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A well-known mate for hire at the Holiday Isle docks is killed — along with his brother — in a violent Saturday night boat crash. See story, Page 10.

Lists narrow

A prominent candidate for interim Keys schools superintendent is out of the running — because Gov. Charlie Crist instead appointed him to be interim Hillsborough County elections supervisor. Meanwhile, the list of applicants to be the School District's new CFO is narrowed to around half a dozen. See stories, pages 4 and 5.

Whale distressed

The wayward whale shark that's been hanging around Vaca Cut in Marathon is in "distress," likely struck by boats, entangled in monofilament and dragging a trap line. See story, Page 7.

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Candidate attacked, hospitalized

Milone is one of two victims in Old Town

By SEAN KINNEY
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Tom Milone, a candidate for the Key West City Commission and a well-known activist on numerous city issues, was attacked late Monday night — beaten so badly that he had his jaw broken and some teeth knocked out.

Milone, 63, was assaulted on Frances Street just after 10 p.m. His injuries were so severe that he had to be airlifted to Jackson

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Memorial Hospital in Miami. Just minutes before Milone was attacked, the Key West Police Department received a call that Don Sullivan, 65, was attacked nearby, on Elizabeth Street. He was treated by Key West Rescue.

Investigators believe the two attacks may be linked but as of press time Tuesday hadn't released any information about possible suspects or motives. However, they don't believe they're related to a brutal assault that occurred on July 8 on Fleming Street.

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Rash of motor thefts hits Keys

Authorities suspect culprits from the mainland

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Waves of boat-motor thefts aren't uncommon in the Upper Keys, which are easily accessible to mainland thieves who dash down, commit their crimes, then dash back north.

But for the Lower Keys, they're rare because of the extended travel distance along U.S. 1 — but apparently happening.

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Authorities say that since Jan. 1, at least 39 boat motors or lower motor units have been stolen, and they say it's highly unlikely it's the work of locals.

The targeted areas have been from Big Pine Key through Stock Island.

"It's a hit-or-miss thing," says Bobby Randolph, a detective sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office on Cudjoe Key. "It's not localized in one area. They're randomly hitting spots. Within a couple of days, we'll have three or four

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Photos by BOBBY ROGERS

This is the wide swath of damage caused by the 'Freedom,' the big boat in the photo below. That's Holiday Isle Resort on the right.

Grounding leaves big ditch

Seagrass damage measures nearly half a mile long

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The operator of the boat, named *Freedom*, has been cited for damaging protected resources of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Additional citations are expected after a federal damage-assessment team completes a more detailed survey of the grounding site later this week.

"You can stand on the [Whale Harbor] Bridge and see that he left a pretty good ditch

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By KEVIN WADLOW
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A 55-foot boat missed a shortcut into Whale Harbor off Islamorada, leaving the trawler grounded on a grass flat for several hours early Monday — and nearly half a mile of seagrass damage in its wake.

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Cops unveil new Tasers

All on patrol will be equipped with the weapons

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In a move that Key West Police Department Chief Donie Lee says is long overdue, all local cops will soon carry Tasers on their belts.

Tasers are non-lethal weapons that send an electrical charge through two metal barbs that puncture a suspect's skin; the Monroe County Sheriff's Office has been using Tasers the past three years.

The first Taser use took place Friday night.

Aaron Thomas Mantlo, 34, was tased twice by Detective Rich Thomas, stemming from an incident in which Mantlo allegedly assaulted his girlfriend at his Petronia Street home. Mantlo resisted verbal commands from police, according to reports. He was charged with aggravated battery, false imprisonment, resisting arrest and obstructing justice.

Thomas said that although he deployed his Taser twice on the same person in two separate five-second bursts, there is a built-in accountability.

"You don't want to give them [suspects] too much, of course," he said. "That officer is going to have to justify that. You've got to have a good reason."

There is also a "Taser Cam" built into these models; it fea-



Keynoter photo by SEAN KINNEY

Key West Police Officer Michael Chaustit receives a 50,000-volt shock from one of the department's new Tasers. Each officer that carries a Taser must experience the weapon's capabilities as part of routine training.

tures full audio and video, even in low light, which is activated as soon as the safety is disengaged.

Part of the Monday forum included a demonstration of the Taser; each police officer must be tased as part of their training.

"It's going to hurt," Officer Michael Chaustit, 275 pounds, said prior to being tased. "It's not something I'm looking forward to."

He lined up over blue gym mats, and as two other officers spotted him, there was a pop and then the crackle of electricity. Chaustit went stiff for five seconds, and then lay face down as the two barbs were plucked from his back.

"That's probably one of the more painful things I've ever done," he said after getting up.

The Key West City Commission unanimously supported the Taser purchase, to the tune of \$98,000 in federal forfeiture funds, back in May.

A 2005 study from the Northern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union concludes that 148 people in the U.S. and Canada have died following encounters with police Tasers since 1999.

Fifteen of those deaths occurred in Northern California, according to the study. Earlier this year, a San Francisco man was shot to death after a police officer mistook his service pistol for his Taser.

Key West police officials said that's why they require the Tasers be carried in a "cross-draw position." That means that the pistol is carried on the hip and the Taser is carried on the opposite side of the body on the front of the belt, with the stock facing the buckle.

Tasers deliver a 50,000-volt shock that is rendered largely non-lethal by a low current of 0.0021 amperes.

"Sometimes just the displaying of the Taser can reduce the chances of someone fighting," Thomas said.

By next Tuesday, all 60 members of the Patrol Division should have completed their Taser training and be equipped with the device.

Candidate attacked

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Milone is a retired clerk court from Buffalo, N.Y., and lives in Old Town on Caroline Street.

He's running for the District I City Commission seat currently held by Bill Verge. Former Mayor Jimmy Weekley is also running for the seat; Verge hasn't said if he'll seek re-election.

For campaigning purposes, Milone bills himself as "the people's watchdog" and is well known around Key West for his regular attendance at community meetings and offering his views



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on a wide range of issues facing the city.

He has previously run for a seat on the Utility Board, which oversees and sets policy for Keys Energy Services, and served on the now-defunct Port Advisory Board.

Verge said he believes the motive for the attack was money.

"I guess the economy gets worse, that sort of stuff starts increasing," he said.

GETTING IT STRAIGHT

Due to an editing error, a headline on Page 1 in Saturday's edition was incorrect. In the criminal cases against Randy and Monique Acevedo, Judge Mark Jones ordered those involved to curtail potentially prejudicial comments in public.

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Deputy Editor Margaret Menge with Dr. Doug Mader, owner of the Marathon Veterinary Hospital, on wild Burmese pythons and the dangers they pose.

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Damage extensive

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through there," said John Gargan, a longtime charter captain working from Whale Harbor Marina.

One boater estimated the propeller scar from the *Freedom* covers about four-tenths of a mile.

The operator reportedly is from the Jupiter area, but his identity wasn't available at press time Tuesday from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the lead agency in the investigation.

The *Freedom*, built in 1992 by Fleming Yachts, apparently tried to use the South Channel, an unofficial route through shallow water marked only by PVC pipes, but missed.

The nearby Whale Harbor Channel is designated by U.S. Coast Guard markers.

The South Channel is mostly

used by smaller boats. A boat the size of the *Freedom* had no business trying to get through it, a local captain says.

Four boats from Towboat/Poseidon Towing of Islamorada arrived at the scene around 9:30 a.m. Monday.

"We waited for high tide and got it off there about 1:30 p.m.," said company owner Barrie McCune. "We've seen quite a few vessels wind up in there."

The assessment team is slated to return Friday.

Groundings resulting in damage to seagrass habitats are subject to both federal and state fines. Penalties can include fines and the costs of assessing damage, restoration of habitat, and long-term monitoring of restored habitat.

In the Keys national marine sanctuary, boats can be fined an initial \$100 for a grounding, and \$75 per square yard of damage.

'Keynoter' wins 6 awards

Paper honored by industry trade group

The *Keynoter* took home six awards Saturday when the Florida Press Association bestowed its 2008 Better Weekly Newspaper Awards at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

The honors for content published in calendar year 2008:

◆ General excellence: Third place. Judging is based on all of the content of the paper, from cover to cover.

◆ Web Site: Second place (www.Keysnet.com is actually a venture of the *Keynoter*, *The Reporter* and *Keys Sunday*).

◆ Outdoors story: Third place, Kevin Wadlow, for a story on the battle over the

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use of J-hooks vs. circle hooks and their effects on fish.

◆ News story: Third place, Sean Kinney, for a story about the last day for residents at the Key West Convalescent Center, which closed following a state investigation into its operations.

◆ Editorial: Second place, Larry Kahn, for an editorial about Monroe County Mayor George Neugent's ascension to the top County Commission seat.

◆ Humor column: Second place, Kahn, for a piece about how different news stories can seem to be repetitive.

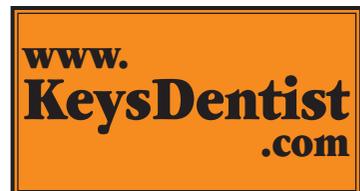
Reporter designer Melody Novoa also won an award, an honorable mention in feature photography for a photo of a

crocodile at sunset along her canal.

Overall, the contest drew 1,542 entries in 38 categories from 91 Florida newspapers.

Initial judging was done by two groups of Florida Press Association newspaper members, and final judging was done by members of the New York Press Association, Pennsylvania Press Association and the University of Central Florida Nicholson School of Communications.

The *Keynoter* was judged in Division B, one of three circulation divisions in the contest.



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District candidate eliminated

Crist instead appoints him to elections position

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Gov. Charlie Crist interviewed his first candidate for interim Monroe County schools superintendent on Friday and could make an official appointment soon, officials said.

But Tuesday, Crist had already pulled one person out of the running — by naming him the interim elections supervisor of Hillsborough County.

Earl Lennard, 67, was Hillsborough's schools superintendent from 1996 to 2005. Most recently, he was serving as an energy conservation consultant.

He was among 17 applicants to fill in for Randy Acevedo, the Monroe schools superintendent whom Crist suspended in June following Acevedo's arrest on a charge of official misconduct.

Instead, Crist appointed him to replace Phyllis Busansky, the Hillsborough elections chief who died last month just a few months into her first term.

Friday, Crist traveled to Fort Lauderdale to interview 61-year-old Brenda Magee for the Keys schools job. She's a former director of secondary education and assistant superintendent for the Palm Beach County School

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District. She's currently a field associate at Nova Southeastern University.

Sterling Ivey, spokesman for the governor's office, said more interviews could occur as the governor's schedule permits, but no other interviews are currently planned for the other applicants.

It's also unknown as to how Crist will consider a resolution by the Monroe County School Board urging an appointment from outside of the Keys, Ivey said.

"In terms of an announcement, nothing is planned right now," Ivey said this week. On Friday, however, Ivey said an appointment could come within a week.

Randy Acevedo is accused of covering up for his wife Monique, who's facing fraud and theft charges herself for allegedly stealing \$180,000 from the School District when she was employed there.

Following are the rest of the Keys superintendent candidates:

◆ Joe Allen, a retired teacher in New York, California and Pennsylvania. Also known as Trinidad Joe, he has lived in Key West for 15 years and has run for School Board twice. He's now running for U.S. Senate.

◆ Jeffery Arnott, assistant principal at Horace O'Bryant Middle School and district adult education coordinator. Arnott replaced Monique Acevedo in the Adult Education Department

after Acevedo was arrested.

◆ Terri Axford, principal at Sugarloaf School with 23 years experience as a teacher and principal in the Keys.

◆ Sandy Bisceglia, second-grade teacher at Stanley Switlik Elementary School and former principal at Plantation Key School. Acevedo demoted her from principal.

◆ Mary Casanova, executive director for Literacy Volunteers of America in Monroe County.

◆ Ken Davis, federal law enforcement administrator who ran unsuccessfully for Monroe County sheriff in 2008.

◆ Christine Geary, assistant public defender in Key West and Monroe County School District human resources manager from 1999 to 2003.

◆ Kathleen Guevremont, consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and director of elementary and secondary education for the Monroe County School District from 1998 to 2005.

◆ Sheryl Kaye, teacher and administrator for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in Washington state.

◆ Pat Labrada, a Key West mortgage broker and Realtor, Keys teacher from 1983 to 1986 and Monroe County School Board member from 1996 to 2004. Current board member Duncan Mathewson ousted Labrada in 2004.

◆ Phyllis May, former elected school superintendent for the Clay County School District in north Florida from 1992 to 1996. She has served as president of the League of Women Voters in Monroe County.

◆ Margo Romero, retired executive consultant for IBM who lives in Key West. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Barry University.

◆ Aline Sarria, principal at Sunset Elementary School in Miami since 2003.

◆ Ken Sorensen, former Monroe County mayor and four-time state representative.

◆ Sandra Vasu-Sarver, executive director for the Ohio Department of Education and former superintendent of South-Western City Schools District near Columbus, Ohio.

This report was supplemented with information from the St. Petersburg times.

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CFO list narrows

Half a dozen applicants are put at the top

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The headhunter hired to help the Monroe County School Board hire an internal auditor has narrowed the applicant list from 18 to around half a dozen.

Connie Hoffman, a Fort Lauderdale-based senior vice president for the Mercer Group out of Atlanta, plans to present her finalist list to the School Board at its July 21 meeting at its Key West district office.

"We have a good number of highly qualified candidates," she said.

Among the applicants is Key West consultant Lisa Vedder, who contended to the board at its meeting last week that Hoffman's search process is flawed — and that she, Vedder, isn't being considered because of it.

Not true, Hoffman says.

"I'm actually interviewing her later today [Tuesday]. Whatever opinions I have will be in my report to the board," Hoffman says.

"Ms. Hoffmann's performance has been confusing and erratic," Vedder said.

Despite Hoffman's plans to interview her Tuesday, she contends her candidacy was dropped on June 30 because she doesn't hold the designation of certified public accountant.

The School District's job description for internal auditor, a new position often referred to as a chief financial officer, calls for qualified applicants to be either CPAs or designated as certified internal auditors.

"You don't need both," Hoffman says.

Of the 18 candidates, six, including, Vedder, hold certified auditor designations; three are CPAs; six hold both certifications; and three hold neither.

Whoever is selected likely would start sometime in August and earn between \$90,000 and \$120,000, depending on qualifications.

The School Board decided to hire a CFO after the finance

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scandal enveloping the district erupted in the spring.

Superintendent Randy Acevedo, suspended by Gov. Charlie Crist last month, is charged with official misconduct for allegedly covering up his wife's reported theft from the district.

Monique Acevedo is charged with theft and fraud for allegedly stealing more than \$180,000 in district money when she worked for the district. She quit March 3 and was arrested in April.

Cops seek your help

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stolen, then we'll skip a few days, then they'll hit again."

Most of the thefts are of Yamaha and Mercury engines, around 200 horsepower. Particularly targeted are the lower units. A lower unit contains an engine's gearbox and is easily removed from a boat by removing just a few bolts.

Randolph says they retail for anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,800 each.

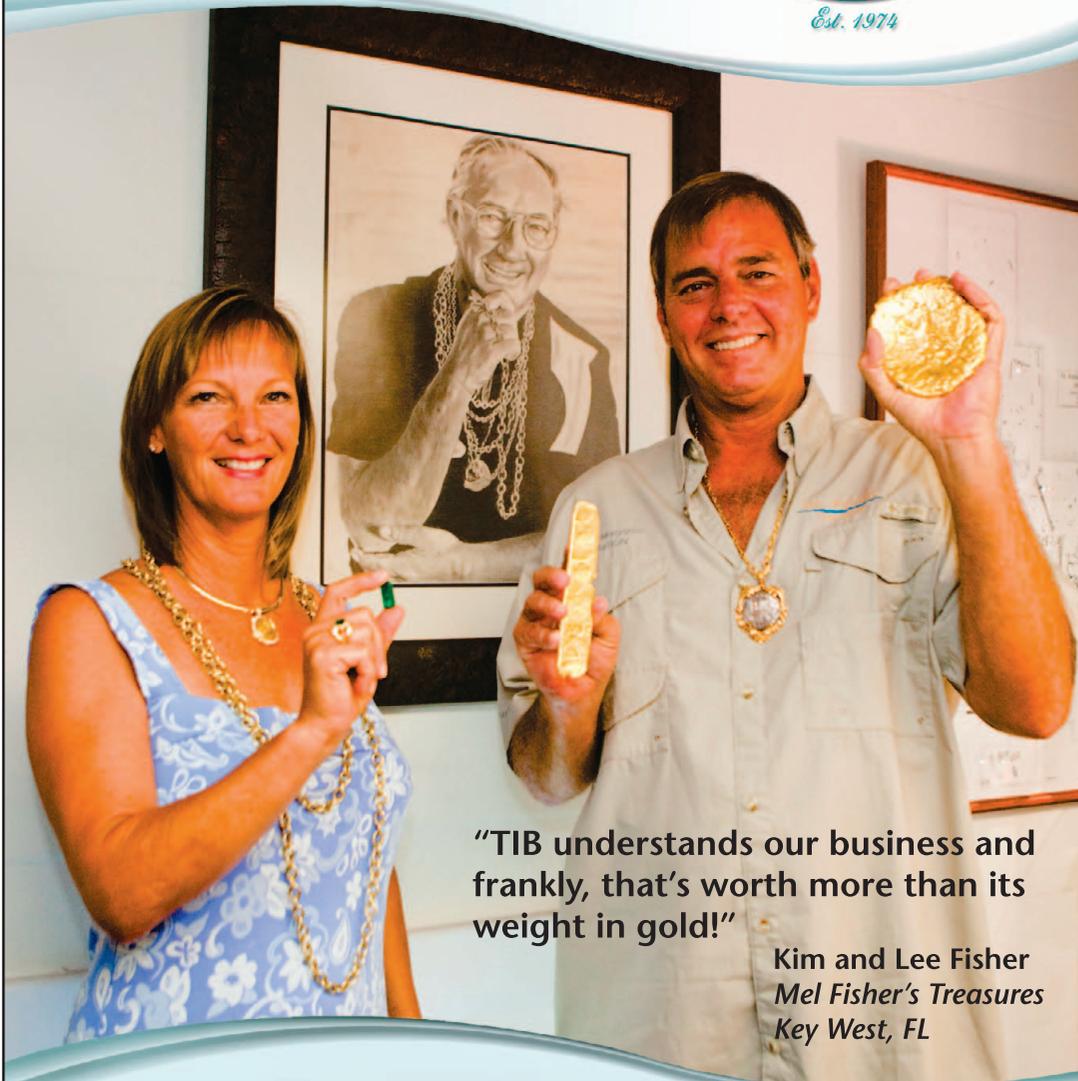
"It doesn't appear these would be stolen for local use, not this many, anyway," he says. "Someone may break a lower unit and can't afford to fix it and may go out and get one" from a dark boatyard, but that's a localized crime on a much smaller scale.

Most of the thefts have happened at vacant houses where the boats are stored on land. Randolph says the public needs to keep vigilant, looking for strange activity around such houses.

"Pay attention to strange vehicles slowing down to look at boats," he says. "Try to get a license plate number. We really need the public's help on this."

If you see anything suspicious, call the Cudjoe Key substation at 745-3184 or Crime Stoppers of the Florida Keys at (800) 346-TIPS. If a tip leads to an arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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'Glades OKs given, so what's the delay?

After years of delays in the vaunted Everglades restoration effort, it's time to speed things up.

The new federal stimulus package promises to ramp up needed projects throughout the nation. An allocation to help coral nurseries — a technique pioneered in the Florida Keys — was welcome news.

Now we need to keep the momentum going.

In mid-June, a federal district judge ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could proceed with building the Tamiami Trail Bridge, a one-mile-long, \$212 million bridge intended to restore a more natural flow of fresh water to the southern Everglades and Florida Bay.

Great. Now get it started. October has been mentioned for groundbreaking. Make it happen.

"This is a huge step in the right direction and we look forward to seeing the first shovel hit the ground on this project in the months ahead," said Kirk Fordham, chief of the Everglades Foundation.

Then there's the C-111 Canal project. The western portion of the two-phase system is inching closer to a start date.

But no date has been set for the start of the long-delayed eastern C-111 project, critical to northeast Florida Bay.

Move it up. Just move. It's been long enough.

An upside-down budget time

In today's *Keynoter*, you'll see stories about Monroe County, Marathon and Key West starting their 2009-10 budget processes, and Islamorada, Layton, Key Colony Beach and Mosquito Control aren't far behind.

Each year, we urge taxpayers to be aware of the shell game politicians play — lowering tax rates and claiming the crown of tax cutter while actually raising taxes themselves, since the values of homes were skyrocketing, meaning lower rates for higher values, and more money brought into the kitty.

It's early in the process, but now — with plummeting home values — it's especially critical to keep an eye on how local governments allocate your money and justify your tax bite.

This year, expect to hear higher tax rates defended because of the falling home values. There will be some truth to that.

But there is also the risk that property owners will get the wool pulled over their eyes in this about-face, down-is-up year of doing budgeting.

We urge property owners to be vigilant. Keep an eye on the dollars and let the budget writers — and the politicians — know that, like them, you know how the math games are played.

Higher rates? Maybe. Make sure to keep officials' toes to the fire and let them know how high is just too much.

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Mechanic is a big rip-off artist

EDITOR:

You have a so-called mechanic in your midst on Big Pine Key who is anything but a qualified mechanic. Let me tell my horror story.

We had our car towed to his establishment on April 24, based on a recommendation of a friend. The car overheated and the sensor was not working properly to warn us of the problem. As a result, the head gasket needed to be replaced.

The mechanic was also to replace the sunroof and water pump, change the oil, repair the passenger window mechanism, and replace the sensor. This mechanic requested a \$600 deposit for parts, which were sent overnight on April 26. Then he said that he needed another deposit for the same amount, which was sent again. A few weeks after that, another frantic request came for \$450 for the sunroof or he wasn't able to accept delivery of this part.

Supposedly on June 3, the car was completed and ready for pickup. He wanted another \$1,484 in order to release the car. His estimate had been \$2,000. The money was wired to his girlfriend's account in order to finish any transaction with him, get the car, and escape any more conversations or transactions with the Big Pine bamboozler.

He didn't do the work and we couldn't find

the car. He had not even begun the work after two months and more than \$3,000. He said he ordered the wrong sunroof so that wasn't done, although it was paid for. He didn't fix the window. He didn't put in a new water pump. He didn't even change the oil.

This is what he did do: Replace the head gasket. Let me tell you what else he did. He put the heavy engine parts on the leather front seats and broke both of them. He broke the sensor in the car. He didn't clean the screen that filters the oil and allows it to lubricate the engine. No wonder he refused to provide a promised itemized receipt although paid more than in full.

So then while driving away from Big Pine toward better mechanics and towns with Saab dealerships, the engine blew up. The car is history. Now the repair costs are gone. The car is gone. The mechanic is still bamboozling people on Big Pine. Perhaps he should go into another more suitable business to showcase his name and talents. In his next endeavor, he might bother getting a license to operate a place of business in compliance with county codes.

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Studios inspires artists of all stripes

EDITOR:

Do the citizens of the Keys, especially Key West, realize the pearl within their community? I'm referring to the Studios of Key West and the cultural events and classes this arts organization offers throughout the year.

I was the June 2009 artist in residence (from Los Angeles). The professionalism, support and efficiency of the Studios of Key West office staff helped make the studio experience a productive one.

My project, a high-definition video documentary about botanist Dr. Henry Perrine's contribution to Florida's early horticultural history (1838-1840), brought new friendships and helpful contacts that I would not otherwise have had while doing research.

During the residency, I was impressed when observing one of the watercolor classes taught by Susan Sugar at the Armory. Her reach-and-teach effectiveness in communicating the skills necessary for this kind of painting was valuable to both the advanced artist as well as the novice. There were no attitudes; everyone attending was there to learn in what proved to be a very relaxed, conducive atmosphere.

This kind of cultural resource that nurtures the individual is like a vitamin. It also benefits the Keys community and thus extends out into the world.

You folks have a good thing going. Keep it up. Get involved and get inspired.

Steve DeGroot
Los Angeles

Help find Shady

EDITOR:

I just wanted to say thanks to all the members of our community who tried to help me find my dog Shady. It was very overwhelming, all the support and help I received.

Special thanks to BizBaz, Leigha and El Ocho, who put the word out for me on a daily basis. Also, Blue Water Printing, which copied the fliers and laminated them and did it for free, and Linda and her staff at Stand Up for Animals, which put up with my daily phone calls. And the various people who called us with sightings and assistance.

Although Shady is still gone, I was deeply touched by everyone who helped out. We live in a great community.

Leslie Ertl
Summerland Key

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County unveils proposed spending plan

Lower values could wreak havoc with taxes

By RYAN MCCARTHY
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Monroe County's proposed budget for next fiscal year totals a 4 percent reduction from the current year.

But how it will affect your wallet isn't so clear.

Monday, county staff presented the County Commission with an overall proposed spending package of \$329.1 million, down from the current \$343.3 million.

Even with the smaller budget, property tax collections are proposed to increase by more than \$2.5 million, from \$85.28 million to \$87.79 million. Those taxes fund the operating, or day-to-day, budget.

Additional revenue sources for 2009-10 include the fund balance (\$102.3 million), charges

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for services (\$56.34 million), state and shared sales tax (\$35.32 million), and grants (\$19.95 million).

The rollback tax rate for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 is proposed at 3.7893. That's the aggregate rate, but not everyone in unincorporated Monroe would actually pay that. For example, those who live in the Duck Key Security District would pay more for their special taxing district than those who don't.

Same thing for people who live in special sewer taxing districts. Those who live in those districts might pay more than residents whose homes don't fall into such districts.

The rollback tax rate is the rate that would collect the same amount in taxes dollars next year as the current fiscal year. This year's adopted millage rate for unincorporated Monroe County is 3.19.

The owner of a house

assessed at \$300,000 would have paid \$957 in county taxes this year. At the 3.7893 rate, the same owner would pay \$1,136 next year — assuming the house retained its value.

But property values in Monroe decreased significantly this year, meaning less value to tax.

According to the county Property Appraiser's Office, taxable property value in the unincorporated area dropped from \$26.7 billion to \$22.25 billion.

The commission is scheduled to meet July 24 to set an official proposed millage rate. Once that's done, under state law, it can be lowered but not raised.

In a presentation to the commission at the Marathon Government Center, County Administrator Roman Gastesi said the budget is going down because in the past year, numerous jobs have been eliminated and the government has downsized from nine to four divisions.

"We've responded and man-

aged to absorb the economic downturn," Gastesi said.

Gastesi said the proposed budget would maintain current service levels for residents, continue funding for nonprofit organizations, fully fund TraumaStar — the county's emergency air transport service — and provide for improvements to fire and rescue services.

But for the third consecutive year, county staff will not get salary increases.

"I must apologize but we just cannot do it this year," Gastesi

said.

Some ongoing issues, according to Gastesi:

◆ The Fire and Emergency Medical Services fund may require a tax increase for fiscal year 2010-11 budget. Gastesi said reserves will be critically low at the end of next fiscal year.

"We're eating into it more than we would like to," he said.

◆ The county has reached "maximum debt capacity," meaning it cannot take on additional loans to fund outstanding central sewer projects.

Whale shark 'in distress'

Witnesses report monofilament entangling it

Keynoter Staff

A whale shark that's been hanging around Vaca Cut apparently is injured and "is definitely in distress."

So says Turtle Hospital Administrator Ryan Butts, who says that on Jan. 8, the day the *Keynoter* reported that the 25-foot animal was so close to land that people were swimming with it, "witnesses reported several prop scars and monofilament entanglement around the shark's tail. One report even said it had a [lobster] trap around its tail."

Whale sharks can grow up to 40 feet long but generally are considered gentle. They normally live in deep water; that's why the one around Vaca Cut has been causing such a stir — but, Butts says, to its detriment.

Vaca Cut's currents can be rough, and handling a boat going through it can be difficult, meaning the greater

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chance of striking the shark.

"Whale sharks are an endangered species and this one is known to be in distress," Butt says. "We encourage everyone to be extremely careful while navigating boats in and around the east end of Marathon and Vaca Cut."

He also cautions against the urge to jump in and swim with it.

"A human could easily be injured or even killed with a swat of its powerful tail."

The animal was first reported north of Florida Keys Marathon Airport, in about 8 to 10 feet of water, almost four weeks ago.

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City sets conservative tax rate

By RYAN McCARTHY
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The Marathon City Council on Monday adopted a starting millage rate for 2009-10 of 1.80, 4.75 percent below the rollback rate of 1.88.

Rollback is the rate required to collect the same amount of property taxes next year as this year. Marathon's current millage is 1.5, which equals \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

At the proposed rate, the owner of a \$300,000 home in Marathon would pay \$540 in property taxes. The same owner

paid \$450 in the current year.

But property values in Marathon decreased significantly this year, from \$2.83 billion to \$2.21 billion. And that would mean fewer taxes collected from houses with lower values.

"What a year, that's all I can say," City Manager Clyde Burnett said as he outlined the budget to the City Council. "Last year, we saw what was happening with the economy and we got a lot of things accomplished. I had to abolish some positions; that means some people lost their jobs. Ten positions [were] abol-

ished in the last year, and that's where significant savings appear."

Layoffs in the past year include Deputy City Manager C.J. Geotis, Code Department Director Michael Storm, biologist Darla Williams and Human Resources Director Susan Funk. Burnett's estimated a cost savings to the city between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Burnett said the city is currently 7 percent below the current year's budget, but was not optimistic about the near future.

"Revenues for next year is not a pretty picture; we're anticipating a lot less revenues," he said.

"We have really looked at every department and [Burnett has] done a great job of reorganizing and streamlining, and eliminating positions as well, but keeping levels of service high," City Finance Director Peter Rosasco said. "1.8 is what we feel like the highest figure would be. We are going a little bit into our fund balance to get there, so we're offsetting the very significant decrease in revenue by con-

tinued cost cutting and using a little surplus."

The city has nearly \$5 million in reserves, which amounts to 55 percent of expected expenditures. Rosasco said such a number is "nirvana" for most governments.

But the council was clear it isn't pleased with a 1.8 millage rate, adding there is more than enough time to reduce it before adopting a final budget.

Keys obituaries

Dave Navarro



NAVARRO

Capt. Dave Navarro of Marathon died on June 6 in Marathon.

He was born on June 10, 1958, to Raymond and June Navarro, and was a fifth-generation

Conch. He graduated from Marathon High School.

Capt. Navarro worked at the radio station on Boot Key and as a charter captain, and shortly after his marriage to Anne, he joined her in continuing the business the World Class Angler in the lighthouse at Faro Blanco Marine Resort.

The bait and tackle grew and moved to Overseas Highway, where he led weekly fishing seminars and wrote fishing columns for local newspapers and Salt Water Fishing Magazines. His humor was evident in his radio fishing reports weekday mornings and on the World Class Angler marquee.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Anne; daughters Julie and Michelle; father Raymond; and niece and nephew Beth and Jonathon Morgan.

A burial at sea is planned for around 3:30 p.m. July 30 at Sombrero Light. To join the family, meet at the Keys Fisheries commercial entrance at 3 p.m. A celebration of life follows at the Marathon Elks Lodge. Bring a dish and stories to share.



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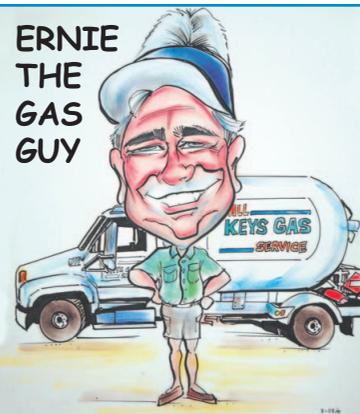
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City millage to rise

Budget process officially starts Thursday morning

By SEAN KINNEY
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Key West city staff on Thursday is expected to present the city's proposed property tax rate — a higher rate — for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

The millage rate for the current fiscal year is 2.2794, with the owner of a \$300,000 house paying \$684 in taxes on that house.

Under the proposed millage for 2009-10 of 2.3364, the same house would be taxed \$700.92.

But property values have plummeted the past year, meaning a higher tax rate

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might not necessarily translate into more actual dollars paid. But that all needs to shake out as the budget process gets into high gear.

Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan noted that the current fiscal year has been tough on traditional sources of city revenue. The current city budget is \$38 million and about \$27 million of that goes toward staffing.

"It's been an extremely flat year on revenues and, like everyone else, we've had an increase in the cost of doing business," he said.

In addition to looking for potential new revenue streams, city officials have eliminated 38 full-time positions in the past year. It also effectively eliminated another eight positions by transferring employees into vacant jobs.

With those steps already taken, "It's still a challenge," Finigan said, "but not as Herculean as a challenge."

Thursday's budget workshop starts at 8 a.m. in Old City Hall on Greene Street; after a proposed millage is adopted, it cannot increase, only decrease.

There will be two public budget hearings in September before a final budget and millage are adopted.

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Cops look for help to solve attack

Key West police are looking to the public to help solve a July 8 robbery in Old Town.

Police say the incident occurred around 10:15 p.m. Seund H. Lee was walking from Duval Street, headed toward the Eden House guest house, when he noticed two young men following him. When he reached Grinnell and Fleming streets, one of the men struck him, knocking him to the ground. They grabbed his wallet and fled toward the city cemetery, police say.

Lee was later airlifted to Miami as a result of his injuries.

The assailants are described as probably in their late teens or early 20s. Both are believed to be between 5 foot 6 and 5 foot 9, with short hair. Both were clean shaven.

Lee remembers one of the men as thin, the other as having a bit of a beer belly.

Detectives are seeking information from anyone who might have seen anything suspicious that evening between 9:30 and 10:30. Call 809-1111. To make an anonymous report, call Crime Stoppers at (800) 346-TIPS. If a Crime Stoppers tip leads to an arrest, the caller may be eligible for a cash reward.

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Keys man dies in boat crash

By KEVIN WADLOW
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A well-known mate at the docks of Holiday Isle Resort and Marina, Wade Clayton loved to talk about fishing and his young son.

“Wade was a heck of a fisherman and just a super nice guy,” said Greg Pope, captain of the offshore charter boat *Tag 'Em*.

“He was crazy about his son,” Pope said. “We’d always wind up talking about our kids.”

Clayton, 33, of Tavernier was killed in a boat collision just before midnight Saturday off Miami’s Dinner Key. Also killed was Wade’s brother Charles, 32.

“They had four brothers in the family and lost two of them at once,” said Pope, who hired Wade Clayton as his regular mate for a five-month period. “It’s an absolute tragedy, there’s no other way to describe it.”

A celebration of their lives is planned for 6 p.m. today at the Palmetto Bay Village Center south Miami-Dade County.

Colby Clayton, a surviving brother, also works as a mate on an offshore boat in Islamorada.

“Wade has worked on my boat,” said J.R. Rudzin, captain

of the *J.R.* “He was a hard worker and a good guy. What a shame.”

According to a *Miami Herald* account of the fatal accident, Wade and Charles Clayton were aboard a 21-foot Hewes skiff while returning from a trip to catch bait. A third man on the Hewes, Brandon Foster, was injured but survived.

Their boat collided with a 23-foot Bayliner operated by Paudides Machado, 46. The men aboard the Bayliner said they were heading to help a friend aboard a disabled boat.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is investigating the crash but hasn’t identified a cause. The collision took place about a mile offshore, two miles from Dinner Key.

Alan Almond, the Clayton brothers’ stepfather, said the two brothers were experienced fishermen who had traveled to Costa Rica, Mexico and the Caribbean on fishing trips.

“The odds were 50 million to 1,” Almond said. “They were one of the only boats out there.”

A trust fund has been established for Wade Clayton’s 5-year-old son, Caiden.

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Marathon Chamber mixer at yacht club

The Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce business after-hours event is tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marathon Yacht Club. Enjoy food and wine and the opportunity to meet Marathon business owners.

Sabino named employee of quarter

Dan Sabino has been named Keys Energy Services' outstanding employee of the third quarter for 2009.

Sabino has worked for Keys Energy for more than three years and now serves as Keys Energy's project engineer. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing general engineering support, overseeing installation of new equipment and retrofits, and reviewing technical submittals from vendors.

Sabino was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. He earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh before moving to Key West in 1998, where he lives with his partner, John.

Guieb celebrates 10 years with bank

Esther Guieb, a residential and consumer loan processor at First State Bank of the Florida Keys, recently celebrated her 10th anniversary with the bank.

Guieb was hired in 1999 as a customer service representative and safe deposit box custodian at the main office. She was promoted to loan servicing specialist in November 2004 and assumed her current position a year later.

Guieb was born and raised in Key West and lives there with her husband and children.

Citizens rates going up for most in South Florida

Keynoter Staff

Most Keys homeowners covered by the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. will see a 10 percent increase in premiums next year.

Citizens' board of governors affirmed the hike last week and said the increases won't end there.

Over the next five years, Citizens will continue to raise rates. By the end of that period, premiums could more than double what homeowners pay today.

"In less than five years, rates would more than double" because those 10 percent increases are compounded, FIRM President Heather Carruthers told the *Miami Herald*.

"That's why the rate cap was so important to lawmakers," said Christine Turner, Citizens' director of government relations.

The Citizens' rate changes kick in after Jan. 1 as policies come up for renewal.

Governors said the goal is to ensure that Citizens, the largest insurer of homes in Florida, accumulates sufficient reserves to cover the bulk of the claims it could face if a massive storm hits an urban section of the state.

About half of Citizens' 1.1 million policies cover South Florida properties. For homeowners in coastal sections of the state, such as the Keys, it is practically the only option for windstorm coverage.

The immediate pain could have been worse if Citizens had been allowed to increase its rates without any limitations, after a three-year rate freeze imposed by the Legislature.

That freeze ends this year and the board of governors agreed to the 10 percent increase cap authorized by the Legislature in May.

Citizens had until today to file a detailed rate plan to state regulators, who have final approval.

Colleen Repetto, executive director of Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe, says Citizens would likely increase Keys

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rates even more if the new law didn't stand in its way.

She outlines two main issues:

First, Citizens is supposed to submit what it considers to be actuarially sound rates. But, the legislature set a 10 percent cap. "The law will always trump what Citizens wants to do," she said.

Repetto worries, however, that future legislatures could change or throw out the cap. That's why FIRM plans to attend public hearings, likely in August, that follow the rate fil-

ing.

She said FIRM will keep pushing for equitable rates, contending that insurers don't take into account a variety of factors that make the Keys unique, including tougher building codes and building height restrictions. Those arguments were successful in securing a rate rollback a few years ago.

Repetto said FIRM brings experts to press its case at those hearings.

"FIRM has to be there for everyone in the county," she said. "It's critical that people understand that we're fighting for everybody."



HELPING HOSPICE: Celebrating the Fourth of July at the annual picnic of Hospice of the Florida Keys/Visiting Nurse Association at the Casa Marina Resort in Key West are state Rep. Ron Saunders; Karen Sharp, First State Bank president and CEO; Liz Kern, Hospice president; and Don Lanman, senior vice president of First State, a major sponsor of the picnic.

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Erin and Chris Otten have the baddest — meaning good — burritos around.

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Key West

For a fresh, customizable take on the classic burrito, check out Bad Boy Burrito on the south end of Simonton Street in Key West.

Husband and wife Chris and Erin Otten opened up their cozy, lunch-counter-style restaurant last April.

"For years I always thought about it," Erin says of the menu concept. "It just had a nice ring to it. Everybody loves a bad boy," she joked.

Chris is the former head chef at 915 on Duval Street; he has cooked for a James Beard Foundation event and won several culinary awards.

For \$8, you can get an organic flour tortilla and your choice of one meat, one veggie, one sauce and up to three toppings.

Meat options are kobe beef, chicken or pork carnitas; sauce choices include pico de gallo, red chili or mango habenero. Then top it all off with some of the 11 toppings — cheese, radish, whatever you like.

Other menu options include fish tacos, ceviche and a duck quesadilla.

Bad Boy Burrito also pulls double-duty as a coffee shop and smoothie counter.

Bad Boy Burrito is at 1220 1/2 Simonton St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day but Sunday. Call 292-2697.

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SMART Ride meeting tonight

Local organizers of the SMART Ride are hosting an informational meeting at 6 tonight at the Gordon Rollins Center, 1434 Kennedy Drive in Luani Plaza in Key West, to answer questions about the January ride.

The SMART Ride is a 165-mile, two-day bicycling event from Miami to Key West to raise money for five AIDS service organizations from Orlando to Key West. Last year's ride raised more than \$595,000, with more than \$101,000 of that going to AIDS Help in the Keys. The money goes to cover the cost of food, clothing, shelter, prescriptions and doctor visits for those living with HIV/AIDS.

For more information, call Karen at 296-6196 or visit www.themartride.org.

Tasters Guild goes organic

The Upper Keys Tasters Guild hosts its second annual organic wine dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Tasters Grille & Market in Tavernier.

Cost is \$59 per person, tax and tip included. Reservations are required. Call 853-1177.

Camp E.D.G.E. is approaching

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to attend vacation Bible school at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, mile marker 93 in Tavernier, from July 27 through 31.

It's themed "Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience and Discover God Everywhere." Activities include hearing Bible stories and scripture games and recreation, doing arts and crafts, and learning songs.

Call 852-2581.

Nature: The last resort

Former motel blooms into lush new garden

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A garden of native plants blooms at the Key Largo Ranger Station, due in large part to the efforts of local volunteers.

Volunteers have largely taken over a project launched three years ago to transform an open space at the former bay-side motel at mile marker 98 into a centerpiece of native landscaping.

"It helps bring awareness that Everglades National Park is in our back yards," said Rob Clift, a staffer with the National Parks Conservation Association, who donated his time.

"Since late August 2008, volunteers have met regularly each week to maintain the native plant areas," said Linda Friar, a spokeswoman for the National Park Service, which operates the property holding the Key Largo Ranger Station and Science Center.

"In total, we have spent approximately 75 hours since late August 2008 on the native landscaping," said Leslie Clift. "We have been focusing on the plant beds near the offices and the center hammock."

The old resort was acquired by the federal government more than a decade ago to provide the Park Service with bayfront access, along with office and boat space for a number of agencies and researchers.

The day before President Obama's inauguration, volunteers donated a day of service — part of a national day of service — at the site.

"I like to do things to the advantage of the environment. This is a time when the country is in need of help and every individual should do their part," said Audrey Smith, a volunteer. "It's interesting to work with volunteers of different age groups."

After heavy spring rains, the site is fully in bloom.

Bob Showler, an ecologist working for the Park Service,



Volunteers (left) including Rob Clift, Joe Cavanaugh, Audrey Smith and Leslie Clift pitch in to turn open space at the Key Largo Ranger Station and Science Center into a nursery of native plants that will help the local environment.

Photo courtesy NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

launched the native landscaping project three years ago. In three separate plantings in 2007 and 2008, more than 256 native trees, shrubs, ground covers and vines were planted by staff and volunteers from AmeriCorps.

The plants, including threatened and endangered species, were donated by the Native Plant Nursery at Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park.

Many of the plants attract butterflies and songbirds, and should do a small part to help replace the Keys' expanse of tropical hardwood hammock, an environment found nowhere else in the United States.

"It's great that the local community volunteers have donated their time on this native landscaping project," Clift said.

Adjacent to the Ranger Station is a nine-acre tract of mature tropical hardwood hammock, with five trees listed as national champions. National champion trees are the largest known examples of their species, as recorded by the American Forests' National Register of Big Trees.

The Key Largo Ranger Station and Science Center generally is not open to the public, but those interested in touring the site or becoming involved in volunteering can send an e-mail to outreach specialist Bridget Litten at Bridget_Litten@nps.gov.



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A bee (above) finds new landscaping, like this Caribbean native firecracker plant, to its liking at the Key Largo Ranger Station at mile marker 98. The formerly barren median of a former resort parking lot (below) at the Key Largo Ranger Station now sports a garden of native plants thanks to volunteer efforts.



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The City of Key West Citizen Review Board is seeking nominations of candidates for appointment to the Citizen Review Board (CRB). The City of Key West CRB consists of four members appointed by the City Commission and three members appointed by the CRB itself. Members serve a four-year terms.

Currently, there is one board position available with an expiring term of June 30, 2013. This position shall be nominated by a local civic or social organization and appointed by the Key West City Commission

Each member appointed shall be an elector, resident of Key West, with a reputation of integrity and commitment to improving police/community relations. For further information regarding the CRB & position requirements, please review our website at www.keywestcity.com and select Citizen Review Board under the Departments tab.

Individuals wishing to apply for appointment consideration are encouraged to submit a CRB application and a letter with their resume to Stephen C. Muffler, Esquire, Executive Director (305) 809-3887 or crb@keywestcity.com with a letter of nomination from the civic or social organization. Applications with instructions can be downloaded from our website. All applications and additional documents sent to the CRB become public record.

Applications & nominations must be received or postmarked no later than 5:00 PM., August 7, 2009. Mail to: PO Box 1946, Key West, FL 33041-1946 or hand-deliver to City of Key West Citizen Review Board, #3 East Quay Road, (Inside Truman Annex) Key West, FL 33040.

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Keys briefs

Ice cream social benefits MARC House

The ReMARCable Mattheessen's & Waterfront Market Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit Social to benefit the Monroe Association of ReMARCable Citizens is planned for July 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the MARC House, 1401 Seminary St., Key West.

A five-meal package to local restaurants will be raffled. To get tickets, e-mail Sue Harrison at suemaru@msn.com.

Pray against the hurricanes

The second annual Hurricane Hymnfest and Prayers for Calm Waters hosted by Keys Area Interdenominational Resources and Marathon churches gets under way at 6 p.m. July 26 at Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church, 88th Street and U.S. 1 in Marathon.

An ice cream social will follow. There is no charge, although an offering for KAIR will be

taken during the service.

Barbecue benefits Marathon's Farmer

A community barbecue to benefit Donna Farmer, whose Maytag coin laundry — the only one in Marathon — burned June 18, is planned for 4 p.m. July 26 at the Stuffed Pig on 35th Street, Marathon.

The event, called Loads of Love, will include food, of course, as well as beer, music, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle and more.

Farmer hopes to rebuild, but it

could be some time before she reopens. For information on how to help, call Hillary Harrison at 434-0267.

Cancer Society seeks volunteers

The American Cancer Society in the Keys is recruiting volunteers willing to drive local cancer patients to and from treatments throughout the county and work with health-care providers to promote the group's patient programs and services. To get involved, call 292-2333, Ext. 4900.

Keys Military

Middle Keys



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◆ U.S. Air

Force Airman Ryan Lowe has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the former

Marathon and is a 2008 graduate of Marathon High School.

Upper Keys

◆ Stephen Logan Jr., son of Edith Z. Nicholson of Long Key and Stephen Logan of Exton, Pa., recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Flotilla offers boating courses

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-08 is offering the following boating safety training sessions:

◆ The Weekender Boating Safety and Seamanship Class will be offered on Aug. 1 and 2 at the Boy Scouts of America Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key. Sessions begin at 8 a.m. Cost for singles is \$45, for couples, \$70.

This class will also be offered on Sept. 19 and 20 at the Zane Gray Lounge at the World Wide Sportsman in Islamorada.

◆ An eight-hour GPS For Mariners course is offered Aug. 22 at St. James Fisherman Church, mile marker 87.4, Islamorada.

For further information, call (888) 470-5566 Ext. 1, or 896-1964.

Former Conch back on the DL

The St. Louis Cardinals have returned infielder Khalil Greene, a former star for the Key West High School baseball team, to the disabled list with social anxiety disorder.

The move came earlier this month after Greene was removed from a 6-2 loss following an ineffective performance at the plate and at third base.

The move also occurred 11 days after the club activated Greene from a previous stay on the disabled list necessitated by the same condition.

Greene, a member of the Conchs' 1996 and 1998 state championship teams, went to Clemson on a baseball scholarship.

The Padres selected him 13th overall in the 2002 draft, and he had a rapid rise through the minors. San Diego traded him to St. Louis in December.

— McClatchy Tribune

Upper Keys advance

By KEVIN WADLOW and RYAN MCCARTHY
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The Upper Keys all-stars in the Little League Age 11-12 District 8 Tournament headed for Miami on Tuesday with their pennant hopes alive.

The Upper Keys team pulled out an 11-8 victory over Homestead in Saturday's finale of round-robin play in the tournament South Pool at

Baseball team defeats Homestead, moves on to play Liberty City in Dave

LITTLE LEAGUE

the Key Largo Community Park.

Will Goodwin got his second tournament pitching win with the decision. Daryl Chou earned a save by closing out Homestead in the top of the sixth inning.

"It was an exciting game to watch," said head coach Randy Bohnstedt, assisted by coach Billy Goodwin. "We played good defense all the way."

As South Pool runner-up to pool winner Doral (3-0), the Upper Keys (2-1) headed to Claude Pepper Park to face

Liberty City, the North Pool winners, in a district semifinal (results pending at press time).

On Thursday, the Upper Keys mounted a last-stand rally against Doral in Thursday's second-round game but fell short, 8-5.

"We scored five runs in each of our first two games," Bohnstedt said. "We can't count on winning with five

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Keys take on Doral

Keynoter Staff

The Upper Keys all-stars in the Little League Age 10-11 District 8 Tournament close out their four-game slate today with a 7 p.m. game against event host Doral.

The Keys squad was overtaken by Miami Springs, 16-15, in the bottom of the last inning on Monday.

"The good thing was that we finally hit the ball like we can," said Upper Keys head coach Richard Holt. "The guys are looking forward to playing Doral."

The Keys lineup exploded for six runs off six hits in the fifth inning Monday to take a 14-12 lead over Miami Springs.

That was after the Keys fell behind, 9-0, after a bad first inning.

"We did a nice job coming back but we couldn't hold them at the end. That's baseball," assisted by coach Jason Richards.

Jadwin Manuel had two singles and a double against Miami Springs, and Raul Munoz has his best game of the tournament with a pair of doubles.

Today's game at the Doral tournament site gives the Upper Keys (1-2) a chance to even its record in the three-team competition.



Upper Keys third baseman Eddie Evans waits for the throw to the bag, trying to beat a sliding North Miami runner in a Friday semifinal game of the Little League Age 9-10 District Tournament. North Miami won, 17-4.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Upper Keys end 3-1

By KEVIN WADLOW
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LITTLE LEAGUE

Riding a big first-inning lead, North Miami ended the season of the Upper Keys all-stars in the Little League Age 9-10 District 8 semifinals Thursday.

"Sometimes, you wish you

were playing two out of three instead of sudden death," said Upper Keys head coach Jack Falucci.

North Miami scored nine runs in the top of the first and cruised to a 17-4 final over the Upper Keys at the Key Largo Community Park.

The Keys team entered the district semifinals as the South Pool champion with a 3-0 record.

North Miami, runner-up in the North Pool, used two hits, three hit batters, three Keys errors and three walks in the opening rally.

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Upper Keys advance, Marathon falls

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runs." The Upper Keys scored four runs over the first two innings against Doral but then struggled offensively until the bottom of the sixth inning.

Down to the Keys' last at-bat, Will Goodwin started a one-out rally with a deep double, then came around to score on a bunt single by David DiMaggio and a single by Chou.

Catcher Pookie delPino drew a walk to load the bases, but a force at home and a line-drive put-out sealed the win for Doral.

Doral scored six runs on a five-hit rally in the third inning.

Upper Keys reliever DiMaggio pitched four good innings "but we put him in too

late," the coach said.

Doral belted 12 hits in the game, with A. Perez and J. Pico each hitting a double and single.

Goodwin had three hits, including a pair of doubles, to lead the nine-hit Keys attack. Corey Cummings and DiMaggio each had two hits.

Marathon's finished

The Marathon Little League 11- and 12-year-old All-Star team's tournament run ended Saturday morning with a 12-1 loss to Doral.

Coach Rodney Bonilla said the Majors players came out a bit flat after close losses to the Upper Keys and Homestead earlier in the week. Marathon finished 0-3.

The team did the best it could, Bonilla said, fielding just nine players for its first

two games and 10 in its last. "The other teams have thousands of kids to pick from. From our size community, we did well," Bonilla said.

Doral scored several runs in the four-inning game, while Marathon managed just one in the second inning.

Jaasiel Bacallao singled and Jacob Smith doubled to put runners at second and third base. Raymond Crespo then singled Bacallao home.

"They had a really good defense. We hit the ball, but their infield was pretty sound," Bonilla said.

Crespo and Bacallao played well defensively, Bonilla said, but Marathon's pitchers struggled.

Team ends 3-1

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Shawn Walters (two hits) tagged a triple to cap a three-run stanza for the Upper Keys in the second. Eddie Evans, David Calderwood and Edward Jankowski came around to score.

North Miami answered with a five-run third inning driven by two doubles.

The Upper Keys defense pulled off one of its best plays in the inning with a rundown between second and first.

Jose Lind, who pitched well in relief after moving from shortstop, doubled and scored in the fourth inning for the Upper Keys. He also collected two hits.

"Our guys made a good run of it," said Falcucci, assisted by Dennis Malzacher and Mike Walters.

"It was a good group of guys who were psyched about playing. They'll be back next year."

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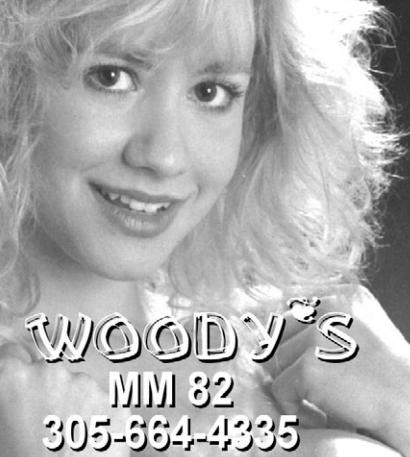
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AT A GLANCE

Offshore

The blue water is nowhere top be found off the Upper Keys. North and westerly breezes are probably to blame for the off-color water mixed with gulf and bay grass. And that resulted in the few charter boats that looked for dolphin the past week finding few to none.

The one bright spot was the discovery of a great blackfin tuna bite at the 409 hump, an underwater mount about 23 statute miles due south of the Whale Harbor Channel headpin.

Reef

It's the yellowtail snapper dominating the attention of reef anglers.

Capt. Robert Mathias on his *Restless II* has been bailing the snapper most every trip out. And Capt. Alex Adler fished live bait west of the Alligator Reef Lighthouse in 135 feet of water and did a good job on the king mackerel.

Gulf, bay

Tarpon are still in abundance in Everglades National Park and boundary areas of the gulf. But sea trout and mangrove snapper are the rod-bending species and are available by drifting and bouncing gulf shrimp or just plain soft-tail jigs in the grass.

Early in the week, there were schools of big threadfin herring in the gulf. One captain threw a cast net on the threadfins and gave them a ride out to a gulf wreck, and Goliath and gag grouper eagerly ate the herring baits on the bottom.

Flats, backcountry

Capt. Doug Berry, who manages the World Wide Sportsman in Islamorada, rode his Seacraft out to East Cape Sable this past week and while walking the beach with his son Bret, caught snook and redfish casting jigs and other artificials.

— Brad Harding
www.IslamoradaSportFishing.com

Gallops, Raskob top Inshore

Anglers beat 30 others for IGFA titles

Mike Gallops and Jared Raskob won top honors in spin and fly tackle divisions respectively Thursday at the International Game Fish Association Inshore World Championship off Islamorada.

Gallops, a Naples doctor, won the event in 2003, but hadn't been back to the three-day tournament since then because of business and family conflicts.

"I had butterflies in my stomach" on July 7, the tourney's first day, he said. "Once you've won it, you're expected to do well."

Gallops, guided by Larry Sydnor, was the only angler of 32 entered to score two slams. He caught and released each of the five eligible species twice, including bonefish, tarpon, permit, redfish and snook.

Raskob, a Key Largo resident, didn't score any slams, but did release eight redfish, two bonefish, one snook and two tarpon. It was exactly the strategy the 19-year-old fishing guide planned.

"I thought it would be real difficult to get the slam on fly," said Raskob, guided by Dave Borrás. "So we just wanted to fish for as many [release] points as we could."

Anglers received invitations to the championship by winning at least one of 36 qualifying events in the U.S., Bahamas and Australia.

Patriotic victory

Amey Tenneyson of Key West caught a 27.5-pound dolphin to earn first-place individual honors in the 2009 Conch Republic Ladies Dolphin Championship that took place July 4.

Fishing on the *Equity Too*, captained by Key West skipper Pete Rutskin, Tenneyson also partnered with the captain's daughter, Key West resident Lara Rutskin, to earn *Equity Too* the boat championship for the largest aggregate weight of two dolphin.

Lara Rutskin caught a 21.7-pound fish, which earned her third place in the tournament's individual division as well as contributing to *Equity Too's* total aggregate weight of 49.2 pounds

of dolphin.

Pete Rutskin said the boat was about 30 miles offshore when his daughter spotted a frigate bird. That bird led the anglers to the winning fish.

Rounding out the *Equity Too* team were anglers Jim Sharpe Jr. of Big Pine Key and Findlay Sinclair of Key West.

Second place in the individual division went to Erica Hughes-Sterling of Key West, who brought in a 24.8-pound dolphin. She fished on the *Reel Conch*, guided by Capt. Randy Sterling.

The Conch Republic Ladies Dolphin Championship drew 77 participants fishing on 17 boats

Eggert wins derby

Dan Eggert of Big Pine Key caught a 43.9-pound dolphin that was the largest in the 20th annual Key West Gator Club Dolphin Derby that ended June 28.

Eggert fished on the *New Mystery*. His catch helped propel the *New Mystery* team to the tournament's team championship for

the largest aggregate weight of two dolphin — a total of 64.3 pounds. The team consisted of Eggert, his brother Brian, father Ray of Ramrod Key and Big Pine angler Kevin Freestone.

Carl Masiello of Key West took top honors in the men's division with a 38-pound dolphin caught while fishing on the *Spine N Line*.

Masiello and his teammates — son Brandon Masiello, Javi Jamardo and Steve Oropeza, all of Key West — also weighed in a 20.5-pound fish, securing *Spine N Line's* first runner-up title in the team division.

Women's division honors went to Michelle Ventimiglia of Key West, who caught a 38.8-pounder while fishing on the *Bait Stealer*. Ten-year-old Tim Fricke of Big Pine won the junior division with a 20-pound dolphin. He fished aboard the *Squid Roe*.

There were 220 participants fishing on 55 boats during the tournament.



ONE AND DONE: Harry Weech from Venture Out on Cudjoe Key caught this bull dolphin offshore on July 3. He wasn't sure of the weight but considering Weech is 6 foot 4, this was not a small catch. After getting the fish in the boat, Weech was finished for the day and headed home.

KEYS TOURNAMENTS

◆ July 21 to 24: Del Brown Invitational Permit Tournament. Named in honor of the late angling pioneer Del Brown, who caught and released more than 500 permit off the Keys. Call 664-2444.

◆ July 22 to 25: Key West Marlin Tournament. Anglers hunt for the mightiest of the offshore species in the same waters plied by novelist Ernest Hemingway. Call 292-2710.

◆ July 26 and 27 in Islamorada: Islamorada Fishing Club RedGhost Stalk. Anglers ages 11 through 25 are to compete to catch redfish and bonefish. Winners qualify for the International Game Fish Association Inshore Championship. Call 664-3864 or send an e-mail to trice_j@bellsouth.net.

◆ Aug. 28 to 30: Islamorada Swordfish Tournament. Anglers are to compete to catch swordfish, a fish species that has recovered to healthy populations off the Keys. Modified release tournament benefiting the International Game Fish Association. Fish must be at least 60 inches long to qualify. Call Richard Peebles at (305) 282-1006.

◆ Sept. 11 to 13: Mercury S.L.A.M. (Southernmost Light-Tackle Anglers Masters) Celebrity Tournament, Key West. Anglers target tarpon, permit and bonefish with light tackle. Call 664-2002 or send an e-mail to redboneinc@aol.com.

◆ Sept. 11 to 13: Herman Lucerne Memorial Tournament, Key Largo. Up to 100 anglers will be competing for snook, tarpon, redfish, seatrout, snapper, bonefish and black drum, with the backdrop of Everglades National Park. Call 664-2444 or send an e-mail to csasan@aol.com.

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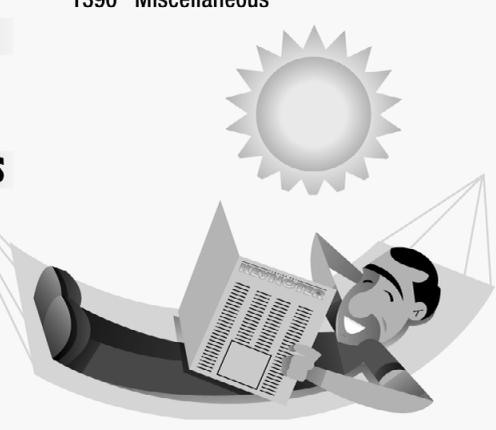
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Tavernier Oceanside,
 4/2, AC, W/D, granite &
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 5 lots, fenced. \$2500
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3/2 w/ covered parking
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 renovated 7/1/09: new
 kitchen, baths, appls, tile
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 yard, small pet ok.
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Marathon, Sombrero Nr
Bch Lrg 3/2, C/A, laundry
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