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Bucs owner Glazer dies at 85

Associated Press
TAMPA — Malcolm Glazer, a self-made billionaire who shunned the spotlight while leading the takeover of English soccer's Manchester United and transforming the NFL's Tampa Bay Bucca-

neers into Super Bowl champions, died Wednesday. He was 85.
The reclusive Palm Beach businessman had been in failing health since April 2006 when a pair of strokes left him with impaired speech and limited mobility

in his right arm and leg.
He was not involved in day to day operations of either of his sports franchises and was rarely spotted at games in recent years, instead remaining at his mansion in South Florida while entrusting leadership of the Bucs to

three of six children, sons Bryan, Joel and Ed.
While some disgruntled fans blame ownership for a stretch of futility that has seen the Bucs miss the playoffs the past six seasons, the elder Glazer generally will be remembered for making

the commitment necessary to keep the team from moving to another city in the 1990s.
Glazer raised his profile in 2005 with a \$1.47 billion purchase of Manchester United that was bitterly opposed by



Malcolm Glazer

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'I'm not there to beat anybody else'



Endurance swimmer Kurt Lynn works out at the Whispering Pines Park swimming pool last week as he prepares for the Swim Across America fundraiser Saturday.

Local swimmer sets his goals higher than athletic glory, seeks to raise funds to fight cancer

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Kurt Lynn will once again test his endurance in the open water while raising money and

awareness for a good cause.
The 43-year-old Lynn, a former Citrus County sheriff's deputy, on Saturday, May 31, will participate in a 2.4-mile swim off of Clearwater Beach with Swim Across America. This charity swim, his first in

a location that benefits a regional cause, will raise funds for the fight against cancer through Tampa's Moffitt Cancer Center.
Lynn's choice to support Moffitt stems from his life experiences with cancer, which

have taught him how to deal with the hardships of cancer on victims and their friends and families. When Lynn was 17, his father died suddenly from pancreatic cancer, less than six months after being diagnosed.

Lynn has participated in numerous charity swims, raising money to benefit causes such as the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

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NEWS BRIEF

Shuler acquaintance wanted for questioning

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office has provided an updated photo of Anthony Maresca, 51, of Holiday, wanted for questioning in the disappearance and slaying of Sugar Mill Woods resident Billy Shuler.
Shuler, 69, was reported missing on May 22 after meeting with Maresca. Shuler's body was found by Pasco deputies on May 23 in a wooded area off of U.S. 19 in Tarpon Springs.
The Pasco County Sheriff's Office asks anyone who knows about Maresca's whereabouts to call Tampa Bay Crime Stoppers at 800-873-TIPS.
— From staff reports



Anthony Maresca

Adams, Thorpe clash anew at commission meeting

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INVERNESS — It wasn't the first time Scott Adams and Brad Thorpe have mixed it up publicly.
But it may be the most memorable, considering the clash came just a week after Thorpe announced his retirement for a second time as Citrus County administrator.
Adams had it out with Thorpe near the end of Tuesday's county commission meeting over a series of items, from a Crystal River road project to a former employee's vague allegations of corruption.
Thorpe at one point walked out of the chamber but returned a few minutes later.
Commission Chairman John "JJ" Kenney banged the gavel 11 times to close the debate, only to have Adams continue his rant against Thorpe.
Commissioner Joe Meek was dumbfounded.
"That's an embarrassment what we just went through. It's just a diatribe of issues that are all over the board. It's no way to conduct ourselves in public," he said.
Then, speaking to Adams, he added: "I ask that you have some respect for this board. What you just did... is the reason we are losing qualified people in this county. We're better than this and I ask that we hold ourselves to a higher standard."
The battle spilled over



Scott Adams

“You may like looking like a fool. I don't.”

county commissioner, asking county administrator Brad Thorpe why a road project Adams voted for was not completed.

“... You wait for a board meeting, without ever advising me, so you can play 'I gotcha.'”

Brad Thorpe county administrator, responding to Adams' accusations.



to Wednesday when Adams demanded of Thorpe public records associated with the road project. Thorpe later sent a memo to Adams telling him to abide by a county ordinance that requires all communication from commissioners for staffers to come through the county administrator.
As the Tuesday meeting neared its end, Adams said the board approved final payment in April to a road contractor for resurfacing Fort Island Trail near Dixie Shores when, in fact, the road work did not occur.
"We paid for something we haven't received," he said. "There may be some explanations, but I can assure you, the explanations aren't good."
Thorpe said his staff would investigate and provide a response. When Adams pressed the issue, Thorpe asked Public Works Director Jeff Rogers for an explanation.
Rogers said the county moved the resurfacing project to the Fort Island Beach end of the road because the Dixie Shores area was in line for a Crystal River sewer project. He said the county didn't want to resurface the road, only to tear it up for the city's sewer project.
Adams wasn't satisfied with the answer. He said the agenda item should have been clear in April that the project changed.
"I don't like approving things when I've got

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Crystal River mulls looming budget crunch

Options include suggested 0.6 millage rate hike

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CRYSTAL RIVER — City officials face a dilemma when it comes to the budget, and none of the options seem particularly desirable.
City Manager Andy Houston outlined a trio of approaches Tuesday evening at the city's second budget workshop to offset an expected \$264,462 — or 0.6 of a mill — shortfall for upcoming fiscal year.
Houston said the choices are as follows:
■ Withdraw money from reserves to plug the shortfall. The city already took out \$117,201 from reserves to deal with last year's budget shortfall.
■ Increase the millage rate by 0.6 — going from the current 3.8 mills to 4.4 mills. This tax increase could cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$150 extra a year and would only keep the budget at status quo without room for flexibility.
■ Cut \$264,462 from expenses, which could mean staff and service cuts, including the level of law enforcement.

Council members Paula Wheeler and Ken Brown said as painful as a millage rate increase may sound, they may be leaning toward that option. Brown even suggested perhaps increasing the bump to 1 mill so officials can go about beautifying the city in an effort to attract more tourists and businesses.
Council members Robert Holmes and Mike Gudis suggested perhaps choosing a combination of options. Mayor Jim Farley was absent.
The budget process is set to continue, but Houston told council members ad valorem — or property tax — revenue is projected to be \$100,000 less in the coming fiscal year than at present. Taxable values are expected to decline by 2 percent. The city has been struggling to emerge from the effects of the recession.
The council also voted to hire Mia Fink as the next city clerk. The current clerk, Carol Harrington, is retiring at the end of June after more than a decade with the

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