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## New City Manager takes on budget, flooding, development

*"This is not the first nor last time St. Armands will flood. There is an elevation issue. If the scientists are right, we will spend a lot more of our future trying to find methods to keep water out."*

**STEVE REID**  
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The Sarasota City Manager position is a never-ending crucible where budgeting, development, traffic and the threat of hurricanes vie for attention, resources and decisions.

Nobody knows the complicated dance between residents, developer interests and the political proclivities of City Commissioners better

than freshly minted Sarasota City Manager Dave Bullock.

And although Bullock has been named "Interim City Manager," in an interview with Longboat Key News, it became quickly apparent that Bullock is all-in on the job and is



excited to help lead the City he has lived in for 31 years.

Bullock is a realist, especially when it comes to growth and traffic.

"Life is not static; it is always changing and you cannot hole-up in one place, create a neighborhood that is positive and not adapt and adjust to an ever-changing world," said Bullock.

For Bullock, the question of whether Sarasota is growing too fast

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## County shakes up stormwater department following criticism

*Sarasota County leaders voted last week to create a new stormwater department apart from Public Works.*

The decision, which includes hiring a new department head, came during a budget workshop marked by public criticism. Residents packed the small meeting chambers, demanding accountability from Public Works Director Spencer Anderson and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis for what they described as years of neglect and failed leadership.

Speakers said the disconnect between the county's prior assurances and the reality of their flood-damaged neighborhoods was severe.

Commissioners last month directed Lewis to return with a proposal for creating a standalone stormwater department. But the sharp public backlash prompted County Commissioner Tom Knight to bypass Lewis' report to push through major changes — notably, the creation of the independent stormwater department with a new chief reporting directly to the county administrator.

His motions won unanimous support, and the job was posted

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## The art and science of suppression on LBK

*The saying that occupants run from a building that is on fire while fire-fighters run in is absolutely true.*

**PAUL DEZZI**  
Longboat Key Fire Chief  
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When I started in the fire service four decades ago, we had SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) in plastic boxes on the fire truck, wore three-quarter length boots with long black coats and medical equipment that would be considered ancient by today's standards.

We have come a long way since

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is less a question of volume versus value.

“It is not growth or no growth, but how do you want to grow?” Bullock said rhetorically.

And Bullock has no illusion on reaching a happy consensus on every issue. He points out that public policy is not a unanimous game. Bullock says that often “consensus is a grudging willingness to go along.”

Blowing in the wind...

Bullock started last month and immediately spent long hours thrust into the City budgeting process. Simultaneously, he has had to stay completely focused on storm resiliency as the region careens into another hurricane season.

Bullock says Florida has done an admirable job when it comes to wind.

“Give Florida credit. For all of its Carl Hiaasin wildness, the Florida building code is pretty good when it comes to wind. It works and protects property. The challenge is around stormwater. We are working through it really hard, but when the Bay rises and is above the roadways, it is extremely trying. Gravity is not your friend,” says Bullock.

Bullock specifically is referring to St. Armands Circle, which saw several feet of water invade every ground floor business and structure.

“This is not the first nor last time St. Armands will flood. There is an elevation issue. If the scientists are right, we will spend a lot more of our future trying to find methods to keep water out,” said Bullock.

Bullock spoke of Tampa General Hospital which has a flood dam that it can employ around its facility but it is extremely expensive and hard to manage.

When asked if he felt increasing development in historically flood-prone areas makes sense, he said that it is up to the community to find a balance that makes sense for itself.

“There has always been a desire for property owners to maximize value from their investment. That is why you have zoning and a comprehensive plan to create and maintain what the leaders feel makes sense,” said Bullock.

Budgeting reserves

Bullock said the recent storms spent a good portion of the City’s financial reserves. He cited the special stormwater projects, the Van Wezel, and the more than \$30 million in park damage from storms as all challenges to the budget. Bullock said he expects the growth and property

# Leadership DNA



Longboat Key Town Manager Howard Tipton, right, travelled to hometown Glendora, Calif., where his father, also named Howard, was City Manager in the 1960s.

values to continue slowing and there are less gas taxes and sales tax revenue that manifest during an economic slowdown.

“All pressures are up on the expense side,” says Bullock.

For Bullock, the budgetary formula is to reduce costs and increase revenue and build the reserves back up.

Bullock’s last position managing a municipality was on Longboat Key where he was Town Manager from 2011 until 2018. In his stint on Longboat, he initially agreed to a three-year term, but he ended up staying twice as long. Bullock said he will not be applying for the permanent position when and if the City of Sarasota determines its process, which broke down prior to hiring Bullock.

Bullock says he is 100% focused on every aspect of the job and couldn’t be more thrilled to help tackle the issues in the community that he says, “I love so much, I plan to die here.”



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then. We didn't run as many hazardous materials, confined space, high angle or any other special operations-type incidents. We ran the occasional traffic accident and took people to the hospital when they were ill, but our time at the firehouse was much slower paced than it is today.

Decontamination after a good fire meant taking a soapy brush and garden hose to your fire gear and hanging them on the coat rack for two days to dry. There were no high-tech gear washers and dryers. Chemicals like carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen cyanide (HCN) were not chemical compounds we knew about. There were no Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) or FAST teams to help the firefighters in case they got into trouble inside a fire. Seatbelts were the lap belt-style only, no shoulder straps, if any at all.

There was one portable radio on the truck, and it was as heavy as a brick. Booster or trash lines were the hoses of choice to fight fires. They were light, maneuverable and easy to pick up after the fires were over. Large diameter hose, which is now used to get water from a fire hydrant to the fire, was just being introduced to the fire service and was very expensive to purchase. Most departments were using multiple two-and-a-half-inch diameter or three-inch hose as supply lines.

Unlike 30 years ago, we now do a lot more than just fight fires. We are called out for vehicle extrications, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies, carbon monoxide emergencies, disasters of nature, water rescues, acts of terrorism, confined-space emergencies, high-angle rescues, public assist calls (both EMS and Fire) and structure collapses, just to name a few. We, in the fire service, have become the “go to” agency for just about everything. The motto “No job too small” appropriately fits now.

Is this true for Longboat Key? The answer is yes. Your department has well-trained, committed, dedicated and caring personnel that are ready to serve the public when called upon. They may not respond to these calls on a regular basis, but the potential on Longboat Key is very high and we do provide mutual aid to both Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Many of the high-rise buildings on Longboat Key have fire sprinklers installed. This provides a false sense of security to residents in that sprinklers extinguish the fire but the smoke is still present... what kills most people in the fire? Right, it's the smoke. That is your fire department's concern; getting to the fire quickly, getting to the fire floor first, the floor above the fire second, and ultimately to the top floor in an attempt to rescue occupants from the smoke-filled building.

Remember to use the stairs when there is a fire and not the elevators. If you have difficulty getting down the stairs, stay in the stairwell and wait for the firefighters to carry you down.

The safety of residents and the firefighters is important and when decisions are made they're made quickly with safety of everyone involved. In the fire service there is a saying that is often used: "Risk a lot to save a lot, risk a little to save a little, risk nothing for that which is already lost."

The saying that occupants run away from a building that is on fire while firefighters run in is absolutely true. The firefighters are trained to know when to enter a burning building and when they should not. These decisions are made by the incident commander (deputy chief), and there are many factors that are considered in the decision-making process.

There are no new reasons why firefighters are killed or injured. They are dying in the same ways year after year. If a firefighter dies in the line of duty, that death will most often be a result of a heart attack caused by stress or over exertion; a traffic accident involving a depart-

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during the meeting.

Commissioners Joe Neunder and Mark Smith urged even faster action, suggesting the hire of a temporary, interim manager and floating the name of former county stormwater manager Steve Suau.

Suaa, who conducted an independent review of what went wrong during Tropical Storm Debby, later told reporters he would be interested in the job but had not been in contact with county administration.

Before commissioners and residents had their say, Anderson delivered a detailed defense of the county's stormwater management, pointing to recent maintenance projects along Phillippi Creek and stressing his team's qualifications.

Public speakers later challenged Anderson's statements, accusing county leaders of a lack of urgency, ineffective management and poor communication that fostered a sense of mistrust in the community.

Although county officials submitted an emergency dredging application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April, the Army Corps later confirmed that the creek didn't qualify for emergency dredging, since the sediment buildup predated Tropical Storm Debby — and the county had known that since last summer.

In addition to the creation of a new separate stormwater department, commissioners also voted to require county staff to provide an update to the public on recommendations Suau provided after his review last year.

Commissioners also tabled a staff-initiated discussion, begun earlier this year, to end the county's longstanding agreement with the city of Sarasota to maintain its stormwater infrastructure.

Smith said the county needs more time to resolve its own stormwater issues before offloading that responsibility back onto the city.


ment's apparatus; being caught and trapped by fire, smoke or toxic gas; falling or slipping; a collapse or coming in contact with a dangerous object, such as an electric wire. The types of ground injuries are also the same each year. Firefighters suffer strains, sprains, wounds, cuts, lacerations, bruises, burns, and smoke or gas inhalation. As firefighters get older these injuries become more severe and occur more often, even if the firefighter is in the best of shape.

The fire training on Longboat Key is geared toward residential and high-rise structures, the usual fire response. Knowing the buildings, water supply, hydrant locations, accessibility for apparatus as well as if the buildings are fully occupied or not help with the fire and rescue operations. The buildings on LBK are unique, and knowing the buildings is important for emergency responders.

High-rise and commercial fires (Publix, marinas, etc.) are a whole different animal and cannot be treated the same as residential fires. This is where firefighters cannot become complacent. When the low-air alarm sounds/vibrates on the firefighters' air-bottle (self-contained breathing apparatus), they need to be outside the building. Not getting ready to leave, not working the extra five minutes and then racing to the doorway or window when the mask is sucking to their face. The low-air alarm is their emergency air supply in the event that something happens like a floor or roof collapse or becoming disoriented or entangled. The emergency air supply they have left may be the difference in their fellow firefighters rescuing him or her alive or dead.

Knowing that your fire department responds with well-trained and experienced personnel who are ready to provide fire rescue service is of great importance. The department responds to more EMS calls than fire calls, but keep in mind that Longboat Key has the potential for a devastating fire. If it wasn't for the quick response and actions of the fire department last year at the Westchester Condominium fire, this fire could have done more damage and lives could have been lost.

Remember your Fire-Rescue Department is here to serve. In any emergency (fire or EMS), call 9-1-1 immediately — it could mean the difference between life and death.



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## TLBK SDE Letter and Information and TLBK SRL Letter

To: Longboat Key Plans Examiner Neal Mazzei  
Thanks so much Neal. Thank you for keeping me in loop!  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

## TLBK SDE Letter and Information and TLBK SRL Letter

To: Longboat Key Plans Examiner Neal Mazzei  
Really appreciate all the help. Sent to Elevate. Shannon and I look forward to finally getting back into our full-time home - one of the seven 1920 cottages in the Village which we dearly treasure and have no intention of ever demo-ing. We have Rusty and Christine Chinnis to thank for bringing us to the LBK cottage when I was in my last year/retiring from the military, and we feel quite fortunate to live here.  
Jim Lince  
Longboat Key

## TLBK SDE Letter and Information and TLBK SRL Letter

To: James Lince  
Your GC, Chris with Stray Cats, was able to get your permit application submitted this afternoon so it is under review, and I'll do what I can to expedite the process from here. I have attached your SDE Letter and backup information as well as a TLBK Severe Repetitive Loss Letter which you put you hire on the priority list for the Elevate Florida Program as requested.  
If you don't already have one, we will need a copy of a FEMA 50% Appraisal to go with your permit application prior to any permit issuance.  
I hope this helps, and thank you for your patience with the process. Please feel free to call if you have any additional questions.  
Neal Mazzei  
Plans Examiner  
Town of Longboat Key

## LBK - Budget Good News

To: Longboat Key Town Attorney Maggie Mooney  
Great news. Please thank Dave for me. We are fortunate to have his crew.  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

## LBK - Budget Good News

To: Longboat Key Town Commission  
I just wanted to share a quick update. I heard from David Ramba this afternoon that the Town's \$1,500,000 appropriation made it into the final budget executed by Governor DeSantis today and was not vetoed! This is great news for the Town's subaqueous force main project!

Congratulations! Many thanks to David Ramba and his team for all their efforts getting this appropriation across the finish line!  
Maggie D. Mooney  
Town Attorney  
Town of Longboat Key

## LBK - Budget Good News

To: Longboat Key Commission  
Attached please find the Budget Conference Legislative Report from your lobbyists at Ramba Consulting for the 2025 Legislative Session.  
The good news is that LBK's Subaqueous Force Main (SF 1377) (HF 1650) received funding of \$1,500,000 nonrecurring General Revenue in Line 1555 (See pg. 310 of the GAA).  
Unfortunately, LBK's other (smaller) appropriation request, for resilient Control Panel Upgrade (HF 2482) (SF 1665) did not make it into the final conference report.  
Given the political tensions and disputes during this Legislative Session, LBK was fortunate to have the subaqueous appropriation included in the budget. However, we cannot celebrate yet. We still need to wait to make sure that the \$1.5 million appropriation is approved by Governor DeSantis. David Ramba and the lobbyists at Ramba Consulting will continue to monitor this for LBK. We will keep you posted on any developments in this regard.  
I want to acknowledge all the work and effort by the Commissioners who advocated to our local delegation members in both counties on the importance of the Town's appropriation requests. Your individual relationships with our local delegation members make a difference. The Commissioners' efforts along with David Ramba and his team's advocacy helped ensure that LBK's critical project and infrastructure made it into the proposed budget. Great work everyone!  
Maggie D. Mooney  
Town Attorney  
Town of Longboat Key

## NEST items for you

To: Deborah DiCarlo  
I appreciate your kind words and yes, please do keep in touch. So happy that your church is partnering with Paradise Center, great for our community!  
Sarah Karon  
Commissioner  
Longboat Key

## NEST items for you

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
Thank you so much for your response, Sarah. It explains a lot because the church I go to is the Longboat Island Chapel, and the person I talked to may have heard about that collaboration. I think she got the renewed relationship between the Paradise Center and the Chapel

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# KeyBirdBall

## Longboat Key’s All-Bird Baseball Team

Michael Givant  
Contributing Writer

If Longboat Key’s birds could catch and throw, this is what an all-bird baseball team would look like position by position.

### First Base

This position requires a tall, rangy player who can stay anchored to the bag while scooping long, sometimes errant throws out of the dirt. At 46” not many birds are taller than the great blue heron. Since this bird can stand motionless in one spot for a long time and suddenly plunge its bill into shallow water coming up with a fish, it should have little trouble scooping up bad throws.

### Second Base

Those who play this position are the unsung heroes of the double play. This position requires a compact body with excellent lateral mobility, soft hands and a steady demeanor. The second baseman also has to be able to stay near the bag and move well in either direction. This bird feeds in shallow water near the shoreline moving in whatever direction fish swim. Ever see a little blue heron with a crab in its bill? It doesn’t get excited but holds on until the crab is swallowed. The little blue won’t panic and will steadily turn ground balls into outs.

### Shortstop

This position requires the leanest, quickest, most agile athlete on the team. In addition to being the main man on the double play, the shortstop has to be able to charge slow ground balls, scooping up the ball bare handed while making the long throw to first base on the run. No fish-eating bird has a more unique, physical hunting style than the reddish egret. Its movements while going after elusive fish are memorable to birders who have seen them at work. Any infield coach will rest easy with this bird at the position.

### Third Base

This position requires that the player stop wicked ground balls that hug the third base line, then set himself to make the impossibly long throw to first base. The tricolored heron has unreal concentration and lightening-like speed, stabbing the water repeatedly for fish almost faster than many people follow. Few grounders are likely to get past the tricolor. With a name like his, would you really want anyone else at the “hot corner?”

### Right Field

The right fielder has to have a rifle arm and great accuracy to hit the cut off man or make the long throw to home plate to nab a base runner before he crosses home plate. Despite its clumsy appearance, the brown pelican is an excellent fit for the position. Ever see one

of them plunge-dive for fish from on high, crash into the water. The bird often surfaces spreading its bill, which holds up to three and a half-gallons of water, to drain it while holding onto any fish. This bird will make even the most daring base runner pause before trying for an extra base.

### Center Field

The center fielder has to patrol the most outfield turf and catch everything hit his way. The white pelican has an enormous bill pouch that holds more water than its little brother the brown pelican’s. Is there a better “glove” to be found on any bird? In addition its nearly ten-foot wingspan allows it to eat up ground, getting to fly balls before they fall in for hits.

### Left Field

This position sometimes demands the speed to intercept fly balls heading to the stands for base hits. This occasionally means diving prevent a ball from reaching an eager fan’s glove for a homer. Other times it demands the ability to get to balls that have fallen in for hits to prevent them from going for extra bases. The sand hill crane is my choice here. I once followed two sand hill cranes trying to get a good picture of them. The last thing I remember was seeing them lift over the grass and out of sight. I want this bird playing on my team rather than having to play against it.

### Catcher

Catchers call the pitches for a game and sometimes will have to deal with reluctant pitchers. The black vul-

ture is the bird for this job. What pitcher would shake off the signs flashed by a bird with a black body and gray head, knowing that he might fly out to the mound for a chat? The catcher may have to block home plate and tag out a speeding runner. With broad wings and a chunky body this bird can really block the plate. As it is known to dominate a kill, what base runner wouldn’t hold up at third base rather than risk becoming carrion?

### Opening Day Pitcher

Any team’s number one starting pitcher has to be able to “smell the plate.” The turkey vulture bird has an acute sense of smell. While opposing batters are staring at this bird’s bald, red head and white bill, pitches will be sailing past them for called strikes.

### Closer

This pitcher has to come in during the late innings to protect a lead, throwing “lights out,” fastballs to end the game. You don’t need to look any further than the blazing yellow eyes of the osprey to understand its determination. This is the bird you want out there in these make or break moments. The last thing an opposing batter wants to see, is the manacled-clawed osprey handed the ball by his manager with instruction to “bring heat, baby.” The fish hawk won’t throw balls, just strikes, and the fat lady will sing.

Michael Givant and his wife are second-year snow-birds on Longboat Key. He was taken with the New York Yankees when a youngster he went to Yankee Stadium and saw Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra.





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conflated with the North End community center. So interesting how these conversations take place and how decisive the context is.

As you probably know, the first generation of the Paradise Center found its home at the Longboat Island Chapel years ago. So it's actually a bit of a homecoming! Reverend Brock is indeed committed to our community here on Longboat.

Thank you so much for bringing clarity to the situation. I'll continue to reach out as I hear things that need clarification from you and appreciate that you represent our north end

interest so well.

Thanks for your help,  
Deborah DiCarlo  
Longboat Key

NEST items for you

To: Deborah DiCarlo

Thank you for your work on the NEST project. I remain hopeful regarding the Chiles property, but there's nothing concrete in the works. As far as I know, the town has no plans in mind with the Paradise Center as regards programming the eventual space (wherever we land), but I wouldn't be surprised if some general conversations have taken place as folks dream up possibilities. Currently, the Paradise Center plans to move into the Longboat Island Chapel thanks to their kind invitation. It will be wonderful to have them with us on the North End and I am so impressed by the church's proactive, neighborly invitation. Let me know if you would like to discuss further, I'm available.

Sarah Karon  
Commissioner  
Longboat Key

NEST items for you

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

First, I want to thank you for your contributions to establish a north end community center. You may know that I am the NEST team lead for exercise activities at the north end center.

We have collected several exercise related suggestions from residents of the north end neighborhoods, and I've had a few of discussions along these lines. You may have seen the results of the data we collected.

Someone at my church, mentioned that you are discussing the programming of the north end space with the folks at the Paradise Center.

Can you confirm that please? If this is the case, will you include me in such discussions, or bring me up to date on what has taken place?

I know it is still early days in the discovery and feasibility study of the purchase of the Chiles property by Mantee County, so I suspect any discussions you had were very preliminary.

We can meet and SIPs for a conversation or simply have a phone call. I want to ensure we are collaborating on programming and make you aware of the item we already have on the schedule. I look forward to hearing from you,

Deborah Di Carlo  
Longboat Key

Senate Bill 1622

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon

Thank you Sarah. Good to know that you discussed it at the town meeting.

"property lines extend into water" seems to be a miscalculation. As I understand it, the next time the erosion control lines are redrawn, this might be addressed. However, if the town is able to negotiate a return to customary access by taking over that sea wall we might get somewhere.

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# EditorLetters



**Letters, from page 6**

Eminent domain perhaps? We should try to move the needle while the legislature seems to recognize public beach access.  
Patricia DeChiara  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Patricia DeChiara  
We discussed this topic with legal counsel in Town mtg today, the common use approach will not work in this case -- wrong county size (population), plus property lines extend into water. Sorry I can't be sharing more optimistic feedback!  
Sarah Karon  
Commissioner  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
Worth a try. The place is still a disaster. We did walk on west side of seawall at low tide recently. The amount of sand is amazing. Only good fishing now is on north side of wall  
Cyndi Seamon  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
I would suggest asking LBK to draft a customary use ordinance for beach access at all points on the island. Maggie Mooney didn't want to butt heads with Ohana over right to walk across seawall when high tide prevented walking below the wall but maybe with new owners something can be decided that survives whoever currently owns that property.  
Laurel Gilbert Phillips  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
Great news this morning! Can we leverage this regarding Ohana?  
Patricia DeChiara  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
Guess it's good news the common use issue even came up at the town meeting but if Maggie Mooney weighed in then rest assured the private rights of owners over public good was uppermost in her mind. No headway to be made there but still a debatable issue and a private agreement can be made with Ohana- as attempted before- why not push for this?  
Laurel Gilbert Phillips  
Longboat Key

**Senate Bill 1622**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner Sarah Karon  
Agree with Pat and Laurel Now should be a good time to negotiate a win/win deal with owners.  
Paul Hylbert  
Longboat Key

**Congratulations**

To: Longboat Key Commissioner BJ Bishop  
I look forward to that as well! I really appreciate your kind words and encouragement.  
James Clinch

See Letters, page 12

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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.

## June 26 Alarm

9:04 a.m.  
Officer Troyer was dispatched to the 2900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive on a report of a burglary alarm with front door motion. While enroute, the alarm company contacted the homeowner who reported no persons should be present. Upon arrival, Sgt. Montfort located a flooring company van in the driveway. Sgt. Montfort and Officer Troyer made contact with the individuals who said they were at the residence to do flooring work and provided a work order. On the work order was an address in Holmes Beach, they were at the wrong residence. The two men did not speak English well. Sgt. Montfort contacted the homeowner who requested the residence be checked for security purposes. The men left the residence without incident. Case clear.



of a noise disturbance. Upon arrival, Officer Martinson could not hear any loud noise coming from the unit. Officer Martinson advised the woman there was a complaint about loud noise. The woman apologized and stated she had been watching a movie earlier and admitted to having the volume up pretty loud. The woman stated she had already turned off of the movie and television. Case clear.

## June 28 Citizen assist

3:40 p.m.  
Officer Barrett received a call of a telephone pole floating in the waterway east of Joan Durante Park, towards the Intracoastal waterway posing a hazard to boaters. Upon arrival, Officer Barrett observed a telephone pole floating in the water. Officer Barrett utilized a dock line from the police vessel to drag it into a dock at Joan Durante Park and secured it to the dock to prevent it from becoming a hazard to boaters. Case clear.

## Vehicle

11:04 a.m.  
Officer Troyer while on patrol in the area of the 1000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive was sitting at the entrance to a neighborhood when he observed a Chevrolet Suburban driving northbound and appeared to be speeding. The area the vehicle was traveling through was a marked construction zone and had a posted speed limit of 35 mph. Also, there were construction workers present on the roadway working on the road. Officer Troyer used the radar detector to measure the vehicle’s speed, which was measured at 50 mph. Officer Troyer conducted a traffic stop in the same area and spoke to the driver and asked him for his driver’s license, registration and proof of insurance. The driver told me he did not have any of what he asked for and only had an identification card. Officer Troyer asked the driver why he had an identification card to which he said his license was taken away. Officer Troyer asked him why he was driving with no license to which he said he had to work. The man also said he bought the vehicle a couple days ago and the mounted license plate did not belong on the vehicle. The driver did not have proof of ownership for the vehicle. Officer Troyer cleared the license plate which revealed the license plate was registered to ‘unknown.’ Officer Troyer contacted the dispatch center and requested a tow for the vehicle due to being unregistered and uninsured. During Officer Troyer’s inventory search of the vehicle, he located two pill bottles which were labeled ‘hydro chloroquine.’ The man said the pills belonged to his wife and grandmother. Officer Troyer then confiscated the pill bottles and placed them into evidence for safekeeping because he did not want to leave them in the car without the man’s name being on them. Case clear.

## Suspicious

12:00 p.m.  
Officer Martinson was dispatched to the 360 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive on a call of a Suspicious Incident. Officer Martinson made contact with the complainant over his department issued cell phone. The complainant stated that over the past couple of days she had received three packages to her residence with no name that she did not order. The complainant said the three packages contained children’s underwear and some type of cylinder weights. The complainant was advised the packages where more than likely delivered in error and that she should contact the company and return them to sender. The complainant insisted that this was not a mistake and that the officer label the report as ‘suspicious’ even though at this time there is no evidence as such. Case clear.

## Citizen assist

11:35 p.m.  
Officer Tillman responded to the 200 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and met with the driver of a vehicle who stated that he had run out of gas. Officer Tillman proceeded to the gas station at the 400 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and was unable to located a gas can and the gas station was closed. The driver stated that he called his girlfriend to bring him some gas. Case clear.

## June 27 Suspicious

12:58 p.m.  
Officer Maple, Officer Nazareno and Sgt. Smith met with the complainant who stated she was asked by a neighbor to move her vehicle so she would not suffer damage from the complex painting project. The complainant proceeded to move her vehicle and upon her returning to her condominium moments later, she saw her front door not properly secured and thought she heard a voice inside. She said she observed footprints in the front entry and called 911. Sgt. Smith and Officer Nazareno canvassed the condominium and did not find anything out of the ordinary and no persons were observed inside. There were no signs of forced entry and foot prints escribed by complainant were not observed as she had said. The condominium was undergoing an extensive cleaning by the complainant and several pieces of furniture looked to have been moved to clean. Officer Maple escorted the complainant around the condominium and she stated nothing was missing or appeared to be out of order. Case clear.

## 911 call

7:54 a.m.  
Officer Maple was dispatched to the 4700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive for an abandoned 911 call. Upon his arrival, Officer Maple met with the front desk receptionist who stated they were unable to get ahold of guests in one of the rooms who had made the call. The complainant stated there were two adults and three children in the room. Officer Maple met with the room occupant who stated his wife was in the shower and one of the children were playing with the phone. Officer Maple overheard the wife in the shower with one of the younger children stating everything was okay. There were no signs of an emergency or anything of concern. Case clear.

## June 29 Suspicious

8:52 p.m.  
Officer Miklos while on patrol observed a man sitting on a bench near the entry of a closed business. Officer Miklos noticed the man was then laying down and sleeping, and then he initiated a consensual conversation with the man. During the conversation, the man advised that he was homeless and was planning on sleeping on Longboat Key. The man was not interested in any assistance and requested a ride to Bradenton. Officer Miklos contacted Sgt. Puccio and advised him of the man’s request to be transported to Cortez Road. Officer Miklos conducted a frisk of the man and placed him in the rear passenger seat. The man was transported to Cortez Road without incident, case clear.

## June 30 Raccoon

9:43 p.m.  
Officer Troyer was dispatched to Harbor Sound Drive in reference to a caller who reported her dog was bitten by a raccoon. Upon arrival, the caller reported her dog was bitten by a raccoon and the raccoon has since left the area. The dog owner was not sure what to do so she requested animal services. Officer Troyer informed her to seek veterinary advice and did not locate any raccoon in the area. Case clear.

## Noise

11:13 p.m.  
Officer Martinson was dispatched to the 5600 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive on a call

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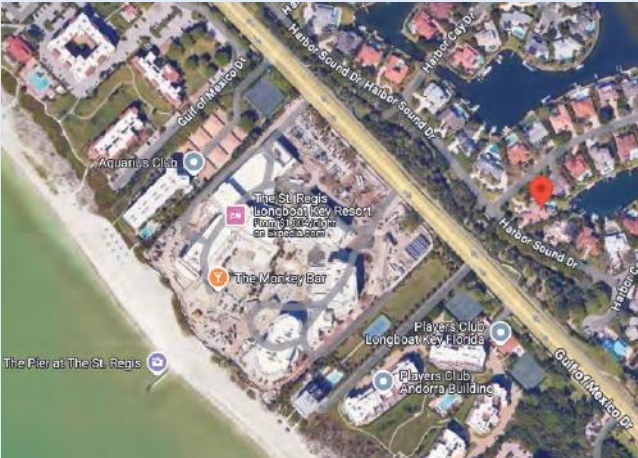


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# Editor Letters



**Letters, from page 8**  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Venice

**Congratulations**

To: City of Venice Assistant Manager James Clinch  
I was thrilled when I saw your appointment as Town Manager in the Herald Tribune this morning. Congratulations! Look forward to seeing you at many FLC events in the coming years.  
BJ Bishop  
Commissioner  
Town of Longboat Key

**Celebrating Sewer Department Achievements & Recognizing Outstanding Crews**

To: Sarasota City Mayor Liz Alpert  
I am proud to write to you on behalf of the City of Sarasota's Sewer Department to highlight our team's accomplishments so far this year. Under the exceptional leadership of our supervisor, Torrance, our department has continued to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of our sewer systems—work that may not always be visible but is absolutely vital to the health and functionality of our city.  
This year, our crews have tackled extensive maintenance, emergency repairs, and infrastructure improvements with professionalism and dedication. Their hard work prevents disruptions and protects our community's sanitation and environmental well-being.  
I'd like to take a moment to recognize our outstanding Crew Leaders—Patrick, Richard, and Roson—for their tireless efforts in guiding their teams and maintaining high standards. A special shout-out goes to Patrick's crew, who have consistently gone above and beyond:  
  
- Jesse – Skillfully operating the Vaccon truck, keeping our lines clear.  
- Shannon – Managing the dump truck with precision and efficiency.  
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- Isaac – Expertly operating the excavator machine for complex tasks.  
  
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Christopher Purdy  
Maintenance mechanic 1  
Sarasota Sewer Department

**City of Sarasota Sewer Department**

To: Christopher Purdy  
Great news this morning! Can we leverage this regarding Ohana? Thank you to all of you for your work for the city day in and day out. I am so grateful we have such a fantastic staff! Thanks for letting me know.  
Liz Alpert  
Mayor  
City of Sarasota

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**Grant Drive, Lido Key**

To: Sarasota City Mayor Liz Alpert  
Time permitting, please give me a call. I am on a job site this morning but plan to be in the office all afternoon. Wish to discuss a solution for the parking on Grant Drive on both holidays, and weekends. This situation has escalated out of control.  
You could never get a fire truck down our street on a holiday or weekend. I am not sure all of the EMS vehicles could get down the street, either.  
The mailman cannot deliver mail as almost mailbox is blocked.  
Driveways are partially blocked making it very difficult to maneuver out of many of the driveways. People are parking their vehicles on the homeowner's property.  
I suspect you are aware of these concerns and if not, Officer Trip Swank can validate the these concerns. He has been with the Sarasota Police Department for twenty plus years and he is keenly aware of the aforementioned. I discussed this smatter with him on April 19th over the Memorial Day weekend, at length.

William D. Pigozzi  
American Development & Construction, Inc.  
Longwood, Florida

**Grant Drive, Lido Key**

To: Bill Pigozzi  
I am copying the interim city manager and deputy city manager so that they can address this situation with you.  
Thanks for contacting me.  
Liz Alpert  
Mayor  
City of Sarasota

## KeyCrossword



**Color Captions**

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fragrance base
- 6 Aegean isle
- 11 "Shane" star
- 15 Benevolent brother
- 18 Insect stage
- 19 Actress Leachman
- 21 Israeli port
- 22 Easy as \_\_\_\_
- 23 Aristocratic intellectual
- 27 Inflames
- 28 Green
- 29 Jalopies
- 30 Kindled
- 31 Mister, in Mainz
- 32 "The \_\_\_\_ Love"
- 33 Office worker's wear
- 39 Mil. school
- 41 Gallant musketeer
- 45 Assistant
- 46 Bahrain export
- 47 Family outcast
- 49 Slammin' Sam
- 51 \_\_\_\_ Pasha: Egyptian viceroy 1863-79
- 53 Frenzy
- 54 "Do \_\_\_\_ say..."
- 55 Kite's org.
- 56 \_\_\_\_-Tin-Tin
- 58 European capital
- 59 Ind. mediator
- 60 Kill or joy lead-in
- 61 Anti-union canine?
- 64 James \_\_\_\_: philanthropist
- 66 Fred's dancing sister
- 67 Billed and cooed
- 69 Sugar pill
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- 77 Goof off
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- 82 Tom Hanks film
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- 101 Lunch toter
- 105 Singer from Nigeria
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- 7 Healing plant
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- 9 Sphere
- 10 Scout's stablemate
- 11 Bringing up the rear
- 12 Perform
- 13 Overwhelm
- 14 Take away
- 15 Majestic
- 16 Cuff connection
- 17 Hogsheads
- 20 Litigant
- 24 Secular
- 25 Flynn, of films
- 26 Actor Brian or David
- 31 Legendary Bears' coach
- 32 Statuette for Streep
- 33 Short-tempered
- 34 Depend on
- 35 Perfect
- 36 Kind of party
- 37 \_\_\_\_ Gatos: health resort
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- 101 Stiff drink
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# BreakPoints



## Both backhands should be your goal

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

**JACKIE BOHANNON**  
Guest Columnist  
tennis@lbknews.com

The one handed backhand is a beautiful classic shot, but in today's modern game with the advancement in power and spin, the one handed backhand is becoming more and more extinct as the primary backhand.

If you look at the current top men's players most have two handed backhands: Djokovic, Medvedev, Zverev, Rublev, Nadal, Berrettini, Ruud, Monfils, Isner, and Korda. On the women's side there are: Serena and Venus Williams, Barty, Pliskova, Osaka, Raducanu, Kerber, and Halep. The majority of today's players are going the two handed backhand route, but with the one handed slice for diversity and emergencies.



I generally advise and coach most of my players to have a two handed backhand with very few exceptions. There are also many players I have transitioned from a one handed to a two handed backhand because they were no longer improving, couldn't compete at the next level, or were starting to find their opponents picked on their backhand. Another reason people sometimes switch to a two handed is tendonitis. The one handed backhand can be harder on the arm and elbow as it is doing most to all of the work and never getting a break. The two handed backhand (for a right handed player) is left hand dominant so it helps spread the usage between arms.

The main advantages of the two handed backhand are power, consistency, and the ability to disguise the shot. In my opinion the only negative of the two handed backhand is that it requires more footwork. Extremely low or high shots can be more difficulty with a two handed backhand, but hitting high backhands in general is one of the most difficult shots to conquer regardless.

The major benefits of the one handed backhand are diversity (slice and topspin) and reach. A one handed backhand can help you get out of trouble if you can't reach a ball and it can also help you block or chop the ball defensively if you are being overpowered. Many people find the one handed backhand more aesthetically pleasing than the two handed backhand. I find with perfect technique the one handed backhand looks more artistic while the two handed looks more athletic. There are many beautiful one handed backhands out there:

Federer, Tsitsipas, Dimitrov, and of course you always have to mention Steffi Graf. Steffi can be used as a perfect example of how the game has evolved. She had one of the best one handed backhands of all time (slice) and in her later years really tried to add top spin.

My best advice for everyone is to have both backhands. You want to have diversity and lots of tricks up your sleeve. Both shots have advantages and your opponent and the shots they hit can often help you decipher what you need to hit back. If you were my client I would look at your current backhand and evaluate it. If it is fluid and you have the ability to slice and rip the ball then I wouldn't change it. But if you aren't as consistent as your forehand, you are getting overpowered, or you cannot put the ball away then you need to think about adding the two handed backhand to your game.

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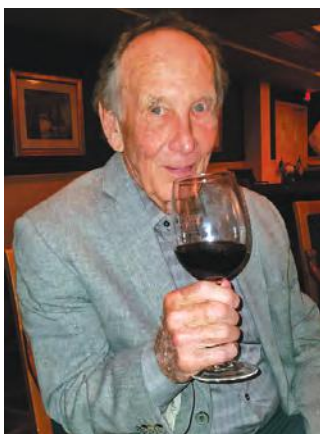
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