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Editor Kelly Josephsen steps down to pursue an opportunity closer to home



Editor Kelly Josephsen, shown with husband Brandon and kids Allison and Anthony, is leaving The Islander News for a job in Memphis, Tennessee, where the family lives. Photo courtesy KELLY JOSEPHSEN

written by Justo Rey
Islander News Publisher

There's no easy way to work into this, so here it goes. After 15 years of working at your Islander News, the last four as editor, Kelly Josephson is leaving us to pursue an opportunity in a

different field.

Fifteen years is a lifetime in the news business, not to mention the history of a tight-knit community like Key Biscayne. The eloquence of her writing, and insights into the community, will be missed.

Kelly has done exceptional work reporting the

Inside

Kelly says farewell to readers and community on page 9

news, profiling many of our interesting citizens, and painting word pictures about the island's unique character. Writing about the island's chil-

dren has been particularly fulfilling. "I have enjoyed writing about local young people's achievements, like Parker Zuccarini placing Top-10 in the nation in triathlon, Pedro Español overcoming a stroke with courage and good humor, students

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YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED

The proposal to buy the Village Hall staff parking lot has been around for years. What's the holdup?



Question answered by
FRANK CAPLAN

Right now, Caplan said, "It's in limbo" as the purchase agreement faced opposition from Miami-Dade County Commissioners, who must approve the deal.

At the Council's first budget hearing September 11, Caplan said the Village's proposal to buy the lot from the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department for \$1.4 million had been on a September 5 County Commission agenda, sponsored by Xavier Suarez, who represents the Key.

However, "There was a lot of adverse discussion by the Commission, and there was some

private chatter about why that was," said Caplan, who has led negotiations for the Village and was at the commission meeting. "I guess the way I would think to say it is 'Commission politics,' and Commissioner Suarez ultimately withdrew the item with a commitment from [County] Mayor [Carlos] Gimenez to work on it and find a way to bring it back."

Caplan said he and other Village representatives plan to reconvene with the County negotiating team and representatives from Gimenez's office.

"WASD is still behind this. We've got a negotiated deal. We're ready to close. Everyone knows that," Caplan said.

Therefore, he said, speculation

has it that the Village's item may have temporarily fallen victim to Commission politics.

He said one Commissioner who opposed the plan is simply ideologically opposed to this type of transaction, while another had questions that appeared to be based on inaccurate information. He said he and other members of the Village's team stand ready to answer the questions factually.

"This had principally to do with how the valuation was reached," Caplan added, "but speculation is that it may be about our item, and it may be about something else."

Caplan said he'll keep the Council updated as negotiations continue.

The Village has leased the 22,000-square-foot lot at 85 West

Enid Drive from the County for years, essentially using it for free for staff parking. Almost a decade ago, Village officials started working with the County to acquire the lot, at one point even reviewing plans for a three-story parking garage on the property. The lot can only be used for a governmental purpose.

The Council actually approved the terms of the purchase back in 2016, but since then, County Attorneys raised issues and the item faced delays in getting before the Commission. Now, as Caplan said, the Village is heading back to the negotiating table in hopes of finalizing the deal.

Frank Caplan is Key Biscayne's Vice Mayor.

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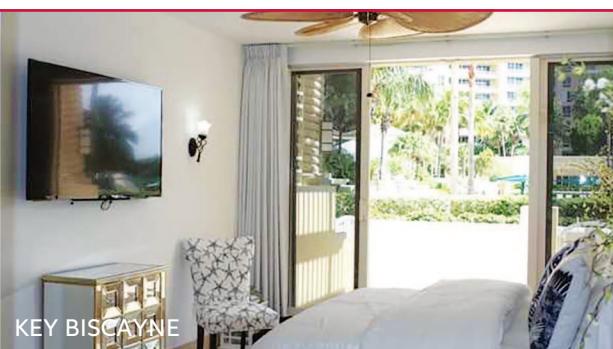


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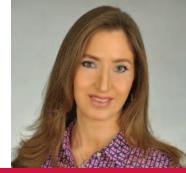


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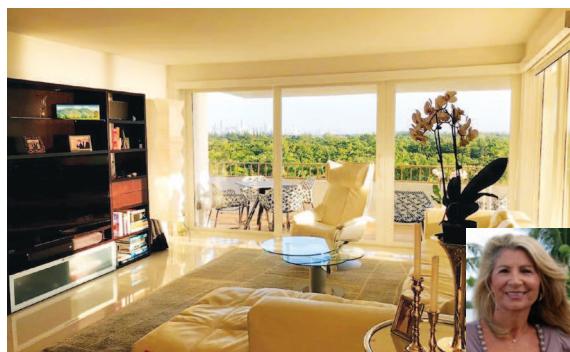
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Council adopts \$34.3 million budget, tax rate of 3.1 mills

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Village Council members nudged the Key's tax rate up from 3.0 to 3.1 mills in approving a \$34.3 million operating budget and over \$4 million in capital projects for Fiscal Year 2019, which runs October 1–September 30, 2019. The tax rate change means the owner of a \$1 million home will pay another \$100 on the local portion of the tax bill.

Village Manager Andrea Agha kicked off the second budget hearing September 25 with a 3.25 rate, which would yield an additional \$2.5 million in revenue. Local leaders had set the figure at the first budget hearing September 11, but said the move was aimed at flexibility – it is easy to lower the rate at the second reading, but would take a complicated and costly process to raise it.

On the 25th, Agha said the rate would cover a \$34.3 million operating budget that provides for all essential services; meets contractual obligations under new collective bargaining agreements; provides cost of living and merit raises for eligible staff; and more. *The Islander News* will report on each departmental budget in detail in the weeks ahead.

The higher rate would also provide just over \$2 million in excess revenue over expenditures that could be used along with a Working Capital Reserve transfer (\$1.73 million), Safe Routes to School grant (\$84,000) and loan



Tax rate highlights

- Tax rate goes from 3.0 to 3.1 mills
- That means property owners pay another \$100 per \$1 million of property value
- Key Biscayne's rate is the lowest in Miami-Dade County for communities providing fire-rescue service

proceeds (\$236,000) to cover the Capital Improvements Plan.

However, Council members were able to make some tweaks to the CIP at the final hearing to get the rate down to 3.1 mills – while still adding some funding for crucial tasks.

Council member Gary Gross did make the case for a slightly higher increase to 3.2 mills, citing pension obligations, the desire for a cushion in case unforeseen factors shrink the current surplus, and the likelihood that another \$100 per \$1 million in value wouldn't burden most residents.

Others disagreed. Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay said the Village is in transition and she wants to better define projects, and Council member Luis de la Cruz said he doesn't want money sitting

in Village coffers unused when residents could keep it and invest it on their own. Ultimately, local leaders agreed a 3.1 rate covers the budget and CIP they discussed and is therefore appropriate.

One big move to get there was a decision to fund a potential \$1.4 million purchase of the staff parking lot via the Land Trust, meaning no use of FY2019 tax money. Council members were divided over whether the purchase is even a realistic goal for the year ahead.

Another big project was also moved to a non-tax dollar fund: Agha put pump station and outfall upgrades that will improve drainage in the Stormwater Fund, which is based on user fees.

Council members adjusted some other lines upwards.

Council member Brett Moss said proposed underground utilities funding would only cover a master plan study: "It's too important a project to have it stop," he said, and the Council added \$350,000 for survey work and Florida Power & Light transformer locations.

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan suggested upping a \$30,000 tree replacement line to speed up work. Council members set the figure at \$50,000 but moved it to the operating budget, where funding was available; and Agha said she will work with experts to develop a master plan.

Caplan also suggested restoring funding for Mashta Bridge maintenance, noting if there is a problem, "It doesn't get better to

defer the solution. It gets more deficient and more expensive;" the Council added \$60,000 for engineering drawings.

Council member Gary Gross added Bear Cut Bridge to the list: "There isn't anything we've talked about or will talk about that's as important as the Bear Cut Bridge," he said, noting previous studies stated it would fail in a Category 2 or above hurricane. "We would be done. I think we need to fund another engineering study to see what conditions this bridge is in."

The Council directed Public Works Director Jake Ozyman to develop a plan for a study.

Council members also reviewed and approved the CIP projects proposed by Agha.

She recommended a new Renewal and Replacement program to start setting aside funding yearly to pay for large scheduled projects like vehicle purchases and building maintenance. This year, she suggested a \$515,000 program that covers Community Center equipment and facilities, fire facilities, IT equipment, public safety vehicles, Village Hall facilities and camera/card reader upgrades, and Village Hall server upgrades.

Agha also focused on including projects to which the Village is already obligated by contract: \$450,000 for an underground utilities master plan, \$145,000 in matching funds for Safe Routes to School work and \$375,000 for

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Office of the Village Clerk

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Repairs and restoration underway at Hobie Island and Virginia Key beaches

Work is underway on a Miami-Dade County repair and restoration project at Hobie Island and Virginia Key beaches on the south side of the Rickenbacker Causeway.

The work should not have an impact on traffic.

According to County officials, "The Rickenbacker Causeway Hobie Island and Virginia Key shoreline was severely impacted by Hurricane Irma, causing erosion and associated damage. The existing facilities have experienced minor to heavy erosion, resulting in a reduction to the beach sand and undermining shoreline revetment, roadways and parking.

"This project will restore the

Project highlights

- Construction will run through summer of 2019
- Traffic should not be impacted
- Access to pedestrian and cycling lanes will be maintained
- Work will be done in phases to preserve access

area to its pre-storm condition, as well as mitigation work to offset future damages. The project scope includes shoreline stabilization, sand renourishment and parking lot roadway repairs.

Work started last month and should wrap up in the summer of 2019. The work is starting

on Hobie Island south side and then moving to Virginia Key, and as each phase of the beach and parking area is completed, it will be opened to the public.

County officials said they will strive to minimize impacts to motorists, businesses and residents. "Almost all of the restoration work will be off the main roadway, so traffic will not be affected. The construction will be phased to allow use of areas completed, therefore minimize

impacts to beach patrons, bicyclists and runners," they noted.

Construction equipment and personnel will be moving in and around the work zone while project-related activity is underway. Access to Rickenbacker Causeway vehicle, pedestrian and cycling lanes will be maintained at all times. While beach shoreline access, and parking lot work are being performed, accommodations for pedestrian access will be prepared.

TAX RATE

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lighting the field and court at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center.

Another project was added based on Council input September 11: The \$1.03 million construction of a park at 530 Crandon Boulevard. Council members noted they already have a design approved for the project, so they're ready to move forward with construction drawings and bids.

Other CIP projects include a license plate reader for Crandon boulevard, ballistic vests for police, police software and operating system upgrades and EMS equipment for the fire department.

However, there were "wish list" items that were removed due to inadequate funding:

Design for Community Center expansion (\$975,000), although there is funding in the operating budget to continue with concep-

tual planning

MAST Academy turf replacement (\$625,000), a project for which the Council is accruing funding year after year and which Petros suggested adding to Renewal and Replacement

Dune restoration (\$100,000), for which Pena Lindsay suggested seeking state money

Agha said those projects won't languish. She said plans to draft a "2040 Vision Plan" will help the Council prepare for future priorities: "The 2040 visioning process and strategic planning exercise will help the Village more clearly define long-term capital improvement project scopes, prioritization and project sequencing," she said. "With this information, we can develop detailed workplans and funding strategies to develop a five-year CIP."

She said the Capital Improvement Element of the Village's Master Plan will be presented to the Council for approval this November.

of Ann Wilson and Joan Ambrose were in second place.

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Redwood tree apparently killed on purpose

Key Biscayne Code Enforcement and Police recently investigated a sad incident on Redwood Lane: A large tree that had stood for a quarter of a century was apparently intentionally damaged and will need to be removed.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer Mike Mila remarked, "It seems to be that someone damaged the tree on purpose. We don't have proof because we didn't catch

anyone in the act, but when I went onsite to inspect it, it almost looked like someone had drilled into the root base and made several half-inch diameter holes. The arborist indicated they may have the poisoned the roots."

Mila said the tree appeared to be over 25 years old, and the damage was too significant for it to survive: "Unfortunately, it dried out and died," he said.

Public Works officials will look into removing and replacing the tree, he said, but it will likely be tough to bring the perpetrator to justice.

He said both Code Enforcement and KBPD officials responded to investigate and spoke to residents in the area, but no one had any information. Also, he noted, because it probably took a long time for the tree to die – meaning

the actual crime occurred a long time ago – surveillance footage from any video cameras in the area is not likely to help.

"Unfortunately, it's very difficult to pinpoint someone," he said.

Mila said anyone who has information about the tree's death should call the police at 305-365-5555 or Code Enforcement at 305-365-5511.

Fire-Rescue Department offering CPR training in October

The Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Department is offering the American Safety and Health Institute CPR-AED full four-hour Certification Training Course several times in October. Classes are for anyone age 12 or over and are free.

Training dates are Wednesday,

October 10 from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, October 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Spanish, and Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Residents can visit www.keybiscayne.fl.gov and click on the "Fire-Rescue" tab under Departments & Services to find the

online registration portal. Sign up there and email proof of residency (utility bill, lease, etc.) to jmiller@keybiscayne.fl.gov with your name, phone and the date of the class you wish to attend.

For non-residents, there is a \$25 fee that can be sent to: Key

Biscayne Fire Rescue Department, Attn: Fire Administration – CPR, 560 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne, FL 33149. Participants receive a two-year certification.

Classes last three to four hours. Participants should bring a sweater and snack.

Police promote a campaign against texting while driving

written by Kelly Josephsen
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The Key Biscayne Police are promoting safer roadways through the "Put It Down" campaign, which encourages residents to fight distracted driving and to always put down their cell phone when behind the wheel.

The KBPD reached out to the public with information about the dangers of texting while driving and other distracted driving

behavior.

For one thing, they noted teens whose parents drive distracted are two to four times as likely to also drive distracted themselves: "A new study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. shows a significant correlation between parent and teen driving distraction behaviors, suggesting that parents play an influential role in modeling risky behavior on the road,"

according to information from the KBPD.

Some alarming stats include:

- Nearly one in 10 parents and 20 percent of teens respond to a text once or more every time they drive.
- 13 percent of parents and 30 percent of teens read a text or email once or more while driving.
- 10 percent of parents and 20 percent of teens admit they have extended, multi-message

text conversations while driving.

- 12 percent of parents and half of teens say they search for music on a portable music player while driving.
- More than one in 10 teens say they update or check social media while driving.

Police encourage residents to take the "No-Texting Pledge" at fdotmiamidade.com/putitdown.

MIKE DAVEY FOR MAYOR



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Our schools are good, but we can make them better by working with Miami-Dade Public Schools and seeking new opportunities for our children. We need a Mayor with a proven record of advancing Key Biscayne's education needs. **Mike, as the Chair of the Education Advisory Board, has worked to enhance our public schools and build relationships with local principals and school board officials.**

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Underground utilities, new storm water pumps and backflow preventers are all great initiatives. We need a Mayor who has experience with large scale public works projects. **Mike, as the Chair of the Underground Utilities Task Force, has worked extensively on the project to install sewers throughout the Village.**

COMMITTED TO IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Traffic, parking and basic civility on our roads are problems demanding solutions. We need more than just hiring consultants to find ways to resolve the problems. **Mike pushed for residents to be allowed to request speed bumps and other traffic control devices.**

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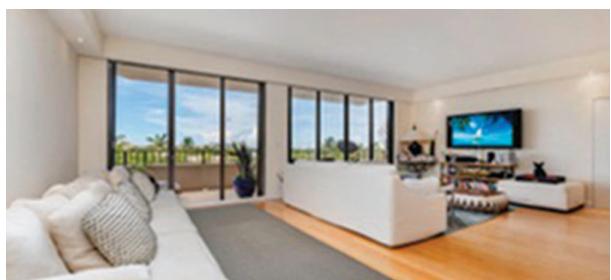
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opinion

Tragedy of Virginia Key Sewage Treatment Plant



Guest Commentary by
**ANTONIO
CAMEJO**

A recent issue of the *Miami Herald* ran a headline that read, "Will Puerto Rico's Grid Survive Another Storm?" An immediate thought came to mind. How about something closer to home? That headline would read, "Will the Virginia Key Sewage Treatment Plant Survive the Next Hurricane?"

Miami-Dade bowed to political pressure years ago when North Miami protests made building a sewage treatment plant there politically untenable. So they looked for an easier, out of the way, less controversial place: lonely and undeveloped Virginia Key. After all, this spoil island was already being used as a garbage dump for all kinds of debris and waste. Key Biscayne was not yet incorporated and apparently no effective campaign would be mounted against this convenient but mistaken decision.

Why otherwise would you place a mission critical installation in harm's way? Imagine the consequences of a storm surge not only over-whelming the plant, but actually submerging it and washing untreated sewage back into Biscayne Bay and onto Miami streets. Then imagine a city paralyzed with no sewage treatment for months in the aftermath. Not a pretty sight. Remember the coastal Fukushima nuclear plant disaster caused by a tsunami in 2011?

Under normal weather conditions the plant, if properly maintained, does what it was designed to do, even if not ideal for the environment. However, heavy rains like we had in August overwhelm the system forcing untreated sewage into the ocean. In June of 2016, some 352,000 gallons of untreated sewage were dumped into the Hillsborough River in Tampa due to heavy rains from Tropical Storm Colin. Since the Virginia Key pipeline outfall is relatively close to shore, reverse eddies can move part of the daily 150-188 million gallons back onto our beaches. The resulting human waste and chemical cocktail has been forcing the closing of our beaches and damaging delicate coral reefs for years.

The design and maintenance of the Virginia Key Sewage Treatment Plant, its feeder pipelines, and ocean discharge strategy, represents a colossal failure of government planning and management. Government has an obligation to protect the public interest and the environment. On both counts multiple administrations have fallen short. But in all fairness, Miami is not alone. As is the case in Tampa, municipal sewage treatment plants have been contaminating beaches up and down the entire U.S. coastline.

Why hasn't this been properly

addressed? Government bureaucracies are notoriously slow to move, hesitant to adopt expensive new technologies, and reluctant to take responsibility for their own failures. In addition, sewage treatment doesn't make for a good photo-opt and politicians tend to think in short four-year terms. Infrastructure requires thinking out 50-100 years. Furthermore, many environmental groups receive government funding and are hesitant to criticize their benefactors, so kudos to concerned citizens who have been speaking out.

What then is the solution? First, a new sewage treatment plant should be built far west of all

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The **Key Biscayne Condominium Presidents' Council** believes that we should revisit our **Master Plan** and create a comprehensive infrastructure strategy. A Master Plan will help us **focus on our current and future needs, prioritize them, and then determine how to pay** for what we need.

We support the following:

- An updated, comprehensive **Master Plan** for future Village needs.
- Quality, safe local public K-12 schools for all of our children.
- Sustainable Beach Restoration program designed to retain sand naturally.
- Move the Virginia Key Sewage Plant west of all residential areas. Until then, upgrade the technology to protect our beaches from contamination.
- New and rebuilt infrastructure equitably financed.
- A Building Dept that is tax-payer and user friendly.
- All Village tax-payers deserve the same services, no matter where they live.

We need a Village Council that represents the entire Village and safeguards our tax monies. If you would like more information, contact your building President, BUT VOTE!

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT NOV. 6TH

The **Key Biscayne Condominium Presidents' Council-KBCPC** is a non-profit organization of local Condo & Coop Associations dedicated to the special needs and interests of over 5,770 residents.

Contact us at kbcpc@icloud.com

opinion

Thank you!



Editorial by
KELLY JOSEPHSEN

As I close out my last week with *The Islander News*, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to the community. I have enjoyed working in Key Biscayne, and I will always appreciate the chance to take part in true community journalism.

Thank you to everyone who has trusted me with their stories, information, photos, comments, ideas, etc. I understand that it's a leap of faith to talk to someone knowing that they're going to take what you say, write about it, and print it for mass consumption, and I appreciate all of you who took that leap for me and *The Islander*.

Thank you to our advertisers for your confidence in the ability of *The Islander News* to help you market your products and services. We're grateful that you allow us to be your partner in sharing the wonderful work you do, and that you allow our pages to reflect all aspects of Key Biscayne's thriving business community.

And, most of all, thank you to our readers.

Over the years you've provided me with a wealth of positive and negative feedback, suggestions, opinions, you name it. The bottom line is that your feedback means you're paying attention, and I am grateful that I got to work with such an engaged population.

I will definitely miss all of those aspects of working at *The Islander*, and the decision to pursue a new opportunity was a difficult one.

Ever since I was a little girl, being a newspaper reporter is what I wanted to do. I was fortunate to pursue that dream through college and then professionally for two decades, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to work in this fulfilling field for so long.

However, I also came to realize that there are many other avenues to tell people's stories, and when one was presented to me, it was too good an opportunity to pass up. That is especially true because my family had relocated, and it became increasingly important to me to build my professional life in the community where my husband and I plan to raise our children.

While I'm excited to start on this new path, I'm also excited for the future of *The Islander News*. Publisher Justo Rey leads a fantastic team, and they stand ready to guide the newspaper into a bright future. They are 100 percent committed to carrying out *The Islander's* mission to inform the community through quality journalism, and they are devoted to being a part of island life by being present at local events and activities.

I have enjoyed the over 15 years I spent working for *The Islander News*, and I'm grateful to former owner Anne Owens and former Editor and Publisher Nancy Ray for, all those years ago, giving a Midwesterner who was brand-new to South Florida a chance to work in such a vibrant community as Key Biscayne.

As a writer, it's been great to work in a place with so many positive stories to tell; and on a personal note, it's been rewarding to get to know the residents and employees of the Village of Key Biscayne. There are countless people on the island doing amazing work on behalf of this community and others, and these have always been my favorite topics to cover.

Good luck to the community, and thank you for the chance to help share the stories that make this such a unique place.



3 THINGS WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN THIS WEEK

Stores don't seem to think it's too early to get ready for Halloween – we'll admit to grabbing a few bags of fun-size candy and NOT saving them for trick-or-treaters – so why should the rest of us? Now that we've turned the calendar page to October, we're getting excited for Key Biscayne's favorite spooky events – and we hope to see everyone else joining in on the fun. Here are three things we'd like to see this week:

1 Sponsors getting creative – with a spooky twist

The Friends of Cape Florida are prepping for this year's Haunted Hike at Bill Baggs. For the second year, the event will provide South Floridians with a safe, fun Halloween activity the weekend before trick-or-treating.

This year's hike is October 19 and 20, and sponsors can either create a "spooky scenario" along the hiking route – think scary costumes, eerie props and plenty of dry ice! – or support anything from bounce houses to a face painting booth to glow necklaces that will be handed out to kids.

Last year's event was a big success, and it's all for a great cause. The Friends of Cape Florida is a nonprofit that supports a variety of projects within Bill Baggs, from trail maintenance to seawall repair to programming. So, we hope local businesses and organizations are ready to watch some scary movies for inspiration, head to the Halloween store and get out their checkbooks to join in the fun. Anyone who's ready to be part of a "ghoul

cause" can contact Park Manager Art Yerian at art.yerian@dep.state.fl.us or 305-361-8779.

2 Support for a Halloween party that speaks to our hearts

If the Key Biscayne Rotary Club is involved in an event, you can count on it to be a good time and to support a great cause. This Halloween, the club that sponsors Spring Fest and the July 4 Picnic is hosting an event that is especially near and dear to the hearts of members and the community: The inaugural Eric P. Verbeeck Journey of Hope Schools Masquerade/Halloween Party is Saturday, October 27 at the Key Biscayne Beach Club.

Eric's father, Peter, is a longtime Rotarian; and the entire family – Eric's mother Patricia and brother Michael – have volunteered for club events. When Eric passed away earlier this year at age 17, heartbroken Rotarians memorialized the teen as a consummate volunteer with a gentle heart, deep social consciousness, and the ability to lift others up and bring them joy.

So, it's appropriate that the event held in Eric's honor will support Journey of Hope Schools in Ghana, West Africa and Haiti. We hope a huge crowd turns out to be a part of this fantastic event. You can find out how at rotaryclubofkeybiscayne.org.

3 A zombie invasion on the Key

OK, not a real of the Living Dead – but we consider the Zombie Crawl that Iggy Larrea of Team Key

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Key Cosmetic Concerns

Loose skin after liposuction need not be a concern



DR. MICHAEL KELLY

Question: Dear Dr. Kelly, there is one thing that I have always wondered about liposuction. If you remove fat with liposuction, doesn't this just make the skin loose and doesn't it just hang afterwards?

Answer: This is a question I hear all the time. At first glance, it would make perfect sense. If the fat pocket was covered by fabric and you removed the fat, the fabric would just hang and be loose afterwards. Fortunately, the fat pocket is covered by skin and skin is elastic, especially so in younger people. So when the fat is removed, the natural elasticity of skin allows it to shrink and be smooth over the area of fat removal.

This process works best in younger patients with good skin elasticity. We all lose some elasticity as we age. While younger patients are generally better candidates, that is not always the case. Genetics plays a big role in skin elasticity as well. I have 50-year-olds with great skin quality and I have 3-year-olds who are not good candidates for liposuction. So it is essential for me to examine potential patients to determine if liposuction is appropriate for them.

Liposuction works best in areas where there is a fat bulge. Commonly treated areas include the "love handles" in men or the hips

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Aquatics organizes each year one of the Key's coolest events. This year's crawl is Friday, October 26 at 5 p.m. Basically, residents dressed as zombies gather by the Village Green fountain and make their way around the park.

It's a fun spectacle for the public, and the best zombie costumes win prizes. And let us be the first to say – some of these costumes are simply amazing. We've seen zombies with knives through their heads, zombie dogs, zombie families in Star Wars gear.

There are clearly some great artists with incredible imaginations on the Key, so if you want to compete, start brainstorming now.

Or, if you just want to watch or take a less ambitious stab at a zombie costume, that's perfectly fine. The point is to get in on the good times and start taking advantage of being one of the fortunate few who get to live on – or visit as the living dead! – the Island Paradise at one of the best times of year.

About Dr. Kelly

Dr. Kelly is a board-certified Plastic Surgeon and partner in both Miami Plastic Surgery and MPS Medspa. He has been in practice over 25 years and has been recognized by his peers both nationally and internationally as one of the best plastic surgeons in the United States. In addition to being an expert on Cosmetic Surgery, his practice encompasses the entire spectrum of non-invasive treatments such as Botox, fillers, CoolSculpting, ultrasound, lasers and radiofrequency. He also believes in giving back to our community, having served on the Village Council for eight years and volunteering as a coach for our youth sports programs. You can email him questions at mkelly@miami-plasticsurgery.com.

and outer thigh bulges in women. It is important to understand that liposuction is not a weight loss technique, it used to change people's shape. Most patients aren't going to see a significant weight change after surgery. I even treat personal trainers and body builders who are in fantastic shape, but also know that not every bulge responds to diet and exercise. The reality is that nearly everyone has problem areas where no matter how good of shape they are in, they can't get that bulge to go away.

Liposuction is the best method to fix that bulge. The bottom line is that for well-selected patients, liposuction works, creates a lasting result, and you needn't worry, the skin won't hang afterwards.

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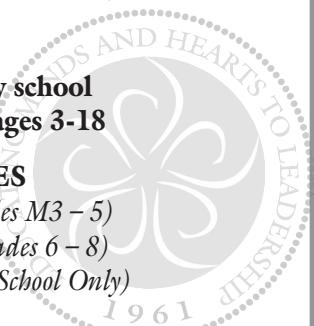
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Advice on Aging

**H. FRANCES
REAVES**

We hear the horror stories of nurses and aides murdering seniors by giving them too much medication or basic neglect (like the reports from the Hollywood Hills facility after Hurricane Irma and some VA nursing homes), but we don't hear the day-to-day stories of seniors who have lost some cognitive function and sign contracts for ridiculous services such as solar power or computer upgrades that they don't need and won't be able to use.

One 80-year-old client was scammed by two solar companies. A sales representative called and told her how she would be contributing to the environment, then sent her a contract to sign. The contract gave the company the right to lien the house in event of a default. Further, the 20-year financing at 4 percent would be added to her property tax bill (none of this was mentioned to the client). The minute the contract was signed they went to the local government for a permit.

The second company used the same method, then filed and received a permit for solar panels. This is the same property where company number one had already received a permit. The town never noticed. An 80-year-old should not be legally obligated for a 20-year financing agreement that attaches to her house and property bill. If she or her heirs chose to sell the house, they would have to pay off the solar panel contract unless the buyer was willing to take on the extra cost.

Key resident to host night with candidate Donna Shalala

Longtime Key Biscayne resident Mayra Vide Perez will host an Evening of Conversation with The Honorable Donna E. Shalala, Democrat Candidate for Florida's 27th Congressional District, Friday, October 5 from 6-8 p.m.

The session is in the Biltmore Party Room at 600 Biltmore Way in Coral Gables.

Attendees will have a chance to discuss issues including access to affordable health care, job creation, addressing traffic congestion, environmental protection, combating sea level rise and gun control reform.

Another client was exploited by a lawyer. This attorney drafted an irrevocable trust. An irrevocable trust means that whoever owns the assets of the trust gives up all their rights to them and designates "trustee(s)" to manage the trust. The idea is to allow people with some assets to qualify for Medicaid. To qualify for Medicaid, one must be at the "poverty level."

In this case, the attorney drafted an irrevocable trust, and made himself the "trust protector" and made the client's two daughters the trustees. However, the trust protector has the right to fire the

trustees – and the opposite is not true. Now, here's the rub, this couple makes \$5,000 monthly with Social Security and pension benefits...for life! That amounts to \$60,000 annually. That means they will NEVER qualify for Medicaid. Further, this attorney also sold them a \$30,000 funeral policy and an annuity. That is almost always a conflict of interest.

Bottom line – you have to be vigilant. When you begin to worry that your loved one is losing some of their cognition, step in. Here are a few indications:

- Forgets their passwords

- Forgets where they wrote down their password
 - Forgets to pay bills
- It's true we all have these issues from time to time, but if its more often than not...it's time.

Editor's note: Through her company Parent Your Parents LLC, H. Frances Reaves works with families as they navigate the process of helping aging relatives. She will be sharing advice and answering questions every other week in The Islander News and offers more information at www.parentyourparents.com. To contact her, email hfrancesr@parentyourparents.com.

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Key Biscayne Facts**1991**

Year the Village was incorporated, and residents voted for local offices for the first time.

Public Library

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Sample Ballot

At keybiscayne.fl.gov under "Election Info 2018 – Municipal." Races include U.S. Congress, Florida House/Senate, judges, Florida constitutional amendments, County referendums.

Miami-Dade Facts**1836**

Year the County was founded, and residents voted for the first time.

Register

Election Department takes registrations until Oct. 9. Get forms at KB Community Center or miamidade.gov/elections, or register online at www.RegisterTo-VoteFlorida.gov.

Sample Ballot

Find "Complete Sample Ballot" PDF link at www.miamidade.gov/elections. KB is Precinct 051; Districts are: U.S. Congress D-27, State Senate D-37, State House D-112 and School Board D-6.

Florida State Facts**1845**

Year Florida became the 27th state to join the United States of America.

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Counties in Florida. Each has its own election department, supervisor and methods for voting and picking dates and times for early voting and election day. The state deadline for voter registration is 29 days before each election.

State office

Agriculture Commissioner is the one state office on the Nov. 6 ballot. Oversees agriculture, forestry, emergency preparedness and law enforcement in the agriculture industry – plus vehicle repair shops, charities, dance studios, pawnshops, telemarketers, concealed carry licenses, etc.

COMMENTARY

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residential areas and the current plant dismantled. The new plant's liquid effluent should be fully treated and used for irrigation, not dumped into the ocean. In any case ocean outfall will be disallowed by 2025 under a consent decree with the Federal Government and state law. Neither should partially treated effluent be deep well injected as is being considered. That could result in additional negative environmental impacts.

That's the long-term solution. Until a new plant is completed, the Miami to Virginia Key Biscayne Bay pipeline should be fully repaired or replaced, plant technology improved, and the ocean discharge line possibly temporarily extended as determined by experts to avoid reverse eddies and coral reef impact. The technology exists and the time to act is now before a worse tragedy strikes. We need our Village government involved with Miami-Dade County and the State to make sure that immediate and long-term remedies limit the impact on residential communities and protect our beaches and surrounding environment. In addition, by moving the plant west we could open up over a thousand acres of an eventually pristine Virginia Key for additional parks, playing fields, and other low-impact recreational uses for all of Miami-Dade. That's a legacy worth striving for.

If our County government is not up to the task because of costs, then perhaps it is time to privatize this function to a qualified technology company. We can give them a clear mandate to design, build, and operate a modernized plant to standards compatible with a healthy environment. Government can then supervise like it does other utilities. The current arrangement of government essentially supervising itself is what got us into this mess in the first place.



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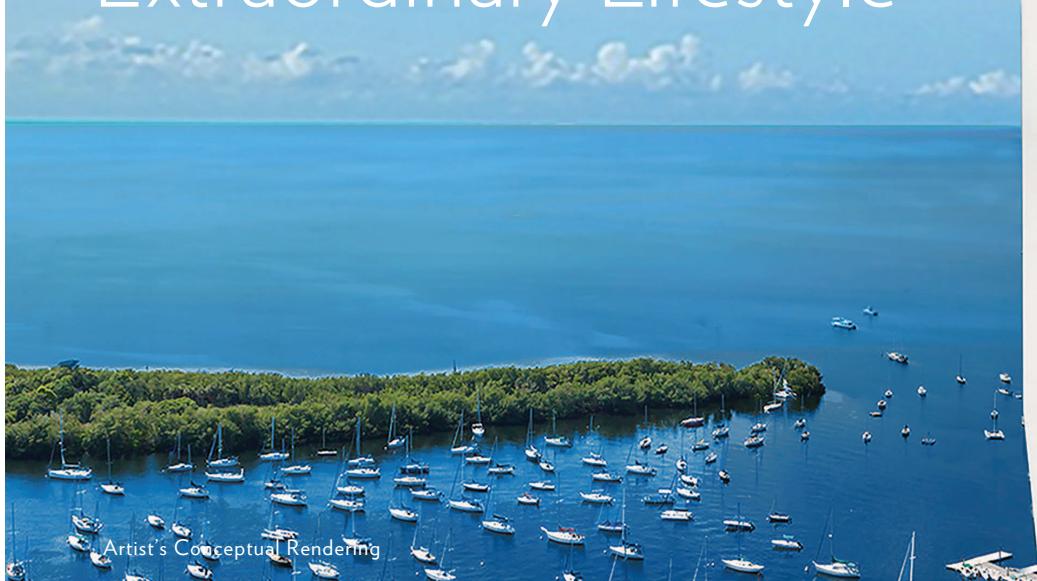


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Former Village Manager John Gilbert sues Village, Pension Board over retirement benefits

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Former Village Manager John Gilbert has sued the Village and its Police Officers and Firefighters Pension Board related to pension benefits from when he was Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief and Chief.

The suit seeks payment of up to \$739,182.46 of accrued benefits and requests a jury trial.

Gilbert said he filed the suit in Miami-Dade Circuit Court September 11 after it became clear during the Village's budget process the issue was not being addressed. The Council approved a budget September 25 without including funding or having publicly discussed the issue.

"This has been a concern of mine for well over two and a half years, but I wasn't going to do anything until and unless I was injured," Gilbert told *The Islander News*. "Nothing was being addressed, so it got to the point where I had no choice."

Speaking on behalf of the Village, Village Attorney Chad Friedman said his office will file a response by October 22. Friedman has requested a closed executive session with the Village Council in the next week or so to discuss the litigation.

The complaint, from Gilbert's attorney Josh Migdal, lays out the

background.

It states Gilbert worked for Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue from May 24, 1993–February 11, 2012. Migdal writes, "John anticipated retiring as Chief on January 5, 2012 after almost 20 years of dedicated service with the Village of Key Biscayne," and submitted an application for retirement to the Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan.

Pursuant to Village Code, Migdal states, Gilbert also sought to enhance his benefit under the Plan by purchasing \$113,921.07 of accumulated time.

In response, the suit states, Plan officials told Gilbert his application for retirement benefits had been approved, and that on March 1, 2012 he would start receiving \$9,356.74 per month.

At the same time Gilbert was retiring as fire chief, the Village was hiring him as Manager, and on February 12, 2012 – prior to receiving his first retirement benefit payment – he entered an Employment Agreement to serve as Manager. The suit states, "The Employment Agreement states, and it was always Mr. Gilbert's understanding, that he would remain entitled to retirement benefits accrued under the Plan by virtue of his prior employment and would receive benefits that accumulated during his service as Village Manager once he left

Village employment."

The suit states there are only very specific circumstances under which a retirement benefit can be waived, and none of those circumstances apply to Gilbert.

The suit adds Gilbert's understanding is consistent with the "DROP" – Deferred Retirement Option Program – that requires the Pension Board to provide a way for a former fire-rescue or police employee's benefits to accrue while they are employed in another position by the Village. Under DROP, the employee stops earning service credit toward future benefits, has their benefit calculated at the time the DROP period begins, and their monthly retirement benefits accumulate in a trust, earning interest while they continue to work for the Village.

The suit states no one from the Plan or Pension Board advised Gilbert on the specifics of DROP, his qualifications, whether he needed to apply or that he wouldn't qualify for DROP. It also notes a participant doesn't have to fill out paperwork or apply to take part in DROP.

"It was John's understanding that he was participating in DROP or a similar arrangement based upon the representations of the Village and the Plan and Pension Board," the complaint states.

The complaint adds Gilbert notified the plan administrator of

the terms of his Village Manager Employment Agreement, and the plan knew he had purchased the enhancement to his benefit.

Then, on April 30, 2012, Joan Wall, the plan administrator, told Gilbert to write a letter to the Pension Board stating he understood his monthly benefit would be postponed to a later date while he was Manager. "At this time, neither Wall, the Pension Board nor anyone administering the Plan on the Board's behalf advised John that he was not participating in DROP or that he was waiving and/or forfeiting his rights to retirement benefits that would otherwise be paid 'but for' his employment as Village Manager," the suit states.

On June 14, 2016, Gilbert sought clarification from plan counsel about payment of his benefits, which were for the first time called into question. In an April 19, 2018 letter, plan counsel opined the plan could not provide Gilbert his benefit that accrued during his service as Manager.

The complaint states that based on the March 1, 2012 statement that Gilbert was entitled to \$9,356.74 a month and the fact that he had been retired from the fire department for 79 months, he accrued \$739,182.46 in benefits. "Alternatively, if John had been enrolled in DROP, then he is

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VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE

Office of the Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO 2016-4 ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA (THE "VILLAGE"), A SPECIAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED AND ORDERED TO BE HELD WITHIN THE VILLAGE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION, ON TUESDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE.

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Polling place information, the enabling Ordinance including the full text of the proposed Village Charter Amendment and the ballot question, are available at the office of the Village Clerk located at 88 West McIntyre Street, Key Biscayne, Florida 33149.

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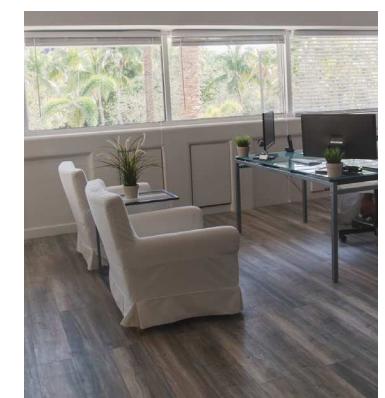
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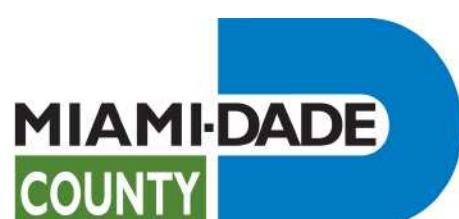
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Ritz Executive Chef Stanley Miller puts quality, love of his craft front and center



Stanley Miller is just as passionate about the culinary industry today as he was when he got his start at age 13. Photo courtesy RITZ-CARLTON, KEY BISCAYNE MIAMI

It's no secret: If you want to be guaranteed a fabulous meal in a gorgeous setting with the perfect atmosphere, you can't miss at the Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Miami.

The man behind the "fabulous meal" portion of that equation is Executive Chef Stanley Miller, who from a young age knew he had found his passion bringing quality and love to the art of cooking. Miller took some time to share what he loves about working on the Island Paradise and how he aims to make every dish he prepares something to remember.

Name: Stanley Miller

Current job: Executive Chef at the Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Miami

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: North West Ohio

Q: Where do you live now?

A: Coral Gables

Q: How did you get your start in the culinary industry?

A: Chef Stanley was born and raised in a rural community in the northwestern area of Ohio and started his journey as a culinarian

at only 13 years of age. His family owned a butcher shop, and his father arranged an apprenticeship. By age 16, he was a talented butcher and in fact, was running the store as though it were his own. This experience

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led him to begin his studies in high school through the home economics program. His early work won him numerous grand prizes and best of show awards at both local fairs and state compe-

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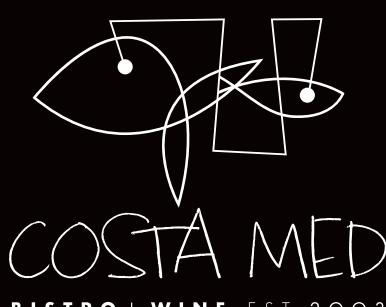
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MILLER

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titions. Realizing his work in the kitchen brought him both success and joy, he decided to pursue a career in culinary arts at Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, South Carolina.

Q: What is your “secret to

RECIPE

Eating healthy isn't always easy, and when your family is rushing around in the evenings it can seem like a daunting task to put a well-balanced, nutritious meal on the table. Try making this easy One Pan Fish Dish. Photo courtesy Family Features

One Pan Fish Dish**Prep time:** 10 minutes**Cook time:** 20 minutes**Servings:** 4**Ingredients**

1/8 cup canola oil
1/4 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 medium onion, quartered
2 cups broccoli florets
1 lemon, half sliced and half juiced, divided
Kosher salt, to taste
Freshly ground pepper, to taste
1 pound white fish (such as snapper, grouper, flounder or barramundi)
4 tablespoons olive oil
Fresh rosemary sprigs (optional)

In pan over medium heat, heat canola oil about 1 minute. Add tomatoes, onions and broccoli to pan; cook 5 minutes, uncovered. Drizzle lemon juice over vegetables and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Place fish on top of vegetables in center of pan and place two lemon slices on top of fish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste. Cover pan and cook on medium heat 10-12 minutes depending on thickness of fish. Drizzle olive oil over fish and top with rosemary, if desired, before serving.

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Q: What's your proudest moment in your career?

A: When I became an executive chef for The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe.

Q: What do you love most about your career?

A: All the friends, good times and memories created along the way.

Q: If you had to make a recipe or dish for yourself, what would be your favorite recipe?

A: Perfectly roasted whole chicken with crispy fries and mixed greens.

Q: What is your favorite junk food?

A: Soft serve ice cream.

Q: Is there any food you absolutely don't like?

A: Bad food!

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Go to the gym, play golf, ride my motorcycle, spa day.

Q: What's your favorite part about working in Key Biscayne?

A: The sunrise on my drive in and sunset on my way home.

Q: What would people be surprised to know about you?

A: I love to get manicures and pedicures.

Q: What's your advice for someone just starting in your profession?

A: There is a difference between cooking for fun and cooking for a living. Make sure this is something you are passionate about. With a strong heart and mind you can achieve anything. Live your dreams, don't follow them.

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EDITOR

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standing up for what they believe in after the Parkland shooting," said Kelly. "I have also enjoyed writing about the many residents and Village employees who freely give of their time."

During a recent chat, Kelly admitted this move is "bittersweet." "I will definitely miss working with the Key Biscayne community, but also will miss being in the newspaper business," she said. "My sister and I grew up playing with Barbie dolls. Mine were always newspaper reporters. I used to create mimeographed Barbie newspapers for them to read. So the thought of not being in the newspaper business is something I will miss."

Kelly's decision is rooted in family.

"We want to raise our kids, Allison, who is 7 and Anthony, who is 10, and see them graduate from high school in this community," she said. Kelly and her family actually moved to Tennessee in 2013 due to a promotion opportunity for her husband Brandon, an attorney with the Federal government.

It is a testament to her commitment to the community – and ability to tap into her deep Rolodex of connections (how is that for dating ourselves!), and social media – to continue to work effectively as our editor.

But, a family friend in Tennessee offered a opportunity too good to pass, one that will allow her to focus more completely on her family. Kelly will be doing marketing and creative writing in the health care industry.

"I thought it was best for our family for me to accept the position," she said.

Kelly started with the Islander News in the summer of 2003

GILBERT

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entitled to 60 months of accrued benefits, which is \$561,404.40 plus the value of those funds had they been properly invested," it states.

The suit notes Gilbert tried to resolve the issue to no avail, meeting with the defendants on many occasions. He was assured they would work to help him obtain the benefits.

However, "The defendants have taken no action in furtherance of paying or ensuring payment of John's deferred vested and accumulated retirement benefits. Accordingly, John is left no choice but to file this action to secure payment of his benefits he worked nearly two decades to earn."

The suit includes four counts: Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Employment Agreement, Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing, and Unjust Enrichment.

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as government reporter before eventually being promoted to Associate Editor. When American Hometown Publishing purchased the newspaper in late 2015, she moved into the editor position.

Asked to speak to what she considers her legacy with the Islander News, Kelly said she took pride in always looking to contribute something positive to the conversation. She always strove to report useful news in a non-combative way with the goal of encouraging a productive dialogue among Key Biscayne residents.

"I will miss the relationships I've built with the many wonderful people in the Key Biscayne community," she said, citing Chief of Police Charles Press and his foundation's work on The Miami Children Initiative as a particular inspiration.

On a personal note, I want to thank Kelly for her guidance when, as a newbie to the Key Biscayne community, she generously offered me her time and insights to help me understand the

nuances of our Island. Her skills as a journalist, leadership and insights will be sorely missed.

That said, our search for a new editor is in high gear and we expect an announcement shortly.

While all of us at Islander News

will miss Kelly, not to mention her many friends and admirers in the Key Biscayne community, we wish her happiness and success as she, Brandon, Anthony and Allison enter this new chapter in their lives.

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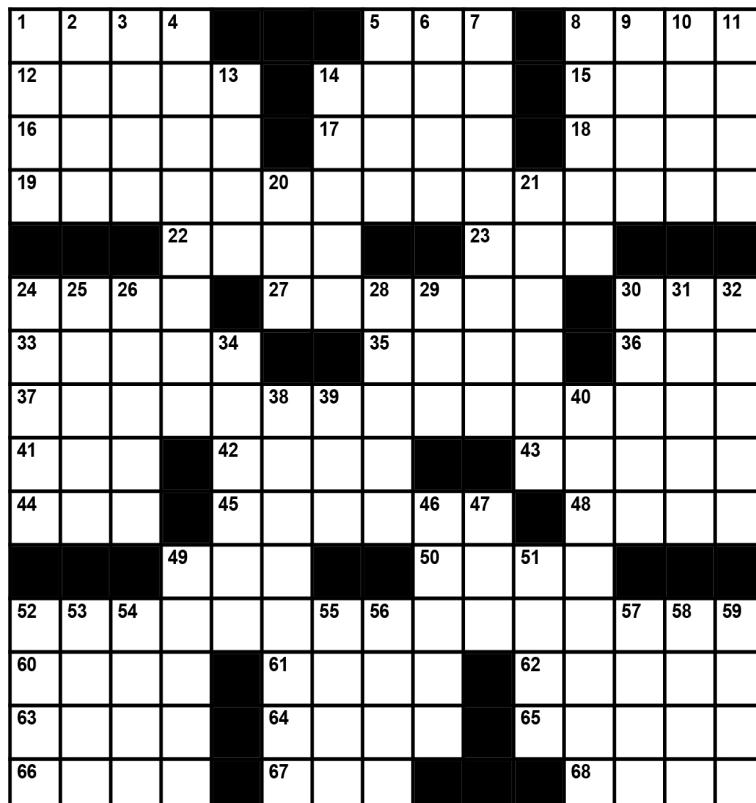
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 14. Symbolic design
 15. Asia's shrinking
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 17. Plenty mad
 18. "Sink" or "swim"
 19. Film character
 22. Hold everything!
 23. Lingus, Irish airline
 24. Somewhat, in music
 27. In a direction
 30. Absorb, with "up"
 33. Scimitar
 35. US abbr.
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 wisdom" singer India
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 64. 2007 U.S. Open winner
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 65. Kane of "All My Children"
 66. Travel around
 67. Publishing execs.
 68. Talks a blue streak

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 fiction
 3. Be a goldbrick



4. Some sculpture
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 6. Gets mellower
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 All-Star teams
 8. Relish
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 10. Helgenberger of "CSI"
 11. North Sea feeder
 13. Atlas stat
 14. Be still, at sea
 20. Clearasil target
 21. Make a second draft
 24. A sacred song
 25. Person who has title
 26. Winter coverings
 28. Roused
 29. Ms. Vanderbilt
 30. Many Punjabis
 31. Creme-filled munchies
 32. Candidate of 1992 and
 '96
 34. Enlarge
 38. Junior, to Senior
 39. Grade sch. class
 40. Stone polisher
 46. More devious
 47. Hispanic aunt
 49. Rear- ____ (road mis-hap)
 51. Not active
 52. 100 ____ bulb
 53. Come back
 54. "Mon ____!"
 55. Supreme Court's
 Scott case
 56. Affectation
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 58. Waste time, with
 "around"
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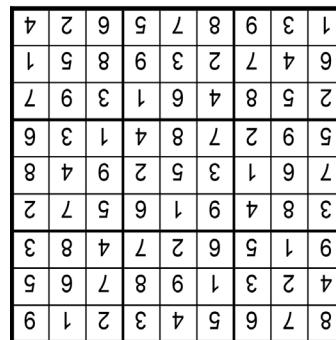
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By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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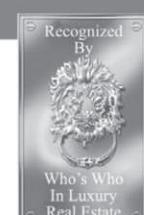
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THURS/OCT. 4

MOVIES AT THE VILLAGE

The free Thursday movie, *The Catcher Was a Spy*, will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Adult Lounge of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

TOWERS BRIDGE

Thursday night bridge at The Towers of Key Biscayne begins at 7 p.m. For reservations, call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562.

AA WOMAN'S MEETING

This closed AA Woman's meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Church.

FRI/OCT. 5

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Key Biscayne meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Grand Bay Club. Breakfast is \$19, payable at the door.

TALKING IS TEACHING

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for babies from 11-11:40 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Library.

SAT/OCT. 6

FARMER'S MARKET

The Key Biscayne Community Church Farmer's Market is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

PAWS TO READ

This reading program aims to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of therapy dogs who serve as literacy mentors. Participants may bring a book or choose one from the library collection. The session is from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

AA OPEN DISCUSSION

AA holds an Open Discussion at 8 p.m. at Key Biscayne Presbyterian

SUN/OCT. 7

TAI CHI/QI GONG

Free Tai Chi/Qi Gong is held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the second floor of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

OPEN AA BEGINNER'S MEETING

An Open AA Beginner's Meeting is in Room 120 of Village Hall at 7 p.m.

MON/OCT. 8

CLOSED AA STEP MEETING

This Closed AA Step Meeting is at St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church at 8 p.m.

AL-ANON IN SPANISH

There will be an Al-Anon meeting held in Spanish every Monday at 8 p.m. at Albertson Hall in St. Agnes Church.

TUES/OCT. 9

FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Residents can renew, replace, get a duplicate license or ID, complete out-of-state transfers, renew vehicle registration or obtain handicapped decals in the Adult Lounge of the Key Biscayne Community Center. For an appointment and required documentation, call 305-365-8953.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer is a non-denominational international group of women meeting once a week to pray one hour for their children and their children's schools. In Key Biscayne, Moms in Prayer meets Tuesday mornings 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the KB Community Church. Come and join us in prayer for your children. For information please contact Simone Correa at 305-361-2411 or sim-onec@kbcommunitychurch.org.

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WED/OCT. 10

WEIGHT WATCHERS

The Key Biscayne Weight Watchers weekly meeting is at noon at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, room 103. For more information, contact Sally Brody at 305-926-8548.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Join an ongoing, safe and confidential group for men to discuss challenges and gain feedback and support from each other. Topics of discussion will include building a new circle of friends, personal growth, stress and anxiety management, self-esteem and relationships with family, friends and significant others. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

CLOSED AA BIG BOOK MEETING

This Closed AA Big Book Meeting is at the Key Biscayne Community Church at 8 p.m.

THURS/OCT. 11

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Looking to practice your English or improve your English-speaking abilities? Join the Key Biscayne Library's weekly conversation group from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

BINGO

A Bingo game will be held at the Key Biscayne Community Center at 3 p.m.

AA WOMAN'S MEETING

This closed AA Woman's meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Church.



THINGS I LOVE TO DO

Monica Ciffoni What is her perfect day?

The sun is shining, a breeze is blowing and you don't have any reason to leave the island. It is a perfect day. Monica Ciffoni, Director of Catering for The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami and Coconut Grove, Miami knows how to make clients' big days perfect – here's what she does with her own perfect day.

PERFECT DAY

The beach and outdoor activities with family are a must. "This is an amazing city with so many things to do – and we get to do it all surrounded by beautiful waters and with the most incredible weather (most of the time). How can any day not be perfect?"

START THE DAY

"My day starts when my 2-year-old wakes up and rushes to cuddle in bed. We have a wonderful morning routine that includes a bit of exercising and family breakfast. After I leave my toddler in school, I pass the time surrounded by water on both sides as I head to work – the view going into the island is absolutely breathtaking and energizing."

PASSING TIME

"I love food, so my day revolves around it. At work I have conversations with clients about menus, read about food trends and talk to colleagues about new restaurants and food they have tried. When not at work, I spend a lot of time at the grocery store and making meals with my son – he loves it! Or, we'll venture to a restaurant for a great meal together."

END OF DAY

The day ends with the drive off the Key, watching the stunning sunset. "Many times clouds are dense with the sun hiding behind them, giving beautiful shades of blue, red and yellow. This will relax anyone. I pick up my son and we head home to meet my husband and go for a walk, meeting up with friends along the way. The day starts and ends with family, nothing better."



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Training will focus on how Village regulates lobbying

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When the new Village Council is convened in November one of its first orders of business will be training on lobbyist regulations and how to conduct business during meetings.

The Village plans a training session on lobbyist registration procedures and Robert's Rules of Order after this year's Council election. The idea came up after Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay on August 28 sponsored a discussion on best practices for lobbyist registration procedures.

She said Key Biscayne is a tight-knit community, and sometimes that causes proper registration to fall through the cracks when familiar faces step to the podium to address the Council. However, she said, there can be legal implications if someone who is lobbying the Council does not officially register as a lobbyist.

"I think we can do better," she said. "It may be a good idea to have a short training where we come in and explain best practices and protocol."

Village Attorney Chad Friedman said the issue is twofold.

He said the Council, Village Clerk's office and Village Manager's office should be trained on who qualifies as a lobbyist and how to handle them; and the public should also be educated so they can also follow the rules. Friedman said handling lobbyists properly is important, as it can prevent challenges to Village decisions that might force the Council to revisit issues.

Council member Brett Moss agreed everyone needs to be educated: Moss, an architect, noted when he speaks to government

"There is confusion. There's confusion on the part of the public and on the part of individuals who approach us, and I think we do have a duty if we're not sure to just raise it."

Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay

boards in other communities, he is often asked by staff to fill out a lobbyist registration form – something that doesn't happen on the Key.

Ultimately, local leaders agreed a training session for staff, elected officials and the public is needed, and Council member Katie Petros suggested holding the session – which could also offer a refresher on Robert's Rules – in November or December so new Council members can attend.

"I think it's a great idea," she said. "I could use the training, I know that."

Pena Lindsay, although she'll

be leaving the Council due to term limits, said she looks forward to seeing the new group – and Village staff – have a better understanding of the issue.

"I just thought, we can do better, and if there's an opportunity

to learn and use best practice, why not?" she said. "There is confusion. There's confusion on the part of the public and on the part of individuals who approach us, and I think we do have a duty if we're not sure to just raise it."

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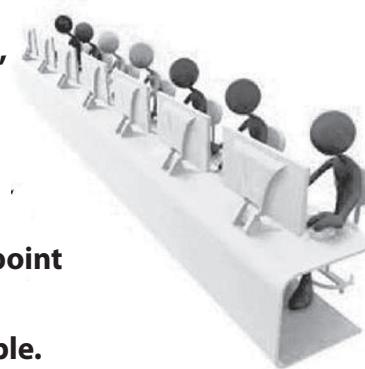
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The Winter Concert Series presents a free Opera & Zarzuela Concert on October 7 at 5 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Crossbridge Church, 160 Harbor Drive.

The concert will include popular songs from Spanish and Cuban Zarzelas as well as other well-known Italian and French Opera classics.

The performance will feature world-renowned singers from the Miami-based Manny Perez Vocal Studio, accompanied by pianist Roberto Berrocal. It is free and open to the public, and a complimentary wine and cheese reception will be served.

The program is supported by the Village and Key Biscayne Community Foundation.

If you go

What: Opera & Zarzuela Concert
Where: Key Biscayne Crossbridge Church
When: October 7 at 5 p.m.



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Gigi Costa's sons kept asking for new toys – so she turned a lesson on patience into a book

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Gigi Costa was in the CVS on the Key one day with her son, then 5, asked her for a toy for what had to be the 50th time that week.

She was used to it – the Key Biscayne mom of two boys, like most parents of young kids, fielded requests for new things on a daily basis – and she was prepared. She told him a story she created about a little boy named Oliver who learns that instead of getting new things all the time, it's a lot more fun to learn the virtue of patience and wait for Christmas morning.

Now, Costa is sharing that charming lesson with other families through her new fully-illustrated children's book, *Have You Heard of the Little Boy Named Oliver?*

That day in CVS, "Instead of just saying, 'No,' again, the story of Oliver occurred to me and I said it to him," she said, describing how her fictional Oliver learned the lesson of delayed gratification. "He was instantly captivated. The possibility of experiencing Oliver's surprising Christmas morning encouraged him to put the toy back on the shelf and wait."

After watching her own son's reaction to Oliver's story, Costa shared it with her friends' kids. They, too, gravitated toward the idea of waiting for Christmas.

"When I noticed the impact it was having, I knew I was on to something and decided to turn it into a children's book," Costa said. "I called my artist friend, Rosie Ruiz, to do the illustrations, and she immediately captured my vision of Oliver."

While the story and drawings came together almost magically, Costa did face challenges in terms of figuring out the right way to self-publish. After wading through misleading information and unhelpful websites, she finally realized her dream: "It was so great to finally get it published and to show my boys the book on Amazon – they were thrilled," she said.

Now, Costa hopes other families on the Key and beyond can enjoy *Have You Heard of the Little Boy Named Oliver?* not only as a sweet story, but as a way to talk to their kids about patience.

"The story is written to inspire children to learn the habit of delayed gratification. Even with the best of intentions, it is so difficult for parents these days to raise kids without a sense of entitlement when most things can be acquired instantly online," she noted. "We need to find ways to encourage young children that sometimes it is a good thing to wait."

Indeed, for Costa, the book is the realization of a long-held goal.

If you go

What: Book reading and signing with Gigi Costa
Where: Books & Books in Coral Gables
When: Sunday, October 14 at 11 a.m.



Costa

"Writing a book has always been a dream of mine. I have always had a love for reading – and a love for books. I am so happy to add my book to my library," she said.

Key residents and other parents have the same opportunity: Costa will host a book reading and signing Sunday, October 14 at 11 a.m. at Books & Books in Coral Gables, and *Have You Heard of the Little Boy Named Oliver?* is available for sale on Amazon and at Books & Books.

As for Costa, she said she definitely plans to author more books, and is currently working on a guidebook for girls age 13-30.

"I am lucky to have had a Cuban dad who shared great life lessons and tips with me throughout my life," she said. "As an adult, I realized that not everyone got the same memo – so I want to share his wisdom."

In the case of Oliver, it's a lesson all of us – young and old alike – can benefit from.

"Patience is a virtue to learn early in life – especially in today's world, where children become accustomed to instant gratification at a very early age," Costa noted.



Written by
Gigi Costa
Illustrated by
Rosie Ruiz

Gigi Costa of Key Biscayne wrote a children's book to help her own sons – and other kids – learn the lessons of patience and delayed gratification. Photo courtesy GIGI COSTA

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- Remove art objects to a safe, dry place.
- Gather loose items from floors.

What NOT To Do After Flooding

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- Don't leave books, magazines or other colored items on wet carpet or floors.
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Brazilian Network event



The Brazilian Network held a breakfast/brunch to give families living on the Key a chance to meet and network with one another. The event included Brazilian food, giveaways sponsored by local businesses and more. Photos by LEO QUINTANA/Islander News



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SALES

BAHAMA HOUSE

203. Cute 1/1 apartment. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Conveniently located building between the beach and retail stores. Southern exposure, bright and sunny! \$379,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

BAHIA MAR

9D Renovated, 3/2 unit with views to ocean, bay, sunsets, city lights and island. Marble floors, recessed LED lighting and Miele washer/dryer. Huge walk-in closet with built-ins, double sinks and large shower in master suite. Kitchen has white cabinetry, quartz countertops, stainless appliances and an island next to a large window with city views. 2 assigned parking spaces. \$1,099,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

CASA DEL MAR

L-2. Sunny and bright 1/1.5. Beach, pool and garden view. Ideal "turnkey", furnished unit! "Vintage" beach style to enjoy or rent out right away. Total of 930 sq.ft. Kitchen recently updated. Must see to appreciate! \$590,000. **Text Carmen Tonarey: 305.338.6106**

3-C. Large (1,875 sq.ft.) and bright 2/2 + den to move right in or remodel to your taste. Open balcony with ocean, pool and garden views. Plenty of amenities for the entire family. Vacant. \$1,100,000. Also for rent. **Carmen Tonarey: 305.338.6106**

COMMODORE CLUB EAST

602. The ultimate in privacy living! Gorgeous unobstructed views of ocean, beach and Miami skyline. 1/1.5 Condo residence. Beautifully renovated in 2014. 24 Hour notice for showings. \$599,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Anne Kramer: 305.519.8456 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

COMMODORE CLUB SOUTH

207. South side, 2/2 unit with a Lanai terrace offering a direct pathway to the beach! Updated bathrooms and tile throughout entertainment areas. Garden views and bright, sunny exposure. \$615,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

1103. High floor, 1/1.5 unit with ocean and beach views. Long terrace runs the full width of the apartment. Remodeled with an open kitchen, distressed wood floors and much more! \$550,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY BISCAYNE

306E. New Listing! Cozy Southern exposure 2/2 unit. Finished with Mexican tile in social areas, carpet in bedrooms. Open kitchen to living room/dining room. Comfortable floor plan. \$450,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY I

820. Bright, spacious 1/1.5 apartment with good ocean and bay views. \$560,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

1000. Rarely offered 3/3/2cg corner unit with views of the ocean, Miami skyline, Coconut Grove & Biscayne Bay.

Flex floor plan with 2,100+sq.ft. Dedicated interior storage. Renovated open kitchen plan. Oceanfront complex with many amenities \$1.775M. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570**

KEY COLONY II

204. New Listing! 2/2 unit. Bright and sunny apartment overlooking the pool and gardens of the Ocean Sound building. Long terrace can be accessed from living-room and both bedrooms. 1,532 sq.ft., side-by-side floor-plan. \$675,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

343 TOTALLY REMODELED, OCEANFRONT 3/3 SLOPE UNIT! Raised ceilings, new kitchen with Viking appliances. Marble floors, recessed lightning and built-in sound system in entertainment areas. Jacuzzi/double sinks/separate shower stall in master suite. Huge laundry room with enormous amounts of storage! \$1,895,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

405. OVERSIZED, 1,724 sq.ft. 2/2 +DEN, unit with East exposure and views to the gardens and ocean. Split bedroom plan offers maximum privacy. Huge master suite has room for sleeping area plus sitting room/office. Hardwood floors throughout entertainment areas. \$849,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

834. BRAND NEW, TOTALLY REMODELED, 2/2 + Den! Kitchen moved to dining area to create a large den. Large slab porcelain floors, stainless steel appliances, built-in closets, raised ceilings, frameless glass shower enclosures, recessed lighting and much more! Oversized terrace and amazing views to the ocean, pool and beach. \$1,175,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900**

KEY COLONY III

241. South side, 2/2 unit with views to the gardens and pool area. Tile floors. Large Terrace. Bright, sunny and private location. Priced to sell \$725,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY IV

231. REDUCED TO \$798,000. Totally remodeled 2/2 plus den/office unit. Separate laundry room, marble floors, facing south. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

435. Spacious 4th floor unit designed to impress. Well maintained & immaculate 2/2, 1800+SF plus flex space for studio/office/bedroom. Open kitchen, upgraded appliances & fireplace complement the unit. Saturnia floors throughout. Large laundry room/interior storage closet. Bright natural stream of light. 2 assigned parking spaces. \$999,000. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570 | Ivette Martinez-Thomas: 786.597.1898**

KEY ISLANDER

310. Charming 1/1 in beautifully maintained and newly renovated boutique building. Unit features tile floor throughout. Building has a pool and elevator. South exposure offering an abundance of natural light. Short walk to beach, shopping and restaurants. Fully furnished. Owner may have pet up to 20 pounds. \$339,000. **Maureen & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

312. Cozy and bright 1/1 unit. Tile flooring throughout, upgraded kitchen and bathroom. New A/C unit, sunny southern exposure overlooking the pool. Low expenses

ceilings, frameless glass shower enclosures, recessed lighting and much more. Oversized terrace and amazing views to the ocean, pool and beach. Only 4 occupants permitted. \$4,900/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900**

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KEY COLONY III #604. Renovated contemporary design with open kitchen. 3/3 with office area. 2 parking spaces. 2,000+sq.ft. Hard surface flooring. Views to the ocean and tennis courts. Excellent condition. \$6,200/mo. Available now. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570**

KEY COLONY III #741. Renovated corner slope, 3/3 with unobstructed SW views. Additional detached 130 sq.ft. room with full bath. Bright and private unit with 2,328 sq.ft. A/C plus wraparound terrace. Jerusalem and Bamboo flooring. One of the best views of Key Biscayne. Unfurnished. \$8,400/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

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OCEAN CLUB-LAKE VILLA I #507. Beautiful 3/3 apartment with 2,174 sq.ft. of living space and a large terrace. Marble floors throughout, galley kitchen with breakfast nook and laundry room. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. Master bedroom has oversized Jacuzzi tub. \$6,300/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

RENTALS

SEASONAL RENTALS

CAPE FLORIDA CLUB #311. Cozy, fully equipped 2/2 corner unit, available December to April 2019. En-suite bedrooms, king bed in master BD, 2 twins in 2nd BD. Open balcony with view of spectacular sunsets. Half block from beach. Complex has a pool, tennis court and party room. 3 Months min. No pets and no smokers. \$3,250/mo. **Text Carmen Tonarey: 305.338.6106**

COMMODORE CLUB SOUTH #1114. Gorgeous 2 BD corner apartment with views of bay, city and ocean. Furnished. \$4,500/mo. **Geraldine Morales: 305.753.6308**

KEY COLONY I #927. Best views in complex! Remodeled and furnished 2/2. Direct views of beach, pool, bay. White eat-in kitchen opens to living and dining. Master bath has double sinks/separate shower and jacuzzi. Large laundry room, full size washer and dryer. Both bedrooms open to large preferred south side balcony. Parking #H39. \$5,390/mo. **Kari Madera: 305.439.3998 | Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

ANNUAL RENTALS

COMMODORE CLUB WEST #1202. Panoramic views of ocean, Crandon park and the Miami skyline from this spacious 1/1.5 Penthouse unit. Beautiful, move-in condition. Tile floors throughout. Offered fully furnished \$2,900/mo. Annual or Seasonal. **Maureen & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

KEY BISCAYNE ISLANDER #210. 1/1 Unit steps from the Beach. 1 Assigned parking. Boutique building, nicely maintained. Furnished. \$1,750/mo. **Robert Vernon: 305.606.9539**

KEY COLONY I #442. 2/2 Split plan apartment with tropical views to the gardens, beach and fountains. Oceanfront pool. Unfurnished, \$4,400/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY II #224. Renovated 3/2.5 with southern exposure. Unfurnished. White hard surface floors throughout. New kitchen, appliances and large pantry. New ventless dryer and washer. Extended balcony accommodates furniture/table/chairs. Seeking conscientious tenant, non-smokers. \$5,600/mo. Available September. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570**

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508 Located in front of Ocean Tower One. Finished with marble flooring throughout and updated kitchen. Large terrace ideal to enjoy and entertain, just steps away from the beach. *Cabanas can only be sold to Ocean Club Owners* \$220,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-CLUB TOWER I & II

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OCEAN CLUB-LAKE VILLA III

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OCEAN CLUB-RESORT VILLA I & II

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