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Key West High's Sergio Torres attempts to kick the ball from a mid-air pass into the goal. Florida Christian goalie Carlos Rios blocks the shot for the Patriots. Key West won the Tuesday game 5-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Reports of the flu spiking

Health officials say getting a flu shot is the best weapon.

BY KATIE ATKINS
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Wash your hands often and stay home if you're sick — flu season is in full swing.

According to the Monroe County Department of Health, a spike in influenza-like activity is happening across the state and nation.

For the first week of 2018, 46 of Florida's 67 counties reported increasing flu activity. Monroe was in a group of 14 counties reporting activity at a plateau and seven counties reported decreasing activity. Statewide reports of the flu remain above peak levels seen in the last two flu seasons, according to a release by the state Department of Health.

Nursing homes, long-term care facilities and schools have been the most common set-

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HOUSING CRISIS

Big Lower Keys housing project gets support

County Commission endorses basic plan for the Quarry's 208 units of workforce housing, approves money for road, permits.

BY KEVIN WADLOW
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A desperate need for more affordable Lower Keys housing outweighs

concern over potential traffic problems, Monroe County commissioners decided Wednesday.

The Quarry Apartments, a 208-unit rental complex planned for Big Coppitt

Key with a U.S. 1 entrance on Rockland Key, received a development agreement from commissioners along with a potential contribution of more than \$2.5 million from various county coffers.

"If we can't do this pro-

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QUARRY PARTNERS Quarry Partners

This is an artist's conception for The Quarry Apartments, a 208-unit housing project on Big Coppitt Key. Monroe County commissioners approved a development agreement and some funding for the Lower Keys project. Final plans will be submitted this spring.



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The Florida Keys SPCA, which takes in abandoned dogs, cats, bunnies and birds, is building an \$8.4 million shelter on College Road. Here, a dog is kept at the current shelter.

KEY WEST

Animal shelter must stick to the city's public art law

City gives the nonprofit a break but forces it to come up with about \$32K worth of public art.

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The city of Key West wouldn't let the Florida Keys SPCA off the leash when it comes to the legal requirement of setting aside money for public art every time new construction over \$500,000 is built.

The SPCA is in the middle of constructing an \$8.4 million building on College

Road on Stock Island. Under Key West law, 1 percent — in this case \$65,000 — of the total must be set aside to pay for public art works.

Nonprofits, however, can ask for an exemption if they can show "a valid public purpose," the city law states.

The SPCA tried, but the City Commission Wednesday agreed with its volunteer Art in Public Places board, which decided last week to give the shelter a partial break: The SPCA would have to come up with only one-half percent

of the total construction for public art. Also, the SPCA may solicit donations of art to meet the requirement.

On an island filled with artists, the issue of whether the nonprofit should skip the Art in Public Places

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Annual Point-in-Time survey will count the Keys homeless

■ Training sessions are available for volunteers in Key West and the Upper Keys.

BY GWEN FILOSA
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Organizers of the annual Point-in-Time survey, a head count of the Florida Keys homeless on a single day, Jan. 31, are looking for volunteers to fan out across the county to search and briefly interview the most vulnerable members of the

population.

Volunteers need to attend a training session. They are scheduled in Key West for:

● Today at 2 p.m., Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. and Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., all at the Poinciana Royale multipurpose room, 1341 Mccarthy Lane.

● Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, 2221 Patterson Ave in Key West.

Training sessions are set in the Upper Keys for Jan. 24 at Coral Isles Church, 90001 Overseas Highway in Tavernier. For informa-

tion, call (305) 440-2315.

"The training is brief and you can choose which area you'd like to cover and pick up your T-shirt," organizers said in a release.

The training and the Point-in-Time survey are being overseen by the nonprofit Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum of Care, the lead agency for the coordination and planning of homeless services in the Keys.

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FLU OUTBREAK

tings for flu outbreaks since the start of flu season late last year, but there have been only three to four reported outbreaks across Monroe County so far this season.

Still, there are weeks of flu activity to come, which is why the county DOH is urging residents to get a flu shot.

"The flu vaccine is safe and recommended for everyone six months and older, including pregnant women," spokeswoman Alison Kerr said.

Children younger than 5, pregnant women, people over age 65 and those with underlying medical condi-

tions are most at risk for complications caused by the flu, she said.

The Mayo Clinic warns influenza may at first seem like a common cold but worse, and it's different than stomach flu, which causes diarrhea and vomiting. Watch out for a fever over 100; aching muscles in your back, arms and legs; chills and sweats; headache; dry, persistent cough; fatigue; nasal congestion; and a sore throat.

Kerr said to call your doctor if you come down with these symptoms, as a prescription for antiviral drugs can be helpful and is most effective within 48

hours. Stay home from work and keep children at home from school or day care when sick, she said, and make it a habit to wash hands often and disinfect commonly used surfaces. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow and avoid touching your face.

People with the virus are likely contagious from the day or so before symptoms first appear until about five days after symptoms begin, according to the Mayo Clinic website, but sometimes people are contagious for as long as 10 days after symptoms appear.

There are two walk-in flu shot clinics happening in the coming weeks: Jan. 27 at the Marathon Family Fun Fest at the Marathon Community Park from 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. and Feb. 2 at the Gato Building in Key West, 1100 Simonton St., from noon to 4 p.m.

You can also get a free flu shot at these places throughout the Keys. Appointments are suggested by calling the phone number provided.

● Tavernier: Roth Clinic, 50 High Point Road, Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Call (305) 853-7400.

● Marathon: Ruth Ivins Center, 3333 Overseas Highway, Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call (305) 289-2708.

● Key West: Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St.,

Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (305) 809-5280.

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BROWNELL

Philip B. Brownell, 83, of Key Largo, Florida, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and friend passed away on January 12, 2018 while surrounded by family. Phil was an accomplished sailor and boat builder who loved being on the waters off the Florida Keys. Eighteen years ago he moved to Key Largo, Florida from Cincinnati, Ohio upon his retirement from General Electric Aircraft Engines as a mechanical engineer. Phil was a devoted father to his three loving sons, Michael (Sheena) Brownell, David (Catherine) Brownell, and Russell (Laura) Brownell. He was adored by his seven grandchildren: David, Abigail, Scott, Grant, Amber, Philip and Jessica Brownell and one great-grandchild, Kean. Phil treasured his time with his siblings, David (Ann) Brownell, Tom (Stephanie) Brownell, Steve (Carol) Brownell and Linda (Jeff) Marini and his very special friend Carol Tillman. Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Bartlett and Helena Brownell, his sister Susan Brownell and granddaughter Ashley Garcia Brownell. He will be greatly missed by all he touched in his life. A celebration life will be held at a future date.

CHAFFEE

Constance (Connie) Chaffee, widow of John Chaffee, Long time resident of the Keys, passed away on December 26, 2017 at Munroe Regional Hospital in Ocala, Florida. She is survived by her daughter Lisa Kelly and granddaughter Ashley Cutright, also survived by her two sisters Judy Buchanan and Margaret Irwin.

ROBINSON

Joanne Houser Robinson, age 86, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2018, one month shy of her 87th birthday. Born in Miami, FL, and a long-time resident of North Miami, Joanne lived in Islamorada, FL, for the past 32 years. She attended Pine Manor and University of Florida before returning to Miami to work at Pan American Airlines. She enjoyed being a homemaker, spending time with her children and grandchildren, traveling, the outdoors, raising orchids, and her pets. Joanne is survived by Adolph H. Buddy, her husband of 66 years, her children, Elaine of Miami Lakes and Lee (Taffy) of Islamorada, her grandchildren, Kathryn and Kevin Kane of Miami Lakes, her sister Shirley Rogers of Miami, and numerous other family members.

She is predeceased by her parents, Naomi and Roy Houser, and sister, Barbara, of Miami. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Upper Keys Humane Society in Joanne's name would be appreciated. Private graveside service.

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APARTMENTS

ject, we can't do an affordable-housing project anywhere in Monroe County," Commissioner Danny Kolhage said. "I don't know what else we can do.... If it's not going to work here, it's not going to work anywhere."

Several Lower Keys residents living near mile marker 9.5, at the pro-

posed access point to the development, contend that putting hundreds of new daily vehicle trips in an area where four lanes of U.S. 1 narrow to two lanes, would be dangerous.

"I know a little bit about traffic," said Big Coppitt resident Gary Dunick, who retired after decades as a Florida Highway Patrol trooper in the Keys.

"There's a lot of traffic fighting to get into the two-lane... Minimal speeds are about 70 mph."

"The proposal on the entrance doesn't make sense," Mila de Mier said. "You're putting kids in danger."

Key West and Lower Keys employers urged the commission to approve the new residences to help alleviate a workforce shortage.

"The crisis in housing is beyond anything we've ever experienced. We really, really need to pass this project," longtime Key West businessman Ed Swift said. "We can't re-

produce this, or even half of this, in the Lower Keys because the land is so dear."

"When potential employees look at cost of living in the Lower Keys, they turn us down," said Lower Keys Medical Center Chief Executive David Clay, describing vacant positions.

"It's very difficult, if not impossible, to find attorneys," said Monroe County Public Defender Robert Lockwood.

"It just keeps getting worse," said Virginia Panico, executive vice president of the Key West Chamber of Commerce. "Vacation rentals took away family homes.... [Hurricane Irma] made it impossible. Now not one business has a full staff."

Commissioners agreed, saying the \$41 million project on former industrial land owned by the Toppino family is a rare opportunity.

As proposed, the Quarry Apartments would have nine buildings with mostly two- and one-bedroom apartments. Sixteen units would have three bedrooms. Regulated rents

would range from under \$600 monthly to \$2,400, depending on size and resident income.

An access road leading to the Calle Uno highway intersection on Rockland Key could be moved if the backers can secure another piece of property and state approval to add a new intersection to U.S. 1, Quarry attorney Barton Smith said.

Commissioners agreed to fund about \$1 million for half the cost of the new access road and waive building permit fees estimated at about \$616,000.

They also voted to see if the county can legally tap land-acquisition money to pay for wastewater-access hook-up fees totaling around \$936,000. Commissioner Sylvia Murphy voted against funding the wastewater cost.

A development agreement outlines general guidelines for a building project and confirms that it has suitable space. More detailed building permits will be sought this spring, Smith said.

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BEACH ADVISORIES

The Monroe County Health Department tests Keys beaches every two weeks for the presence of enteric bacteria. There currently are no health advisories against swimming at Keys beaches.

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PUBLIC ART

part of construction was divisive.

Art patrons said the exemption disrespects and devalues the work of artists. Others said a nonprofit such as the animal shelter needs all of its money to provide services to the city.

Marianne van den Broek, vice chairwoman of the Art in Public Places board, said the SPCA could have asked for the exemption before starting construction rather than wait until now.

"To ask for this after you go over budget and you need to find the money to cut the costs, that in my opinion is the wrong way," she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tavernier group plans meeting

The Tavernier Community Association will conduct a general membership meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Tavernier Volunteer Fire Department, 151 Marine Ave.

SPCA Board President Jeff Johnson rolled the dice and Wednesday at City Hall asked the City Commission for a pass on the AIPP after thanking artists who had donated work for fundraisers over the years.

Artists have recently asked whether the SPCA would ask plumbers to donate their services. Johnson answered by saying contractors and building supply companies have offered the nonprofit discounts for their work.

Only Commissioner Sam Kaufman wanted to grant that pass.

"I don't see this as being arts against animals," Kaufman said. "Here's a

nonprofit organization that raised millions of dollars to build a building on city land, benefiting the taxpayers."

Kaufman, however, was alone on the commission.

Commissioner Clayton Lopez supported the compromise, adding that the SPCA waited late in the game to ask for the exemption made possible in the ordinance.

"If the request is made in advance that might be one way to deal with that," Lopez said. "There's no question there will be others that are going to ask. There are a number of different scenarios that could arise."

process and boat removal. Also Monroe County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy will speak about the TCA, its history, accomplishments and benefit to Tavernier.

The Tavernier Community Association is organized to provide a community voice to represent the needs and desires of the Tavernier Community.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Preserve Pigeon Key, says Monroe County

■ **County Commission delays action on lease extension request but signals support for the Pigeon Key Foundation as operators.**

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Few places beckon visitors to the Florida Keys so alluringly as the scenic historic site known as Pigeon Key.

The nonprofit foundation that manages the five-acre island beneath the old Seven Mile Bridge did not get a 20-year lease extension it sought Wednesday, but Monroe County commissioners suggested it probably will.

Pigeon Key Foundation

Executive Director Kelly McKinnon told commissioners at their Marathon Government Center session that in the wake of Hurricane Irma, which damaged virtually every structure on the island, the group wants to extend its lease to assure major donors that Pigeon Key will continue to flourish.

The lease expires in 2023, McKinnon said, so the extension is "important to secure as we look to the future."

"The foundation has spent years and years building the donor base," McKinnon said. The foundation "has meet every single challenge the island has faced, and there have been plenty of them."

Commissioner George

Neugent, a Marathon resident, advocated for the extension. "Benefactors interested in donating to the cause want to see money going into something that will be there longer than five years," he said. "I think this is a no-brainer."

When the old bridge reopens following renovation in a few years, the island, a worker camp for Florida East Coast Railway workers building the Key West Extension in the 1910s, will become more popular than ever, McKinnon said.

Business leaders and longtime Marathon residents spoke in support of keeping the Pigeon Key Foundation in charge.

Bert Bender, a Key West



ANDY NEWMAN

Pigeon Key, seen before Hurricane Irma, is a former railroad camp for workers on Henry Flagler's railroad. The Pigeon Key Foundation is seeking a long-term lease extension. Monroe County commissioners say they want to strengthen lease terms.

architect specializing in historical-structure restoration, said Pigeon Key, "With the exception of Key West, is the single most historic site within Monroe County. There is no other property like it. Its significance is extraordinary."

Bender said he was concerned that after the hurricane, there was a suggestion from foundation staff that two of Pigeon Key's railroad work-camp buildings might have

to be torn down and replaced with replicas. State historians recently said the buildings, the commissary and "honeymoon cottage," can be repaired, he said.

"Pigeon Key deserves the highest level of protection available and that level of protection falls to you," Bender told commissioners.

McKinnon said after the state opinion on restoration, there are is no demolition planned.

Commissioners eventually referred the Pigeon Key lease to County Attorney Bob Shillinger, charging him with crafting an agreement that no historic structures on the island would be demolished without the express consent of the county.

"We need protections against the idea that one day we wake up and two buildings are gone without our approval," Commissioner Danny Kolhage said. "We need to eliminate that possibility."

Kolhage said he supports the foundation as a defender against "ridiculous things" that were proposed for the island over the decades. "I rely on the Pigeon Key Foundation to maintain those policies and keep the island what it is."

Commissioner Heather Carruthers said she wants the foundation to include a business plan with its lease request, and more details on future plans.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

City manager: Key West's homeless shelter has been 'deteriorating' but safe, clean

■ **A fired employee had complained to city leaders the shelter was unfit for those staying there.**

BY GWEN FILOSA
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Key West's overnight

homeless shelter is deteriorating but it remains a safe, clean place for men and women who have no other place to sleep, according to City Manager Jim Scholl.

He made the comment in the face of allegations of unfit conditions from an

employee who was fired during the Hurricane Irma disaster.

The shelter, owned by the city, is managed by the nonprofit Southernmost Homeless Assistance League for about \$440,000 a year.

"I go out there periodically," Scholl told the Key West City Commission this week. "I don't ever call them and tell them I'm coming."

On a recent visit to the Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter, 5537 College Road, the shelter was properly stocked with blankets on a cold night and they were clean, he said.

"Everybody seemed to be in reasonably good spirits," said Scholl. "KOTS is certainly not a hotel environment; we're working very hard to be able to transition to a new facility. The deterioration on some of the elements out there is significant but it's not to the point of total failure yet."

The city is saving any money it would spend on KOTS for a new shelter. For years, the city has been saying it would relocate the shelter to another site on



GWEN FILOSA Keynoter

The Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter houses about 100 people each night on Stock Island.

College Road to settle a lawsuit filed by nearby condo owners who don't want it next door.

Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay has said it's time for KOTS to move from county property next to his headquarters.

"It's a fairly Spartan environment out there but it's safe and when I've been out there it's reasonably clean and functional," Scholl said.

The shelter director was fired during the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Mike Tolbert said he opened the shelter against the opinion of then-SHAL Executive Director John Miller and that's why he was fired.

Miller, who held the job for four years, would never discuss the issue publicly.

He recently resigned and is leaving the Keys. That decision was made months ago and is not related to the investigation, said SHAL's board chairman, Rick Casey.

Casey said the board took the allegations very seriously but after a complete review, including an interview with the fired employee, Tolbert, they all were determined to be false. The allegations were from a disgruntled employee who had been fired, he added.

"I know it's happened to the city," Casey said. "It's the unfortunate result of a termination."

City Commissioner Sam Kaufman said SHAL had never shared its policy with the city about barring people who have been given a free

bus ticket out of the Keys.

Such people sign a form saying they won't return to use the shelter. SHAL said of about 263 people on its voluntary relocation list from 2014 to now, 19 returned and were given some services, including a pregnant woman.

"We were snowbirding people on our money," Elicia Pintabona, the new interim executive director of SHAL, said of the reason behind the policy. "It's not a heartless thing. If it's cold, we let them stay. It's not a metal gate coming down for them."

About 20 homeless people are on a suspension list for misbehavior, she said.

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POLITICS

Monroe County Commission race now has three candidates for the District 2 seat

■ **Bill Hunter and Chuck Weitzel, both Republicans, are from the Lower Keys. Michelle Coldiron is Marathon's mayor.**

BY KATIE ATKINS
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So far, Middle and Lower Keys residents will have three options at the ballot box this fall for candidates to represent them on the Monroe County Commission.

Two Lower Keys men have registered alongside Marathon's Michelle Coldiron in hopes of representing District 2, which spans about 40 miles from Boca Chica Key in the Lower Keys north into a portion of Marathon. Commissioner George Neugent's term is up in November and it will be his last of five four-year terms representing District 2.

Coldiron confirmed her candidacy earlier this month, followed by Lower Keys accountant Charles Weitzel and now, Sugarloaf Key resident Bill Hunter. He owns Key Tel, a data networking company.

All three are Republicans. Weitzel, 59 and single with no children, has lived in the Keys full time since

1995 and calls it "The best place in the world."

The Big Coppitt Key homeowner owns an accounting firm on Stock Island and said his experience as a CPA would help when it comes to the county budget. He has never run for a political office.

"Analyzing financial transactions will help the commission. It puts me in a unique position to understand what the needs of businesses and what their problems are," he said.

Another issue he'd like to tackle if elected is recovery from Sept. 4's Category 4 Hurricane Irma, which caused widespread devastation, and the lack of affordable housing in Monroe County.

"The housing, affordable housing, it's a huge issue, and because I own several rental units of my own, I do understand the rental market," he said.

Hunter, a married father of two grown sons who lives on Sugarloaf Key, said he has attended every County Commission meeting for the last seven years and wants to bring the voice of the Lower Keys to the board.

His four focal points while campaigning, in this



Hunter

order, are: The environment, fiscal responsibility, housing and tourism, he said.

"We need to focus on

the residents that live down here, the workers, the business owners, the residents and all segments of society," he said.

Hunter serves on the county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and is a former member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Marine and Ports Advisory Committee and is a board member of environmental group Last Stand.

"I understand the commission pretty well I know what they do how they do it," he said. "There are existing that can be solved, and that we've been trying to solve for decades. And there will be new hurdles."

Two other candidates, John Baker of Summerland and Lenore Baker of Big Pine Key (unrelated), have withdrawn from the race.

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MIDDLE KEYS

Accident in Key Colony traps man under crane

■ He escaped without a broken bone.

BY KATIE ATKINS
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Witnesses say a Fort Pierce man was trying to extend the boom on a crane in Key Colony Beach Wednesday morning when it fell on him, trapping him underneath.

Joe Stutzman, 46, was airlifted to a Miami hospital after he became trapped underneath the crane around 9 a.m. at a construction site on the Sadowski Causeway in Key Colony Beach, according to Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Deputy Becky Herrin.

Paramedics and police were able to lift the boom off Stutzman, who was subsequently airlifted to Ryder Trauma Center via the Sheriff's Office Trauma Star

air ambulance, Herrin said. "He just has to heal — he doesn't even have a broken bone, thank God," said Jorge Rivas, vice president of Waterfront Construction,

which owns the crane. It was on a barge in waters

east of the Sadowski Causeway.

Southeast Marine Construction subcontracted with Waterfront to put a new dock in the area, Herrin said, adding no foul play is suspected.

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Sheriff's Office

This crane fell on a Fort Pierce man Wednesday morning in Key Colony Beach. He was airlifted to a Miami hospital but was not seriously injured.

COUNTY COMMISSION

FEMA trailers in Keys come with hitches

■ Federal loan program for used travel trailers comes with costly requirements and a June 1 move-out deadline, county hears.

BY KEVIN WADLOW
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A tangle of technicalities on 200 travel trailers for temporary hurricane-relief housing appears to be too much trouble, Monroe County Commission members said Wednesday.

A proposal to bring a fleet of used travel trailers owned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Florida Keys comes with a long list of rules, time limits and expenses, county staff briefed commissioners, meeting at the Marathon Government Center.

In addition to requirements for tie-downs and liability insurance, the agency insists the trailers be removed from the Keys during hurricane season, which begins June 1.

"I don't see what we have to gain if they have to be out of here in six months," Mayor David Rice said. "That's a lot of trou-

ble....If we can't get some flexibility, there's nothing we can do. It is a problem we'd like to solve."

"If we don't get around [the June 1 deadline] it's not worth the headache," Commissioner Heather Carruthers said.

Senior Planning Director Mayte Santamaria said plans would require county staff to move, install and maintain the trailers — if suitable tie-down locations can be found.

Liability insurance seems may not be available, she added. "It's very difficult to get quotes."

"It's just not practical.... We have a need; it's a shame we can't work something out," Commissioner Danny Kolhage agreed.

Commissioner George Neugent suggested seeing if there is a feasible way to purchase the trailers outright from FEMA.

"We're going to wind up displacing as many as 500 people if we don't find some housing for these folks," he said.

Under the proposal, trailers would be loaned to the state for use in the Keys. State officials contacted county staff to gauge local interest. Rice asked staff to

continue efforts to resolve "the requirements that are the real deal killers."

BOAT REMOVAL

All vessels sunk or "displaced" in Florida Keys waters by Hurricane Irma may be out of the water, Capt. David Dipre of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission told commissioners.

"Everything we could legally remove as a hazard to navigation has been removed," Dipre said.

"The whole thing was a monster, but we defeated it and are cleaning it up," Dipre said of the storm-recovery efforts.

Other boats, yet to be discovered, may lie beneath canal waters, he noted. Some recovered boats remain at six storage locations, pending destruction or return to the owners. "That should be done soon," Dipre said.

Tavernier's Harry Harry Park, closed since the Sept. 10 hurricane, "has the least number of vessels and should be the first [storage site] to be cleared out," he said. Other sites "are emptying out pretty quickly."

Carruthers asked about storm-damaged boats dumped along roads or on private property. Dipre said hauling vessels off dry land normally lies outside the FWC's jurisdiction, but the agency is seeking solutions.

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Heather Nicotri, an enforcement officer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, measures a turtle exclusionary device for compliance aboard the 68-foot fishing vessel 'Ronald E.'

DRY TORTUGAS

Guard seizes shrimp in marine protected area

■ The 6,000 pounds were found aboard a boat in the protected Tortugas.

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The U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seized about 6,000 pounds of shrimp from the 68-foot fishing vessel *Ronald E.* near the Dry Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary Preservation Area Jan. 12, the Guard said.

Crews aboard the Coast Guard cutter *Raymond Evans* and a NOAA joint boarding team saw the crew of the *Ronald E.* fishing inside the marine sanctuary and was boarded. The vessel's crew was cited for illegally fishing inside a national marine sanctuary and for safety violations.

Fishing within federally protected waters is illegal. The Dry Tortugas are about 70 miles from Key West.

A Coast Guard spokeswoman said the Guard isn't releasing the home port of the *Robert E.* or who owns it because it's an active investigation. Said Capt. Jeffery Jansen, commander of Coast Guard Sector Key West, "Within the Florida Keys, we take protecting the national marine sanctuary very seriously. Boaters and fishermen should familiarize themselves with the boundaries of the sanctuary to make sure they are complying with federal law."

The "evidence package" for the seizure has been forwarded to the National Marine Fisheries Service, which will determine if a formal notice of violation will be issued.

IN THE COURTS

Judge tosses lawsuit against Key West officials that stemmed from a hotel dispute and an arrest

■ The Southernmost House's owners and management company squared off last fall.

BY GWEN FILOSA
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A federal judge has sided with the city of Key West and the owner of a famous hotel over a dispute between the owner and the management company it fired last fall.

At issue was whether Key West Police Chief Donie Lee, City Attorney Shawn Smith and other officials overstepped legal boundaries by getting involved in the dispute to the point that an employee of the management company, Remington Lodging and Hospitality, was arrested for trespassing.

Lee showed up at the Southernmost House, 1400 Duval St., at the request of property owner Michael Halpern, who had given Remington notice that it was fired. Remington soon fought back, suing the police officers, Lee, Smith and Halpern in U.S. District Court and accusing Halpern of taking \$277,582 from a checking account it managed.

Chief U.S. District Court Judge Kevin Michael Moore on Tuesday dismissed the case, granting the motion to dismiss filed by the city and Halpern. Remington and the person arrested, Joseph Dantoni, sued for false arrest, among other things.



SOUTHERNMOST HOTEL Southernmost Hotel

The Southernmost Hotel is one of Key West's most recognizable properties.

"It is not disputed that the City Attorney and Chief Lee were acting within their discretionary authority....," Moore wrote in the 22-page ruling. Moore also decided the arrested employee's rights were not violated. "Remington did not own or have a leasehold interest in the hotel property."

Dantoni, a Remington manager, was arrested Dec. 2, 2016, the day after Halpern arrived at the hotel with six police officers announcing he was taking over and that Remington employees needed to leave.

At the time, a case between Remington and Halpern was pending in Circuit Court. The misdemeanor arrest case is still pending in Monroe County Court.

Smith researched the issue and let police know if Remington employees

refused to leave the premises, they were trespassing and subject to arrest.

"They did initially," Smith wrote Tuesday night in an email to city commissioners. "They came back the following day and left after warning. On a third occasion, a Remington manager, Dantoni, came back and refused to leave. He was arrested in an apparent attempt to set up the lawsuit, which I believe immediately followed that day."

Smith called it unfortunate that he and Lee were sued at all. Remington's lawsuit demanded \$1.2 million.

"We did what we believed was right and legal under the circumstances," Smith wrote. "I'm pleased a federal court judge agreed with our assessment of the situation." The judge noted the

dispute between Remington and Halpern dates back to 2009 when the original management deal was signed. By 2015, Halpern asked to renegotiate the deal but Remington declined.

"Remington and the Hotel's owner, Halpern, struggled over management issues generally," Moore wrote.

On Jan. 26, 2016, Southernmost, prior to a decision of the Circuit Court, filed a motion for appointment of receivership, listing additional allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Remington. On Feb. 17, 2016, the Circuit Court granted the receivership motion and appointed accountant John G. Parks to take over the hotel during the pending litigation.

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UPPER KEYS

Condo camera captures Keys crime, police say

■ Three construction workers charged after video shows them searching Tavernier apartment.

BY KEVIN WADLOW
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Owners of a Tavernier condominium watched a live burglary in progress on their residence's security video Tuesday, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office reports.

Three men, all employed by a Homestead company doing work at the Ocean Pointe complex on Burton Drive, were each arrested

on a count of felony burglary and misdemeanor theft.

The unit owners told Deputy Matt Koval that around 4:15 p.m., they received an online security message alerting them of "movement" in their unoccupied unit. The owners switched on a security camera to see three "males going through all their drawers, cabinets and rooms ... taking things," Koval noted.

On the audio track, the men discussed items they were finding. "One of the men said his kids would love [a Wii video] game," Sheriff's Office informa-

tion officer Becky Herrin said. "Another said he would be playing the game later on that evening."

When one of the workers saw the video camera, he unplugged it.

After being alerted by the unit owners, Ocean Pointe staff detained the defendants — Homestead residents Jorge A. Rubio, 35; Noppon Chunchalean,

25; and Michael Chavez, 21.

The defendants had been hired to check for mold in

some units at the large complex off mile marker 92.5. Items from the condominium reportedly were found in the men's bags or discarded outside.

"The men told deputies they must have accidentally entered the wrong condo," Herrin said. "There is a sign on the condo they entered, clearly saying not to enter and that no work was needed inside."

Rubio and Chunchalean remained in custody on Thursday, each under a \$25,000 bond. Chavez was released on bond Wednesday.

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Chavez



Rubio



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KEY WEST

Toy firearm leads to a real arrest in Southernmost City

■ Officers said the toy gun appeared to be the real deal and jailed the homeless man who had it.

BY GWEN FILOSA
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A toy gun landed a homeless Key West man in the slammer after police said he was displaying it in his waistband outside a fast-food joint as if it were the real deal.

Tuesday, Key West police responded to a report of a man leaning against a railing "acting shady," the incident report says.

Christopher Douglas



Smith

Smith, 38, told police, "I was just [expletive] with people," but when officers arrived they treated the situation as if he had a real gun tucked inside his pants and one drew his weapon and ordered him to turn around.

Smith was ordered to the ground and handcuffed in the Taco Bell parking lot, 2338 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Tuesday at about 11:40 a.m. Smith was arrested for two counts of felony aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon.

"At the time of the incident when Smith turned around I believed that Smith had a real revolver in his waistband," Officer Alexandre Gauffillet wrote in the arrest report. "Smith was in possession of a gun [sic] had an apparent opportunity to use the gun and presented a well-rounded fear to myself" and another officer that he may use the weapon.

Friday, Smith remained jailed at the Stock Island Detention Center without bond.

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EDITORIAL

Housing shortage will have large consequences

We need to pay close attention to the tax base

We have an affordable-housing shortage. This wasn't new (or news) before Category 4 Hurricane Irma swept through the Keys Sept. 10 nor is it new now.

Two workshops on the housing crisis in Key West were scheduled this month. The first was Jan. 11 at City Hall, with philanthropist and former Monroe County schools Superintendent John Padgett on the agenda with his proposal to have built 480 rentals at the waterfront property at Trumbo Point, where the School Board has its administrative offices. The second is on Jan. 29 at the Blue Room, 1128 Simonton St., hosted by the Women's March Florida-Florida Keys Chapter with County Commissioner Heather Carruthers, City Commissioner Sam Kaufman, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition Executive Director Stephanie Kaple and Padgett comprising the panel.

Separately, state Rep. Holly Raschein (R-Key Largo) filed for the legislative session that started Jan. 9 a request for \$20 million for the purchase of properties "to rebuild affordable [and] workforce housing by acquiring former trailer parks and other sites" as part of Irma recovery efforts.

Raschein is essentially stating publicly she'll take the lead in Tallahassee, although historically, political will to address affordable housing has been inconsistent. With Raschein and Padgett each taking more aggressive leads from political and non-political standpoints, perhaps we have a better chance to accomplish what's needed.

But here's a bigger reason to take the affordable housing shortage seriously: The county tax base.

Let's start with tax revenue and why it's important. Every time a visitor stays in a

Monroe County hotel room, he or she pays a 12.5 percent tax — the 7.5 percent sales tax we all pay, a 1 percent tourist impact tax, half of which goes to the county's general fund and aids Monroe County schools, and finally the 4 percent tourist tax. This four-penny tourist tax fills the Tourist Development Council's coffers, money used to market the Keys as a vacation destination, and also for administrative and district expenditures.

The initial report for revenues collected through this tax for the beginning of fiscal year 2017-18, which began Oct. 1, casts a pretty bleak outlook on the start of this important new year.

Fewer visitors means fewer tourist taxes are collected. When less tax money is collected, the TDC has less money to market the Keys and re-start the engine that fuels our economy. If that continues, fewer guests will visit.

If that becomes the new normal — and it's difficult to forecast just how our tourism season will finish this year — the tax base will deteriorate. Restoring our community to normalcy is a process, a lengthy one. What happens in the middle (in between Irma and the end of the fiscal year) is anyone's guess.

But if our tax base is irreparably damaged, we can all expect the one same result: A reduced Keys economy, lowered home values, fewer businesses and jobs. And the Keys may never be the same as a result or at least it could take many years to reverse.

That's why as a community we need to move aggressively and decisively on increasing the stock of workforce housing in the Keys. Local leaders and politicians need to be brave and withstand the NIM-BY (not in my back yard) mentality.

— KEYNOTER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PRICES TOO HIGH

I am a resident of Marathon and have shopped at Publix exclusively over the years for my groceries. I have been shocked at how Publix has raised some of its prices at the store, gouging the residents of Marathon after the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

My grocery bills have taken a big jump and not only have I noticed this but most of our friends have been complaining about the same thing. On a recent night I was in the store and overheard a man that was buying something at the next checkout stand. The cashier rang up the item for \$4.40; the man immediately said that the price was wrong and went

on to explain to the cashier that he buys this item all the time and it is always \$3.69.

The man went over to where the item was and the sign still read \$3.69. He explained what the sign said to the cashier and her response was, well, the price went up and they forgot to change the sign. Publix appears to be a money-making machine down here and the fact that it appears to be taking advantage of Winn-Dixie not being open in Marathon. I think this is shameful.

— Daniella Robles, Marathon

THANKS FOR IRMA INFO

I've been following with interest the series of town-hall meetings sponsored by Monroe County regarding

hurricane response. One thing I'm not seeing is praise for the county's keysrecovery.org website.

I (tearfully) evacuated from the Keys for the first time in 40 years and the keysrecovery.org posts provided the factual information I needed to stay on top of what was happening at home. The recently hired public information officer, Cammy Clark, was my boots on the ground, keeping me, other evacuees and the rest of the world informed through this website.

Even though I was 400 miles away and had to drive 30 miles for an internet connection, I felt connected and up to date as to what was happening

in Irma's aftermath. Those updates allowed me to make informed decisions regarding when was the best time to return and not be in first responders' way or become just one more burden on an already-over-taxed system.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Here's hoping we never need it again.

— Jackie Harder, Key Largo

HABITAT CAN HELP

Habitat for Humanity of Key West and the Lower Florida Keys is preparing to expand its hurricane recovery response. Through the Habitat Hammers Back initiative, the local affiliate is working closely with Habitat International to assist homeowners in need.

Debbie Swift Batty, board president stated, "We're in a unique position to assist homeowners in the Lower Keys repair their homes with skilled construction staff and volunteers and we've received many generous donations for hurricane home repairs."

Habitat recovery efforts include repair of damaged homes by replacing drywall and rebuilding stairs, decking and fences, as well as performing other construction tasks as needed. Interviews are currently being conducted to hire site supervisors, construction managers and intake coordinators with the intent on being fully staffed and ready to begin continuous

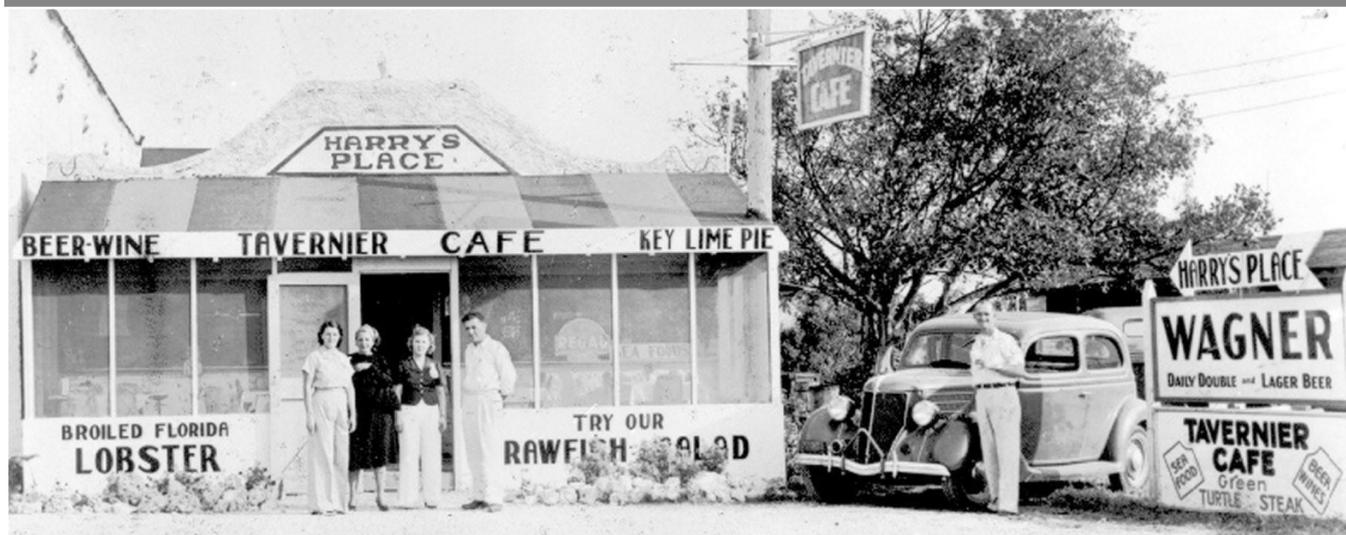
work to help families rebuild their lives by the beginning of February.

To qualify for the program, individuals must own their home as their primary residence, the family must fall at or below area median income guidelines and be ready and willing to help work on their homes alongside Habitat staff and volunteers. Due to generous support from donors, homeowner payments will be for materials only and structured on a sliding scale according to homeowner income. The labor will be donated to the homeowners.

Habitat for Humanity of Key West and the Lower Florida Keys believes that every man, woman and child deserves a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Applications will be available beginning Feb. 1. Call (305) 294-9006.

— Susan Kent, program director, Habitat for Humanity of Key West and the Lower Florida Keys

CELEBRATING OUR PAST

**KEYS HISTORY**

This is Harry Harris' restaurant in 1937 in Tavernier oceanside. He was born on July 23, 1904, to James L. Harris and Dissie R. Harris. Harry Harris was elected to the Monroe County Commission in 1948 and served 28 years. A waterfront park in Tavernier is named for him.

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YOUR OPINION

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MOSQUITO CONTROL

Oxitec hopeful for GM mosquito release this year

■ **But some are still wary of the trial.**

BY KATIE ATKINS
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There hasn't been much talk of releasing genetically modified mosquitoes in the Florida Keys for a while, but a trial could happen in the coming months.

British biotech company Oxitec wants to release its genetically modified mosquitoes in the Florida Keys this year, calling them "Ox-

itec Friendly mosquitoes," the offspring of which it says die almost immediately.

According to its website, Oxitec's male mosquitoes are reared with a self-limiting gene, so when the males are released into the wild to mate with females, that gene is passed on and the offspring never survive to adulthood. This results in a smaller population of Aedes aegypti bugs, officials say, which carry Zika and other viruses.

The trial needs approval

from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a release of bugs in the Keys. There was approval in 2016 from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a trial in Key Haven, but it was delayed several times and never happened there after strong voter opposition.

Tuesday, Key West physician Dr. John Norris approached the Florida Keys Mosquito Control Board about the potential release of Oxitec's bugs. The mosquitoes are genetically

engineered to need the antibiotic tetracycline to survive.

That's a concern for Norris and a group of doctors because of bacteria that may be riding on the backs of the mosquitoes, seeing as how bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics after exposure to too much or too little. The surviving bacteria can become even more powerful and resistant to medicine down the road.

Norris told commissioners he visited with officials in the Cayman Islands where Oxitec started releases in summer 2016. He wants data about antibiotic resistance seen in people living in the trial site. He also wants to culture the to-be-released bugs to see what kind of bacteria is on them.

"These insects are designed to get into people's houses and cause the extinction of whatever Aedes live there, but the bacteria they leave behind is left to breed because it has no death chain," he said.

In the Caymans, there has been a 62 percent suppression rate of the virus-carrying mosquitoes, according to data provided by officials there. About 400,000 bugs are released there weekly.

"No physician is going to stand in front of you and speak negatively against the GMs, but we care about how ya' make the soup," Norris told commissioners. "There was a real mistake made, in my humble opinion, when they used an antibiotic as the maturation factor to an organism designed to get into peo-

ple's houses and deposit whatever else was along for the ride."

Oxitec submitted a new application with the EPA in December and the EPA now has seven months to make a decision on whether it will issue an experimental permit.

A sample of the bugs has not been released to Norris and the doctors. Derric Nimmo, product development manager for Oxitec, said Friday "We are not in a position to make the insects available outside appropriate protocols."

A workshop to hear from both sides of the GM debate will happen on Feb. 20 at Mosquito Control's building at 503 107th St., Marathon. The time has not yet been determined.

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LOWER KEYS

An intimate meal for 150

■ Stock Island docks are site for dinner Tuesday

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A sea-to-table feast should entice food fans to the Florida Keys on Tuesday to salute the island chain's indigenous seafood and commercial fishing tradition.

The open-air gourmet adventure features an "endless table" with seating for around 150 people on a waterfront pier overlooking the fishing boats of Stock Island. Stock Island is a hub of the Keys' commercial fishing industry.

The culinary experience is presented by Outstanding in the Field, a California company that provides a "traveling restaurant without walls" that celebrates local farmers and regional cuisines via pop-up outdoor dinners. It is co-hosted by Lower Keys restaurateurs Bobby and Michelle Mongelli, the spirits behind Stock

Island's Hogfish Bar & Grill, Roostica and Lost Kitchen Supper Club. The event is at the Hogfish, 6810 Front St.

The multi-course menu, designed around fresh-caught local seafood, is to be prepared by chefs Martin Liz and Layla Barr of Lost Kitchen Supper Club, Jose Izquierdo of the Hogfish, Jose "Angel" Castro of Roostica and Rick Zapka of Stock Rock BBQ. Guests can anticipate passed appetizers and libations followed by a family-style four-course meal paired with wines.

A 2 p.m. pre-dinner reception is at the at Stock Island Lobster Co., 6639 Maloney Ave., perhaps the oldest fish house in the Florida Keys. Before the meal, seventh-generation lobsterman Peter Bacle of Stock Island Lobster will tell tales of the sea and talk about sustainable fisheries and the life of a Keys fisherman.

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George Poveromo landed this nice dolphin on one of his many fishing outings in Key Largo. He leads the Jan. 27 Florida Keys fishing seminar.



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■ Numerous captains help lead educational break-outs Jan. 27 at Coral Shores High.

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The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series returns to the Florida Keys on Jan. 27 with Broward County angling expert George Poveromo leading the way.

The all-day learning session is set for the Performing Arts Center at

Coral Shores High School, mile marker 89.9 oceanside. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Poveromo is host of "George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing" on NBC Sports, which films several episodes every year in the Keys. He is also a contributing editor for Salt Water Sportsman magazine.

Serving as co-host will be Capt. Mark Schmidt, a Key West light-tackle guide and International Game Fish Association

world-record holder.

The National Seminar Series is the nation's longest-running educational course on recreational fishing tactics and techniques, entering its 31st year in 2018. Each stop on the eight-city tour is geared to the how-tos and where-tos of catching saltwater fish within that region, inshore, near-shore and offshore.

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Joining Poveromo and Schmidt in Islamorada will be:

- Capt. Billy Delph, a Key West-based light-tackle reef, wreck and offshore fishing pro with Delph Fishing.

- Capt. Nick Stanczyk, an Islamorada-based offshore pro who helped pioneer daytime swordfishing in the Keys aboard his charter boat *Broad Minded*.

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- Capt. Ariel Medero, a Marathon-based specialist at catching trophy dolphin, blackfin tuna

SEE FISH, 2B

MARATHON SPORTS

Final home game of season for Dolphins soccer boys ends in loss

■ Thursday, they lost 5-1 to Miami Country Day, fall to 3-11.

BY KATIE ATKINS
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Marathon High School's soccer boys were looking for a win Thursday at home against the Spartans of Miami Country Day but lost 5-1 because of missed opportunities.

The District 16-1A Spartans (10-3-2) scored first on a penalty kick in the box, but the Dolphins fought back and Eliezer Larios had a header in front of the goal to make it 1-1.

"We maintained a 1-1 tie the majority of the second half due to solid goal-keeping by Angel Alvear," said Dolphins coach Jeff Cox. "As the game went on,

SEE FINS, 3B



KATIE ATKINS Keynoter

Marathon High soccer boys Raven Banks (right) and Eliezer Larios take control of the ball Thursday at home against Miami Country Day. Larios had the only goal for the Dolphins in their 5-1 loss.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Fins defeat rival Conchs 36-31

■ Thursday at home, the Marathon High girls beat Key West for the third time this season.

BY KATIE ATKINS
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For the third time this season, the Marathon High Lady Fins hoops girls (6-7) beat the county rival District 8-5A Conchs of Key West Thursday at home, 36-31.

"The girls kept their composure and were able to work through a scenario of being behind in the game, then chipping away at the lead and moving forward to get it back

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CORAL SHORES

Hoop Canes come close but can't close the gap



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Robbie Prosek (44) of Coral Shores goes up to put in a bucket in the Hurricanes' Tuesday game against visiting Palm Glades Prep.

■ Coral Shores High rallies for exciting finishes in two boys basketball home games this week but fall short.

BY KEVIN WADLOW
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Coral Shores High's boys basketball Canes rallied to make it close in two home games this week but fell short against Palm Glades Prep and South Dade High. The Canes stand at 4-10 heading into games road games this week at Brito Private on Monday and a return match at Palm Glades.

"As has been the case all season, the Canes showed no quit," said Coral Shores head coach Jarrod Mandoz-

zi. "Our guys fought hard and never gave up. Unfortunately it was just a little short."

Senior point guard Elijah Woods scored 20 points in the 56-51 loss to South Dade on Thursday.

"Forget about his offense, which was huge," Mandozzi said. "When we really needed a boost, [Woods'] defense was the best he's played all year. His leadership was outstanding."

Woods also delivered seven rebounds, eight assists and seven steals. Connor Rhyme added another double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Jason Polanco hit for a dozen points.

Against Palm Glades, the Canes stormed back from a



KEVIN WADLOW Keynote

Coral Shores senior guard Elijah Woods (2) drives for two of his 11 points in the Canes' 65-58 loss to visiting Palm Glades Prep.

turnover-filled first half to make a late run at the Eagles in the rallied in the 65-58 setback.

Polanco hit two 3-point shots in the fourth to cut the Glades lead to two points, but the quick Eagles scored

on a late breakaway and hit free throws in the closing minutes.

Rhyme had a 17-point game with 14 boards. Woods scored 11 points. Tim Orr grabbed 10 rebounds to go with his six points.

"Our guys have showed a ton of heart," Mandozzi said. "We've got to learn and build on these games, and we can."

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PREP SOCCER

Canes soccer teams sweep the Dolphins

■ Coral Shores High boys, girls teams roll in double shutout against Marathon's Dolphin squads. Lady Canes open playoffs Monday.

BY KEVIN WADLOW
AND KATIE ATKINS

A stout Coral Shores High defensive effort and two goals by junior forward Brayan Rojas carried the Hurricanes to a 3-0 win Tuesday over local rival Marathon High.

The road win moved the Canes to a 9-1 record this season going into Friday's trip to St. Brendan, a rematch of the one Coral Shores loss. Results were pending at press time. The

Hurricanes travel to Hialeah on Monday to take on Westland High.

At Marathon, Cane senior Tom Nelson also scored off a header.

"It was a good defensive game for us," Coral Shores coach Jorge Bosque said, crediting goalkeeper Josh Prince and the Hurricane backfielders.

"Field conditions were pretty rough for the offense," Bosque said.

Marathon head coach Jeffery Cox said the Dolphins (4-11) "had some good scoring opportunities but not able to finish them."

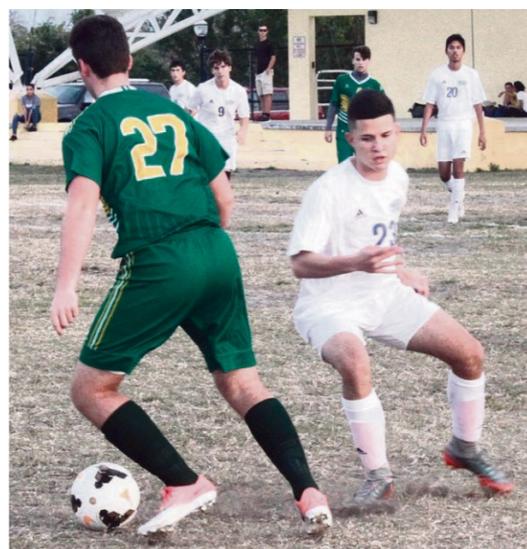
"The defense gave another great effort, once again led by Luke Hoffman and



KATIE ATKINS Keynote

Alex Jordan (13) of Coral Shores races to the ball in Tuesday's 3-0 win by the Hurricanes against Marathon High.

Robert Gonzales," Cox said. Marathon lost a 5-1 match Thursday at Miami Country Day.



KATIE ATKINS Keynote

Coral Shores defender Hunter Corliss (27) cuts off Marathon's Jimmy Gimeranes in the Canes' 3-0 win Tuesday.

LADY CANE PLAYOFFS
Coral Shores' girls soccer team closed its regular season with an 8-0 win

over Marathon (0-10) on Tuesday.

The Lady Canes (7-6-1) now head to the District

16-2A tournament opener, against St. Brendan (11-5) at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Kendall Soccer Park.

"This is back-to-back winning seasons for the Canes, who haven't done that in many years," Cane coach Pat Fazio said after the Marathon match.

"Overall, I'm pleased with our season, having such a large group of underclassmen as starters," Fazio said. "I look forward to the future years with them."

At Marathon, Cane senior forward Lexi Gautier scored two first-half goals, one on a scramble in front of the Dolphin net and the second on an assist from Mia Ruiz.

After Coral Shores took a 5-0 halftime lead, Cane Allie Adler scored two second half goals off assists by Emma Lovell and Kyla Catarineau. Isabella Bolivar, Erin Rodberg, Catarineau and Ruiz also scored for the Canes in the win.

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HOOPS

and secure it," said District 8-4A Lady Fins coach Teresa Konrath.

She'd like to see the girls work on their shooting style moving forward. Leta Ricart, a top scorer, had nine points Thursday, but her responsibilities on the court have changed, Konrath said.

Aliyah Headen had 19 points with help from Ricart.

"As a transitional duo, they have speed and ability to run the floor. Ranisha Charles showed some strength under the basket and had 10 rebounds, and those 10 rebounds? No one could take them from her," Konrath said.

The Lady Fins have had close games with the Conchs this season, defeating them in November 37-25, then in December, 47-35.



KATIE ATKINS Keynote

Leta Ricart makes a layup for the Lady Fins Thursday at home against county rival Key West. Ricart had nine points.

Friday, both the Marathon boys and girls hoops teams were headed to Boynton Beach for games against the Defenders of Lake Worth Christian School.

Konrath said she was

hopeful for a better game against the District 7-3A Defenders than the girls' December 58-21 loss at home. Results were too late for press time.

Tuesday, the girls return

to Marathon High School for a 3:30 p.m. district game against the Eagles of Palm Glades Prep Academy.

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FINS

Miami Country Day made some good runs and was able to retake the lead."

On offense, the Dolphins (3-11) passed well as a team but "could not finish," Cox said.

The final two games of the Dolphins' season are away, and the team will travel to Coral Shores High Thursday for a rematch against the Hurricanes (9-1) after losing in a 3-0 shutout at home this week. The boys will also have a chance to seek revenge on Miami Country Day Friday in Miami.

LADY FINS

Marathon's soccer girls (3-6-2) were on the road Thursday to Miami for a matchup against the District 16-2A Patriots of Florida Christian School (6-7) and lost in an 8-0 shutout.

"We had about seven players out with the flu, so we pulled middle-school players up to fill in the gaps," said coach Kelley Struyf.

It was the last game of regular season play for the Lady Fins and the girls will head to Palmer Trinity School Tuesday for the District 16 semifinals. The girls play the Bulldogs of Riviera Prep at 3:30 p.m.

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FOOD

find themselves sitting next to the fisherman who provided ingredients for the feast.

Among them is to be farmer Patrick Garvey of Grimal Grove, who tends rare tropical fruit trees on Big Pine Key, and Key West hydroponic growers Marjorie and Justin Townsend of Townsend Family Organic Farms.

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PERSONAL STYLE

He has the best man hair anywhere

■ **'It's weird for me, saying I have a really nice beard. I'm a pretty modest dude, you know.'**

BY GEORGEA KOVANIS
Detroit Free Press

The nation has spoken: A 44-year-old Michigan man with a handlebar mustache and a beard that reaches to about his collarbone has the best facial hair in the country.

Jason Heien, a software engineer who works in Detroit, is the winner of the annual Wahl Man of the Year contest for men with fabulous facial hair.

Sponsored by Wahl, maker of hair clippers for

men, the prize includes \$1,500 and the opportunity to be featured in a national advertisement. Heien was declared the winner based on input from a judging panel and from a national vote conducted via Facebook.

Heien, who entered the contest when a Wahl mobile barbershop pulled up to downtown Detroit's Campus Martius over the summer, said he was "totally speechless" when he found out about the honor.

Fortunately for us, he regained his composure and was able to chat about cheeseburgers, crumbs and the responsibility that comes with having a beard.

His comments have been edited for brevity and clarity.

How long have you had a beard? "Just over a year. I've always had a goatee. So a year ago Halloween, I was Neptune for Halloween and Neptune has a beard. So I bought a beard and glued it on and I liked the look and I decided I would grow a beard."

Was it easy to grow? "It was a little difficult. It wasn't scratchy and it wasn't itchy or anything. It was kind of an awkward phase where it was more fuzzy than groomed, it's just like everything's going in different directions. Once it got longer, then it starts to lay down and behave."

Do you feel different with a beard? "I do. I feel, I guess, maybe more mature. I feel like I look older, maybe more distinguished. Honestly not one day goes by that someone either doesn't say something about my beard or my mustache."

Something good? "Yeah. One guy ... said, 'Man, I've gotta tell you. You've got a

really awesome beard.' He said it was really intimidating.... I guess a lot of people do recognize that I have a really nice beard. It's weird for me, saying I have a really nice beard. I'm a pretty modest dude, you know."

How do you take care of your beard? "I wash it with regular shampoo. Every day. And then I use a Paul Mitchell product in it so that it makes it just stay. I'm not the guy who is always stroking his beard. I want to set it and forget it."

Is it difficult to eat certain things with a beard? "It's even more hard to eat stuff when you have a mustache. I get to eat a hamburger by knife and fork. Mustard in your mustache, it's just not a good look."

What about gum? "I chew gum pretty regularly. But blowing bubbles is a no-no."

Crumbs? "Maybe once a month, there will be something like while my wife and I are sitting on the couch and munching popcorn or something. She'll



Jason Heien is the winner of the annual Wahl Man of the Year contest for men with fabulous facial hair.

be like, 'Come on now, go fix yourself.'"

How long do you want to go: "I don't think I see myself having the ZZ Top beard."

Anything else? "Having great facial hair comes with great responsibility. If you really want a great

beard, you have to maintain it. And you have to be able to handle the compliments that you get from it. You have to know that you're like a role model. You must use your beard for good. You must always use your beard powers for good."

TO YOUR HEALTH

Put down the cell phone

■ **Some say research suggests long-term, extensive use may affect health.**

BY BARBARA ANDERSON
The Fresno Bee

Put your cellphone down — and keep it away from your pillow, the California Department of Public Health is advising.

Smartphone use continues to increase in the U.S., especially among children, and the health department said some people and

health professionals have concerns about the radio frequency energy emitted from cell phones. The scientific community has not reached a consensus on the risks of cell phone use, but the health department said research suggests long-term, extensive use may affect health.

"We know that simple

steps, such as not keeping your phone in your pocket and moving it away from your bed at night, can help reduce exposure for both children and adults," said Dr. Karen Smith, state public health officer. Smartphones emit radio frequency energy when they send signals to and receive them from cell towers.

About 95 percent of Americans own a cell phone,

and 12 percent rely on their smartphones for everyday internet access, the health department said. In addition, the average age when children get their first phone is now just 10, and a majority of young people keep their phones on or near them most of the day and while they sleep.

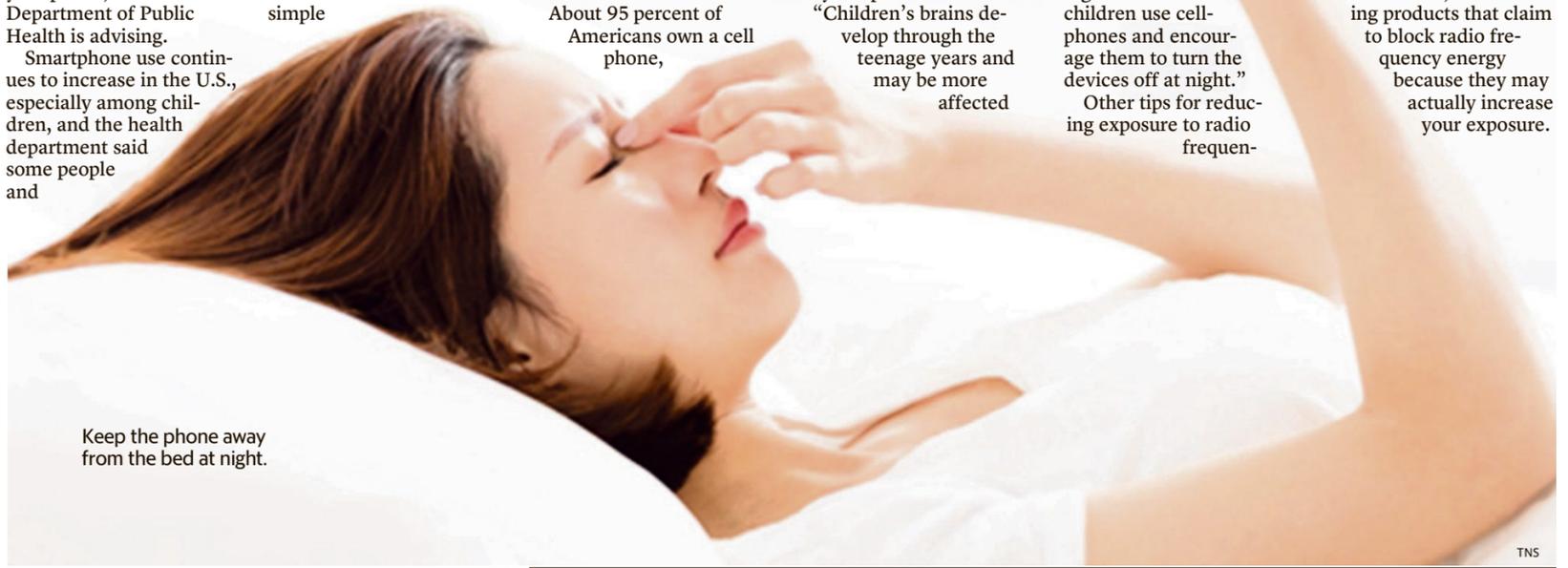
"Children's brains develop through the teenage years and may be more affected

by cellphone use," Smith said.

"Parents should consider reducing the time their children use cellphones and encourage them to turn the devices off at night."

Other tips for reducing exposure to radio frequen-

cy energy from cellphones: Keeping the phone away from the body, reducing cellphone use when the signal is weak, reducing the use of cellphones to stream audio or video or to download or upload large files, keeping the phone away from the bed at night, removing headsets when not on a call, and avoiding products that claim to block radio frequency energy because they may actually increase your exposure.



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Conch on in to this picnic

■ **Event celebrates Key West's culture.**

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The Key West Art & Historical Society and Isle Cook Key West join forces to present the Conch Re-

vival Picnic, a picnic-style Conch heritage dinner set to take place Wednesday on the grounds of the Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters, 938 Whitehead St. The event will co-benefit Grimal Grove, a tropical fruit park on Big Pine Key that suffered

significant damage in Hurricane Irma.

Prepared by chefs Martha Hubbard and Dave Furman, the picnic begins with a wine and appetizer pairing from 5 to 6 p.m. set to live music by guitarist Rolando Rojas, followed by a 6 to 8 p.m. dinner of classic Key West recipes featuring produce grown at Grimal Grove. The feast is to feature alligator pear salad, shrimp and grits, whole pig and fish roast, with traditional Conch

sides and sauces.

Key West Food Tours creator Analise Smith coordinates the picnic's Conch Cook-off, a competition in which cooks vie for the winning title and a cash prize. Five competitors will seek recognition as the foremost Moulette master. A Moulette is a sandwich-sized piece of battered and deep-fried Cuban bread stuffed with picadillo.

Tickets cost \$35 for society members and \$45 for others. It's free for children under age 12. For more information, contact Shawn Cowles at scowles@kwahs.org or (305) 295.6616, Ext. 111.

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BOOK REVIEW

On the trail of fugitive LSD evangelist Timothy Leary

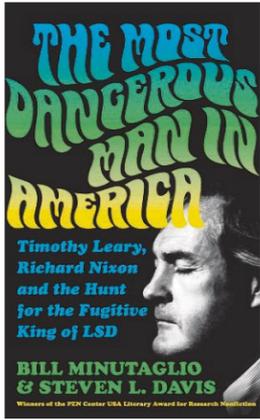
■ It takes a while to get used to, but once you're in, their book delivers an outlandish concoction of twists, turns and international intrigue.

BY MATTHEW PRICE
Newsday

Can you dig it? In their wild new book, "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Timothy Leary, Richard Nixon and the Hunt for the Fugitive King of LSD," authors Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis chronicle the far-out odyssey of Timothy Leary — philosopher king of the hippies and evangelist of LSD — as a fugitive from justice in the early 1970s.

It's an episode from the not-too-distant past, when the polarizing president in the White House was Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War was still raging and homegrown revolutionaries were setting off bombs everywhere.

Leary was spreading the message about the mind-expanding possibilities of LSD and running for governor of California when he was arrested for marijuana possession in 1970. (Leary dropped acid more times than he could count, but was busted for two measly joints.) He was sentenced to 10 years in a state prison — but wouldn't stay there long. With his lawyer, he hatched a cockamamie plan to break out of jail with the help of the radical left-wing Weather Underground, which wanted to



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"The Most Dangerous Man in America: Timothy Leary, Richard Nixon and the Hunt for the Fugitive King of LSD" by Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis; Twelve Books (384 pages, \$30) (Amazon)

exploit Leary's celebrity to advance their cause.

Amazingly, the plan worked: 50-year-old Leary wriggled a hundred feet across a telephone cable over the wall and was picked up by a waiting car, propelling him on a journey that took him to Algeria and Switzerland, pursued by the FBI and sundry federal minions. Leary's ability to escape capture consumed an ever-paranoid Nixon, who was besieged at home by protests and social disorder. Leary, Nixon proclaimed, was "the most dangerous man in America."

The authors themselves, who also collaborated on "Dallas 1963," are clearly high on their material,

gathered from hundreds of primary and secondary sources — interviews, transcripts, journals, letters and the like. Minutaglio and Davis don't do dry, detached nonfiction. Instead, they have crafted a hopped-up, sometimes over-the-top narrative that unfolds in present-tense real time. It takes a while to get used to, but once you're in, their book delivers an outlandish concoction of twists, turns and international intrigue.

Cross cutting from Leary on the lam to Nixon as he tries to bomb Vietnam into submission and schemes to destroy the Democrats, the authors' point is pretty clear: Leary was as harmless as a fly; the real danger lay in the Oval Office.

ON THE RUN

Yet Leary found himself mixed up with some pretty dangerous characters. In Algeria, he was taken in by Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver, notorious author of "Soul on Ice," himself wanted for the attempted murder of two Oakland cops. Cleaver and his cadres, who shunned drugs, didn't quite know what to do with Leary, who would rather drop acid and ramble on than take up arms.

He envisioned Algeria, the authors write with typical ripeness, as "an interplanetary way station for the supercharged super freaks of Planet Earth, the kind of place where people would channel the spirit of

Hendrix, connect with the gurus of India, and dissolve their egos inside the soothing, free-flowing lava of Tantric love, space, and time." Whoa.

The tenuous partnership of Cleaver and Leary soon turned sour. "His mind has been blown by acid," Cleaver announced. Leary and his forbearing wife, Rosemary, left Algeria for Copenhagen. But a stop-over in Switzerland convinced him to stay in the Alpine country, which happened to be the home of Albert Hofmann, the scientist who first synthesized LSD.

Here the story took an even more bizarre turn. Leary was offered shelter by a mysterious playboy named Michel Hauchard, who helped him deal with the Swiss authorities, un-

der pressure from the CIA and FBI to hand over the wanted man. The cunning and well-connected Hauchard more or less extorted Leary, who signed over rights to various book projects in exchange for protection and legal help. It was yet another instance of Leary's celebrity being bought and sold.

In Switzerland, Leary lived well, even as he was running out of options. The fuming Nixon dispatched Attorney General John Mitchell to force the Swiss to hand over the fugitive. The Swiss government, however, ruled in favor of Leary, arguing that his

marijuana conviction was a minor offense. Hippies, musicians and various thrill seekers thronged Leary, hoping for enlightenment — and acid.

But the Leary carnival — and his ties to drug ring Brotherhood of Eternal Love — finally exhausted Swiss tolerance. In 1973, he fled to Afghanistan, where he was busted, brought home and put back jail until 1976. He talked to the FBI and denounced his old radical pals. Yet Leary got away in the end, the authors suggest: It was Watergate-tainted Nixon whose name became a byword for infamy.

Meeting Notice Monroe County Land Authority

Monroe County Land Authority Advisory Committee will meet in the Monroe Regional Service Center located at 2796 Overseas Highway, Suite 104, Marathon, Florida on January 31, 2018 beginning at 9:00 AM. The agenda is available online at www.monroecounty-fl.gov or by contacting the Land Authority office at 295-5180.

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FAST FOOD

Sound familiar?

■ Burger King launches quarter-pound burger.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Burger King is looking to start a beef with McDonald's.

The chain says the Double Quarter Pound King, its own version of McDonald's quarter-pound burger, hit restaurants Thursday. An ad shows Burger King's mascot at a funeral for a competitor's burger, but doesn't mention McDonald's by name.



It comes as McDonald's is working to swap out frozen beef patties for fresh ones in its Quarter Pounder. Burger King says it uses frozen patties.

The chain has thrown fire at rivals before: Last year, Burger King sold spicy nuggets after Wen-

dy's stopped offering a similar snack.

Burger King says its new burger uses more than half a pound of beef before it is cooked.

McDonald's did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

MARATHON

Library fills with activities

■ Marathon hosts an artist, has a music jam, shows a movie and provides tax help.

KEYNOTER STAFF

Middle Keys artist Silvia Fontaine opened an art studio/gallery in Marathon in the months prior to Hurricane Irma but lost the business due to the devastating storm. Still, she's leading a free art workshop at Marathon library.

Called "Creating Realities Art Workshop," the gathering is at 10 a.m. and continues weekly each Monday after that. Materials will be provided by the library. Fontaine was an art teacher in Cuba for nine years and has a bachelor's degree in art history.

Also Monday at the library, acoustic musicians and vocalists of all skill levels are invited to meet

for a new twice-monthly jam. The session is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. This group is led by two local amateur guitar players who enjoy meeting other musicians and singers to play new and old songs and harmonize in a non-judgmental setting. All folks with acoustic instruments and vocalists are welcome. The focus will be to play classic soft rock songs that most know.

Wednesday, the library will show the next selection in "Literary License," the theme of this month's free weekly film series. All movies in January take a deep dive into the topics of writers and writing. Wednesday is the Woody Allen film "Midnight in Paris." The story follows a nostalgic writer on a trip to Paris with his fiancée when he finds himself mysteriously invited back each midnight to the 1920s, the era of Hemingway, Stein

and the Fitzgeralds. The film will be shown on the large screen in the library's community room. Popcorn will be served.

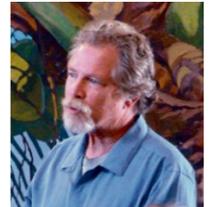
And stressed about filing your taxes? Volunteers from the United Way of the Florida Keys will be coming to the library every Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. to help you prepare and file your taxes for free. If you earned less than \$54,000 in 2017, you can let their certified volunteer tax preparers see if you are eligible for earned-income credit, child-tax credit, education credits or dependent-care credit. For more information, contact Loretta at (305) 797-1704 or email vita@keysunited-way.org.

For more information about the Marathon library and its events, call (305) 743-5156. The library is at 3251 Overseas Highway oceanside, around mile marker 49.

KEYS HISTORY & DISCOVERY CENTER PRESENTS

FINDING BIMINI:

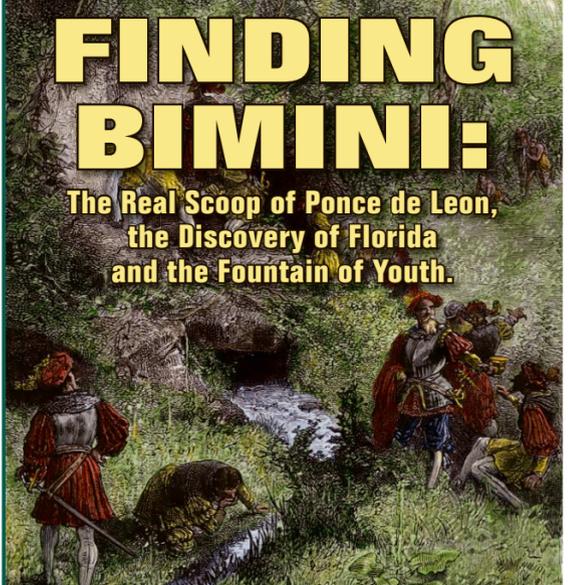
The Real Scoop of Ponce de Leon, the Discovery of Florida and the Fountain of Youth.



Presented By

Bob Carr,

Executive Director, Florida's Archaeological & Historical Conservancy



Wednesday, Jan. 24

Doors open at 5 p.m., Presentation at 6 p.m.



Keys History & Discovery Center
On the property of the Islander Resort,
Islamorada, MM 82 Oceanside

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED - 305-922-2237

Cost: Members free; \$25 for non-members, includes cost of admission to exhibit. Light appetizers and cash bar available.

For membership information and more, go to www.keysdiscovery.com

Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



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■ **Akins from Key Largo's REEF: 'It was very surprising to me to see how effective the derbies could be across such a large area.'**

BY DAVID FLESHLER
Sun Sentinel

They are festive killing sprees, contests among divers armed with spears and nets to catch the biggest haul of venomous, non-native fish that have colonized South Florida's reefs.

Lionfish derbies take aim at spiky, elaborately decorated fish from the Indian and Pacific oceans that have done to Florida's coastal waters what Burmese pythons have done to the Everglades. The fish devour native species and compete with them for prey while reproducing at a rate that has frustrated attempts at controlling them. They have no known predators.

The derbies, organized by environmental groups and scuba organizations across South Florida, award cash prizes for the most fish caught, the biggest fish and even the smallest fish, in a party atmosphere that often includes cooking demonstrations, lionfish tastings and live music. Some scientists have been skeptical of the effectiveness of these efforts, regarding the derbies as feel-good events that do little to hold down lionfish populations.

A new study, however, claims these lionfish-killing contests can sometimes have lasting effect.

The study, published in the peer-reviewed journal *Conservation Letters*, claims that lionfish derbies reduced the species' numbers by 52 percent over an average area of 74 square miles over three years in Key Largo and the Bahamas. The study was led by Stephanie Greene, a scientist at Stanford University's



Lionfish have no known predators and are voracious eaters, which threatens the reef.

NOAA

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Study says lionfish derbies help control invasive species

Center for Ocean Solutions, who has worked with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation, or REEF, a Key Largo nonprofit that organizes lionfish derbies, among other things.

The most successful derbies took place in the Bahamas study area, where the one-day events resulted in a permanent decrease in lionfish populations below the level that would harm native fish. Less successful was one in Key Largo. Although numbers went down and stayed down, the lionfish that did take their place were bigger, resulting in no reduction in the threat to native fish.

Lad Akins, director of special projects for REEF and a co-author of the study, said the greater success in the Bahamas may stem from the study's region's isolation from other coastal waters, which would have reduced recruitment of lionfish from other populations. But he said the study showed the derbies can reduce the lionfish threat if held frequently enough and in the places most likely to benefit from them.

"We were a little skeptical as well," he said. "The question had been posed, how effective are these events? They're great at educating people and we know a lot of fish come in,

but it was very surprising to me to see how effective the derbies could be across such a large area."

NO ERADICATION

Native to the Indian and Pacific oceans, lionfish were first reported in Florida off Dania Beach in 1985, and since then have spread through coastal waters on both coasts of the state. Their appearance in Florida has been blamed on owners of home aquariums who released them. The state has since banned their importation.

Lionfish typically grow about a foot long and use their venomous, needle-like spines for defense. Even in the rough envi-

ronment of a coral reef, where predators lurk in every nook, lionfish are impressive competitors.

They can take prey more than half their own length, using their fins to herd their quarry into a corner. And they're not choosy. They're known to consume more than 70 species of fish and invertebrates, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Aggressive and territorial, they can reach densities of up to 200 adults per acre.

Michael Allen, professor of fisheries and aquatic sciences at the University of Florida, who was not involved in the study, said he has overcome his initial

skepticism on the value of lionfish derbies, not that he thinks they can come anywhere close to eradicating the species from Florida.

"When I first started working on this, I was of the opinion that derbies aren't a great use of resources," he said. "And in the grand scheme of things, derbies are probably not going to reduce lionfish in, for example, the Gulf of Mexico. But I do think that the recent work that paper showed that if focused in areas that are deemed critical habitat, important areas, and if the derbies are done regularly with regular removal, you can suppress lionfish abundances substantially."

They need to be done more frequently than the once-a-year intervals that are common, he said. And they work best on isolated populations of lionfish, so the removals don't simply open up spots for surplus lionfish on an adjacent reef.

"The take-home message for derbies is that yes, they can be effective for reducing lionfish abundance substantially," he said. "The best strategy for lionfish removals is going to be repeated removals in a focused area. The key to doing it is to focus on hotspots where we want to protect a diverse reef community. If you repeatedly remove lionfish off those sites, you can have a long-term impact."

But a long-term effect does not mean eliminating them. Lionfish reach sexual maturity fast. Females can discharge up to 15,000 eggs every four days. They can live comfortably hundreds of feet down, beyond the range of any diver. So no one expects them to be eradicated.

"We don't even use that word any more," Akins said. "That is not on the table. They're just too deep and too widespread."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida, will consider the following Ordinance for Adoption at a meeting and public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard February 6, 2018 in Commission Chambers, City Hall, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "ZONING" BY REPEALING SECTION 122-1336; BY AMENDING SECTION 122-1338, TO AMEND THE BPAS EQUIVALENCY TO .86 WHEN A TRANSIENT UNIT IS TRANSFERRED TO A NON-TRANSIENT UNIT AND TO REQUIRE REMOVAL OF THE TRANSFERRED MEDALLION AND PLACEMENT OF SAME AT THE RECEIVER SITE; AMENDING SECTION 122-1339 TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF A BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT FOR TRANSIENT USE TO AN AREA WHERE TRANSIENT USE IS PERMITTED WITHOUT THE ACCOMPANYING TRANSFER OF THE UNIT AND TO REQUIRE REMOVAL OF A TRANSFERRED MEDALLION AND PLACEMENT OF SAME AT THE RECEIVER SITE; AMENDING SECTION 122-1371 TO CLARIFY INTENT AND TO REQUIRE RETURN OF THE MEDALLION UPON TERMINATION OF A BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This proposed ordinance may be read in its entirety at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Any interested parties may appear at the meeting/hearing noted above and be heard by the City Commission with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Pursuant to F. S. 286.0105, notice is given that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

ADA ASSISTANCE: It is the policy of the City of Key West to comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please call the TTY number at 1-800-955-8771 or for voice 1-800-955-8770 or the ADA Coordinator at 305-809-3811 at least five business days in advance for sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in accessible format.

Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5220, 5224, 5228 & 5230 COLLEGE ROAD (RE # 00072082-002200, AK # 8757883; RE # 00072082-002100, AK # 8757875; RE # 00072080-002200, AK # 1076155; RE # 00072082-002400, AK # 8757905) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO CREATE A NEW HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE ROAD DISTRICT (HDR-1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES, CONDITIONAL USES, PROHIBITED USES AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A RESIDENTIAL DENSITY OF 40 UNITS PER ACRE AMENDING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 1, PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO THE TABLES OF USES AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE ROAD (HDR-1) DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENT AND CONDITIONAL ADOPTION UPON ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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LIVING BRIEFS

BASKET WEAVER LEADING CLASS

The Key Largo library is hosting Robin Forte, who will teach a pine-needle basket-weaving class, starting Monday at 12:30 p.m.

Forte teaches the type of basket weaving done by the Seminole and Coushatta Indians. The class is free but there is a \$15 fee for materials. The library is in Trade Winds Plaza, mile marker 101.4 oceanside in Key Largo Call the library to register, (305) 451-2396.

LATIN JAZZ ON TAP TONIGHT IN KEY WEST

Rolando Rojas and the Southernmost Brass join together tonight to perform classic Latin jazz with all their horns, flutes, congas, and timbales.

They will cover some favorites of the Buenavista Social Club, Compay Segundo, Celia Cruz, Gloria Estevan, Mark Anthony, Willie Chirino and many others. Dancing will be encouraged.

The show is at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St., at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7). Tickets are \$25 to \$35. Go to www.thekeywest-theater.com.

CELLIST PERFORMS FOR IMPROMPTU CONCERTS

Jacob MacKay, a young cellist from New Hampshire, will visit Key West for an Impromptu Concert performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval St. The concert is the second of Impromptu's 2018 season, celebrating the centennial of Leonard Bernstein, a frequent visitor to Key West.

MacKay has performed both as soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. Recently he participated in music festivals in Israel, the Festive Internationale de Musique de Chambre in France and numerous New Hampshire-based festivals, including the Monadnock Music and Electric Earth Concerts.

MacKay is a recipient of the coveted Leonard Bernstein Music Fellowship Award from Brandeis University. In 2016, he graduated with combined majors in music and environmental studies.

At Sunday's concert at St. Paul's, MacKay and pianist Charlie Tauber will perform a program that includes Lied Ohne Worte, op. 10, by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy; 5 Stücke im Volkston, op. 102, by Robert Schumann; 3 Meditations from Mass, by Leonard Bernstein; and the Sonata in G minor, op. 19, by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

DISCOVERY CENTER TALKS PONCE DE LEON

"Finding Bimini: The Real Scoop of Ponce de Leon" will be presented at the Keys History and Discovery Center in Islamorada Wednesday. Doors open at 5 p.m., the presentation begins at 6.

Bob Carr, the executive director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, presents new evidence on the mysteries of Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida and will discuss his quest for Bimini, Ponce de Leon's first landing location, and the site of his 1520 colony.

Cost for people not Discovery Center members is \$25 and includes admission to a movie and the museum as well as light appetizers. A cash bar will be available. Reservations are recommended. Call (305) 922-2237 or send an email to info@keysdiscovery.com. The center is at the Islander Resort at mile marker 82.

FREE FURNITURE FOR IRMA VICTIMS

Florida Keys residents that were affected by Hurricane Irma are eligible to receive free new furniture through the nonprofit Volunteers of America of Florida. All residents need to do is apply.

To find out how, call Danielle DiVittorio, director of outreach and development, at (727) 369-

8500.

NEUGENT SPEAKS TO LIBRARY FRIENDS

Monroe County Commissioner George Neugent will speak at 2 p.m. on Thursday to the Friends of the Marathon Library.

The session is at St. Columba Episcopal church, 451 52nd St. bayside, behind the Panda House restaurant. Neugent will address Hurricane Irma recovery efforts and federal and state government attempts to improve water flow to Florida bay and the Everglades.

Doors open at Come at 1:30 p.m. for coffee, tea and cookies. Admission is free and open to the public.

GARDEN EXPERT SPEAKS IN KEY LARGO

Brett Jestrow, herbarium curator at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, will discuss "A Common Garden Experiment Concerning the Florida Silver Palm Tree" in a Wednesday presentation in Key Largo.

It's part of the Delicate Balance of Nature speaker series sponsored by the Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park. Jestrow will revisit previous research presented on native palms of the Florida Keys and give updated information based on new data and methods.

The presentation will be at the Key Largo School's cafeteria, mile marker 105 oOceanside. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the lecture begins at 7:30. Bring your own cushion or folding chair for added seating comfort. Accommodate those who are chemically sensitive by not wearing fragrances and other scented products.

ART GUILD HOSTS OILS WORKSHOP

The Art Guild of the Purple Isles offers an oil-painting workshop by Michele Byrne Jan. 29, 30 and 31 at the Key Largo Lions Club.

Cost is \$300 for guild members and \$350 for others. To sign up, call email Marti Waltz at dirkwtz@aol.com or call (305) 853-9177.

FAMILY FUN DAY SET FOR JAN. 27

The Marathon Parks and Recreation Department hosts its annual Family Fun Day Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be local dancers, the Switlik Singers, "freeze dance" contest and many more activities. There will be animals from teh Monroe County Sheriff's Office Animal Farm and marine touch tanks, and more. Also count on games, arts and crafts, building workshops, button-making, hula-hoop contests, sno cones, hot dogs, cotton candy and popcorn.

The free event will be at the Marathon Community Park soccer fields at mile marker 49 oceanside.

MALCOM LEADING MARINE SESSION

Archaeologist and Mel Fisher Maritime Museum curator Corey Malcom will lead the first of a series of three historically illuminating 90-minute seafaring excursions presented by the Key West Art & Historical Society in partnership with Hindu Charters.

It launches Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. Passengers aboard the 79-foot wooden sailing schooner *Hindu* can enjoy mimosas or non-alcoholic beverages as Malcom shares the back story on the day's topic, "The Historic Seaport, Key West Bight."

The other two tours on the 93-year-old vessel are "Porter and the Pirates," presented by society curator Cori Convertito on Feb. 24 and "Coastal Fortifications in the Florida Keys" presented by Kelly Clark from the National Park Service March 31.

Tickets are \$50 for society members, \$60 for others. Space is limited to 25 passengers. For tickets and more information, visit kwahs.org or call Adele Williams at (305) 295-6616, Ext. 115.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 02-6431 COWE

NOVA INDUSTRIAL PARK Plaintiff,

vs,

STEVE PEARSON d/b/a MIDNIGHT EXPRESS AUTO AIR & ELECTRIC Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a Final Judgment entered by the County Court in and for Broward County, Florida on the 3rd day November, 2003, and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above styled cause on the 12th day of September, 2017, I, Richard A. Ramsay, Sheriff of Monroe County, Florida have levied upon and will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, subject to any mortgages or liens thereon, in the morning on the 7th day of February, 2018, at 10:00 AM. at Monroe County Court House 500 Whitehead Street Key West, Florida 33040, the interests of defendant STEVE PEARSON, in execution, in the following described property, subject to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments, or encumbrances whatsoever:

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

A PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 2, SOMBRERO SUB-DIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 152 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTH-WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE RUN SOUTH 15 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 8.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN NORTH 74 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 49.42 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 74 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.81 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 4.89 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 74 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.64 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 64.93 FEET, BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LOCATION:
300 25TH ST 1 & 2
MARATHON

DATED this 29th day of December, 2017.

Richard A. Ramsay, Sheriff
Monroe County, Florida

BY: Eugenia Rivas, Civil Clerk
Civil Process Division

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COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION / PUBLIC MEETING / BID OPENING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS THAT THE Monroe County School District will be receiving bids for the following:

- ITB 2018801 SUGARLOAF SEWER PHASE III
- ITB 2018802 FENCING

ITB 2018802 MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING – January 23, 2018 @ 9:00 AM, Upper Keys Annex, 90050 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070 and/or 2:00 PM, Sugarloaf School, 255 Crane Boulevard, Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042. Contractors are required to attend at least one meeting in order to bid.

BID OPENING – February 16, 2018 @ 1:00 PM, MCSD Administration Bldg, 241 Trumbo Road, Key West, FL 33040. Submissions for both ITBs will be opened and read with review by committee to immediately follow.

Bid Documents may be requested from Demandstar by calling 1-800-711-1712 or by going to www.demandstar.com or by going to <https://fl02202360.schoolwires.net/Page/5593>. The public re-

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cord document is available at the Purchasing Department, 241 Trumbo Road, Key West, FL 33040.

All bids must be received on or before dates specified in the bid documents. The Monroe County School District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities when it is in the best interest of the Board to do so.

Please contact Jessica Bailey, Buyer, with any questions regarding this bid. Jessica.Bailey@KeysSchools.com or (305) 293-1400 Ext 53352.

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STORAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. Notice of Sale

CONTAINER U – ASHRAF WAHBA VIOLET WAHBA

Upon a cursory inspection, the unit was found to contain: Household Goods Business Property & Records

Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of at this site on JANUARY 25, 2018 at 9:00AM at the address below, to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with State Statutes, Sections 83:801 to 83:909. Terms of the sale are cash. No checks will be accepted. All goods are sold in "as is" condition. Tax must be paid or resale numbers furnished. Buyer must provide own lock if needed. Seller reserves the right to overbid. All items or spaces may not be available on date of sale.

George Sands
Storage Solutions, Inc.
90080 Overseas Highway
Tavernier, FL 33070

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Notice of sale Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 677.209/210 of the Florida Statutes on February 08, 2018 at 10 A.M. *Auction will occur where each vehicle/vessel is located* 1986 SUN TRAILER, VIN# 1LC2S1L29GD245926 Located at: 1361 OVERSEAS HWY, MARATHON, FL 33050 Lien Amount: \$10,975.00.

a) Notice to the owner or lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of the Court. b) Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 559.917. c) Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court. Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020. *All auctions are held with reserve* Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction. LIC # AB-0001256. 25% Buyers Premium. No pictures allowed. Any interested party must call one day prior to sale.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ANCHOR TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 02/02/2018, 08:00 am at 189 US HIGHWAY 1 KEY WEST, FL 33040-5476, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. ANCHOR TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Unk Enclosed Trailer

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Ad# 0003476628

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

File No. 17-CP-75-M

Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT OWEN WHEELER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROBERT OWEN WHEELER, deceased, whose date of death was September

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for MONROE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3117 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, Florida 33050. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 13, 2018.

Personal Representative:

s/Lori Lind
Lori Lind
51 Tomahawk Trail South
Wakefield, RI 02879

Respectfully submitted,

s/Lesley Rhyne
Florida Bar No. 866016
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FICTITIOUS NAMES

Ad# 0003482075 GB

Notice is hereby given that FERNANDO A. CACERES, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of SANDY'S CAFE LLC located at 1026 WHITE STREET, KEY WEST, FL 33040 in MONROE County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Keys Botanics located at 59740 Overseas Highway in the County of Monroe, in the city of Marathon, Florida 33050 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Richard Kern, owner

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TAVERNIER 3/3 CBS HOME NEWLY REMODELED Impact windows. \$465,000. Call 305-360-5511 or 786-255-4771

HOMES FOR RENT

House for rent Key Largo, 1500 Sqft/2 ground level concrete home with central a/c, tile floors, big family room, new Appliances Huge yard for a boat, RV, car .Just 1 block from a private homeowners parkAvailable on January 1st \$ 2500 + utilities per month +security deposit 786-266-0727

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Immaculate 2 bed 1 bath stilt home Immaculate 2 bedroom 1 bath stilt home located in the heart of Key Largo. Large storage/workshop down. Private paver patio with BBQ. The house comes completely furnished. Unfurnished possible. Available Feb 1st. \$220,000 305-522-0384 john@coastalfloridakeys.com

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