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## Debate is on: Drawbridge or fixed span at Longboat Pass?

*The existing drawbridge that was built in 1957 will soon be replaced.*



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is weighing three options: either a low or mid-level bascule type of drawbridge, or what is referred to as a high-clearance fixed span bridge for Longboat Pass on the north end of the barrier island.

One thing for certain is that the aging existing drawbridge that was built in 1957 will be replaced. Right now, residents and Longboat Key officials are being asked to weigh in on their preference.

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## Payne Park under threat from expanding development plan

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**STEVE REID**  
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The 29-acre Payne Park located in the heart of Downtown Sarasota is under the threat, yet again, of development. This time from the Sarasota Players Theatre organization.

The Sarasota Players has increased its initial request to renovate an existing auditorium on Payne Park and now wants to lease 2.1 acres of the parkland at a cost of \$100 per year and one dollar from each ticket sold. The outcry is growing.

Hundreds of City residents rallied in 2019 against the Sarasota Orchestra’s proposal to build a new music center where the existing tennis courts are located. The commission rejected that plan in part because in the deed that gave the property to the City in 1925 by Calvin and Martha Payne states that the land must be preserved and used for a “park, playground and kindred uses and for no other use or purpose.”

The City attorney at that time said a legal challenge for developing the site for entertainment could be viable. Neighborhood surrounding the park, which have expanded due to increasing residential development primarily to the east, told the commission then and have taken opposition to the current proposal by the Players by stating that open space and parks must be preserved in a City that has seen rapid expansion over the past decade.

### The ask

The Players, dubbing the project ‘The Stage at Payne Park,’ want to add a nearly 17,000 square-foot building that would be used for theatre productions, offices as well as banquets. The Players is listed as a Limited Liability Corporation and has been operating out of a shopping center at The Crossings at Siesta Key since 2021.

The Players Theatre once owned prime real estate on U.S. 41 across from the Van Wezel, which it sold for condominium development in 2018 for more than \$9 million. At that time it was planning to leave Downtown Sarasota and use the money along with fundraising to build a complex in Lakewood Ranch that never materialized.

### Stage set for expansion

Sarasota City staff have been vetting over the last year a far more modest proposal that did not meet with community resistance since the integrity of the park was not significantly altered. But since then, City staff and the Players have hashed out the \$100 per year lease idea and recently submitted the expanded plans. Park supporter and Sarasota resident Kelly Franklin has opposed the idea and distributed an email urging that the City Parks and Public Spaces should not be utilized for private gain and increased commercial activity. She lamented that the Players and the City are going

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## Florida Man Who Stole More Than \$141,000 From Longboat Woman Found In GA says FDLE

*A Florida man stole more than \$141,000 from Longboater over three years, says police.*

A man faces charges after stealing more than \$141,000 from an elderly woman in Longboat Key, according to a Florida Department of Law Enforcement news release.

Walther Wilson Godfrey, 45, was charged with grand theft from a person 65 years of age or older of more than \$50,000 and criminal use of personal identification.

The investigation began when it was discovered that an elderly woman living in Long Boat Key had over \$141,000 taken from her personal bank account over three years and 74 transactions, FDLE said.

In April, an arrest warrant was obtained for Godfrey, who then left the state for Atlanta.

The FDLE Sarasota Field Office led the investigation and worked with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office to arrest Godfrey.

Godfrey was arrested on July 1 and transported to Douglas County Jail, FDLE said. He will be extradited to Southwest Florida.

He previously served federal prison time in 2016 for fraud involving identity theft.



# Bicyclist dies after being struck by Sarasota Deputy

According to Florida Highway Patrol, shortly after 11:30 p.m. Thursday, a Sarasota County Sheriff's Deputy hit a bicyclist. The incident took place on US-41 near the intersection with Bay Street.

State Trooper Kenn Watson state the investigation is on-going but so far everything shows that the deputy was not at fault. Watson said the deputy was traveling north of US-41 for a non-emergency call while the bicyclist was traveling across in the crosswalk on a red light.

The victim was a 22-year-old female and according to Watson the deputy did not see her. Watson also explained the deputy got out of his vehicle and tried to render aid but the victim was taken to the hospital and later died.

"In a situation like this, we have two victims. We have the victim who was struck, and we also have poor deputy who is going to live the rest of his life knowing that he was involved in a crash that took someone's life. Regardless of the point that it was not his fault," said Watson.

Watson also explained that the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office immediately alerted FHP to the crash so they could conduct the investigation.

Omar Siddiqui is a family friend of the victim. He said her name was Evelin Dayana Hernandez Socha.

Siddiqui explained Socha had a husband and a 5-year-old son. He carried on explaining she worked at the Walmart just down the street from the crash and had just left work.

"She barely even lived life. It's just so sad that it ended, and I don't know what's going to happen with her husband. He's in shock," said Siddiqui. "He can't even really speak at this point and then their son. He doesn't even know, and the father doesn't even know how to tell his son. I, I don't know they are going to need a lot of help. A lot of help."

Siddiqui described Socha as loving, passionate, and kind. He said she had moved from Columbia a few years ago to start a new life. Siddiqui said she had been working at Walmart for a few months to help support her family.

## Payne Park, from page 1

down a path of expanding the scope of what initially was supposed to be a modest renovation and expansion of the existing auditorium.

The amended language that seeks to increase the scope and size of the project for the Players is on the July 15 meeting agenda which will be held at 9 a.m. in City Hall.

It is likely that representatives from the bordering Alta Vista neighborhood as well as the Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations members will voice their opposition.

## A pattern continued?

Numerous residents have expressed dismay that the City is contemplating another lease of park and public space for development. Over the past five years, the City considered expanding and leasing the Lido Beach Pavilion to the owners of the Daiquiri Deck as well as rezoning St. Armands Circle and allowing a hotel on the Filmore Parking lot. Last year, The City considered leasing Ken Thompson Park on City Island to set up an entertainment venue to a private operator. In addition to the previous fight at Payne Park, some residents are urging the City will stop offering public space for increased development and intensive activities.

## Bridge, from page 1

The cost is not equal. A fixed span is the least expensive at an estimated \$93.3 million. Either bascule bridge will cost about \$133 million.

Longboat Key officials have already offered their opinion in a June 28 letter to FDOT.

"Our primary recommendation is that the fixed-span bridge, while the less costly option, is not the right solution for several reasons."

The letter goes on to say that because a fixed span bridge would be higher than the Ringling Bridge, the steep slope of the bridge would create a danger for both pedestrians and cyclists. Additionally, Longboat Key has stated that it would undermine the residential character of the island especially since there are no condominium towers on the northernmost tip of Longboat.

The FDOT plans to finalize its decision by end of next year and start its engineering process in 2026.



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## Building Codes

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffman  
I heard there is a defective seawall on Ranger that is beginning to cave in past the 12” limit. There are supposedly workmen on site that are trying to shore it up rather than going to the city and getting a permit. Our neighbor Lynn Cook asked us to report the situation so it does not become common place to make these repairs and reduce navigation in the canals.  
Al Neumann  
Longboat Key

## Building Codes

To: Town of Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Director Allen Parsons  
After hearing about recent seawall construction in Unit 4 of Country Club Shores that isn’t in compliance with code, I have concerns that building codes are not being upheld. How can structures that are non-compliant with building codes and/or have failed inspection be allowed to stand. Please be vigilant in the enforcement of violations of our town’s regulations that have been endorsed by residents and enshrined by legal action. Nonenforcement of code will only lead to further noncompliance. Thank you for all your time and efforts on behalf of Longboat Key.  
Lynn Cook  
Longboat Key

## Building Codes

To: Lynn Cook  
Thanks for your email. The Town placed a Stop Work Order on the construction back in May, when it is found out that the construction did not match what was approved nor what is allowed by Town Code. Construction has been paused since that time. The property owners involved are pursuing options to address the situation. We appreciate your input and concern. Please know that the Town takes the review, inspection and enforcement very seriously.  
Allen Parsons  
Director Planning, Zoning & Building Department  
Town of Longboat

## Palma Sola Bay

To: Longboat Key Commission  
Our staff spent yesterday morning measuring the amount of seagrass and macroalgae in Palma Sola Bay, followed by an afternoon visit to one of our ongoing restoration projects designed to continue to protect the health of that same system.  
As you know, our Ecosystem Health Report Card is based on four individual metrics of the health of our local waters. Two of those are typical water quality parameters – the amount of nitrogen in the water, and also the amount of phytoplankton (floating microscopic algae). Then we add in the amount of macroalgae, and also the acreage of seagrass. For Palma Sola Bay, we had no macroalgae data until just a few years ago, after we decided to implement a bay-wide macroalgae monitoring effort – as recommended in the 2021 Macroalgae Workshop the SBEP hosted.  
Across Sarasota Bay, volunteers trained by SBEP (using an EPA-approved QA/QC Plan)

sample >40 sites twice a year – in the spring and then the early summer. At each site, volunteers lay out a 50-meter transect, and then determine the percent of the bay bottom that is covered by macroalgae at six stations per transect. Across the bay, this gives us several hundred values from which we can quantify the amount of macroalgae in the bay.  
Palma Sola Bay is not very well-flushed, as it is a bit of a circulatory dead-end. The rate of water circulation in Palma Sola Bay is behind only Little Sarasota Bay. Also, Palma Sola Bay has those horse rides – people who ride horses on the east end of the causeway, on the north side. That site has had higher levels of fecal indicator bacteria than the portion of the causeway on the south side.  
Low circulation and horses? Sounds like a potential hot spot for degraded conditions, right? Well, maybe not.  
The first photo, like all others, was shot from a drone by Dylan, our intern. It shows the horses in the water while we were out there. Those horses do cause some damage to the seagrass meadows, which can be seen by anyone with aerial mapping software. But then again, seagrass meadows are damaged by boat propellers across a much wider portion of our bay, just as in Tampa Bay, Lemon Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Biscayne Bay, and the Indian River Lagoon. If we were going to get rid of activities that can cause physical damage to seagrass meadows, we should recognize that boat propellers do a lot more damage to our bay than these horses.  
The second photo shows our staff laying out one of the seagrass and macroalgae sampling transects, shoreward of the horses. Yes, that’s Jay and I in the water. That’s me snorkeling – and no, I did not get sick. The third photo is from the western side of Palma Sola Bay, also north of the causeway. The fourth photo is from our third transect location, located south of the causeway, also on the western side of the bay.  
We measured macroalgae and seagrass at 18 individual quadrats at those three locations. And we only found macroalgae at two of those quadrats. We found no evidence of “Lyngbya” type algae at any of those sites, and epiphytes (the amount of algae directly attached to seagrass blades) were low at each site. All in all, these results indicate a fairly healthy system, in terms of nutrient pollution.  
Then again, that’s one day – how about over a longer period? Palma Sola Bay is not on FDEP’s “draft de-list” list for nutrient impairments, because it never was determined to be impaired for nutrients in the first place. The SBEP developed its own water quality criteria for nutrients back in 2013, which were then reviewed and approved by both the FDEP and the EPA. So it’s not as if we defaulted to someone else’s standards – we generated them ourselves.  
But are those criteria protecting the health of Palma Sola Bay? The most holistic biological indicator for nutrient impairment used by Sarasota Bay is seagrass coverage – similar to what the Tampa Bay NEP uses, as well as the Charlotte Harbor’s NEP, and the Indian River Lagoon NEP (and also the Chesapeake Bay Program).  
So how’s seagrass coverage doing in Palma Sola Bay? Well, look at the graph below. The area of the blue box represents our “reference period” of 2006 to 2012, when the bay as a whole had lower nitrogen, less phytoplankton and macroalgae (where we have data) and during which we had a 28% increase in baywide seagrass coverage. Although values are 6% lower than their peak in 2018, they are higher than what we had in our reference period, and also higher than estimates from more than 30 years ago.  
Simply put, you’d have a hard time arguing that there was a large-scale and recent problem with water quality in Palma Sola Bay, in terms of nutrient enrichment. But these results don’t mean that we should just chill out with the thought that everything not only is okay now but will be in the future. As we’ve said before, the next 30 years are likely to be different than the last 30 years. Our air and water are warmer now than at any time over the past few decades, and the rate of sea level rise over the past 20 years has tripled from where it was  
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# Editor Letters



Letters, from page 4

in prior decades. It appears that our rate of sea level rise (about 3"/decade) is closer to what we experienced during the recovery from the last ice age maximum than what we've had for the entire period during which we've had "modern civilization". And by modern civilization, I don't mean just post-industrial revolution, I mean since the Sumerians sketched out their thoughts in Cuneiform about 5,000 years ago.

At a minimum, our ability to preserve our bay will require us to offset our expected population growth over the next few decades, which is what our Water Quality Protection Plan is intended to help us with.

Part of that – offsetting future pollution sources, is what we focused on yesterday afternoon. The fifth and sixth photos – also from Dylan – are from the stream restoration project that we are working on at GT Bray Park. At this site, we are creating a wetland treatment project to help reduce the pollutant loads from stormwater runoff from two creeks that drain older neighborhoods in the western portions of Bradenton. The design and permitting phases of this project were completed by the SBEP about a year ago, and we are using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds for project implementation.

As you can see, this project has involved a huge amount of dirt-moving and contouring. Once surveys are completed, we will move towards planting the now bare areas with a variety of upland, wetland, and transitional plants, to treat stormwater runoff that eventually makes it to the bay via Palma Sola Creek.

If we want to hold onto the healthier Sarasota Bay that we've achieved over the past few years, we will have to continue to design, permit, and construct projects such as this one at GT Bray Park. Back in 1987, the Irish band U2 had a song called "Running to Stand Still." That's kind of what we're talking about – to simply maintain the improving conditions we've achieved lately, we can't afford to sit back and admire our successes, we do indeed need to do more just to maintain the status quo.

David Tomasko

Executive Director  
Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Gulfside

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Debra Williams

II was reading in the newspaper today, \$40 million in expense coming to LBK for utility repairs ... but it needs to be done. Add another \$10 million for canal dredging... but it affects so many homeowners in LBK, so it needs to be done. Then there is Gulfside. I welcomed your comments in the Observer regarding 16 Gulfside property owners being the main beneficiaries of a very expensive project that will also require continual renourishment. I could've seen some daylight in public support by "re-connecting" the beach (as I supported), but with no Ohana seawall solution it further emphasizes the unfairness to taxpayers bailing out 16 "real estate multi-millionaires" and developers that knowingly bought threatened beachfront shorelines.

I recognize the concerns expressed by Browder and Mopps in the article if nothing is done. This is not an emergency as it has knowingly been a problem for over 50 years as we now see the exposed seawalls that were installed ears ago to fight naturally occurring erosion on a section of beach that likely never should have been developed. And installing expensive groins is not a guaranteed solution, so why not try an alternative.

As I understand it, property owners cannot armor their beachfronts without the approval of FDEP. Also, as I understand it, approval to armor is typically not granted unless adjoining properties are already armored (seawalls or hardscapes). After recent storms, it is now apparent that pretty much all of the properties are hardscaped/seawalled, (but none of them stick out and likely cause erosion like the Ohana wall). Additionally, it might be the legal responsibility of a property owner to maintain existing seawalls and hardscapes (I read this somewhere but might be mistaken). If LBK helped homeowners get FDEP approval and suggested plans to hardscape the entire Gulfside shore. Why not try a Casey Key approach first by fortifying the existing armor, then wait and see how that works. LBK might even agree to add sand onto private property for any homeowner that takes advantage of re-armoring. I'm thinking this might be a practical and fair approach for homeowners and taxpayers.

P.S. An argument that at very high tides walkability north of the Gulfside public access might be limited. That could occur, but that part of the beach is blocked now by Ohana anyhow, so access is limited even under the best of circumstances.

Steve Weyl  
Longboat Key

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# Editor Letters

## Letters, from page 6

### Gulfside

To: Steve Weyl

Thank you for your comments and observations about Gulfside. As you are aware, the Town has several significant infrastructure projects that must be paid for, including the Country Club Shores water mains and the subaqueous waste line - very big expenses for Longboat Key. The Commission has not made any decisions on beach restoration for Gulfside Road, but we have requested our public works department to apply for a grant which would allow us to bring in sand for Gulfside Road. This is obviously not a permanent solution but would buy some time. If you haven't done so, you may want to view the recorded commission meeting where this was discussed in detail. Our consultant Dr. Browder and assistant Public Works director Charlie Mopps gave a detailed and informative presentation addressing this issue:

Longboat Key Commission Meetings (ibm.com)

Thanks again for your input - I always appreciate hearing from residents and getting their opinions. I'm happy to discuss further if you would like.

Debra Williams  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

### Longboat Key Roadway lighting safety system

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Gary Coffin

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Mark Robinson  
Sr Project Manager  
Luxe Solar

### Park/Open Space Map and Level of Service

To: Sarasota City Commission

Please see the information below and the attached map. Please pay close and particular attention to the information I highlighted below. Simply put:

Parks (Rec. and Open Space) Level of Service – requires 10 acres for every 1000 residents

City of Sarasota presently – we are at 18.047 acres for every 1000 residents

Population that can be served at 18.047 acres - 102,879 residents (we have 57,005 residents – 2023).

Marlon Brown  
City Manager  
City of Sarasota

### Park/Open Space Map and Level of Service

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

Attached is a parks map for the city that has been jointly created by the Parks and Recreation, IT, and Planning Departments. The map displays both county and city owned lands located within the city that provide recreation or open space for the population. The total calculated acreage is 1,028.79 acres.

The City's adopted level of service standard in the Recreation and Open Space Chapter of the comprehensive plan states:

Action Strategy 1.1, Level-of-Service Standards: The level-of-service standards for open space and recreation facilities will be a minimum of 10 acres per 1,000 resident population.

Currently, the City exceeds the minimum level of service standard. According to the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) at the University of Florida, the City's most recent resident population estimate was 57,005 persons as of April 1, 2023. We have not yet received the April 1, 2024 estimate, but it should be received sometime next month.

The calculation for determining the level of service is:

Park Acreage (1,028.79 acres) / [Resident Population Estimate (57,005) / 1,000 Resident Population] = 18.047 acres of recreation and open space land provided per 1,000 residents.

The 1,028.79 acres of park and open space land allows for a total resident population of 102,879 persons in accordance with this adopted level of service standard.

Please let me know if there are any questions or comments. Thank you.

David L. Smith  
Manager of Long-Range Planning  
City of Sarasota

### Memorial Bench Donation

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown

I hope your day is going well. I just got off the phone with Ms. Bonomi-Amass. She was very gracious with accepting my apology. I'm meeting with Ms. Bonomi-Amass this afternoon to get the generous donation, along with the location she selected for the bench. We will order

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# Editor Letters



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the bench ASAP.  
Jerry Fogle  
Parks & Recreation Director  
City of Sarasota

Memorial Bench Donation

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown  
I hope your day is going well. I called and left a voicemail for Ms. Bonomi-Amass to personally apologize. I also sent an email (attached).  
Obviously, if Parks and Recreation drops a ball, it's on me. I will handle accordingly with staff to ensure we do a much better job moving forward. We will work with Ms. Bonomi-Amass to get her generous donation processed and installed. I will be involved with this donation. Candie will assist with the other generous donation offers.  
Jerry Fogle  
Parks & Recreation Director  
City of Sarasota

From: Susan Bonomi-Amass <suziesmax@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:50 AM  
To: Marlon Brown <Marlon.Brown@sarasotaFL.gov>  
Cc: Liz Alpert <Liz.Alpert@sarasotaFL.gov>; Jen Ahearn-Koch <Jen.Ahearn-Koch@sarasotaFL.gov>; Kyle Battie <Kyle.Battie@sarasotaFL.gov>; debbie.trice@sarasotafl.go; Jerry Fogle <Jerry.Fogle@sarasotaFL.gov>

Memorial Bench Donation

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown  
I am writing to inform you of my extreme dissatisfaction with the Sarasota Parks and Recreation Department.  
I initially emailed Ms. Judy Soenneker in 2022, inquiring about making a bench donation in honor of my late sister at the Bayfront Park.  
At that time, I was informed that there were 6 donors ahead of me and that nothing would move forward until the Splash Pad was complete. In an effort to follow up on the status of my inquiry, I emailed Ms. Soenneker on March 4, 2024, March 25, 2024, April 3, and April 29, 2024 with no response.  
I set up an appointment to meet with Ms. Soenneker on June 11, 2024 which was subse-

quently cancelled by her office. I left a message to reschedule but I did not receive a call back. In an effort to determine where my request was in this process, I sent an email to Mr. Jerry Fogle on June 19, 2024. Mr. Fogle responded that he copied Ms. Soenneker to reach out to me regarding the status of my inquiry. As of this date, I have had no response.  
The level of unprofessionalism and the lack of disregard is appalling! I also find it equally disrespectful to blatantly ignore me when my primary goal is to honor my late sister! I live across the street from the Bayfront Park and I walk there everyday. There are numerous benches that have no plaques of dedication on them.  
It is my understanding that the city is seeking to increase revenue from new parking fees. Wouldn't it behoove the city to move forward with my donation, which at the time was estimated at approximately \$3,300.  
I appreciate your time looking into this matter. I am hopeful that we can move forward with my request in a timely and efficient manner. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.  
Susan Bonomi (Amass)  
Sarasota

Lido Beach party

To: Sarasota City Vice Mayor Jen Ahearn-Koch  
I hope things are going well for you. I am looking to plan a casual Bird Key Yacht Club member party on Monday July 29, 2024. I also want to make sure that we do everything as permitted and do not inadvertently do anything that is not allowed. I had read that alcohol is permitted as long as zero glass containers are used, and wanted to confirm whether that is true. I was also thinking of having 3-4 tiki torches but was wondering if they would be permitted as they are not a fire. We would of course ensure that all trash and traces of our presence on the beach would be removed after the event.  
The idea is a reasonable, fairly quiet gathering to socialize and walk the beach for 30 or 40 60 plus year-olds. We might have some music from a portable player but certainly nothing disruptive.  
Is there a department or individual I could speak with to ensure our gathering meets all of the Sarasota City guidelines?  
Tony Britt  
Bird Key Yacht Club

Lido Beach party

To: Tony Britt  
Thanks for your email and questions ... I have copied the City Manager and Deputy City

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# Editor Letters



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Manager to respond to your email and questions. I am confident you'll get a timely response. Hope you have a lovely event!  
Jen Ahearn-Koch  
Vice Mayor  
City of Sarasota

Preserve Our Parks

To: Sarasota City Commission  
I strongly urge you to vote "NO" to dismantling our city parks for further commercial development. We are currently blessed to have a beautiful city with beauty everywhere we look. Further development of city parks will add nothing, and indeed make our city less desirable. Please be responsible and vote as your constituents desire.  
Kelly Dather  
Sarasota

Preserve Our Parks

To: Kelly Dather  
Thank you for writing and letting us know your position. This will be a very touch choice for our commission and your input is vital. I'm attaching their proposal to this e-mail. They originally wanted the municipal auditorium, which I was against.  
The current building they would be occupying is seldom visited and was being used by our staff as storage, which I don't think amplifies the area or the park. Would a smaller footprint like what is being proposed impact your opinion? Are there things you specifically like or dislike of this project?  
I'd be more than available to meet during my office hours or for coffee to discuss this matter if you would like.  
Again, thank you for letting us know your position as it helps us be better commissioners.  
Erik Arroyo  
Commissioner  
City of Sarasota

Gillespie Park accident at 7th and Osprey Ave

Marlon and Kyle  
Please see attached pictures of accident that occurred at 7th and Osprey Ave last week. As usual, confusion over who stops caused this accident.  
The neighborhood continues to be frustrated by lack of action on this intersection.

The question I am being asked is; how much injury is needed before we will be listened to? How do I answer this question? Please help us  
Kelly Brown  
Sarasota

Gillespie Park accident at 7th and Osprey Ave

To: Sarasota City Manager Marlon Brown  
Good afternoon. According to our records we have a total of 4 crashes there going back to June 2021. Including the one from last week, we have had 2 this year. Hope this helps.  
Scott Mayforth  
Deputy Police Chief  
City of Sarasota

Sister-City Request

To: Sarasota City Commission  
We would like to offer compliments and write on behalf of the Monrovia City Council to express the City of Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa's desire to develop sister-city relations with Sarasota County.  
The City of Monrovia sees increased understanding and appreciation for both cities' cultures, as well as a variety of collaborative initiatives that will benefit our communities. We are confident that this collaboration, once created, will last for many generations, promoting educational, economic, and professional exchanges.  
This partnership will begin with an agreement between our respective municipalities, and we hope that the power and energy of this long-term engagement will come from our communities' organizations, schools, businesses, and individuals.  
In anticipation of the Sarasota County's approval of Monrovia's sister-city interest, we have directed our sister-city committee to work with your team to start steps that will lead to the start of sister-city engagement. We look forward to hearing from you.  
Pekeleh Gbuapaye  
Director Press and Public Affairs Department  
City Government of Monrovia

Sister-City Request

To: Sarasota Vice Mayor Jennifer Ahearn-Koch  
Can you please direct Mr. Gbuapaye to the Sister Cities reps to handle accordingly. Thank you.  
Marlon Brown  
City Manager, City of Sarasota



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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.

## July 5 Dog on the beach

9:03 p.m.  
Sgt. Montfort was dispatched to Gulfside Drive for a report of an unleashed dog on the beach. Sgt. Montfort arrived in the area and patrolled out to the beach where he located a small group of subjects with a chihuahua. Sgt. Montfort announced his presence and was greeted by the owner who showed his Florida Driver License. The man said that the dog had run out of the rental and out to the beach and was actively attempting to coral the dog. The dog was captured and the man returned the dog to the rental unit. The owner was issued a warning and Sgt. Montfort cleared the scene for additional calls holding within the confines of Longboat Key. Case clear.



citation for the vehicle not registered and also a citation was issued for no insurance on file and failure to pay registration. Case clear.

## July 7 Sea turtle

1:03 a.m.  
Sgt. Montfort observed a vehicle parked at the 4000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for a closed commercial business. Sgt. Montfort exited his patrol vehicle and observed that the vehicle was unoccupied and warm to the touch. Furthermore, Sgt. Montfort observed a large quantity of fishing gear located in the vehicle. Officers Mathis and Pescuma arrived shortly thereafter and patrolled out to the beach. While on the beach, three men were observed utilizing white flashlights on the beach. As officers approached, they made their presence known and identified themselves as police officers. The men immediately turned their white headlamps to a red in color setting. They made contact with the men who said that they did not know about turtle season. The men were advised that the beach operating hours were from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The men gathered their belongings and were escorted off the beach. All the subjects provided their State of Florida driver's licenses to identify themselves. All were issued civil citations for violations of Marine Turtle Protection. The men left without incident, case clear.

## July 8 Property damage

2:00 p.m.  
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Penfield Street for a property damage report. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno met with the complainant who advised that his mailbox at the end of the driveway was damaged, possibly struck by a work vehicle driving through the street. The complainant advised that the incident took place between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The complainant stated that he had left his house at approximately 2 p.m. and the mailbox was still intact and noticed the mailbox on the ground when he returned at 3 p.m. The complainant checked the footage from his Ring camera placed by the front door, but the mailbox was out of the field of view. The only vehicles seen on the camera were traveling the opposite side of the street from the mailbox. The estimated damage on the white metal mailbox was \$250. Officer Nazareno canvassed the area and spoke with the construction workers working at the intersection of Penfield Street and General Harris Street who advised that numerous work trucks have driven through the street but did not notice any of them hitting the mailbox. The complainant was given a case number and email address for further information or updates regarding the incident. Case clear.

## July 9 Expired registration

7:51 a.m.  
Sgt. Puccio while on patrol received a notification from the camera for a vehicle with an expired registration. Sgt. Puccio observed the vehicle pass traveling northbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive. At that time, Sgt. Puccio initiated a traffic stop at the 2200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and met with the driver. Sgt. Puccio explained to him the reason for the stop and asked him for his driver's license which he stated he did not have a Florida driver's license. The driver did provide a Brazilian ID, of which positive identification was possible and registration to the vehicle he was driving was obtained through Sarasota Sheriff's Officer Dispatch. Sgt. Puccio issued the driver a UTC for driving without a driver license and a written warning for the expired tag. He was provided a Sarasota County Court date. He contacted a friend who was en route to the nearby Publix with a valid driver's license to pick him up and drive his vehicle which was relocated to the parking lot. The listed driver was instructed not to drive until he obtains a valid driver's license. Case clear.

## Parking

2:51 p.m.  
Officer Nazareno was dispatched to Wedge Lane for a citizen assist call from an anonymous caller regarding a possible abandoned vehicle. The caller stated that a white van on a trailer had been parked there for numerous days. Upon arrival, Officer Nazareno observed a white Mercedes Benz Sprinter van on a trailer hooked to a Ford 150 pickup truck legally parked on the street in front of Wedge Lane. Officer Nazareno made contact with the owner who lives on Wedge Lane, he advised he is moving the van out of state and no parking violations were observed. Case clear.

## July 10 Altercation

12:18 p.m.  
Officer Pescuma was dispatched to the 5300 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a possible threat towards an employee that occurred 20 minutes prior to dispatch. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Pescuma was greeted by a UPS employee and complainant. The complainant said that a 55 year old man entered the UPS store and started a verbal altercation with himself and another UPS employee. The complainant said that the man threatened to throw him in the Gulf of Mexico. No physical altercation took place and the man left the store. The complainant said that the man is having a relationship with the store's owner while they are going through a divorce, and that the men were friends and have prior history. This is the first time a verbal altercation occurred between the two. Officer Ramsaier and Officer Pescuma attempted to make contact with the man at his business, however both men were gone on arrival. Additionally, the elements of an assault are not met. An assault is an intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with an apparent ability to do so, and doing some act which creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is imminent. Case clear.

## Citizen assist

10:11 p.m.  
Officer Mathis was dispatched to Cedar Court in reference to a burglary. Upon his arrival to the location, Officer Mathis met with the complainant and current tenant. The complainant explained that while he was sleeping an unknown person(s) entered the residence which was locked. The complainant further explained that he heard furniture moving and the doorknob to the bedroom being turned. The complainant advised the bedroom door was locked and he began shouting and he heard the unknown man leave the residence. The complainant then exited the bedroom and found luggage at the top of the stairs that did not belong to him. While Officer Mathis was in the parking lot speaking with the complainant, a man approached the Officer. The man identified himself by producing his issued Swiss Driver's License. The man advised that he and his family had just gotten off of a 19-hour flight from Switzerland and arrived at Cedars Court which they had rented direct from the owner. The man had the appropriate code and key to the unit. The man explained that he entered the unit and began to bring in luggage when he realized that someone was already there. Startled, the man ran out of the unit and waited in the parking lot. The man advised that he was trying to contact the property management but his cell service would not let his call go through. The man advised that he couldn't find his rental paperwork but he had checked in at the office and was given a packet of rental paperwork and keys to the unit. The man further advised that he was supposed to check out first thing in the morning. The man and the complainant were both upset at the rental unit possibly being double booked. The complainant explained that he and his family would go to a hotel for the night and return in the morning to speak with property management and correct whatever mistake had occurred. Case clear.

## July 6 Water line

6:20 p.m.  
Officer Mathis was dispatched to the 4000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive in reference to a water leak. Upon arrival, Officer Mathis spoke with the complainant and he explained that the unisex restroom by the playground had a water leak and water was constantly running. Officer Mathis entered the restroom and observed the toilet was running and would not shut off. Officer Mathis cut off the water and notified Public Works of the issue. Case clear.

## Driver's license

6:33 p.m.  
Officer Pescuma received a license plate alert for a driver with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license. Officer Pescuma located the vehicle traveling westbound on North Shore Road and conducted a traffic stop. Officer Pescuma made contact with the driver and informed him of the reason for the traffic stop. Officer Pescuma told the driver that his license was suspended, he responded that he just bought the vehicle from a friend and handed Officer Pescuma the title of the vehicle. Upon further investigation it was found that the tag did not match the vehicle identification number of the Ford Escape. The tag came back to a silver Nissan. The driver advised that he just purchased the vehicle and put his girlfriend's Florida tag on the Ford Escape. Additionally, the vehicle did not have insurance on file. The officer issued a criminal

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# WineTimes

## Italy: From Apéritif to Digestif

Italians devote a full measure of expense and time to food and drink.

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

Italy anchors the “slow food” movement. Meals continue to be gatherings of family and friends: Buon cibo. Buon vino. Buon amici (Good food, Good wine, Good friends). By tradition, a dinner during midday or evening becomes an event, not to be rushed.

The amazing range of enhanced wines and liqueurs that Italians drink before and after food and table wine gives us insights into Italian culinary traditions. The classic lead into dinner in, say, a Tuscan ristorante seating between 20:00 and 22:00 (8-10PM) may begin an hour or two earlier at a nearby enoteca (wine bar). An enoteca serves different drinks that help whet an appetite. These aperitivos (apéritifs in French) tend to be less potent than the American cocktail and more a prelude to multiple courses with fine wines and digestivos (digestifs in French) to help diners cope with the aftermath of a surfeit of culinary delights. Usually light in alcohol, a Spritz of liqueur and sparkling water, for instance, will enliven tastes for pasta courses.

Although Italians have created and continue to consume many variants of Apéritifs, such as fortified herbal wines (Compari, Aperol, Vermouth), other countries have their own favorite apéritifs: French Pastis, Spanish Fino and Amontillado Sherry, and Portuguese White and Tawny Porto. Pastis, a substitute for the formerly most popular apéritif in France but then banned Absinthe, has a licorice taste and a milky appearance when mixed with water. It has survived in France as a standard apéritif. The Spanish Sherry and Portuguese Ports have a following in Great Britain and Northern Europe.

Stronger spirits in Northern Europe and the Americas do not as a rule serve as apéritifs. If anything, they dull the appetite and make us more accepting of heavy and tasteless foods.

The Digestifs offer a wide range of possibilities as well. The sweet Digestifs match up to sweet desserts. An aged Sauternes, an Ice Wine, a Vin Sante, Brandy, Grappa, a late harvest red, or another intensely sweet wine enhances the flavors of fruit tortes or cremes. A dessert digestif may also serve as a dessert by itself, or complement a cheese plate.

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 Otago 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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# Humanity goes viral

*Why does humanity possess sociopaths, people whose lying and deceit prove so destructive to community and society?*

**MATTHEW EDLUND**  
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Lots of people want their work to go “viral” – to propagate everywhere and anywhere, to infect and affect the whole of humanity. Internet virality is one of the ways that information now spreads.

Biological information often operates differently from what you find on the internet. It’s a lot older – nearly four billion years worth – at least on this planet. Its origins, underpinnings, underlying systems and processes stand remarkably less clear. Recently people have been fascinated to discover their “genetic” origin. Friends come and tell me they’re surprised they are “part” American Indian, Samoan, Ashkenazi Jewish or southern African.

So it may also come a surprise to find out that you are heavily viral – at least 8% of your DNA. Most of that viral material comes from retroviruses, a group which includes AIDS. Add on the large number of bacterial genes inside you, and you may need to recognize “illegal aliens” are a very large part of your genetic makeup, and have been for hundreds of millions of years.

So what are we doing with all our viral DNA? What does it want from us?

## Germ and Germ cells

An excellent article by Carl Zimmer (there are many more) tries to answer the question – what is all that viral DNA doing?

Quite a bit.

Viral DNA in humans is now used produce syncytins, proteins critical to placentas knitting themselves together. Other viral genes appear critical to processes creating or fostering cancer.

Most of their products, like the hemo protein found in pregnant woman, are ubiquitous – and we’ve no idea what they do.

What is known is that one viral “purpose” is to make more viruses, to reproduce and reproduce and reproduce. Unsurprisingly, many viral genes are found inside stem cells and “germ cells,” like eggs and sperm, that create the next generation.

So germs go to germ cells, the stuff we use to reproduce. Egg and sperm are great places to infect if you want to stick around for the entire survival of a species. Stem cells are also a good place for viruses to inhabit, as they can last a lifetime, and can differentiate, at least during the beginning of life, into pretty much anything.

Why do human cells, and that of other animals, tolerate such dangerous immigrants?

## A Different Kind of Tolerance

Quite often, human classification criteria get in the way of understanding biology. For many years it was “impossible” that bacteria were causing human ulcers – how could such critters



MATTHEW EDLUND



even survive all that acid stomach? Why would the fat cells around abdominal origins do anything except make fat – aren’t fat cells kind of dumb?

Nowadays we do pay attention to the 40 trillion bacteria in our guts that help digest our food and apparently change our mood and immunity. We also should greater interest in our bellies that make up the body’s biggest endocrine gland, turning out hormones by the score.

Cells are often less finicky about immigrants than countries. Life is information, regenerating information. And whatever you got inside you, you tend to use. Thus mitochondria, the energy “workhorse” of the cell, were once totally different organisms. They joined with our ancestors. Out of that came eukaryotic cells – and us.

If you’re going to have retroviruses living inside you, or bacterial genes, you probably want to “domesticate” them to your own purposes. For genes, like all information, possess different utilities with different contingencies.

## Virality and Sociopathy

People often describe viruses with especial horror. Viruses “have no soul.” They just make more of themselves, and amorally propagate, taking over more cells, more territory. Viruses sound very much like sociopaths.

So why does humanity possess sociopaths, people whose lying and deceit prove so destructive to community and society?

Because, based on contingency and who knows what else, sociopathy probably possesses unexpected “uses.”

If evolution has any “purpose,” like viruses, it is for life to survive, to continue. At this stage it appears that species have much more survival value than individuals. We are expendable. Humanity is not.

So consider the usefulness of charismatic sociopaths. If early humanity was trying to survive volcanoes or hurricanes, charismatic, deceitful liars might have proven very helpful aiding community survival. Sociopaths may obtain special usefulness in conflicts like wars.

In the twentieth century, charismatic sociopaths like Stalin and Mussolini were lauded as “great leaders” who “rebuilt their countries, made them strong and powerful.” People loved them. They adored their tales of glory and rebuilding the nation.

Millions willingly died for them. The “glory” proclaimed by these famous sociopaths led to murder, war, and annihilation.

The world consists of information. Information’s uses depend on circumstances and contingency. Viruses, like many charismatic, self-absorbed sociopathic leaders, are often highly effective. They “get their job done.”

Yet they can also prove utterly destructive. And life, a form of regenerating biological information, needs to survive.

Eventually, viruses and sociopaths need to be controlled.

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# ‘Snowbirders’ return to Longboat Key



Oystercatcher in the Gulf of Mexico.

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As my wife and I start the walk to Beer Can Island, my heart is noticeably beating and memories come flooding back. There’s the spot where I unearthed a large, almost undamaged lightning whelk that now sits on a bookshelf in our home in New York. There’s a partial makeshift path behind the mangroves where we sometimes walked when the tide was high. There are large mangroves jutting out near it, which we don’t remember, that make this spot look like a foreign country.

We come to the familiar upturned root systems of fallen trees lying on the sand and in the water. Here the landscape changes dramatically. Those roots systems, once trees’ arteries now dried and pitted from seawater, stand like works of art. They are wide enough to be measured in yards. The root systems aren’t decorated with shells as they used to be, but one has a thick rope hanging from it.

My wife wants to know where the entrance through the trees and mangroves is that leads to the first lagoon. There are more fallen trees and vegetation than I remember making the location a bit difficult to find. As we walk through, one thing hasn’t changed — little cactus-like burrs stick painfully to my bare feet as they often did in the past.

We walk on the familiar white sands and look at the leaning, tal perched in them. The neighborhood has changed as those trees used to be the province of ospreys, great blue herons and an occasional peregrine falcon.

A turkey vulture lifts off in a slow lumbering fashion crossing tree limbs as it spreads its wings, showing their pewter design. As the bird flies, a small white feather drifts to the ground, a souvenir the turkey vultures sometimes leave. My wife finds a comfortable fallen tree, which serves as a temporary sofa, like one she used to sit on, while I walk out to Beer Can’s tip.

There the sand is littered with a large number of dead fish ranging from various stages of soft tissue decay to skeletons. In the water by the Longboat Pass Bridge a snowy egret walks in the water. The lithe white bird with black legs and yellow feet that it uses to stir the muck and raise prey, oddly, doesn’t seem interested in eating. I look at the black legs, which in front have yellow down the center, and get a glimpse of those feet that birders refer to as “golden slippers.” Nice.

At the sand’s end, in still-as-glass water, are five feeding white ibises. These birds, with long, down-curved Lifebuoy soap-colored bills are, a picture of serenity. Over on a sand spit are two large white birds with knobby black heads, long dark bills and legs with pink feet, wood storks that I’ve not seen out here before. These birds are on the endangered species list and I always watch them with a sense of veneration. They stand at the water’s edge with their reflections in the water. Four for the price of two. They walk into the water hunched over, their bodies looking like puffy balls of white. Their reflections move with them. The “woodies” use a method called “grope-feeding” by moving their partially open, long down-curved bills in the water, waiting for prey fish and snapping them shut as fast as 25 milliseconds.

In another part of the lagoon is a little blue heron. The bird’s wine-colored neck and head are hard to see because it’s walking in the green reflection of mangroves on shore. The patient fish hunter is looking for breakfast. Near the shore are a great blue heron and a great egret. This is the Beer Can that I remember. Back on Whitney Beach, a large group of red knots are still feeding and two willets, large non-descript brown sandpipers, lift off over the water heading south, flashing their bold white wing pattern that dazzles. I I and bare gray trees to see several turkey vultures remember earlier seeing an oystercatcher flying in that direction. At the end of last winter several oystercatchers fed there. I walk south in the hope of seeing these birds with



Great Blue Heron

the bright red, thick bills that are used to open oysters and clams. I find five oystercatchers! Three are resting in the sand while two are standing on one leg. One has its red bill resting on its back. They are taking a break from feeding, which is characteristic of these birds, as they eat a limited amount at one time. For a while I look at those thick red bills and the yellow red-rimmed eye, which remind me of a dartboard.

Walking over to the assembled multitude of gulls and terns, I find sandwich terns and through binoculars look at their black bills whose tips are yellow. There’s no discernable break or demarcation point where the black ends and the yellow begins. It just happens — nature’s handiwork. It’s what I call the infinite beauty of birds, which can be found in variations between species; differences between juveniles and adults; seasonal changes in plumages; differences between sexes or differences in lighting.

With so many species of birds the possibilities for beauty seem infinite. That beauty is a major reason why I watch birds. Inwardly I smile because today’s day one and I’ve got three more months to go.

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# BreakPoints

## Make your opponent play lots of balls

*I often suggest it is better to make your first serve even if you slow down your power, then constantly giving your opponent a second serve.*

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*I hurt my shoulder when playing in a match, so I resulted to dropping the ball and hitting it underhand for serving. My opponent said I couldn't do that, so I retired. Are there any alternatives if you can't serve overhand?*

You and your opponent were both correct essentially, but there was a critical piece of information you were missing. Many people serve underhand for a variety of reasons: sun in the eyes, shoulder injuries, bad serving day, or new to the sport. However, while you can serve underhand you cannot let the ball bounce. All of the same rules apply to the underhand serve as the "normal" overhand serve. You have to hit it out of the air, you can't foot fault, and you still have to hit it into the correct service box. I have seen many players develop a good underhand serve for a variety of reasons and still play at a high level of recreational tennis. You'll even see the pros throw in a trick underhand serve here and there. (Nick Kyrgios is infamous for this.)



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*I was playing a doubles match, and every time my partner served our opponents would slam the ball at me at the net. I backed up to the service line, but I still couldn't return it. I have OK volleys generally, but against them we lost all of our service games. Any advice?*

This can happen mainly for two reasons. One, if your opponents have strong ground strokes, or two, your partner has a weak serve. Worst case scenario is when your partner has a weak serve, and your opponents have great groundstrokes! The first step is to try to get your partner to get their first serve in, and if possible diversify their targets so your opponents don't know what is coming. I often suggest it is better to make your first serve even if you slow down your power, then constantly giving your opponent a second serve.

However, the easiest and most simple solution to this scenario is for you to back up to the baseline. Playing both back is both the safest and most defensive position. If you are getting attacked at the net BACK UP! Players play both back for a multitude of reasons: their opponents are attacking them at the net, the player's groundstrokes are much stronger than their volleys, it mixes up the formation against the opponent, etc. If you are playing and getting attacked at the net,

this strategy also gives you more time. The most important strategy in recreational tennis is to be consistent, and make your opponent play as many balls as possible, so at least by backing up you are giving yourself a chance to make them hit one more ball!

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- 1. Inventor of a great glass elevator
- 5. 2nd largest Great Lake
- 10. Burn balm
- 14. It was subtitled "A Narrative of the South Seas"
- 15. It's followed by Febrero
- 16. One of Asta's owners
- 17. Specialists in wooden machinery?
- 20. Raimi/Campbell horror trilogy
- 21. "Amen to that!"
- 22. Words of acknowledgment
- 23. Tribesmen at Red Rock
- 24. Soft wood used for aircraft parts?
- 29. Honshu hide-a-bed
- 32. "I can't \_\_\_\_ thing!"
- 33. Word with American or Eskimo
- 34. Place for a short stack, for short
- 35. Golden Horde member
- 37. Word with pool or city
- 38. IM pioneer
- 39. Food served with frijoles
- 40. Fabulous storyteller
- 41. A famously sturdy paddock?
- 45. Encounter
- 46. Noble holding
- 50. It may divide on a slide
- 53. G&S farce, informally
- 54. Veneer over a wooden handle?
- 56. Garfield's punching bag

- 57. "I'm With Stupid" rocker Mann
  - 58. First name in philosophy
  - 59. It may get trapped in your dryer
  - 60. 1066 and 1492
  - 61. Disco and doo-wop, e.g.
- DOWN
- 1. He doesn't sing Heigh-Ho
  - 2. Something to make or bust
  - 3. Kachina worshipers
  - 4. Sucker
  - 5. As part of this document
  - 6. Like a messy bed
  - 7. Oboe or sax, e.g.
  - 8. Many a Middle Earth warrior

- 9. Pitcher's goal
- 10. American Shakers founder
- 11. She worked for Perry at the Planet
- 12. Sea World headliner
- 13. Like a piece of cake
- 18. Supplement a recipe with
- 19. Word heard on Lei Day
- 23. "Eligible" classification
- 25. Childish insistence
- 26. Pampering places
- 27. Narc's jackpot
- 28. Short shriek
- 29. Chrysler partner
- 30. "I've got a bad feeling about this!"
- 31. Lacquered metalware

- 35. 18 down's opposite
- 36. FDIC protectee
- 37. Brimstone's partner
- 39. Billy Blanks' calorie burner
- 40. Capital of Baden's canton
- 42. Serving at 34 across
- 43. Hunt's "Mad About You" co-star
- 44. Homes near buffalo?
- 47. Many a nurse
- 48. Where the Magic play
- 49. Nineveh conquerors
- 50. One who forgot to touch base?
- 51. Certain skirt
- 52. "Alias" director Ken or actress Lena
- 53. Gila River dweller
- 55. Conk out

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