be mandated to send more than \$2 million in our TDT annually to Tallahassee, funds that would likely come from the current funding for tourism marketing and the arts.

In terms of tourism marketing, it would be a huge hit in our ability to promote Sarasota in the future. Not only would the marketing budget be reduced meaning fewer funds for advertising, sports events and new air service into SRQ, Visit Sarasota County would no longer be able to partner with Visit Florida as we do currently which gives us tremendous ability to stretch our funds and reach a wider audience.

For now, here are the February 2023 tourism numbers compared to February 2022:

- Visitors were 122,000, a drop of -4.2 percent
- Visitor direct expenditures grew to \$191,861,600, an increase of 6.5 percent
- Lodging occupancy dropped by -1.8 percent to 86 percent
- Lodging average rate grew by 3.1 percent to \$303.86
- Room nights sold were 343,100, flat to last year
- Virginia J. Haley
President
Visit Sarasota County

Tourism, Visit Florida under attack

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
Breaking all kinds of records! Putting aside the harm to Visit Sarasota about which reasonable minds can differ, the appropriation by the State of 5 percent of our TDT replaces the notion of unfunded mandate, which is bad enough, with an unfunded fund. Again, thoughts on our response?
Ken Schneider
Mayor
Longboat Key

Tourism, Visit Florida under attack

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider
It seems like every year, Visit Florida is fighting for its life. There is a great misconception that people will come here without advertising because we're Florida. That is just not true. The regional, national and international tourism marketplace is incredibly competitive and there are any number of alternatives for people to go. What county TDC's count on and utilize Visit Florida for is a partnership to reach audi-

ences that local offices couldn't afford to ever do. They are in the Canadian markets, the Chicago and Midwest markets, in the European markets, Central and South American markets, etc. Tourism has always been a critical component of Florida's economy and while the state is more diversified today, tourism continues to be a major economic driver and Visit Florida doesn't get enough credit for the assist they provide.

More importantly, tourism is the primary reason the State has never had a state income tax. The sales tax revenues that tourism brings to Florida has been critical to funding important state initiatives including building a stronger and more diversified economy.

We can imagine that this bill would have strong support from the other 49 states in the Union because it would seriously damage Florida's ability to maintain its premier tourism destination status. Why is it that we don't want Florida tourism to continue its record run?

Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key

Tourism, Visit Florida under attack

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
This letter is an arrow looking for a target.
Ken Schneider
Mayor, Longboat Key

Tourism and Visit Florida under attack

To: Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneider
Thanks. I wrote it for someone to send. If you'd like me to get it out, I'm happy to do it.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

Next Talk of the Town

To: Longboat Key Commission
FYI. In this installment, we visit with FDOT to discuss all things traffic circles. As always, many thanks to Barry and Carolyn for all they do to make this possible.
Howard N. Tipton
Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

Aquarius Club concerns

To: Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton
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The Aquarius Club Condominium Association is directly north of the St. Regis Hotel and Condominium. We have been extremely impressed with their construction process and concern for appropriate traffic management.
Only one aspect of this facility is causing us difficulty; both as their closest neighbor and for the Key as a whole. This pertains to road traffic and parking.
To assist directly with parking overflow and intrusion into our property, directly adjacent, we have an engineering corporation redesigning our entrance way, including a guard house and parking for our owners.
We are asking the township to approve the expansion of the St. Regis parking garage to provide a further 50 plus parking spots. As their closest neighbor, watching 500 plus construction crew members moving in and out six days per week, it is clearly evident that the maximum number of parking spaces will be required. To do otherwise will cause traffic backup and overflow along Gulf of Mexico Drive. One hundred percent of our owners are in concurrence that the St. Regis facility should be allowed to enlarge their garage on the north corner of their property, adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico Drive and our property line.

We are available to make personal representation, if you feel it is appropriate to do so.
WF. Morneau, Sr.
President Aquarius Club

Aquarius Club concerns

To: Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Shinkle
Please advise Aquarius that they will need to appear if their views are to be included in the record. They should know they may also be asked if they received any inducement to take their position.
Ken Schneider
Mayor
Longboat Key

Turn lane for Country Club Shores

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Mike Haycock
I would like to report the status of the Turn Lane at our upcoming HOA meeting. Has there been any change since we spoke last September? Thanks for following this project.
Lynn Cook
Longboat Key

Turn lane for Country Club Shores

To: Lynn Cook
I have a MPO meeting Monday morning and will check. I know it is in next years plan and that has not changed.
Mike Haycock
Commissioner
Longboat Key

Turn lane for Country Club Shores

To: Lynn Cook
The GMD turn lane is in the 2023 priority list. This doesn't get approved until Governor approves state budget. I think this is in May or June. Issac may have a more specific start date.
Mike Haycock
Commissioner, Longboat Key

Turn lane for Country Club Shores

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Mike Haycock
Thank you for remembering to send this! Great.
Lynn Cook, Longboat Key

Opposing HB 671 - Residential Permits

To: Longboat Key Town Commission
HB 671 by Representative Esposito is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 2:00pm in the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee in 212 Knott building. Rep. McFarland is a member of this committee. Please reach out and ask her to oppose this bill.
Attached are the FLC talking points for guidance. I have also attached a side by side explaining current law and the proposed changes the bill will make.
Here is a short summary of the bill:
HB 671 (Esposito) are comprehensive building permit bills. Of concern to cities, the bills do the following:
•Require the local jurisdiction to reduce the permit fee by 75% if an owner retains a private provider.
•Reduce the time frame of when municipalities must provide written notice of receipt and any other additional information that is required for a properly completed application to an applicant.
•Reduce the amount of times a municipality can ask an applicant for additional information.
•Allow an application to be "deemed" approved if municipalities fail to meet any of the timeframes. Thank you for all of your help.
Jeff Branch
Sr. Legislative Advocate/Director of Field Advocacy Designate
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Opposing HB 671 - Residential Permits

To: U.S. Rep. Honorable Fiona McFarland
We need your help. HB 671 (Esposito) are comprehensive building permit bills. Of concern to Longboat Key and other cities, the bills do the following:
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•Reduce the amount of times a municipality can ask an applicant for additional information.
•Allow an application to be "deemed" approved if municipalities fail to meet any of the timeframes.
We take great pride in insuring quality development on Longboat Key and this Bill threatens that quality.
Thank you for all of your help. You are doing a great job in Tallahassee.
BJ Bishop
Commissioner
Longboat Key

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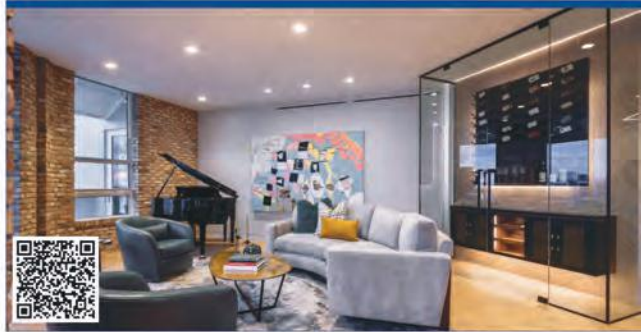
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