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+ 60 years and still going strong

David and Sally Daneman celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends June 25, at Spanish Main Yacht Club. The couple married June 24, 1951, at St. Albert's Church, in Weymouth, Mass. Today, they have six children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



+ Fourth of July weekend sees a stormy start

Last week's issue of the *Longboat Observer* featured a front-page story about the "Boom Boom on the Bay" event at Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant & Pub and Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant and how the crowd had a blast despite the storms that cut short the fireworks show. But Longboat Key resident **Cyndi Seamon** captured the other side of the night while boating and said that it was pretty scary out at sea. But there's good news to report: Everyone weathered the storm and made it home safely.

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TURTLE TRACKS

Week of July 3 through July 9
Nests.....23
False crawls.....21

	2011	2010
Nests	201	152
False crawls	149	139



renovation application by Kurt Schultheis | City Editor

PUBLIX PLANS

Publix Super Markets Inc. submitted July 6 a preliminary application to the town outlining a teardown and rebuild of Avenue of the Flowers.

TOWN SHOPPES OF LONGBOAT KEY



PUBLIX 49,533 square feet 360 parking spaces	CVS/PHARMACY 14,528 square feet 59 parking spaces	RETAIL 11,700 square feet	RETAIL/OFFICE 4,000 square feet 24 parking spaces
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Courtesy of David W. Johnston Associates

Say "goodbye" to Avenue of the Flowers and "hello" to Town Shoppes of Longboat Key. After three years of speculation, Lakeland-based Publix Super Markets Inc. revealed plans for its aging and mostly empty Avenue of the Flowers plaza. Publix submitted a preliminary application July 6 to the Longboat Key Planning, Zoning and Building Department. The plans, detailed in a Bay Isles outline development plan (ODP) amendment and a site plan review, call for tearing down and rebuilding in its place at 525

Bay Isles Parkway:
• A larger, 49,533-square-foot Publix grocery store that will be connected to an 11,700-square-foot retail plaza with 360 nearby parking spaces.
• A stand-alone 14,528-square-foot CVS Pharmacy built where the former Shell gas station was located that will have 59 nearby parking spaces.
• A stand-alone, 4,000-square-foot office/retail building that will sit in the northeastern corner of the property near Bay Isles Road and have 24 nearby parking spaces.

In total, the project consists of 79,761 square feet of retail and office space, which is approximately 20,000 square feet less than the current Town Plaza I, which consists of the current Publix, CVS and a variety of other businesses and vacant spaces. In total, the project will have 443 parking spaces on site, even though the application states the town code only requires 320 spaces. The application also reveals that Publix is under contract with real-estate agent Howard Rooks for Town Plaza II, a 1.52-acre site

and plaza, which includes tenants Nosh-A-Rye and Your Fitness Instructor. The purchase, however, does not include the restaurant site Rooks owns that was formerly occupied by Mattison's Restaurant. Rooks, who confirmed he is under contract to sell the property to Publix, declined to disclose the purchase price. "It's going to be a fabulous center once it's complete," Rooks said. "They are keeping a large chunk of the property as open

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space. I'm really excited about it, and the town's residents will be, too."

Publix is also under contract for a 0.97-acre piece of property near Bay Isles Road, where its office/retail building will be located. The property is owned by Longboat Key-based Bay Isles Enclave Acquisition LLC.

Bay Isles Enclave Acquisition LLC and its registered agent Joseph Wolfer could not be reached for comment about the sale of the property, which is near the vacant lot behind the current Publix.

The application also reveals that the rest of the 9.7-acre plaza will be complemented with walking trails, brick pavers, bicycle racks, a gazebo and more landscaping and trees.

"The pedestrian and vehicular connection between the shopping center and Bay Isles Road will be improved," the application states. "In addition, there will be a direct connection between Bay Isles Road and Bay Isles Parkway, which will encourage pedestrian and bicycle circulation between the two areas."

The application also explains that access to the plaza from the Longboat Key Public Tennis Center can also be accomplished at a later date.

A new, modern monument sign that will include Publix and CVS Pharmacy is also being requested for placement along Gulf of Mexico Drive. A town code departure is being requested for the sign because it's 20 square feet larger than town code allows.

The letter that was attached to the application, signed by Joel Freedman, of Tampa-based



Rachel S. O'Hara

The current Longboat Key Publix store will close after Easter 2012 and re-open December 2012 if the application is approved.

Freedman Consulting & Development LLC, states the company's goal for the project.

"The applicant and design team have worked very hard to create a more functional shopping center for Publix, CVS, the retail shops and the customer," wrote Freedman, who described the future look of the buildings as having "island character" and a "high degree of elegance." "The store being proposed is a special, first-of-its-kind prototype that incorporates many of the upscale features and services of the company's Greenwise concept."

Freedman also notes the plan calls for a "park-like setting for the center that the town and all the shoppers will enjoy."

The new plaza, however, will come at a price to Key residents.

Publix discloses in the application that, pending approval from

the Longboat Key Town Commission, it wants to close the shopping center, with the exception of CVS, after Easter 2012 and re-open in late December 2012.

Planning, Zoning and Building Director Monica Simpson said it's too soon to comment on the application and that she has not had ample time to review it, which must be deemed complete by her department before it can be reviewed by town staff. Town staff will then provide an assessment of the application to the Longboat Key Planning and Zoning Board.

Publix spokesperson Shannon Patten told the *Longboat Observer* the company does not comment on pending projects until applications are approved.

"Until our plans are finalized and approved, it's too early to talk about it," Patten said. "We

look forward, however, to continuing to serve the residents of this island community."

Publix purchased the plaza Sept. 10, 2008, for \$14 million from Dead River Properties.

Town Plaza I's current tenants include Prudential Palms Realty, Patchington, Antony V's Packaged Wines and Spirits, Nails of Longboat Key, CVS Pharmacy and White Sands Cleaners.

Currently, the plaza is more than half-empty, and Publix has not provided square footage vacancy numbers for the plaza.

Former Mayor and Longboat Key Revitalization Task Force Chairman George Spoll said he's excited to look at the application with other members of his task force.

"Hopefully, it's something this Key can get excited about," Spoll said.

AVENUE OF THE
FLOWERS TIMELINE

- **June 1983** — Portland, Maine-based Dead River Properties Inc. purchases Avenue of the Flowers from Arvida Corp. for \$5 million.
- **September 2007** — Boca Raton-based Woolbright Development Inc. begins telling tenants they are under contract to purchase the plaza, but the contract falls apart.
- **May 2008** — Publix Super Markets Inc. officials meet with town officials to discuss the future of the plaza and a potential redevelopment. CVS Corp. officials discuss building a stand-alone location in an overflow parking lot of the Bank of America parcel before signing a long-term lease to stay a part of the plaza.
- **Sept. 10, 2008** — Publix Super Markets Inc. purchases Avenue of the Flowers Town Plaza I from Dead River Properties Inc.
- **January 2009** — Avenue of the Flowers tenants receive brief correspondence from Publix officials.
- **July 6, 2011** — Publix officials submit an application to redevelop the plaza and rename it Town Shoppes of Longboat Key. Howard Rooks confirms he is under contract with Publix to sell Town Plaza II.



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tax rate
 by Kurt Schultheis | City Editor

Town sets max millage rate

Four of the town’s seven commissioners voted in favor of a maximum millage rate of 1.946 mills that would cover a \$265,000 deficit.

What a difference seven hours makes. At a Monday, July 11, budget workshop that concluded just before noon, the Longboat Key Town Commission sent a strong message to Town Manager Bruce St. Denis that it did not want to set its maximum millage rate any higher than its current millage rate of 1.8872 mills for fiscal year 2011-12 budget, which begins Oct. 1. But at the Town Commission regular meeting that evening, the commission had changed its mind. It voted 4-3 to set the maximum millage rate at 1.946 mills, which will cover a \$265,000 budget deficit. Mayor Jim Brown and Vice Mayor David Brenner told the rest of the commission they had changed their minds on holding the line on the maximum millage rate, but said that the ultimate goal is to create a balanced budget without raising the current millage rate. “I think we made a mistake this morning,” Brown said. “We are putting ourselves into a bind if something comes up between now and September. We can always bring the millage rate down. But if something comes up and we limit ourselves, we are creating a problem for ourselves.” Brenner agreed. “We are not increasing anything tonight,” Brenner said. “We would be foolish to limit ourselves tonight. The goal is still to get to 1.8872 mills.”

Brown, Brenner and Commissioners Hal Lenobel and Pat Zunz voted for the higher maximum millage rate. Commissioners Phillip Younger, Lynn Larson and Jack Duncan voted against the increase. Earlier in the day, Younger said St. Denis’ proposal of \$307,746 in budget cuts in training and travel for town staff and commissioners, the elimination of several annual membership fees to various organizations and the elimination of the town’s annual March election was “designed to fail.” “We did not put anything before you, commissioner, that’s designed to fail,” St. Denis said. Duncan, however, agreed with Younger. “The budget revisions presented pointed to painful areas in an attempt to avoid the pain altogether,” Duncan said. “I still think there are other areas that can reduce costs dramatically. We need to be more frugal, and attorneys don’t need to be at every meeting.” Duncan suggested reducing attorney fees and the commission contingency fund. “Those types of budget items would give us back \$250,000 right there,” Duncan said. Younger agreed and presented a spreadsheet of \$200,015 in suggested savings. The chart showed that the actual

MAXIMUM TAX RATE OVER THE YEARS

The Longboat Key Town Commission has set the following maximum millage rates the past four years:

2008	1.5 mills
2009	1.6 mills
2010	1.9036 mills
2011	1.946 mills

amount the town has been spending in the past five fiscal years was less than what St. Denis had budgeted and presented to the commission. “The town manager increased line items by approximately \$150,000 over last year’s budget,” Younger said. “My suggestion is to return these to a more modest level.” At the evening meeting, St. Denis again asked commissioners to consider voting in favor of the higher millage rate. “I recommend you set a maximum millage rate higher than the current rate to give yourself flexibility if anything comes up,” St. Denis said. “If anything does come up, we are putting ourselves in a box and would then have to find another funding source to cover it.” Although the commission won’t officially set the millage rate until September, Monday’s vote put a cap on how high the millage rate can be raised before a new 2011-12 budget is adopted. The maximum millage rate selected will be included in the estimated property tax bills that the county tax collectors’ offices mail out in August.

PLAN FLOATED
 by Robin Roy | Staff Writer



Rachel S. O'Hara
 The Lido Pool is open daily except for Mondays. Passes to use the pool can be purchased daily, seasonally or annually.

Residents fight for Lido Pool

Hoping to keep the popular public pool open year-round, the Lido Key Residents Association is enlisting the help of city commissioners and fellow residents.

With the city proposing to close the Lido Pool for up to six months a year, Lido Key residents are searching for ways to keep it open year-round. Facing the need to cut \$6.5 million from its budget, the city is floating a plan to close the popular public pool during six months in the off-season. The Lido Key Residents Association has created a committee, with a mission to eliminate the need to close the pool. “The committee is looking at different avenues to keeping the pool open,” said Carl Shoffstall, a LKRA board member. The goal of the committee is to come

up with a proposal by November to present to the city. City Hall inherited the operation of the Lido Pool after the county turned it over to the city in a wide-ranging reshuffling of parks funding. Commissioner Paul Caragiulo has met with Shoffstall and wants to hear more from Lido residents. He has expressed the desire to keep the pool open, as well, but is also exploring a plan for the Lido pavilion. “I’ve had a half-dozen restaurateurs expressing interest in doing something there,” the commissioner said.

That something, according to Caragiulo, could be anything from a revamped concession stand; a tiki bar with food, similar to one at a hotel; something more upscale like Turtles restaurant on Siesta Key; or some sort of combination of those options. City management is in contact with the residents’ committee and is coming up with its own proposals that will be presented during city budget hearings July 19 and July 20. “I’m just trying to facilitate a solution,” Caragiulo said. “If we get jobs and revenue out of it, even better.”

circle meters?

by Kurt Schultheis | City Editor

St. Armands wants garage, not meters

A city of Sarasota special meeting will be held at 10 a.m. July 21 to discuss parking meters and their possible placement on St. Armands Circle.

The St. Armands Circle Business Improvement District (BID) made it clear Tuesday, July 12 it wants nothing to do with parking meters the city recently installed downtown. Instead, it wants a parking garage like the one the city is already committed to building on State Street. At a July 12 BID meeting, Sarasota City Commissioner Terry Turner informed BID members that a special commission meeting will be held at 10 a.m. July 21 to discuss possibly placing parking meters on St. Armands Circle. Turner told the *Longboat Observer* he expressed to those in attendance at the BID meeting that some downtown merchants are upset that the meters were placed in front of their businesses and not in front of Circle businesses. “I only mentioned that the Circle merchants might want to attend that (July 21) meeting, because I have heard that point will be expressed by the downtown merchants,” Turner said. The possibility of parking meters coming to the Circle did not sit well with members, especially with St. Armands Circle Business Improvement District Chairman Marty Rappaport. Rappaport said he has met with city officials to request a parking garage. When contacted by the *Longboat Observer*, he declined to comment about a potential garage on the Circle, calling the discussions “too premature for publication.” The city already has a contract for the State Street parking lot, which must be built according to the city’s master plan and an agreement in place with Pineapple Square. Pineapple Square gave the lot back to the city as long as a garage is built in its place within four years. Turner, however, said a garage is not totally out of the question for the Circle. “This fall, city staff is going to look into the possibility of a parking garage being placed near the St. Armands Circle fire station,” said Turner, who believes a combination of special district tax monies and parking meter revenue could help fund the project. Parking meters coming to St. Armands Circle, however, will not be tolerated, according to Rappaport. “Every Circle merchant and every Circle landowner would be opposed to it,” Rappaport said.



NEWSBRIEFS

+ Comp Plan amendments move forward

The Longboat Key Town Commission moved forward Comprehensive Plan amendments Monday, July 11, that relate to both the Bayfront Park Recreation Center and the code changes approved by the commis-

sion in May 2010 that relate to the Longboat Key Club and Resort's Islandside renovation-and-expansion project.

Both sets of amendments will now move forward to a second reading and public hearing at an Aug. 10 special meeting before being forwarded to the state's Department of Community Affairs.

+ Unconscious Longboat man identified

Longboat Key Police Chief **Al Hogle** told the *Longboat Observer* that Longboat Key resident **Herbert C. West**, 56, was the man found lying July 7 in Sarasota Bay, just south of the island's two mobile-home park communities.

"The man was ill and had some sort of a medical condition," said Hogle, who explained that West was pulled from the water and started breathing again on his own.

"The case is no longer under investigation and is no longer a suspicious case," Hogle said. "Mr. West is very

fortunate a fisherman found him in the water before it was too late to revive him."

+ Marine patrol operations funding approved

The Sarasota County Commission has agreed to fund \$55,000 in West Coast Inland Navigation grant requests that the Longboat Key Police Department was seeking to fund its marine patrol operations for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Longboat Key Police Chief **Al Hogle** said the town has asked the Manatee County Commission to consider funding an additional \$55,000 in grants.

If both counties officially approve the requests, the town's marine patrol operations, which cost \$110,000 annually to operate, will be fully funded.

+ Subcommittee seeks resident participation

The Longboat Key Vision Planning Subcommittee, which will form a mis-

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sion statement that can be the guide for the town's future, is looking for Key residents, particularly those who have never contributed at Town Hall, to serve on the committee. Interested residents can contact Commissioner **Jack Duncan** about becoming a member. Duncan can be reached at jduncan@longboatkey.org.

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out of this world by Robin Hartill | Community Editor

Former NASA scientist reflects on research launched by shuttle

Dr. Frank Sulzman felt a mix of emotions as NASA prepared for its final space shuttle launch last week. Sulzman planned to watch the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis on TV at his Longboat Key home.

Sulzman spent 15 years at NASA headquarters, in Washington, D.C., first in 1985 as manager of its Bio-medical Research Program and, eventually, in a number of leadership roles before his retirement in 2000. In the early years, the shuttle provided an invaluable laboratory to observe various happenings in the virtual absence of gravity. But, as technology evolved, scientists became better able to create that environment in a laboratory setting, while controlling for additional factors.

"A lot of my career was involved with the shuttle," Sulzman said. "But its time had come."

Sulzman has a Ph.D. in molecular-and-cell biology and eventually became a professor of physiology at Harvard Medical School.

But to trace the path that put space research in his orbit, he figures that his boyhood love of science-fiction books was important. One of his favorite books, "Earth Abides," by George R. Stewart, presents an end-of-civilization scenario that challenges much of conventional wisdom.

"There are a lot of things we accept in our society that are given to us by this culture," Sulzman said. "Things like standardized clocks, calendars ..."

In a way, Sulzman's research provided a parallel to those con-

The shuttle was a key in the NASA research that Dr. Frank Sulzman oversaw. But, as the shuttle program ends, he remains optimistic about space's future.



Dr. Frank Sulzman work for 15 years, from 1985 to 2000, at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

cepts. All living things, even single-celled organisms, seem to operate on a roughly 24-hour clock, he said. So, in 1979, NASA accepted his research proposal to examine whether a single-celled fungus would remain on that clock in space — in the absence not only of light but with drastic changes to things such as the electromagnetic field. The research showed that even in space, 24-hour mecha-

nisms continued, a finding that would later aid Sulzman's colleague as he studied the reasons astronauts have difficulty sleeping in space.

Research on how the lungs function in the absence of gravity provided a better understanding of basic lung physiology, according to Sulzman.

Sulzman also oversaw research that involved taking mice into

outer space at the age in which they should have been learning to walk. Without gravitational cues in space, the mice didn't learn to take steps. Researchers studied them for the rest of their lives and found that their gait never became normal, a finding that has important implications for developmental research.

Although Sulzman is now retired, he continues to work with the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory, which studies the effects of radiation on humans, using astronauts who volunteer to be subjects.

Sulzman said that he is sad to see the shuttle program go, but he is interested in what its end will bring: Private companies are taking advantage of NASA subsidies to build spacecrafts and rockets, and space tourism could develop into a niche industry catering to the mega-wealthy. Meanwhile, space exploration continues in other countries: Russia's space program continues to expand, and China is in the process of developing its own space program.

"I wonder if the first person on Mars will speak English," Sulzman said.

He believes technology is about 20-to-30 years away from putting a man on Mars, although he believed the same thing decades ago when he started working for NASA.

"It's always just over the horizon," he said.

ASTRONAUT ASSESSMENT

The astronauts on the space shuttle Atlantis might have puffy faces when they land after their 12-day mission. According to Dr. **Frank Sulzman**, the flow of fluids into the upper body in the virtual absence of gravity creates a puffy appearance. Spending time in outer space also results in reduced blood pressure; fainting in the hours following a shuttle's return to Earth is not unusual. Also common is a loss in bone mass — a 1% loss for every month spent in space is the norm for humans. But the good news is NASA's Longitudinal Study of Astronaut Health hasn't found any long-term health problems in astronauts, according to Sulzman.

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The cusp of revitalization

At long last, Publix Super Markets Inc. has unveiled its plans to redevelop and revitalize the Avenue of the Flowers shopping center. This is more fabulous news for the future health and welfare of Longboat Key. Think about it: The Key is on the cusp of six major economic projects that, if completed, will enhance the long-term value of real estate here; boost the economic and social vitality of the Key; and insure that Longboat Key will remain one of the most-desired resort-residential destinationa in Florida. The six projects are:

- The \$400 million renovation and expansion of the Longboat Key Club and Resort;
- The redevelopment of Avenue of the Flowers and the Publix supermarket;
- The redevelopment of the Colony Beach & Tennis Resort;
- The redevelopment of Whitney Beach Plaza;
- The addition of rooms to the Longboat Key Hilton Beachfront Resort;
- The addition of second-floor dining to the Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant & Pub.

Think of the new capital to be invested; the jobs that would come from the construction and future operations; the economic spending that would follow; and the tax revenues that would fill the town of Longboat Key’s treasury. Longboat Key would emerge again as one of the leading economic drivers in the two-county region.

Luckily, the Town Commission and planning board members are such that they recognize the importance of these projects, and, we hope, will do whatever they can legally to help these projects’ sponsors make it successfully through Longboat Key’s byzantine approval processes.

To that end, get the message to the town planning staff: Your job is to be helpful. Rather than start with “no,” look first for ways to say “yes,” for ways to help developers obtain their approvals and expedite the process.

+ Welcome, Castaway
One month into our weekly island adventures with artist Jorge Blanco’s Castaway, we realized the Castaway needed a bigger, better home. Hereafter you will find Blanco’s entertaining whimsy and cleverness on the bottom of our editorial page. Mind you, Blanco and the Castaway never make a political statement. So they will provide some pleasant relief to help balance this sometimes type- and topic-heavy page.

As the owners of these projects step forward to risk millions upon millions of dollars in private capital — their own and private investors’ money, neither they nor the taxpayers of Longboat Key can afford a recalcitrant town government putting up unnecessary obstacles that delay or keep these projects from moving forward. The six aforementioned projects mark an extraordinary turning point for Longboat Key’s future. Seize the day.

+ IPOC should concede
It would surprise no one if we endorsed the final paragraph of last week’s letter from Michael Welly, general manager of the Longboat Key Club and Resort, to supporters of the club’s proposed expansion project. Addressing the continuing legal fights sponsored by the Islandside Property Owners Coalition and its president, Bob White, Welly wrote: “When is IPOC willing to accept the importance of this project to the future of the town and join with the rest of the community in support of the project? Enough is

enough. Stop wasting everyone’s time and money with stall tactics.” Indeed. The tide continues to rise on and against IPOC. Redevelopment and expansion is coming to Longboat Key no matter what. So the members of IPOC have a choice. They can be immortalized in the history of Longboat Key and Greater Sarasota as the cranky condo residents who spent millions of their own money in legal fees and cost the Key Club more than a \$1 million in legal fees, as well as cost Longboat Key taxpayers thousands in legal fees to kill a \$400 million redevelopment project. And they can be immortalized for doing this when Greater Sarasota’s unemployment rate was more than 11% and the regional economy was desperate for jobs and growth in the worst recession in more than 30 years. All to protect their views and avoid an increase in traffic at the Islandside entrance to Longboat Club Road. Or, they can come forward and say: We don’t agree with the project, but for the larger good of the community and the regional economy, we withdraw our opposition. The legacy is theirs.

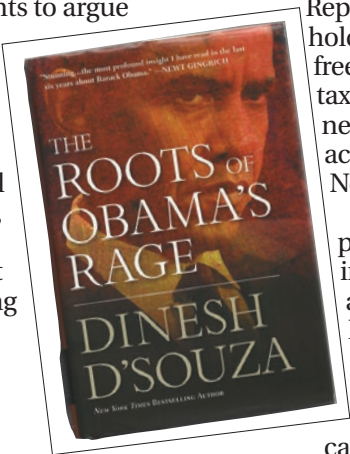
+ Higher tax rate for LBK
It’s not an easy decision, to be sure — choosing between more and deeper spending cuts or raising the tax rate to eliminate the gap between income and spending. For Longboat Key town commissioners, the choice is not near as dire as it for the big spenders in Washington. Still, the commissioners gave themselves the ability to maneuver Monday night, setting the town’s maximum tax rate at 1.946 mills, up 3.1% from the current level. On a home valued at \$1 million, that would mean an extra \$59 in taxes. Not much at all. Nevertheless, it’s the principle. Would cutting \$265,000 more really be that catastrophic?

He is indeed out to destroy America

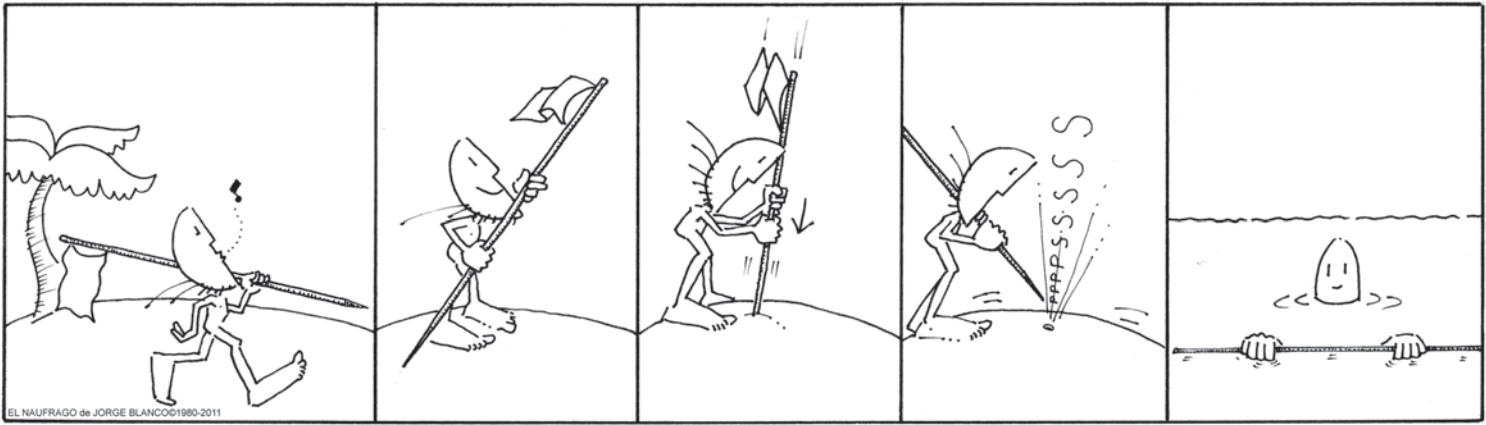
Three years into the Obama presidency, you still hear people ask: Is Barack Obama really that incompetent, or is he intentionally trying to destroy America? If you read Dinesh D’Souza’s “Roots of Obama’s Rage,” you will put down the book convinced of the latter. D’Souza’s amazing research and analysis show how the anti-colonial rage of Obama’s African father explains every step of the younger Obama’s cunning con-artistry to become elected president and his rage against American exceptionalism. It is stunning ... and frightening. If you think this man is fit for the office of the U.S. presidency, D’Souza will convince you otherwise. Consider these excerpts: “The approach that Obama developed is really quite simple. On a given issue, Obama begins by contrasting two extreme positions, and then he presents his view as the rational and middle-of-the-road

solution, even if there is nothing rational or middle-of-the-road about it. “For instance, if Obama wants to argue for confiscatory taxes, he insists that there are some in society who don’t think the rich should pay any taxes at all. There are others who say that the rich should give up all their income in taxes. Obama, ever the mediator of these differences, then declares that he will settle for the rich paying their fair share — say 40% or 50%. “In this way Obama’s outrageously high taxation comes to seem sensible against the backdrop of two extreme positions, even though no one really holds those positions. “I am caricaturing Obama’s approach a little, but only a little. Here is an actual

example from ‘The Audacity of Hope.’ Obama considers the stance of his Republican opponents who hold to ‘the absolutism of the free market, an ideology of no taxes, no regulation, no safety net.’ Do you know anyone who actually espouses this view? Neither do I. “But this is Obama’s perfected technique: He invents outrageous positions and attributes them to his critics so that his own positions always come out sounding centrist and sensible. If you listen to him carefully, you can easily detect his bogus framework of ‘two extremes with me in the middle.’ “Now when I hear him go at it on various issues, I simply chuckle and tell myself I am listening to the lactification man.”



THE CASTAWAY by Jorge Blanco



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

+ Key Club opponents are like bridge opponents

Dear Editor:

I have read the recent exchanges between Bob White and Michael Welly, regarding the long delayed Longboat Key Club expansion. Unfortunately, White walks in the footsteps of those who opposed the great new bridge to Sarasota. Is there anyone who wants to rebuild the old drawbridge? The delayers of that project deprived the citizens of the improvement for three or more years and cost the taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in higher costs of construction and financing.

I have had personal discussions with a few of White's supporters at L'Ambiance. It was interesting to note that they had no interest in actually looking at the model and checking it out from their own vantage points. Blind faith is not a good justification for blocking progress. White will eventually lose, but, meanwhile, his antics are costing all of us in many ways.

Stuart R. Scheyer
Longboat

+ Fourth of July section lacked proper diversity

Dear Editor:

I applauded your commemoration of our Independence Day, with a fine color supplement. I was disappointed that you did not emphasize the diversity of our community.

Twenty-five percent of our population in Sarasota is non-white. Yet, in this supplement, there was not one picture of any ethnic group other than Caucasians. The only reference to an African-American, was a photo of black hands planting watermelon seeds. I doubt the African-American community would be impressed by such a reference!

Many visitors here have noted

that in Sarasota, and on Longboat Key, they see little diversity in the streets, at our events, on our beaches, etc. Yet, we do have a sizeable African-American and Hispanic community.

As we all know, America is becoming more diverse. This is something we should applaud and embrace. It is one of the basic tenets of this country.

I would hope that in next year's Fourth of July supplement, you will seek to broaden your depiction of our local spirit.

Daniel Boxser
Longboat Key

Editor's note: The photo from The Observer's "Spirit of America" special section was taken at a Sarasota community garden and captured what we felt was a heartfelt moment — an adult teaching a child how to plant seeds. The adult was white and the child was black. However, race is not — and never has been — a factor in any story or page of our paper. We felt it was a genuine photo depicting local residents' spirit.

+ Editorial should have emphasized positives

Dear Editor:

I take exception to your editorial headline, "Trolley folly." You take a one-sided view of the problem. It is true we have to prioritize expenses, but I do not believe you are making a fair evaluation of the situation. You seem to feel that the trolley is an unnecessary expense. You take no consideration of the fact that the trolley provides the only continuous public transportation link between Coquina Beach on Anna Maria Island and downtown Sarasota. You seem to feel that the expense of public transportation should not be borne by Longboat Key and the counties of Sarasota and Manatee.

Consider the fact that the trolley is public transportation and the emphasis should be on the word "public." Public transportation is not cost free. It is shared by the consumer's payment of a fare and the government subsidy. Ultimately, it is a public service to all citizens of the community.

The reduction of service this year has cut ridership. Many tourists who would visit St Armands Circle or downtown Sarasota do not use the service now that the last trolley from Coquina is 7:40 p.m. and the last trolley from downtown Sarasota is 7:05 p.m.

Eliminating the trolley would affect a larger section of our population. How about: workers who come to the Key from Bradenton and Sarasota; disabled and elderly with no other transportation; tourists who prefer the ride and contribute to the economy; bikers who use the racks on the trolleys to reach biking destinations; drivers who want to save on high-priced gas and the hassle of parking; attendees of special arts, crafts and musical events. Consider all of the places the trolley serves: access to grocery store, drugstore, hardware store, post office, banks, local restaurants, Longboat Library, Selby Library, doctor and dentist offices, both visitors and volunteers to Mote Aquarium and Save Our Seabirds.

Your editorial stresses the negatives. Instead, please consider the value of public transportation to those with little or no option and also those who should be encouraged to use it as an option. By editorializing in favor of the trolley and urging the greater use of it, you will help reduce the burden on the taxpayer and ease the decisions of the elected officials.

Thank you.

Freda Perrotta
Longboat Key

ANIMAL ATTACK by Kurt Schultheis | City Editor

Raccoon bites woman near Key beach access

During the Fourth of July weekend, a woman visiting Beachplace was bitten twice while rinsing off sand from the beach.

An Ohio woman visiting family over the Fourth of July weekend on Longboat Key was bitten twice on the leg by a raccoon near a Beachplace beach access.

About 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, a raccoon came out from under a wooden boardwalk near Beachplace Building 8 while Cara Richard, of Gahana, Ohio, was rinsing off sand from the beach at an outdoor shower.

Richard kicked the raccoon after the first bite on her lower right leg, but it re-emerged seconds later and bit her again before disappearing into some nearby sea grapes.

Michael Richard, Cara Richard's brother-in-law, reported the incident to police. Richard was transported to Sarasota Memorial Hospital about 8:30 p.m.

Neither Richard nor Michael Richard returned calls seeking comment for this story.

Longboat Key Police Department officers could not locate the raccoon, and the Sarasota County Animal Control was advised of the incident. Animal-control officers arrived July 6 to set traps for the raccoon.

Nick Luman, manager of Beachplace, 1045 Gulf of Mexico Drive, said a raccoon was caught in the trap the next day.

"Whether they caught the right raccoon or not is a different story," said Luman, who said that the 11-building, 336-unit complex on 31 acres of land with four separate beach accesses had never had a reported raccoon incident before

July 5. "It appears to be a very isolated incident."

In an attempt to inform residents how to keep critters away from their neighborhoods, the town of Longboat Key created a brochure in May called "A Citizen's Guide to Nuisance Wildlife."

Vice Mayor David Brenner and Commissioner Lynn Larson had pushed for education about nuisance wildlife after Emerald Harbor resident Weldon Frost warned the Longboat Key Town Commission last year that raccoons were a big problem on the Key.

The brochure states: "Understanding is the key to wildlife problem solving" and "knowing why the snake is in your garden, the armadillo is digging up your lawn or the raccoon is getting into your garbage is an essential first step toward resolving these and other wildlife nuisance problems."

The majority of the brochure, however, focuses on when raccoons make appearances (at night or early in the morning), the diseases they carry and how to avoid them from knocking over your garbage cans.

The brochure warns people not to feed raccoons because it's the main reason the animals lose their respect of and fear for people. It also states that it's illegal to feed the animals in Florida.

"All residents and visitors can continue to do is be educated about the wildlife that exists on this island," said Longboat Key Vice Mayor David Brenner.

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+ Mote’s replica takes a bite out of extinct shark

If you’re looking for some giant pearly whites for your next photo-op, check out Mote Marine Aquarium’s new replica of a megalodon shark jaw. Megalodon sharks became extinct 2 million years ago and are the largest shark species in history known to science. They could grow to 60 feet and weigh approximately 77 tons. The jaw at Mote is 10 feet wide, and visitors can pose inside it and get photo prints for \$5 (not included with aquarium admission). Call 388-4441.



Rachel S. O’Hara



Photo courtesy of Randy Moore

Bay Guardian volunteers **Jenn Greenan** and her 8-year-old daughter, **Kassie**

+ Lido Beach restoration project goes native with more than 2,000 plants

A group of 60 adult and youth volunteers planted 2,065 native plants on the dunes and along the tributary Saturday, July 9, at North Lido Beach Park. The major restoration project is sponsored by the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program in cooperation with Around the Bend Nature Tours and Sarasota County. The project has helped to improve 30 acres on the 70-acre site. More than 10,000 plants have been added since the spring, and the park is already attracting a significant amount of new wildlife and marine life. Some of the plants that were used were grown at Mote Marine Laboratory’s Mote Aquaculture Park. Florida Native Plant Society provided lunch for the volunteers.

+ Observer’s electronic editions to hit inboxes

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
AUGUST 3, 2011 - 3:30 P.M.

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT A, a dependent district of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida and the TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT B, a dependent district of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida

Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and the Taxpayers, Property Owners and Citizens of the Town of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District A and the Town of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District B, each a dependent district of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida including nonresidents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance by Plaintiffs of the Bonds and Obligations hereinbelow described, or to be in any way affected thereby,

Defendants.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY.

CASE NO. 2011 CA 003720 NC

DIVISION:

Re: Validation of not exceeding \$16,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District A and related Obligations pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District B

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY BONDS SHOULD NOT BE VALIDATED AND CONFIRMED

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SAID STATE, THE SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT A AND THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT B, EACH A DEPENDENT DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE BY PLAINTIFFS, OF BONDS AND OBLIGATIONS HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

Plaintiffs having filed their Complaint, for validation of not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District A and related Obligations pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of Longboat Key Beach Erosion Control District B (the "Bonds"), and it appearing in and from said Complaint, and the Exhibits attached thereto, that the Plaintiffs have adopted the requisite Resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, and it also appearing that all of the facts required to be stated by said Complaint and Exhibits, by Chapter 75 of the Florida Statutes are contained therein, and that the Plaintiffs pray that this Court issue an order as directed by said Chapter 75, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that you and each of you are hereby required to appear on the 3 day of August, 2011, at 3:30 o'clock P.M., before the Circuit Court of Sarasota County, Florida, at the Judge Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center, 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34237, and show cause why the prayer of the Complaint filed in the above entitled proceeding should not be granted and the bonds and obligations therein described, and the proceedings authorizing the issuance thereof, validated. The bonds consist of not exceeding \$16,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of Plaintiff District A authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-12 of Plaintiff District A duly adopted on April 4, 2011. The Obligations consist of the obligation of Plaintiff District B to levy and collect ad valorem taxes annually in District B to partially pay the annual principal and interest due on the Bonds of District A; provided, that the annual millage rate to be levied upon the taxable property in District B shall always be equal to 20% of the sum of the annual millage levied in District A and the annual millage levied in District B. A more particular description of the bonds and the Obligations is contained in the Complaint filed in these proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to the date set for the hearing on said Complaint for validation, this Order to Show Cause shall be published in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes, in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in that portion of Plaintiff Districts A and B lying in Sarasota County, Florida and in the Bradenton Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in that portion of Plaintiff Districts A and B lying in Manatee County, Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED at Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, this 13 day of May, 2011.

{Andrew D. Owens, Jr.}
Circuit Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit
of Florida, in and for Sarasota County

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies have been furnished by hand delivery or U.S. Mail on May 13, 2011, to the following:

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June 30

Fourth of July crisis

3:36 p.m. — 4800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive (GMD). *Larceny.* A man reported his barbecue grill was missing.

Night lights

9:31 p.m. — 700 block of St. Judes Drive North. *Code Enforcement.* A woman reported that a neighbor's light was shining too brightly into her bedroom at night, which caused her not to be able to see the sunrise. The neighbor unscrewed the bulb and promised to dim the light.

July 1

Be on your best behavior

11:31 a.m. — 2500 block of GMD. *Suspicious Circumstance.* A woman reported three men trespassing on condominium property, illegally parking their car there and cursing in the parking lot. They were guests of a neighbor and promised to behave themselves in the common areas of the property.

July 2

Storm damage

9:49 p.m. — 600 block of Linley Street. *Property Damage.* A man reported that a tree fell on his sport utility vehicle during a strong thunderstorm.

Stolen item recovered

10:10 p.m. — 2600 block of GMD. *Bicycle.* A resort employee reported a bicycle was left in some bushes. The bicycle had been reported stolen and was delivered to the police station.

Fast and the furious

11:10 p.m. — 300 block of GMD. *Property Damage.* A resort employee told police that someone drove a car through the driveway exit gate and tore the gate arm from the gate, causing \$500 worth of damage. The car was moving so fast that the guard couldn't provide a description of it.

July 3

Just blowing smoke

6:25 p.m. — 5200 block of GMD. *Fire.* A man reported a possible structure fire in the area, but no fire was detected.

CLASSIC COPS

Dec. 1, 1992

1:11 p.m. — Harbourside Golf Course. *Accident.* Wife struck husband with golf cart. His nose was bloodied, but the game continued.

May 29, 2001

12:59 p.m. — 500 block of Spinnaker Lane. *Traffic Accident.* Subject drove her sport utility vehicle through a cement wall of her garage after mistaking the brake pedal for the gas pedal. Subject now has a new kitchen entrance.

Empty threat

8:12 p.m. — 5500 block of GMD. *Suspicious Circumstance.* A Key resident told police that while he was walking in Joan M. Durante Park with his wife, they heard someone yelling that they had a gun and weren't afraid to shoot people. Police couldn't locate the subject, and no one else in the park heard someone yelling and threatening people with a gun.

Doesn't check out

8:45 p.m. — 5700 block of GMD. *Suspicious Person.* A man reported a woman with checkered shorts in the brush near the entrance to Spanish Main Yacht Club. A bicycle, which was the property of Cedars Tennis and Fitness Club, was located and returned. The woman could not be located.

Shred of evidence

9:48 p.m. — 400 block of GMD. *Traffic Violation.* Police noticed a woman driving northbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive at a slow rate of speed. The car's passenger-side front tire was flat and nearly shredded. The woman told police she just needed to get to the Longboat Key Publix, but, for safety reasons, police forced her to abandon the car and wait for the tow truck on the side of the road.



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'HELL'S KITCHEN' by Robin Hartill | Community Editor

Euphemia Haye chef to appear in the hot seat

Here are a few ingredients that flavor Jamie Gregorich's cooking.

There's her mother, who was her first inspiration in the kitchen.

"She's such a good cook, and she makes everything from scratch," said Gregorich, 24, noting that if she had to pick a last meal, it would be her mom's spaghetti and meatballs.

There's Ray Arpke, the chef/proprietor of Euphemia Haye, where Gregorich works as a chef.

"Chef Ray is very passionate," she said. "He cares about each one of us individually."

And, now, for Gregorich, who will appear on the red team in season nine of FOX's "Hell's Kitchen," there's a new flavor: famed British TV personality and chef Gordon Ramsay, whose temper on television is even hotter than his restaurants.

"Ramsay's very passionate as well," she said. "He just shows it like a military sergeant, teaching us how hard he can push us."

Gregorich became a fan of "Hell's Kitchen" after watching the first two seasons. (She had never been a fan of other food shows, but this one seemed the most "real" to her.)

For three or four years, her friends told her she could be a contestant. Finally, when auditions were held in Miami, she tried out — and after months of interviews, she was cast in season nine, which premieres Monday, July 18.

Filming lasted five weeks, and according to Gregorich, the cameras never stopped rolling.

"It was very, very strange at first," Gregorich said. "But once you get used to it,

TUNE IN

'Hell's Kitchen' Season Nine Premiere

When: 8 p.m. Monday, July 18

Where: FOX network

Information: fox.com/hellskitchen

One to watch: According to FOX's website, **Jamie Gregorich's** signature dish is lollipop lamb chop with red onion confiture. Gregorich, one of two contestants from Florida, will face off with 17 other contestants.



you forget that they're there."

Although Gregorich can't reveal how she fared in the competition, she can share a few of the lessons Ramsay taught her.

"Never give up," she said. "Don't let other people hold you back on anything you're trying to accomplish. And respect the food you work with."

And she can also reveal something about Ramsay that the cameras seldom show.

"He has a hilarious side," Gregorich said. "He's a very funny person."



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Jamie Gregorich works behind the scenes to prepare dinner at Euphemia Haye.

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HEALTHY IDEA by Robin Hartill | Community Editor

Aging in Paradise Center will build upon chapel's tradition of service

Construction will begin soon for Longboat Island Chapel's planned 3,700-square-foot Aging in Paradise Resource Center.

Construction for the Longboat Island Chapel's Aging in Paradise Resource Center space could begin next month, according to chapel board member Bill Shuttleworth, who is handling strategic planning for the resource center. Renovations of the 3,700-square-foot space in the chapel will likely be completed in the fall.

But, according to Shuttleworth, the renovations will only build upon the outreach services that the chapel has offered for years, including the Shifting Sands Support Group and various seminars that draw up to 100 people during season.

"Now we can dream a little bit bigger," Shuttleworth said.

Although the resource center will not be a health-care facility, its organizers have been working with the Longboat Key Healthcare Committee and the Bay Isles Medical Group, both of which formed in the past year to address the challenges of maintaining medical services on the island.

"We're just asking the general question, 'That, in some way, can we complement what they're trying to do?'" Shuttleworth said, suggesting the possibility



Rachel S. O'Hara

The Longboat Island Chapel announced its plans for the Aging in Paradise Resource Center in December 2009.

that the facility could be used to bring in health-care professionals to provide services.

Shuttleworth said that resource center organizers are considering what services are needed based on what they hear from the community. For example, the facility could be used to provide adult daycare one or two afternoons a week, through a licensed professional, to provide respite to full-time caregivers who need time for basic errands.

The idea behind the Aging in Paradise Resource Center sprouted approximately four years ago as the result of issues, many of which were related to aging, that chapel members were seeing in their congregation. The center will eventually serve as a liaison between individuals facing age-related issues and the organizations and services available for everything from health problems and memory loss to financial planning.

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► **Shifting Sands** — The support group for people dealing with loss meets at 3 p.m. Thursdays.

► **Yoga** — Yoga classes, led by Anne Silverman, are held at 2 p.m. Fridays. The Cancer Support Community conducts a free yoga class open to all members of the Longboat Island Chapel to cultivate healing and awareness and to reduce stress.

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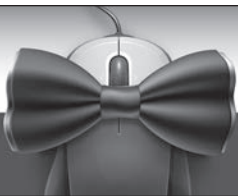
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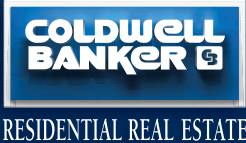
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TBI members celebrate cultural enrichment

Temple Beth Israel hosted 60 people for a dinner gathering Friday, July 8, for its cultural-enrichment dinner program. Last week's dinner highlighted Argentinean food. Guests noshed on a variety of empanadas, a traditional milanesa beef dish and alfajores (cookies filled with caramel); they also sipped yerba mate tea.

The dinner program included a presentation about Argentinean history and contemporary life about the nation's large Jewish population. A video featuring prominent Argentinean sites and customs was also shown.



Florence Katz celebrated her 96th birthday at the dinner.



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Johnette Capadona, Aldo Botter and Sarah Thompson enjoy empanadas.

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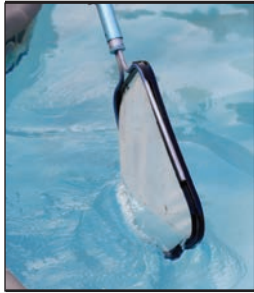
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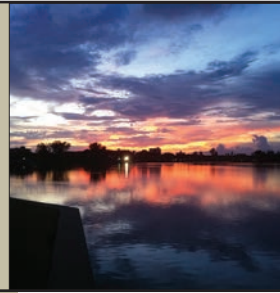
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REAL ESTATE

A three-bedroom Water Club condo sells for \$1.93 million. **PAGE 20A.**



WEATHER

See this week's weather photo contest winner. **PAGE 24A.**

Lady survived a brutal beating nearly two years ago and now has a permanent home at Save Our Seabirds. She was always known for her gentle disposition, so last season, she took on a new, motherly role.

mother nature by Robin Hartill | Community Editor

A TRUE LADY

Lady, the bird, lives up to her name.

She ruled the roost at Craneville — the permanent home at Save Our Seabirds for sandhill cranes whose severe injuries prevent them from eventually returning to the wild.

She was the greeter at Craneville, which is visible to the public, and was the bird who often spread her wings as a welcoming gesture whenever a new bird arrived.

She was the protector, often stepping between two birds if they pecked at one another.

"There's something about her," said Yi-anna Hernandez, SOS animal and hospital caretaker. "She says, 'Respect me.'"

But, although she can show her tough side with the bigger birds, the bottom line about Lady is this:

"She's always a lady," said Lee Fox, executive director of SOS.

Staff members at SOS describe Lady as quiet, gentle and docile. So, last spring, after more than a year in Craneville, Fox decided Lady was ready for a new role — one that would require her to not only be a lady, but a surrogate mother.

Typically, baby sandhill cranes remain



ONLINE: See a video of Lady calling to the other cranes.

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with their parents for a year. From their parents, they learn important survival skills, including feeding. Lady's job would be to fill that void for the baby birds. Other sandhill cranes would jab at the babies to get them out of their way.

On a Thursday in the spring, staff watched as Lady picked up food pellets and corn with her beak and dropped them next to two babies. They were too young to pick up the food. But she kept trying. Eventually, her maternal instincts kicked in, and she began picking up the pellets and depositing them directly into the beak of the youngest bird, which was just 4 weeks old. But being a mother to those two birds wasn't enough for this Lady. She brought the pellets to the end of her wired cage and attempted to drop them inside the neighboring cage for those two birds as well.

"She's a good mommy," Hernandez said.

But, for all her ladylike qualities, there's another trait that stands out about Lady:

"She's a trooper," said volunteer Karen Bennett.

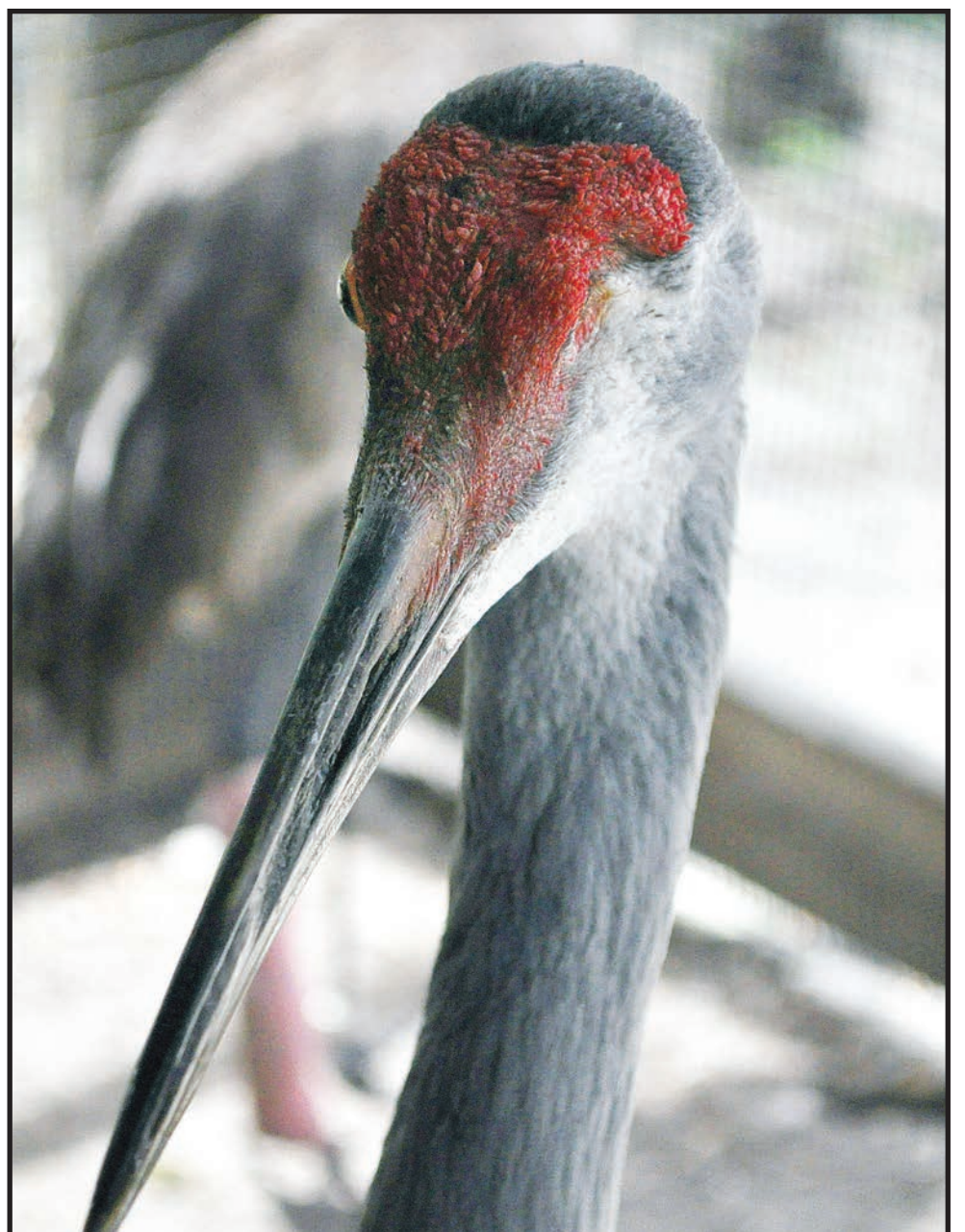
Lady luck

On an early morning in the fall of 2009, Fox got a call at her Wimauma home about a severely injured bird on a Tampa golf course. Fox arrived and found an adult female sandhill crane that had been beaten with a golf club by a golfer who missed his shot after the bird stepped in front of him.

For Fox, who has done bird-rescue work since 1987, the bird's injuries were among the worst she had ever seen. She thought the bird, which was unconscious and bloody, would die and rushed her to an emergency veterinary clinic; she thought the bird's skull was crushed — an injury that would most likely result in euthanization. But at the clinic, X-rays showed that the bird's skull was fractured, not crushed.

Fox took the bird back to SOS to make her comfortable. She and her staff tubed the bird and gave her antibiotics, injections and an anti-inflammatory medication. In two days, the bird woke up. And, quickly, she began to show her gentle disposition. She never fussed or squawked during treatment.

At SOS, staff doesn't name the birds that will eventually go back to the wild. But this bird was so badly hurt that she would never again survive in the wild. Instead, she would join the ranks of birds such as Peeps, a sandhill crane who has a hole in her beak because of a sea-turtle bite, or



Photos by Rachel S. O'Hara

Lady, a sandhill crane, was brutally beaten by a golfer in Tampa and sustained permanent eye damage from the beating. Lady is now a permanent resident at Save Our Seabirds and is working with baby sandhill cranes by teaching them how to eat as well as maintaining the peace between all the sandhill cranes.

STAYING AFLOAT

This unnamed sandhill crane, which is currently sharing a pen with Lady, uses children's floating toys for therapy. According to **Lee Fox**, executive director of Save Our Seabirds, the toys are used for birds that will eventually be released into the wild because it provides support to birds that can't walk on their own while forcing them to use their muscles to push forward with their feet, which prevents atrophy.



Billis, a pelican whose bill was sliced off by an angry fisherman — birds who have both a name and permanent home at SOS.

Because of the bird's personality, a name came to Fox right away: Lady.

Eventually, Lady showed progress. Staff massaged her legs, body and neck day after day and eventually got her walking just a few steps at a time. It took an entire month before Fox could get the dried blood out of her eye socket that was missing an eye. At night, when staff left the facility, they laid Lady down on the floor of the critical-care area. At first, her neck and head pointed straight down as the result of her injuries. But, day by day, her condition improved.

"After 30 days, she could hold her head up," Fox said. "She had the will to live and the will to survive."

By the end of 2009, she was out of the hospital and a resident of Craneville, where she flourished before taking on the role of mother hen.

Wings of wisdom

Lady remains in a pen that holds the babies with which she works, along with injured adult sandhill cranes. The area isn't visible to the public, because some of the birds will eventually be released. It's best for such birds to avoid becoming too familiar with people, according to Fox.

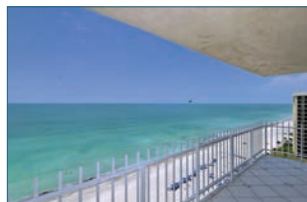
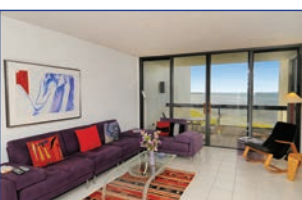
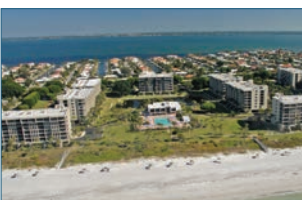
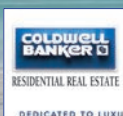
The baby birds that Lady mothers are learning to feed themselves. According to Fox, some could go to a transition area within a month, although they'll need care until they're 1 year old.

Unlike Lady, they don't have names, because, eventually, they could make their way back into the wild.

According to Fox, Lady still seems to keep her watchful eye over the birds in her pen. But, every so often, Lady does something slightly out of character.

On a recent morning, she was spotted playfully pecking at one of her adult cage mates.

Like a true lady, she can let her feathers down — and have a little fun.

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Longboat Key At the Charthouse**SMOOTH SAILING** by Rachel S. O'Hara | Staff Photographer

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Laurel Kaiser goes over the proper terms that the kids need to know when it comes to rigging their windsurfing equipment.

Campers stay grounded for windsurfing lessons

Sixteen campers learned how to windsurf and paddleboard during a four-day camp led by Island Style Water Sports and U.S. Sailing certified instructor Laurel Kaiser July 5 through July 8, at Ken Thompson Park and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

Most of the camp was spent on the water, but the campers also had the chance to test their skills on a windsurfing simulator. They also got into groups and raced one another in trying to put their sails together the fastest. The final date for the water sports camp is Aug. 15 to Aug. 19.

**Nick Edwards**, 14, a previous week's camper, helps **Justin Brush**, 11, **Chris Van Derzee**, 10, and **Robbie Van Derzee**, 12, during a rigging race.**Ariana Abid**, right, helps **Nick Burbach**, 12, put together one of the windsurfing sails during a learning exercise.Camp counselor **Farah Abid's** team celebrates after putting their sail together before any other teams.**Laurel Kaiser** steadies the simulator while **Elizabeth Kamm**, 9, starts to bring up her sail.**Laura D. Hansen, GRI**

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Water Club unit sells for \$1,925,000



Unit 502 at the Water Club I, 1241 Gulf of Mexico Drive, has three bedrooms, five bathrooms and 3,400 square feet. It sold for \$1,925,000.

David and Alberta Purpora, St. Armands Key, sold Unit 502 at the Water Club I, 1241 Gulf of Mexico Drive, to Thomas Grusecki and Christina Grant, of Schiller Park, Ill., as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, for \$1,925,000. Built in 1996, the 3,400-square-foot unit has three bedrooms and five bathrooms. It last sold for \$771,000 in January 1999.

The sale was the largest Key transaction recorded at the Sarasota and Manatee county courthouses during the week of June 27 and July 1. Of the week's 15 sales, 12 occurred on Longboat Key, including six in Manatee County, while one each occurred on Bird Key, Lido Key and St. Armands key. Three of the week's sales were for \$1 million or more.

Also at Water Club I, Rosabelle Edelstein and Jane Rosenbloom sold Unit 805 to Daniel and Malvina Sambursky, of Vestal, N.Y., for \$1 million. Built in 1996, the 2,650-square-foot unit has three bedrooms and three bathrooms. It last sold for \$799,000 in April 1997.

Country Club Shores

Peter and Helen Midunczyk, of Osprey, sold the vacant Lot 12 in Block E, located on Bowsprit Lane in Country Club Shores Unit IV, to Nora McDonagh, of Chicago, for

\$540,000. The lot last sold for \$890,000 in May 2005.

Sleepy Lagoon

Lonnie Grigsby, of Osprey, sold the home at 614 Norton St. in Sleepy Lagoon to Axay and Calice Kalathia for \$540,000. Built in 1994, the 4,676-square-foot home has four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a swimming pool. It last sold for \$1 million in December 2005.

Islands West

Thomas DeVoto, of Manchester, Mo., sold Apartment 2-D at the 89-unit Islands West, 2525 Gulf of Mexico Drive, to Mike and Irene Langlois, of Ontario, for \$500,000. Built in 1972, the 1,468-square-foot unit has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. It last sold for \$356,500 in December 2002.

Grand Bay

Deborah Linden, of Windermere, sold Unit 642 at 3070 Grand Bay Blvd. in the 272-unit Grand Bay to Thomas and Catherine D'Aulizio, of Stratford, Conn., for \$475,000. Built in 1995, the 1,276-square-foot unit has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. It last sold for \$539,000 in October 2002.

Tiffany Plaza

Irving and Pearl Kushner, of Sarasota, sold Unit 508 at the 42-unit Tiffany Plaza, 4325 Gulf of Mexico Drive, to Michael and Diane Mullihan for \$450,000. Built in 1975, the 1,411-square-foot unit has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. It last sold for \$75,000 in November 1982.

Longboat Harbour Towers

Ian Lipsitch, Carol Lipsitch and Susan Buttersworth, individually and as co-trustees of the Miriam Lipsitch Trust, of Atlanta, sold Unit 504 at the 73-unit Longboat Harbour Towers, 4401 Gulf of Mexico Drive, to William Schweitzer for \$372,500. Built in 1972, the 1,534-square-foot unit has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. It last sold for \$140,000 in April 1981.

Beach at Longboat Key

Kevin Migone and Michael Gallatin, both of Sarasota, and Harry Migone, of Miami, sold Unit 221 at the Beach at Longboat Key, 3465 Gulf of Mexico Drive, to Knetchel the Beach LLC, a Florida limited-liability company with a Mequon, Wis., address, for \$350,000. The 843-square-foot unit was built in 1950. It last sold for \$899,900 in January 2006.

Whitney Beach condominium


Janet Pogue, of Edgartown, Mass., sold Unit 191 at 6800 Gulf of Mexico Drive in the bayside phase of the 137-unit Whitney Beach condominium to William Bishop III and his wife, Donna, also of Edgartown, for \$185,000. Built in 1972, the 928-square-foot unit has one bedroom and one bathroom.




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REAL ESTATE
 REPORTS

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Courtesy of Signature Sotheby's International Realty
 The home at 6336 Hollywood Blvd., in Sarasota, sold for \$2.9 million in February.

+ Signature Sotheby's reports more than \$1 billion in sales

Judy Green, president and CEO of Signature Sotheby's International Realty, announced that the real-estate firm reached more than \$1 billion in sales for the first half of the year in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties.

"Our associates' sales performance year-to-date is incredibly encouraging for our region," said Green in a prepared statement. "It signals an increasing confidence among buyers, both domestic and international, that real estate in Southwest Florida continues to be a solid investment."

In addition to the firm's achievement of the No. 1 market-share position in the region, it also attained the highest average sales price in Southwest Florida year-to-date of \$847,329.

Compared to the same period in 2010, Signature Sotheby's sales listings of more than \$1 million in Sarasota and Manatee counties are up 30.72%.

+ Coldwell Banker announces increase in activity

Bob Stanley, managing broker of Coldwell Banker's Longboat Key office, announced



Stanley

that June pending sales volume was up by 38% compared to June 2010. Additionally, open sales rose by 26.5%.

According to Stanley, open sales volume for the first half of 2011 was up 39% from the same period in 2010, and closed sales for the same period also showed a 39% increase.

+ Island Real Estate starts new monthly photo contest

Island Real Estate of Anna Maria Inc. announced a new monthly photography contest. The theme for July is "Pets on Vacation," and

gift certificates will be awarded for first, second and third prizes. For contest information, go to blog.IslandReal.com. Submit photos at photos@IslandReal.com.



BUSINESS
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By Robin Hartill | Community Editor

+ Kohlenberger named president of Stroke Association of Florida

Longboat Key resident and Healthy Longevity owner Dominique Kohlenberger was recently named president of the board of directors of the Stroke Association of Florida (SAF). Kohlenberger is a physical therapist and certified health coach.

+ Florida Green Building Co. ranks Pine Avenue in top 10

For 2010, Florida Green Building Coalition ranks Anna Maria's Pine Avenue Restoration LLC's properties at 401 and 403 Pine Ave. in the state's top 10 projects. Additionally, the project's newest offerings at 216 and 218 Pine Ave. received the "Platinum Status" award.

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 \$3,500,000

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 Longboat Key - Boater's Fantasy
 3,435 SF home with 114 feet of DEEP water frontage! Extra large rooms, with living area on one level and tons of ground floor play space. Covered 45x20 slip and Jet Ski dock included.
 \$995,000

Longboat Key - Direct Beach Front
 "The Johnson Estate" Gated privacy on 2+ acres w/ 150 ft. of Gulf front. 10,000 SF. 7BR/6.5BA includes separate attached guest wing. New in '07.
 \$11,500,000
 www.Johnsonestatelongboatkey.com

La Bellasara - Golden Gate Point
 Sparkling water views from this amazing 5,585SF Penthouse apartment with 4BR/5BA, private his & hers studies, wine cellar & separate tasting area, media room and large terrace overlooking the Bay and downtown. Private boat dock & 2 car garage.
 \$5,950,000

OPEN HOUSE 1219 Westway Dr Sat & Sun 1-4
 Lido Shores - Direct Gulf Front Palazzo
 Combines 200 ft. of seawalled Gulf front with private Dock and Beach access. This 7,415 SF residence built in 2003 has 5BR/8BA, exercise room, his and her bath & studies, 50 ft pool/spa & 5-car garage.
 \$8,900,000

BIRD KEY - Open Bay Front
 3BR + Office/ 4th Floor 4,467 Sq. Ft. \$2,195,000
 RED ROCK TERRACE - Oyster Bay Vacant Lot
 Lot w/ House Plans \$439,000
 GRAND BAY II - Bay & City Views
 4th Floor 3BR/3BA 2,781 Sq. Ft. \$1,395,000
 BEACHPLACE III - Direct Gulf Front
 #302 3rd Floor 2BR/2BA 1,392 Sq. Ft. \$670,000
 BEACHPLACE III - Direct Gulf Front
 #304 3rd Floor 2BR/2BA 1,503 Sq. Ft. \$695,000
 LA BELLASARA - Bay, Marina & City Views
 6th Floor 3BR+ Study/4.5BA 3,370 Sq. Ft. \$2,395,000

Sea Gate Club - Direct Gulf Front
 Floor-to-ceiling glass frames the Beach and Sunsets from every room in this 1,470 SF 2BR/2BA with higher ceilings, wood floors and 2 terraces. Great amenities and on-site management. Walk to shopping.
 \$549,000

OPEN HOUSE 4520 Woodside Rd Sat & Sun 1-4
 Siestas Bayside - Deep Water Canal
 Gorgeous waterfront home fully updated with wood & granite throughout, 2,641 square feet, three bedrooms/ two baths and a large tropical patio area with pool/spa, boat dock with lift and floating jet-ski dock.
 \$849,900

Promenade - Penthouse
 Sweeping Gulf and Bay views with sunsets. 2,612 luxurious sq. ft. w/ 10 ft ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, granite & marble baths, 2 terraces, & 2 valuable garage parking spaces included.
 \$999,000

Water Club I - Gulf & Bay Views
 6th floor 3BR/3 full BA newly designed & furnished apartment with beautiful water views, private elevator, 10' ceilings and two expansive terraces for viewing nightly sunsets. Gated community with excellent amenities. Furnished.
 \$1,599,000

Key Royale - Holmes Beach Waterfront
 Remodeled 3BR/2BA home with water on three sides! Spacious floor plan with 2,688 square feet, waterfront lap pool, private dock w/ lift and 2-car garage.
 \$949,000

Bayport- Sporting Community
 Beach retreat that lives like a home. Beautifully & freshly remodeled, 3 full BR with sitting areas, and loads of storage, 2 private patios, his/her bath areas. Steps to private beach.
 \$649,900

Pierre - Spectacular Views
 Gulf, Golf Course, Sarasota Bay, & downtown city lights views from this 2BR + den/3rd BR apartment on the 8th floor with 3 full bathrooms and 2,410 sq. ft. Behind the gates of the Longboat Key Club.
 \$1,095,000



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SALES SNAPSHOT by Robin Hartill | Community Editor

JUNE REAL-ESTATE SALES SUMMARY

The following is a summary of key residential real-estate sales recorded for the month of June at the Sarasota and Manatee county courthouses. Data from June 2010 is also listed for comparison.


LONGBOAT KEY CONDOMINIUMS June 2011 Total: 26 High: \$1,925,000 Low: \$115,000 Median: \$377,500 June 2010 Total: 21 High: \$2,689,800 Low: \$175,000 Median: \$295,000 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES June 2011 Total: Nine High: \$1,775,000 Low: \$180,250 Median: \$540,000 June 2010 Total: Three High: \$1.2 million Low: \$310,000 Median: \$900,000 BIRD KEY June 2011 Total: Six High: \$4.95 million Low: \$550,000 Median: \$1,015,000 June 2010 Total: Zero	LIDO KEY AND ST. ARMANDS KEY CONDOMINIUMS June 2011 Total: Three High: \$1,083,000 Low: \$270,000 Median: \$430,000 June 2010 Total: Six High: \$675,000 Low: \$228,500 Median: \$372,900 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES June 2011 Total: Five High: \$3.25 million Low: \$210,000 Median: \$480,000 June 2010 Total: Three High: \$1,213,000 Low: \$450,000 Median: \$480,000
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The home at 700 Lyons Lane sold for \$1,775,000 in June. Photo courtesy of Barbara Ackerman



The home at 667 Mourning Dove Drive sold for \$4.95 million in June. Photo courtesy of Detlev von Kessel



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Spectacular view of open bay from this 1st flr, 1BR/1BA walk-out unit being sold unfurn. Mirrored wall in DR reflects the water. Tile flrs in entrance & kitchen. Enclosed lanai perfect for watching the birds, dolphin, manatee or fish jump right outside your door. Boat dockage available/ floating dock for kayaks/canoes plus fishing pier. Gym, saunas, billiard table, rec hall, tennis, 4 heated pools and beautiful beach w/parking. A3944308 **\$194,000**

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Talk to Tina Today - Longboat Key's International Connection

Rare building lot offering deeded Gulf and Bay access**SOLD** \$150,000
Endless beach & Gulf views and spacious deluxe floor plan**SOLD** \$449,000
Breathtaking Bay views from immaculate 2BR/2BA**PENDING** \$297,000
Spectacular Gulf & Sunset views overlooking lush grounds.....**PENDING** \$475,000
Impeccably maintained & TKF 2/2.5 townhome w/ garage..**SHORTSALE** \$199,000
Updated 2/2 ground floor end unit overlooking canal **REDUCED** \$265,000
Spacious 2/2 penthouse at The Shore **REDUCED** \$500,000
Spectacular 100 x 238 beachfront w/ 2 income bungalows **REDUCED** \$1,799,000


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Bobbie Banan Has The Key

LONGBOAT KEY
SLEEPY LAGOON ON SAILBOAT WATER - 4 bedrooms plus office, pool, dock lift. All set amidst tropical landscaping.**\$885,000**
GULF FRONT - Wonderful 5 bedroom, 5 bath home on 1.2 acres with 44 ft. beach side lap pool. Other features include a kitchen with stainless appliances, 4 car garage and abundant fruit trees.**FURNISHED \$4,995,000**
HARBOUR LINKS - An awesome lifestyle awaits you in this corner villa with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, a den and a 2 car garage, located on the Harbourside Golf course at the Longboat Key Club. The community is pet friendly and offers Beach Club membership.**FURNISHED \$409,000**
YOU WILL ENJOY BAY & MARINA VIEWS from the living room, master bedroom & the screened porch of this 2/2 condo located at the south end of LBK. The community offers a heated pool, boat docks, fitness facility. Furnished.....**\$319,000**
BANYAN BAY - Beach to Bay complex. This charming 2 bedroom condo is designed for seaside living. Tennis, pool, fishing pier. Pet Friendly.....**\$269,900**
BAY HARBOUR - South end of LBK, 2/2 expertly renovated w/ direct bay and marina views. Amenities include boat docks, fishing pier heated pool.....**PENDING \$395,000**
LBK 2 bedroom and a den Village home - lovely treed lot - close to beach and bay.....**\$489,000**
WHITNEY BEACH - BEACH TO BAY - 1/1 in desirable community with boat docks, fishing pier, tennis courts, and a wonderful walking beach. 2 pets allowed.....**SOLD**.....**FURNISHED \$199,000**
UNIQUE 1 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor at Whitney Beach. Great amenities. 2 Pets allowed. **FURNISHED \$199,500**
WINDWARD BAY - Sunrise, sunset! You'll enjoy both from 2/2 renovated residence with unobstructed bay views. The community offers 2 pools, tennis courts, fitness facility, and boat docks.**SOLD**.....**\$399,000**




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ARIZONA. Susan Foreman recently traveled to Sedona, Ariz., and took along her *Longboat Observer* to read before she rode the rugged trails of West Sedona on her favorite horse, Modoc.

games | deal us in
 By Donna Swan | Contributing Writer

Card combinations can be crucial

There has been much written about how to handle certain card combinations. There are still many that you have to work out at the table. South's one notrump overcall showed the equivalent of a one notrump opening bid. North had more than enough to raise to game. West's decision to lead his own suit rather than his partner's is questionable, especially because he had no outside entry. But this unusual lead was most effective. East rose with the ace of spades and continued the suit. Declarer was faced with the task of having to run eight more tricks before giving up the lead. The defenders would set the contract with their spade tricks. Assuming a successful heart finesse, declarer could see seven of those eight tricks. He considered trying to steal a diamond trick for his ninth, but he knew his opponents and that there was little hope of that happening. Some study revealed a play for nine tricks. If West held either a singleton eight or nine of hearts, declarer could take four tricks in that suit. He needed three entries to dummy for this to work. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and led the queen. When West followed suit, three entries in that suit were assured. He overtook the queen with the king and led the Jack of hearts. East covered, and declarer won the king. He now crossed to the dummy with the market finesse of the nine of clubs and led a heart to his seven. He cashed the 10 of hearts, returned to the dummy with the Jack of clubs and scored his ace of hearts. This made four heart tricks, four club tricks and a spade trick for his three notrump contract.

DONNA SWAN is a resident of Longboat Key, an ardent bridge player and an American Contract Bridge League certified director who plays "for the fun of it."

BRIDGE HAND

Dealer: East Vulnerable: Neither

North			
♠	8 5		
♥	A J 4 2		
♦	Q 5 2		
♣	K J 9 4		
West		East	
♠	J 9 6 4 3 2	♠	A 10 7
♥	8	♥	Q 9 6 5 3
♦	8 4	♦	A J 10 7
♣	10 8 7 6	♣	5
South			
♠	K Q		
♥	K 10 7		
♦	K 9 6 3		
♣	A Q 3 2		

Bidding:			
East	South	West	North
1 ♥	1NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening Lead: 4 ♠			

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Solve the puzzle by placing the numbers 1 through 9 in each row, column and box. See answers on page 24A.

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CONDOS

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Enjoy amazing views of the Gulf, Bay, golf course and beyond in this 2,375 SF, 8th floor residence located behind the gates of the Longboat Key Club. Sold Turnkey furnished. **\$1,399,000**

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COUNTRY CLUB SHORES - New construction 4BR canal front home. A3929970 \$995,000

LONGBOAT VILLAGE - Key West style home overlooking intracoastal waterway. A3934895 \$775,000

BAY FRONT ESTATE LOT - 100' frontage to build dream home w/deeded beach access. A3937319

EN PROVENCE - Exquisitely furnished gulf front condo that feels like a private home on the beach. A3929322 \$2,450,000

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RAINFALL

	North	Mid	South
Mon., July 4	0.01	0.09	1.27
Tues., July 5	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wed., July 6	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thurs., July 7	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fri., July 8	1.81	2.03	1.38
Sat., July 9	0.00	0.00	0.58
Sun., July 10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date:	2011 4.24 in	2010 3.04 in.	
Year-to-date:	2011 21.84 in.	2010 16.73 in.	

SUNRISE/SUNSET

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thurs., July 14	6:45	8:28
Fri., July 15	6:45	8:28
Sat., July 16	6:46	8:27
Sun., July 17	6:46	8:27
Mon., July 18	6:47	8:27
Tues., July 19	6:47	8:26
Wed., July 20	6:48	8:26





TEMPERATURES

	Temps.		Record Temps.	
	High	Low	High	Low
Tues., July 5	88	74	97 (1985)	71 (1984)
Wed., July 6	92.5	76	97 (1985)	70 (1986)
Thurs., July 7	92	77	98 (1991)	72 (1984)
Fri., July 8	87	79	99 (1993)	72 (1984)
Sat., July 9	91	78	98 (1983)	71 (1983)
Sun., July 10	90.5	76	97 (1983)	72 (1983)
Mon., July 11	88.5	78	97 (1985)	71 (1984)
Average Gulf water temperature: 86.6				

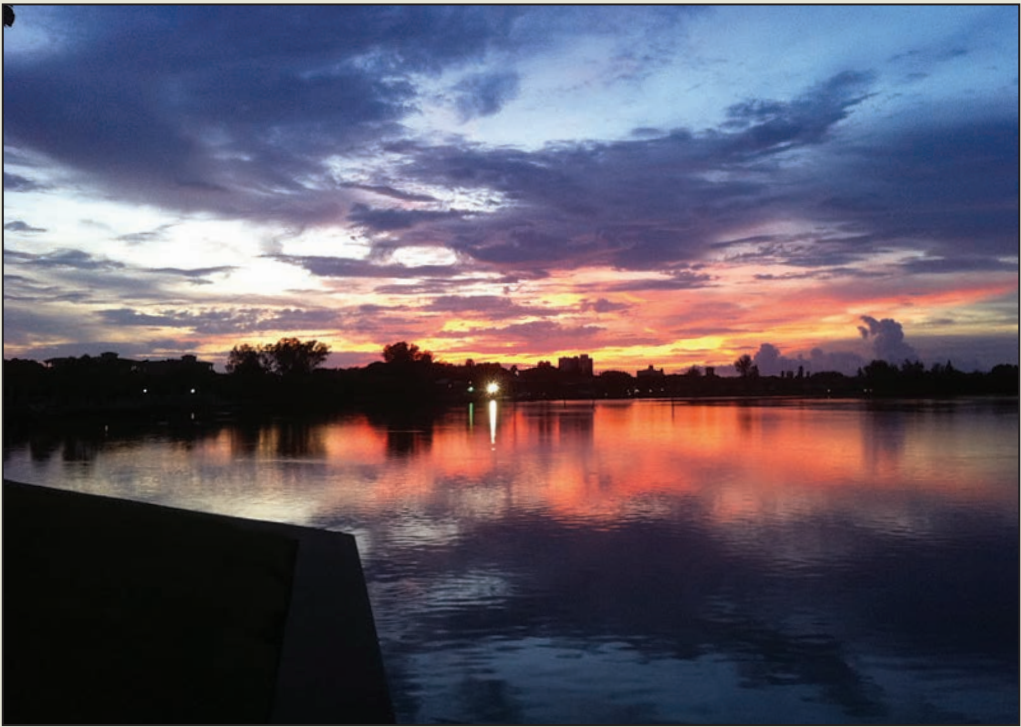
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	Highs		Lows	
Thurs., July 14	2:20a	11:23a	4:59a	8:00p
Fri., July 15	2:37a	12:09p	6:00a	8:33p
Sat., July 16	2:52a	12:52p	6:55a	9:03p
Sun., July 17	3:06a	1:33p	7:49a	9:30p
Mon., July 18	3:21a	2:16p	8:43a	9:57p
Tues., July 19	3:41a	3:01p	9:38a	10:23p
Wed., July 20	4:05a	3:52p	10:36a	10:51p

MOON PHASES


	
July 15 Full	July 23 Last
	
July 30 New	Aug. 6 First

WEEKLY WINNER: SUNSET SALUTATION



Jackie DeAngelo submitted this sunset photo, taken from Jessmyth Drive on Longboat Key.

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ACROSS

1 French clergyman's title

5 Abyss

10 Shoemaker Thom

14 Relative of jot or tittle

18 "Here ___ nothing!"

19 Top part of an application

20 BP brand

21 Carl Sagan wrote about his brain

22 Onetime NHL team

25 Fruit with zest

26 Gardner's Mason

27 Website for those seeking a kosher romance

28 Trebled trios

29 On a ___-to-know basis

30 Garfield's nemesis

31 Gomez and Morticia's dance

32 Whitewater

35 Actress Moorehead

37 Like a desert

38 Weekly stipend, for many

41 Fields of interest

42 Many a slot machine

45 "___ to Run" (Springsteen hit)

46 Long John, the golfer

47 90 degrees from norte

48 Delivery persons' assignments (Abbr.)

49 Florida's Mr. Football, e.g.

54 Alpine ski racer Phil

55 Kickoff prop

56 Tiny workers

57 Illegal sports juice

58 James and Jackson

59 "500" race

60 Tridents have three

61 Units of exposure

62 It's fun for girls and boys

65 Coop alternative

66 Weighty sport?

67 He was a thriller in Manila

70 They drop down on your computer

71 Features of some telephone plans

74 Prefix for "freeze" or "lock"

75 "Nuh-uh"

76 Lofty poems

77 Sound made by a bell

78 Communist agronomist

83 Wave foam

84 Dearie

85 K-12

86 Pension legislation acronym

87 Some Greek consonants

88 Pierces with horns

90 "But what good would ___?"

91 Russian river or mountain range

92 Snake oil in a bottle

94 Personal plus

95 Liquid overflow

99 Exxon merger partner

100 They may be filed by the theme entries

102 Like really old bread

103 Hawaii's second-largest island

104 Old car starter

105 U-shaped part of a drainpipe

106 "... so long ___ both shall live?"

107 Proofreader's "leave it"

108 Jessica of "Driving Miss Daisy"

109 "___, meeny, miney ..."

DOWN

1 Title with Khan (Var.)

2 It may have a glass

bottom

3 Lahr who played the Cowardly Lion

4 Neighbors of Latvians

5 Genetic duplicates

6 Added to the staff

7 Mayberry lawman

8 Make one's own wardrobe

9 Chinese tile game

10 Mild depression

11 Where the Minotaur roamed

12 Good-sized plot

13 "Terrible twos" turn downs

14 Squeeze out water

15 New Age medical practitioners

16 "Law & Order: SVU" actor

17 Russian news source

21 Like Marilyn Monroe

23 Sanford and Mertz

24 Dangerous snake

28 Easily duped

31 Overused, as a phrase

32 Moroccan capital

33 Have ___ in (be part of)

34 Famed hostess Mesta

35 Where Van Gogh lost his ear

36 Painter of "The Naked Maja"

37 Mgr.'s aides

39 For ___ pittance for kids

40 Positive survey responses

42 Actress Duke

43 They often get byes

44 Common knee stain

46 Fine's partner

50 Battlefield vehicles

51 Singer Lopez

52 1953 John Wayne classic

53 Rest atop

54 French wine region

58 Outlaw Jesse

59 People in umiaks

60 Tribal pole

61 More discourteous

62 Boffo show

63 Slow, on a score

64 Not substantially

65 Italian resort island

66 The front of a 45

67 Type of 59-Down

68 Woolly South American mammal

69 Archipelago parts

71 Beery and Webster

72 Stir-fryers

73 Type of court

75 Lion or Raven, e.g.

79 In a macabre manner

80 Scuba gear

81 Word yelled while banging a gavel

82 It may be read before a grounding

83 Ten

84 Commandments verb

87 Hard to unravel

89 Nitrous ___ (laughing gas)

90 Disputed matter

91 Overturn

92 Thompson or Bovary

93 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author Anita

94 Med. school subj.

95 Read, as a bar code

96 "Million" or "billion" suffix

97 Fed

98 Cable TV sports award

100 Alternatives to email

101 Lobby with firepower

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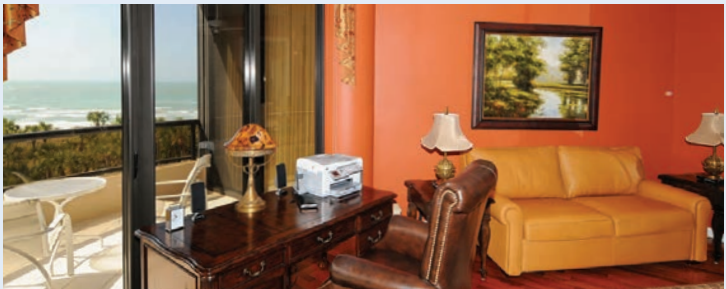
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