



Crossing Key Largo

Mainland runners win all of the divisions in the third annual Key Largo Bridge Run. Story, **1B**



Tragic week

The deadliest week ever in the 31 years of the Key West powerboat races comes to an end. Story, **4A**

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CRIME FRONT

In slayings, justice moves slow

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LeBARON

charged with killing someone while driving drunk.

For example, Jonathon LeBaron, 35, was arrested on Feb. 22, 2009, charged with capital murder in the beating death of 57-

Several suspects await trial years after allegedly committing crimes

year-old Richard Gardner of Cape Coral aboard Gardner's boat 12 days earlier. The vessel was in storage at the Kings Pointe Marina on Stock Island.

LeBaron's girlfriend, Kristen Whitmore, 42, pleaded guilty to second-degree

murder in October 2009 and agreed to testify against LeBaron in return for an 18-year sentence. Yet LeBaron's case isn't close to seeing trial, says Chief Assistant Monroe County State Attorney Manny Madruga.

Among the reasons:

Depositions needed from people in three states — Florida; Tennessee, where police stopped LeBaron and Whitmore in Gardner's car, only to be let go; and in Utah, where the two are from and where they were arrested.

Other cases with long delays:

• The second-degree murder case of Nicholas Ferro, 26, of Hollywood.

He's accused of stabbing to death Key Wester Marquese Butler, 23, on Oct. 31, 2009, in Key West and is seeking to have the case thrown out based on the Stand Your Ground Law, which allows for self defense.

A three-judge Third District Court of Appeal panel rejected his petition on Oct.

• See Homicides, **2A**

WHALE OF AN EFFORT



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SeaWorld Orlando animal experts and veterinarians worked with Orlando-based Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic to develop a custom-fitted brace for a pilot whale with scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, that stranded itself in the Lower Keys in May. Experts say this is the first time a custom-fitted orthopedic device of this kind has been used on a large whale. Story, **3A**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Gastesi: Postpone contract decision

His concern: Personal use of county car

By **RYAN McCARTHY**
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With questions raised about how using a Monroe County car for personal use could affect insurance premiums, County Administrator Roman Gastesi says he plans to pull his proposed contract renewal off today's County Commission agenda.

The commission was slated to consider a four-year extension for Gastesi at today's commission meeting in Key Largo, but a resident sent a record of his South Florida traffic violations, from 1997 through 2009, to board members Tuesday.

It lists offenses from speeding and blowing stop signs to having an expired registration and twice driving with a suspended license in 2009. Gastesi said the suspended-license violations were related to unpaid SunPass balances.

"When you have a SunPass and you don't pay the bill, they suspend your license. I moved here [in 2008] and they were sending the bill to my old house in Miami," he said.

In his proposal for a new contract, Gastesi wants a county car to use. He now uses his own car and gets a travel allowance as part of his salary.

County Attorney Suzanne Hutton said in an e-mail to Commissioner Kim Wigington that Gastesi's poor driving

• See Contract, **3A**

NO NAME KEY

PSC named in suit over No Name power

Resident says oversight falls to state agency

By **RYAN McCARTHY**
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A state agency could oversee the decades-long battle over commercial electricity on No Name Key after Dec. 2.

Monroe County Circuit Court Judge David Audlin is slated to rule that day on whether he or the state Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the legality of electricity on the Lower Keys island.

No Name property owner and commercial power proponent Bob Reynolds filed a motion in August to dismiss a county suit against Keys Energy Services and No Name's 43 homeowners that seeks to clarify whether the county is obligated to issue permits to run lines over county-owned conservation land or for homeowners to connect to power poles. The motion seeks to have the PSC oversee the No Name decision.

PSC spokeswoman Kirsten

Olsen said Tuesday the agency's legal staff is "studying where jurisdiction may or may not be involved.... The [commission] is aware of the issue and the motion to dismiss and is looking into it. No determinations have been made yet."

Keys Energy planned to finalize a deal with the No Name Key Homeowners Association in March to run commercial lines to and through the island. Owners were set to foot the estimated \$650,000 bill before county officials raised concerns.

"I think the theory is that [the PSC has] more expertise in this area and since it's a utility regulatory board, they might be more inclined to see things their way," Chief Assistant County Attorney Bob Shillinger said.

Reynolds' motion says Keys Energy has a "territorial agreement" with the PSC and states: "The PSC holds the police powers of the state of Florida for the protection of the public welfare to enforce, regulate and resolve disputes regarding municipal utilities within a defined PSC ... agreement."

POLITICS

Ward supporter lashes out

She 'ran' campaign, now calls state attorney a 'liar'

By **KEVIN WADLOW**
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In happier times, campaign volunteer Janet Wood clutched Dennis Ward to celebrate November 2008 election returns showing Ward would soon be Monroe County's state attorney.

But Wood, an Islamorada real-estate agent, this week leveled an irate Facebook blast at Ward, calling him "a liar" and "not transparent."

She "ran his campaign and I am so sorry to Mark Kohl [whom Ward defeated] and all the qualified candidates," Wood posted. "We may fix it Now! DWDW — DONE WITH DENNIS WARD!!!"

Tuesday morning, Wood deleted the post from her



Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Janet Wood (center) and another volunteer celebrate with Dennis Ward in November 2008 following Ward's election as state attorney for the Keys. Their relationship has since gone south, according to a Wood Facebook post.

page on the social networking website. Reached by telephone, she declined to discuss reasons for the post. "I have no comment

about that," Wood said. "Maybe at a later date."

Ward filed paperwork Sept. 30 to seek a second term. Asked about Wood's

apparent dissatisfaction with him, Ward said, "I have no idea. That's all I can say."

• See Ward, **2A**

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Fishing the Florida Keys

This is the time of year in the Keys when the winds blow their hardest, but don't let that keep you at the dock. Captain's column, **1B**

Lady Conchs victorious

The Lady Conchs of Key West squeak by Pinecrest in a 1-0 soccer match. Story, **2B**



NEWS BRIEFS

Islamorada pair found off Boca

Two men taken to Boca Raton Regional Hospital in south Palm Beach County on Tuesday after being found floating ashore in a small boat started on their journey four days ago in Islamorada, authorities say.

The men, identities not released, spent at least three days adrift after their larger boat named Lady Rosalee sank, according to the *Palm Beach Post*.

The newspaper said "preliminary reports are that the boat sunk sometime after departing from Islamorada on Friday, leaving the two men to fend for their lives in the smaller boat. Despite spending nearly four days out at sea ... the men were a little dehydrated and fatigued, but were listed as stable."

The *Post* said the Boca Raton Police Department is working with the U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection to obtain information on the two men and the circumstances surrounding the sinking of their boat.

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CRIME FRONT

Four homicides remain unsolved

Three men, one woman are victims

Keynoter Staff

While several homicide cases are winding their way through Monroe County Circuit Court, at least four Florida Keys slayings — two of which go back several years — remain unsolved.

Henry Allwardt, a 70-year-old security guard, was shot repeatedly in the bedroom of his downstairs apartment at an Upper Matecumbe Key residence in September 2010.

The slaying of Allwardt, a native of Germany who worked security at The Moorings resort, is the only Florida Keys homicide in 2010 in which no one has been charged.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office believe Allwardt "was targeted specifically, most likely by someone known to him," agency spokeswoman Becky Herrin said. "This

was not an arbitrary or anonymous attack."

The body of Edward Bozarth, 62, was found stuffed in a plastic bag on his liveaboard boat at Gilbert's Marina in Key Largo in July 2007. Neighbors alerted lawmen to a stench emanating from the boat.

Bozarth died of blows to his head inflicted by a blunt object.

Denise Bozarth, the victim's 38-year-old wife, left the Keys with the couple's two children a few days before the body was discovered.

"The case is still open. Some leads look promising; others look like dead ends,"

"The case is still open. Some leads look promising; others look like dead ends," State Attorney Dennis Ward said.

In May 2008, Marathon resident Bernie Perona found the body of 48-year-old Beth Neumeier buried in a mulch pile behind his 24th Street house.

Three and a half years later, Herrin says police are still actively investigating her death and have interviewed "persons of interest." Autopsy results at the time

confirmed Neumeier was killed but detectives withheld — and continue to do so — details of how she was killed.

"Information such as this, which has not been made available to the public, is necessary in any such investigation to allow detectives to determine if information they are getting in tips and interviews is legitimate," Herrin said.

Neumeier was known to work as a prostitute.

Police in Key West have several "people of interest" but have not singled out a suspect in the Oct. 28, homicide of 32-year-old Jonathan Alvarado, formerly a server at La Trattoria Beachside and originally from Venezuela.

His body was found underneath a truck on Grinnell Street; he apparently died of severe head trauma inflicted by a large rock found next to his body.

Staff writers Kevin Wadlow, Ryan McCarthy and Sean Kinney contributed to this report.

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Audit panel embraces Sunshine

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After extensive discussion, input from Assistant Monroe County State Attorney Mark Wilson and a tight vote, the Monroe County School District's Audit and Finance Committee has agreed to follow state open-government laws.

The issue considered by the five-member advisory panel in a Friday meeting at Marathon High School was to what extent members

should follow the Sunshine Law, specifically, how internal communications should flow.

In the past, committee members have hurled accusations, one of which Wilson affirmed, of Sunshine Law violations at district administrators relative to their ongoing bargaining with the United Teachers of Monroe union.

Now holding up the metaphorical Sunshine mirror to themselves, the committee voted 2-1, with one abstention and member Melissa Grady absent, "to hold itself to the highest standard," district Chief Internal Auditor Ken Gentile said.

The next step, he said, is approval of a resolution formalizing new policy that committee members should "not communicate in any form ... for items that will be potentially coming up on the agenda or coming up for a decision."

Wilson explained: "Unilateral communication [for example, a one-way e-mail] to each other is not explicitly illegal, but it's discouraged because it encourages responses and a response is a violation."

"My hope in attending," he continued, "was to put this issue to rest once and for all. I have other things do than be the Sunshine Law referee at the School District."

Gentile said now he would serve as a "repository," for communication, meaning committee members could send him e-mails, which he would then distribute; responses would come directly back to Gentile.

Committee members Roger McVeigh and Bill Anderson voted in favor of going forward with a resolution while Chairman Stuart Kessler voted against, and Larry Murray didn't cast a vote, stating simply, "present." He also told committee members they could kiss his butt, Gentile said.

"This has been an issue the committee has addressed for over a year," Gentile said. "We had a really good discussion about it and Mark Wilson was a very good sounding board."

"I would like to have seen a unanimous vote but the consensus of the committee and a majority vote is still something that's supported by the committee."

Supporter quits

From Ward, 1A

She's got a good heart."

Ward, a former Miami Beach police officer, assistant state attorney and assistant public defender, defeated two-term incumbent Mark Kohl in the 2008 general election.

More than eight months before the Aug. 14, 2012, primary, Ward has drawn one challenger, Catherine Vogel. Both Ward and Vogel are Democrats. Filing for the seat remains open until April 16.

Vogel was one of two chief assistants to Kohl, and left the State Attorney's Office shortly after the 2008 vote. Ward cam-

aigned on replacing Kohl's top staffers, Vogel and J. Jefferson Overby.

A longtime Florida Keys resident, Wood also campaigned for the re-election of former County Commissioner Mario Di Gennaro, a Republican who lost a 2010 race. During that campaign, Wood was criticized for giving out campaign literature and items to children at a Tavernier Wounded Warrior Project event for injured veterans.

Back in 2009, Wood expressed interest in being named to the Islamorada Village Council to replace Cathi Hill, who had resigned.

Justice slow

From Homicides, 1A



FERRO

weigh in. He filed for a rehearing last Thursday.

There's no trial date in the offing for William



DIEGUEZ

Dieguez, 23, and Sean Roberts, 18, both of Marathon and charged with first-degree murder in the May 22, 2010, shooting death of 18-year-old Big Pine Key resident Frank Randleman.

Dieguez and Roberts are



ROBERTS

accused of shooting Randleman in his grandmother's home in the Seahorse RV Park during an apparent robbery, possibly related to a drug deal. Madruga said the case is "pending and in the process of discovery."

Pablo Jimenez, 29, is charged with second-degree



JIMENEZ

murder in the May 31, 2010, death of Tracy Heshmaty, 37, and could stand trial in the spring, according to Assistant State Attorney Mark Wilson.

Heshmaty's body was found in a pool of blood in the back parking lot of First State Bank on Simonton Street in Key West. Authorities have not revealed the connection, if any, between the two.

The state is also still building its case, Madruga



MILLSTEAD

said, against William Millstead, 48, charged with second-degree murder in the hammer-beating death of Clay Ratcliff, 49, during an argument over a woman.

The slaying took place on Christmas 2010 at a homeless encampment near Enchanted Isle by Key Haven.

On Sept. 2, Carl Eric Johanson, 66, was found in his



HELFRICH

apartment at the Henry Haskins Senior Citizen Plaza on Kennedy Drive, bound with his throat slashed.

Tod Geoffrey Helfrich, 46, is the prime suspect although he has not been charged, as prosecutors await a forensic

analysis by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Helfrich is being held at the Monroe County Detention Center on charges of probation violation and grand theft related to him being caught in Orlando with Johanson's car, cell phone and credit card.

As with the homicide cases, drunk-driving cases involving death also move through the courts slowly.

Assistant State Attorney Tanner Demmery says he



VILLALOBOS

anticipates a January trial for 30-year-old Pierson Villalobos, charged with killing Deborah Mangrum, 42, and Christopher Jennings, 34, in a Nov. 28, 2009, drunk-driving crash on U.S. 1 on Marathon.

Villalobos is charged with two counts each of DUI-manslaughter and vehicular homicide, and three counts of DUI-personal injury and property damage with a prior conviction.

Public Defender Anthony Barrows represents Villalobos and has said he was working on a possible plea deal. However, Demmery said, "As of now, there hasn't been any plea that we're close on."

Bill Heffernan, the attorney for a Michigan man



HALL

charged with causing the death of 61-year-old Bernie Snyder while driving drunk in Marathon, says his client's trial is months away.

Richard Lee Hall, a 66-year-old seasonal resident, is charged with DUI-manslaughter. He was at the wheel of a 2001 Corvette on Feb. 2, 2010, when he plowed into a metal pole and fence along U.S. 1. Snyder was tossed from the car.

Hall is "back up in Michigan and we've been doing some depositions; some witnesses came and some didn't," Heffernan said.

Attorneys are also working through depositions and discovery in the DUI-manslaughter case against 23-year-old Alison Bryan of Ocala.

Hall a 1 Schuhmacher, her attorney, said "there's lots of work to be done" before his client stands trial. She was driving a Chrysler on Aug. 10, 2010, on MacDonald Avenue on Stock Island when she slammed into a concrete utility pole, killing passenger Scott Ackles, 29.

Schuhmacher estimated the trial would fall in "early to mid-2012."

MIDDLE KEYS

Smell of pot leads to cocaine arrest

The smell of marijuana emanating from a car at a Marathon convenience store led to three drug arrests — including one for 18 grams of cocaine — Monday.

Deputies Nicholis Whiteman and Christian Galls from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office were walking into Dion's On The Run at U.S. 1 and 15th Street at 7:30 p.m. when they smelled the pot coming from a silver sport utility vehicle, Deputy Becky Herrin said. Two people were in the back seat; two others were in the store.

The deputies approached the SUV and asked about the smell. Two pair in the auto admitted to smoking pot as they were driving but said they discarded the remains of the marijuana cigarette before stopping at the store, Herrin said. The two people in the store then came outside.

All four denied any drugs

were in the vehicle although a plastic bag with marijuana in it was found at the feet of one of the men from inside the store, Herrin said.

Deputy Danielle Malone and her dog drug Tracer were called and the dog "alerted" to drugs in the car, Herrin said. In it, she said, the deputies found 18 grams of cocaine, which the front seat passenger said belonged to him. He also had \$4,644 on him.

Three of the four were arrested.

Reza Adili, 28, of Southwest Ranches was charged with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. He also had the money seized.

Christopher Bogdan, 29, of Hollywood was charged with possession of marijuana and James Lixie, 29, of Cooper City was charged with possession of marijuana and tampering with evidence.

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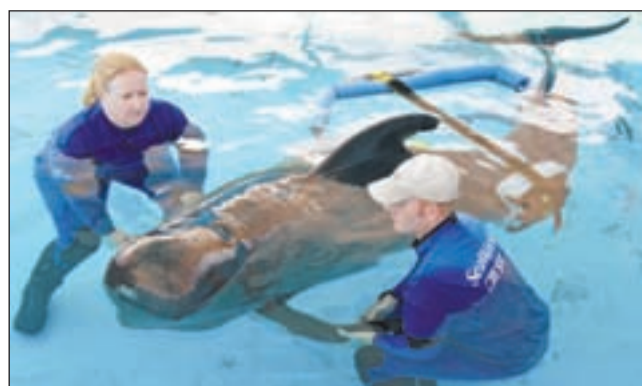


Photo courtesy SEAWORLD ORLANDO

SeaWorld Orlando staff puts a custom orthopedic brace on No. 300 to try to cure the whale of scoliosis.

Veterinarians and animal experts from SeaWorld Orlando are trying to help a whale from the Florida Keys with severe scoliosis by using a custom-fitted spinal brace.

The female pilot whale, dubbed 300, is one of 23 pilot whales that beached themselves off Cudjoe Key in May. Most died at the scene, but two adult males were healthy enough to be returned to deep water.

Five remaining whales were transported to the Marine Mammal Conservancy in Key Largo for treatment, but three were either euthanized or died, leaving 300 and another one, called 301. That one, like 300, was taken to live at SeaWorld after veterinarians determined it could not survive in the wild.

After 300 was rescued, the 1,000-pound whale developed scoliosis (also known as curvature of the spine), which keeps her from swimming normally.

SeaWorld called in Dr. Philip Meinhardt, an orthopedic spine surgeon with Orlando-based Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic, about

four weeks ago. He worked with Scott Saunders, president of Orlando's ABC Prosthetics & Orthotics, to create the brace. SeaWorld provided them aerial photography of the whale, plus her measurements and X-rays.

"The way this brace works, you have to apply tension in certain areas to try to correct this deformity," Meinhardt said Monday.

After the first fitting, adjustments were made to the straps because their silicone coating irritated the whale's skin, Meinhardt said. Adding foam made the contraption more buoyant and gave the whale more maneuverability.

"She's extremely docile," said Scott Gearhart, senior staff veterinarian at SeaWorld. "She has a fantastic attitude."

Her final fitting was last week. In a release, SeaWorld said this is the first time this type of custom-fitted orthopedic device has been used on a large whale.

"We're doing physical therapy three times a day with this animal at this point," said Jon Peterson, a senior member of the animal-rescue team.

The brace's design allows it to be adjusted. The goal is to straighten the whale's spine and restore use of her tail.

Gearhart said he would like to see progress within the next two or three months. If the brace doesn't work, surgery could be an option, but Gearhart hopes to avoid it.

"That is an absolute last resort," he said.

Ticket issue raised

From Contract, 1A

record would not affect the county's insurance premiums if the commission OKs a county car for him. But Gastesi said the personal use might, so he wants to hold off the extension until December.

"What we realized is there is a liability for me having a county car and using it for personal use at times. It's a puzzle that's hard to solve," he said. "It would have been a first-time arrangement. It's almost too linear of a county for it to work and I hadn't thought of it before this [driving] record thing came up."

As for the poor driving record, Gastesi said it's "not something I'm proud of."

"The actual driving record issue doesn't have an affect directly [on the contract], but it's obviously something to be considered. For me, it's somewhat embarrassing," he said.

Polled Tuesday, commissioners said the traffic tickets wouldn't affect their decision on his contract. But some voiced concern with his request for the county car while continuing to receive a \$650 monthly car allowance.

Gastesi's received the car allowance when hired in April 2008, but it was rolled into his salary for retirement purposes in 2010.

"I don't want to go through another county administrator search. We can address those issues with Roman and he's just going to have to be a little more atten-

Gastesi's driving record

- Nov. 29, 1997: No proof of insurance, dismissed.
- Nov. 29, 1997: Expired registration, dismissed.
- Jan. 4, 2000: Expired registration, \$63 fine.
- March 18, 2003: Speeding, guilty, adjudication withheld.
- Feb. 9, 2005: Failure to stop for a stop sign. Adjudication withheld, \$118 fine.
- March 27, 2005: Speeding, adjudication withheld.
- June 10, 2006: Careless driving, \$123.50 fine and \$112.70 for traffic school.
- Oct. 13, 2006: Failure to stop for a stop sign, guilty, \$166.50 fine and four-hour traffic school.
- Nov. 28, 2007: Speeding, "voluntary payment."
- April 29, 2008: Speeding, guilty, \$259.50 fine and four-hour traffic school.
- July 28, 2006: Speeding, "voluntary payment."
- Sept. 25, 2008: Failure to pay toll, \$207 fine.
- April 5, 2009, Driving with a suspended license, dismissed.
- May 21, 2009: Driving with a suspended license, dismissed.

tive to his driving. Whether he winds up with a county car or a car allowance will be determined," Commissioner George Neugent said.

"I've had speeding tickets before, too," Mayor Heather Carruthers said. "I think we'll have to make it contingent on if he gets any more violations he won't be able to use a company car."

Commissioner David Rice said Gastesi's driving record being aired in public is likely "somewhat embarrassing," but that he feels he's done a good job for the county.

Wigington, who said Gastesi's driving record is not a concern, prefers extending Gastesi's contract one year, through May 2013,

because the majority of the commission — Wigington, Carruthers and Murphy — is up for re-election in 2012 and whoever constitutes a new commission should make the hiring decision.

Fellow commissioners don't appear on board with that plan.

"He wants to stay the administrator, but a one-year extension, I think he'd see that as a slap in the face," Neugent said.

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EDITORIAL

Another battle
for insurance

Past increases were successfully fought but there's a new pitch that would harm property owners

Property owners in the Keys should roll up their sleeves and brace for another fight over windstorm rates.

The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. board met Monday in Orlando and decided to push lawmakers for rate hikes, setting limits on luxury homes that can be insured with Citizens and even prohibiting commercial coverage.

That's the same package of pro-industry rules introduced in the Legislature this past spring by Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla).

Fortunately, lawmakers didn't enact the sweeping changes sought by insurance lobbyists and Citizens' own policy makers, who've been ordered by Gov. Rick Scott to downsize Citizens and shed tens of thousands of policies.

So expect the push for rate hikes and restrictions to be back on the Legislature's upcoming calendar. Only this time, the committees that oversee insurance and banking regulations are meeting earlier than ever.

Annalise Mannix, executive director of Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe, says the insurance lobby "is coming back with a lot of the same stuff as last year."

She worries about Scott's influence on the proposals, since he's openly talked about selling off Citizens, which is the public insurer of last resort for many Florida property owners.

Here in the Keys, Citizens provides a near monopoly on windstorm coverage, insuring more than 24,000 residential and commercial properties.

Hays earlier proposed a prohibition on Citizens covering commercial buildings, which would be devastating in the Keys, where there are few alternative windstorm policies. And Hays' legislative package would force Citizens to ratchet down residential coverage to cap at \$500,000 by 2016.

Committee hearings have already begun.

Mannix urged Keys property owners to call or write lawmakers and point out that Citizens is the only game in town. There are no viable alternatives for commercial windstorm coverage in the Keys outside of Citizens. And Keys windstorm rates are already the highest in the state.

Here are the names and addresses for key committee chairs:

- State Rep. Bryan Nelson (R-Orange County), chairman of the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, 204 HOB, 402 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300.

- State Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples), chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, 404 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campground for Crane Point?

We have recently seen strong objections to the proposal of the Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust to install zip lines at Crane Point Hammock in Marathon. The purpose of the trust's proposal is to raise much-needed capital to fund operations and pay down debt of Crane Point.

The objectors correctly point out that zip lines would damage the area as a bird sanctuary and cause other unforeseen damage to this pristine ecological environment. I agree with their criticism and believe the adverse impact on the wildlife would greatly exceed what they are predicting.

However, criticizing the Land and Sea Trust proposal is easy, and providing an idea for more alternatives, a more eco-friendly source of revenue for Crane Point, is more difficult. Please allow me to suggest an alternative to the zip-line development.

In the late 1970s, New York developer Stanley Selengut leased a hillside on the shore of Maho Bay, a pristine, remote location in the U.S. Virgin Islands National Park (St. John). Selengut proceeded to build two dozen tent cabins connected by a boardwalk, with centrally located bathrooms, showers and an eating area. The tent cabins were advertised as eco-friendly luxury camping sites and afforded



Photo from MAHO.ORG

This is one of the tent cabins in the Maho Bay campground. They're all connected with a walkway and most offer spectacular views.

wood floors, a small outside deck, real beds and an area for cooking with propane stoves.

Selengut's Maho Bay campground was a huge success, and the weekly rental money generated was nearly the same as modest condos in the nearby town of Cruz Bay.

An eco-friendly luxury campground at Crane Point could be equally suc-

cessful. It could become a destination place for ecology-minded groups from all over the country. If properly constructed, these tent cabins could have no adverse impact on the environment, raise much-needed revenue and prevent the ecological disaster of the proposed zip lines.

Mark Peterson
Big Pine Key

Zip line unrealistic

I oppose Crane Point Hammock's proposed zip-line attraction because its business plan is not realistic. The optimistic financial projections assume an almost continuous flow of zip-line customers, not allowing for the Keys realities of rain, strong wind or seasonal variations in tourism.

I have examined the grant application, the Tourist Development Council application and other related documents (all are available on the website www.keepcranepointnatural.com). My conclusion is this zip-line project

would not be under consideration without the prospect of a large, taxpayer-funded grant.

For more than two decades, the Keys community has rallied to help Crane Point when a need has been publicized, so it speaks volumes that the organization did not first bring the zip-line proposal to its members and other supporters, both to solicit comments and to gather seed money before seeking a grant.

As a supporter of Crane Point since 1988 and a former board member, I am deeply concerned that pursuing the zip-line project would further jeopardize

the financial health of Crane Point, increasing the likelihood that some of the now-protected property will have to be sold for development.

I urge community members to see for themselves what is being promised under the banner of job creation and who is on the hook when those overly optimistic numbers do not materialize.

I sincerely want Crane Point to succeed and thrive, but gambling with its continued existence is a risk I cannot support.

Joyce Newman
Big Pine Key

What's with the lights?

We returned from our summer trip three weeks ago to find the pretty lights on Sombrero Beach Road in Marathon have not been maintained. We counted 17 lights out from Publix to Anglers Drive. Wow, what is wrong, buying the wrong bulbs? Nobody to change them? What?

I called City Hall and told them of the problem and they said they were aware and were working on it. The next week, we saw a city truck with two workers driving the bike path with the lights on. They appeared to be counting the lights out. We were pleased with the response and expected results.

On Nov. 7, we went out of town for five days. We returned home to find not 17 lights out but now 28 out in the same area. What is wrong and what do we have to do to get some lights back on Sombrero Beach Road?

Jack Burley
Marathon

Proud to be a Marine

The U.S. Marine Corps' 236th birthday celebration in Key Largo was an electrifying charge and exhilarating lift that refuses to dissipate.

The solemn and grave traditions that were upheld during this beautiful ceremony were followed by nothing less than pure bliss as we sang, danced, laughed and sought comfort in one another's company.

The unconditional love and camaraderie shared among Marines hasn't

any limits. Through the annals of our history, we have literally laid our lives down for one another. How can you not love deeply a person who would selflessly sacrifice him- or herself so that you might not be mortally wounded or seriously injured?

The civilians who supported and attended this Marine Corps' birthday observance were absolutely magnificent. Without their help, we would have not been able to have this event.

Mr. Paul Bean, the Publix manager in Key Largo, generously made certain that we all had enough to eat. American Legion Post 333 graciously opened the doors of its magnificent facility and magnanimously hosted this celebration. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10211 provided us with a beautifully decorative and delicious cake.

John Donnelly and Norm Higgins created an awe-inspiring venue for the nearly 200 people in attendance. Their impressive management of the event was spectacular. The musical excellence and precision marching by Becca Swango and Jessica Smits of the Coral Shores High School Fife and Drum Team was spellbinding.

State Attorney Dennis Ward was honored with a Semper Fidelis Award for prosecutorial excellence. Sgt. Davis Yates, Sgt. Ray Gutierrez and Cpl. Robert Axberg presented this beautiful keepsake to the state attorney. The integrity and dignity that Mr. Ward's presence brought to our gathering was evident in the faces of all those

who came up to greet him.

I'm grateful to live in America. I'm blessed to have had the honor and privilege to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jessie Davis
Key Largo

Banquet's wonderful

Save-A-Turtle would like to thank everyone who attended our annual banquet. We had great raffle prizes and it was a fun evening. Thanks to Elaine and Monay of Bahia Honda State Park for the wonderful entertainment.

Thank you, too, to John and Carol for their generous donation and also to Kim for her generous donation. We can't thank everyone enough for supporting Save-A-Turtle of the Florida Keys.

Rick Sall
Marathon

Hospital heroes

I would like to give my deepest thanks to the emergency medical technicians who transported me to Fishermen's Community Hospital, the staff on duty at the hospital, Dr. Smith, Dr. Collins and their entire staff for the excellent care I received after my car accident in June.

With all their excellent care, I was healed and doing fine in the time allotted. They are all my heroes and lifesavers.

Sharon Hamilton
Marathon

Letters to
the Editor

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POWERBOAT RACES

'No real time for reaction' when boat crashes

Deadliest week
in 31 years
of the races

By SEAN KINNEY
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In memory of three fallen racers, competitors in the Super Boat International World Championship in Key West on Sunday removed three laps from the various races, while some teams opted to pull out completely.

Super Boat spokesman Rodrick Cox said five teams of 60 entered pulled out of the Sunday finale — two racers died Nov. 9 and one died Saturday — "mostly for mechanical" concerns. However, "A couple of teams chose not to race."

"The only thing that was done out of respect and out of consideration was they did reduce the total number of

laps."

Robert Morgan and Jeffrey Tillman, of Big Thunder Marine out of Missouri, died Nov. 9 when their 46-foot Skater, with four 1,200-horsepower engines, went airborne, landing violently on its canopy.

Joey Gratton died early Saturday at Ryder Trauma Center in Miami after his 38-foot boat, with twin 850-horsepower engines, rolled over twice on Friday.

Both boats involved in the fatal wrecks were closed canopy catamarans as opposed to having open cockpits.

"The increased safety and the increased design work for canopies has definitely continued to progress," Cox said.

He added, "I don't think too many people would want to be in an open cockpit boat and [roll] because you could be ejected."



Photo by ANDY NEWMAN/FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU

The CMS driven by Bob Bulls of Macks Creek, Mo., and throttled by Randy Scism of Wentzville, Mo., speeds past spectators during the final of three races on Sunday. CMS won a world championship in the Superboat Unlimited class, according to race officials.

Enclosed in the canopy, racers are restrained with a five-point harness similar to those used in auto racing, Cox said, and that accidents happen so quickly there's not any emergency safety protocol that could realistically be

implemented.

"It's highly unlikely because there's typically a lot going on during a race or, for that matter, an accident. It happens so quickly, if there's a rollover, it's instantaneous; there's no real time for reac-

tion."

In addition to an internal inquiry by Super Boat personnel, staff at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

investigates. FWC Lt. David Dipre said their work is limited to "criminal liability," like the involvement of drugs or alcohol, or intentionally reckless operation.

"We've eliminated the idea of any of that," Dipre said. "We don't have any evidence of careless operations above and beyond what's normally involved in high speeds. We also don't have any indication anyone was using drugs or alcohol."

Coast Guard spokesman Jay Hagwood said their marine investigators would try to reconstruct the accidents through extensive interviews and examination of physical evidence like maintenance logs.

The fatalities were the first ones for Key West race week since 1995, when one racer died and three others were seriously injured. The Key West races have been run for 31 years.

Business

CONSUMERS

Holidays may herald year of the mobile shopper

Some retailers are creating specific apps

McClatchy-Tribune

When the holiday shopping frenzy of 2011 kicks off later this month, it could be the year of the mobile shopper.

A record number of consumers will shop from their mobile devices this coming season, according to a forecast from IBM Coremetrics, which studies online data from 500 leading U.S. retailers. And retailers seeking to tap into that trend will be forced to adapt.

"It's going to play a big part of how consumers are buying this holiday," said John Squire, chief strategy officer of IBM Coremetrics. "Mobile users have less patience. They are surgical shoppers. Retailers are going to have to do a really good job in targeting their messages and promotions for mobile users."

A mobile-device shopper spends an average of about four minutes on a site, compared to a little over seven minutes for a site visit from a regular computer.

Mobile shoppers also tend to do less browsing and look at fewer products when they shop, making it more imperative for retailers to personalize messages and content to cater to such visitors.

Among the retailers that have earned plaudits for targeting mobile users are department stores including Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. All have launched apps based on streamlined pages specifically for mobile use, and fast downloads, designed as an alternative to conventional Web browsing, Squire said.

Upscale department store Saks Inc. said it would unveil its first mobile app this holi-



day season.

As an illustration that their online and mobile strategy has paid some dividends, the department store group has posted above-average 20 percent online sales growth in each month of the year so far. Adds Squire: "Retailers that saw these trends early have made some good bets and investments."

For the first time, the percentage of shoppers buying from their mobile phones is expected to rise above the double-digit threshold to 15 percent in November, compared to 4.5 percent in last year's holiday season, and less than 1 percent in 2009, Squire said.

In October, 9.6 percent of online shoppers made purchases through their mobile devices, up from 3.4 percent a year earlier.

It's not just department stores that are catching on. Retailers across the board, from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Home Depot Inc. to Gap Inc. and Victoria's Secret parent Limited Brands Inc. have been ramping up efforts to expand their online and mobile sales.

Sears Holdings Corp. said earlier this week that its namesake department stores and Kmart discount chain are unveiling mobile "shopping

walls" located in high-traffic areas, including movie theater lobbies, airports and bus stations. The spaces will display so-called QR (quick-response) computer-generated bar-matrix codes for each featured toy so shoppers can buy directly from their smartphones.

For Sears, the trend toward online sales hits home. Sears has posted declining sales in the first and second quarters as its U.S. comparable sales dropped. In comparison, its online business unit has grown 22 percent and 30 percent in those periods respectively.

Increased mobile uses and purchases also have put extra pressure on retailers including electronics giant Best Buy Co. as consumers comparison shop from their mobile devices while in stores.

To win over consumers doing comparison shopping and encourage early buying, Wal-Mart this holiday season will match its competitors' print advertised prices between Nov. 1 and Dec. 25, a much bigger time window. The company also will match prices offered on Walmart.com if the prices are different from their store prices.

Retailers also have been more proactive arming their employees with iPads or

other tablet devices to better service shoppers. Sears, for instance, began rolling out iPads and iPod Touch devices in about 450 of its Sears and Kmart stores to help customers check inventory, access product information and order products online.

Within the mobile arena, retailers may want to pay even more attention to iPad users. About 6.8 percent of October site visits through the iPad concluded with a purchase, compared to a 3.6 percent rate on other mobile devices, Squire said.

Online sales in November are expected to rise 12 percent to 15 percent this year, IBM estimated. By comparison the National Retail Federation has forecast total holiday sales to rise just 2.8 percent.

Social networks, led by Facebook, also have been an emerging factor in retail. According to the IBM data, 9.2 percent of consumers in October that came to a retailer's web site from a social media site made a purchase, compared to 5.5 percent who visited the store site directly.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Straube hosts investment program

Andy Straube, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Key West, is hosting a seminar titled "Social Security and Finance," at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center on the Truman Waterfront.

It's designed for investors and mixes an educational investment seminar with a Social Security presentation. Stephanie Coley from Protective Life Insurance will join Straube for the Social Security presentation.

Seating is limited. For more information, contact Lynn Wanous at 294-4561.

Rosasco discusses government finance

As part of its November meeting, the Florida Keys chapter of the Florida Institute of CPAs will feature certified public accountant Peter Rosasco, the city of Marathon's finance director, discussing governmental accounting and auditing.

The meeting is to be held from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight at the Key Colony Inn in Key Colony Beach. Anyone interested in updating their knowledge of accounting principles followed by governmental entities is invited. Cost is \$45 for Institute of CPAs members and \$55 for others; the cost includes dinner.

RSVP to Larry Kendzior at lkendzior@bellsouth.net or 942-9678.

Mariners Hospital elects officers

Jay Hershoff has been reelected chairman of the Mariners Hospital board.

A partner with the Hershoff, Lupino & Yagel law firm, Hershoff has been board chairman since 1995.

Other officers elected to three-year terms include are William Dickinson, vice chairman; Charlen Regan, secretary; and Bette Brown, treasurer.

Dickinson, a board member since 2002, is president of Prudential Keyside Properties. Regan, an owner of Regan Insurance, has been a board member since 1991. Brown, executive vice president/regional president of First State Bank of the Florida Keys, has served on the board since 2006.

The board advises the Tavernier medical center on how the hospital can best serve patients and the community.

Realtors group lauds First State

First State Bank of the Florida Keys and Executive Vice President Bette Brown have been named affiliates of the year by the Florida Keys Board of Realtors in recognition of the bank's support of the Keys real estate industry and community service.

Brown joined First State in 1995 as senior vice president/regional manager. She was promoted to executive vice president/retail market executive in 2000 and assumed her current position in 2005.

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IN THE COURTS

Abuse plea possible

Black accused of abusing his disabled daughter

By RYAN McCARTHY
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BLACK

Assistant Monroe County State Attorney Tanner Demmery says he's close to reaching a plea agreement with a Marathon man accused in May of abusing his disabled adult daughter.

But the deal may not get done before a scheduled pretrial hearing Thursday for 63-year-old John Black. He's charged with felony abuse of a disabled person

and misdemeanor battery. "There could be a plea on that case," Demmery said. "I have not heard back from [Public Defender] Tony Barrows as to what his client is going to do."

Black allegedly let his 31-year-old daughter live in her own waste and didn't feed her properly. A bartender at the American Legion in Marathon turned him in.

An arrest report says the bartender told police that

"most days, Black shows up with his ... daughter at 9 a.m. and they stay until 11 p.m." He reportedly never changed her disposable diapers and left her in another room all day while he drank at the bar.

The report says his daughter had abrasions on her chin and both knees, appeared to be very underweight and hadn't bathed in some time.

The daughter was treated at Fishermen's Community Hospital and taken into custody by the state Department of Children and Families. Demmery said she is staying with family on the Florida mainland.

IN THE COURTS

'Mental' issues arise

Woman charged with trying to kill her baby

By RYAN McCARTHY
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GARCIA

"Potential mental issues" have cropped up in an attempted-murder case against a Marathon woman accused of trying to kill her infant, says the Middle Keys' top prosecutor.

Elizabeth Garcia, 20, was charged Aug. 26 with attempted second-degree murder of her 2-month-old daughter and carrying a concealed weapon stemming from two separate Aug. 18 incidents at the Trailerama mobile-home park at 1571 Overseas Highway.

The case is scheduled for

a docket sounding on Nov. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Marathon before Judge Ruth Becker. She's being represented

by Public Defender Anthony Barrows.

"From our last discussion, there's some mental issues being followed up on," said Assistant Monroe County State Attorney Tanner Demmery.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Garcia threatened to hit her daughter with a "piece of concrete stone" during an argument with several neighbors.

The report says a cell-phone video shows witnesses Orlando and Alexis Mendoza ultimately restrained Garcia and pried the

baby from her arms as she brought "her left hand down forcefully in the direction of the child's face." Demmery said he's seen the video.

"It certainly captures the behavior to that effect. It's kind of a blurry cell-phone video. I think you can surmise what's going on and the tone of the argumentation," he said.

It wasn't until later the same day that deputies reported to the scene, when Garcia attempted to take the baby from an unknown trailer. Police reportedly attempted to restrain Garcia, who attempted to pull a knife from her waistband.

Garcia, whose actions the state Department of Children and Families reported to the Sheriff's Office after receiving a tip, is being held with no bond at the Monroe County Detention Center.

UPPER KEYS

Drowning caused two dive deaths

By KEVIN WADLOW
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Two scuba divers who died together on Crocker Reef in August were victims of accidental saltwater drowning, the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office concluded.

Kevin Moss, 43, of Boca Raton and Judy Boone, 53, of Wellington died when Moss had difficulty and could not surface, according to witness accounts taken by Sheriff's Office investigators. Boone apparently died while trying to render assistance.

It was the first multiple scuba-diving death in Florida

Keys waters since three New Jersey divers died after getting lost deep inside the Spiegel Grove shipwreck in March 2007.

Drowning is by far the most common cause of death for scuba divers. A study by the Divers Alert Network of 841 dive deaths over a 10-year period found 61 percent were classified as drownings.

However, experts at a 2010 seminar hosted by the dive-safety group emphasized that dive deaths attributed to drowning often have a trigger, which U.S. Navy Capt. Jim Caruso described in a presentation as a "critical event that directly resulted in the death."

The most common trigger is running out air at depth, experts said.

In the August incident at Crocker Reef off Islamorada, Moss and Boone were acquaintances visiting the Keys for a

dive trip to celebrate the birthday of a mutual friend.

Moss suffered from Parkinson's disease and exhibited some symptoms but reportedly kept in shape and was a certified diver with hundreds of logged dives.

The two were among five people diving from a private boat operated by a local captain. On a second dive to about 50 feet, Moss signaled he was very low on air and could not drop his weights to surface.

Mariann Radwan tried to help Moss by using her second-stage regulator mouthpiece but could not bring him to the surface. Boone, described as a relatively inexperienced diver, then went to assist Moss by sharing her one regulator mouthpiece.

Boone and Moss were not seen again until their bodies were found by Sheriff's Office divers the following day.

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KEY LARGO

Mainlanders win all Bridge Run divisions

Third annual race draws 819 runners

Two South Florida residents won overall men's and women's half-marathon titles Saturday at the third annual Key Largo Bridge Run in the Florida Keys.

Chris Oesch, 44, of Weston ran the span in 1 hour, 21 minutes, 52 seconds. He's a project engineer originally from South Africa.

Rachelle Ginsberg, a real estate broker from Miami Beach, ran 1:36:31 to win the women's division.

"I prefer half-marathons, and this race offers a great variety and really beautiful views," Ginsberg, 33, said of her first-time entry in the Key Largo event.

Runners from 27 U.S. states as well as the Bahamas, Brazil, Germany and Switzerland competed among the event's 819 participants.

Under sunny skies, the out-and-back foot race crossed the 65-foot-high, 1.25-mile-long Jewfish Creek Bridge and the southern portion of the 18-Mile Stretch.

In the 10K division,



Photo by ANDY NEWMAN/FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU

Runners replace autos on the Jewfish Creek Bridge during Saturday's race across the Key Largo span.

Jonathan Volpi placed first with a time of 32:58, a new course record for this event. Valerie Azra's time of 41:26 earned her the women's title. Both runners are from Boca Raton.

Top honors in the 5K men's and women's divisions went to Miami resident Jon Williams, 42, who previously held the course records for the race's 10K and 5K events, and

Tamara Klopenstein, 53, of Fort Lauderdale. Each posted a time of 17:54 and 23:38, respectively. Williams' time sets a new course record for the 5K.

RUNNING

5K schedule is filling up

Several set for throughout Florida Keys

With the advent of cooler weather comes a calendar packed with 5K races in the Keys. Runs scheduled so far:

- Nov. 19, Mariners Hospital 5K Run/Walk, Islamorada. Call 745-3027.
- Nov. 26, Hog's Breath 5K Hog Trot Run/Walk, Key West. Call 296-0268.
- Dec 17, A Positive Step New Years 5K Run/Walk, Key West. Call 295-9622.
- Jan. 1, Islamorada New Years 5K. Call 853-1685.
- Jan. 14, Domestic Abuse Shelter No Name 5K Run/Walk, No Name Key. Call 745-3027.
- Feb. 18, Pirates

Wellness Blimp Road 4 Miler, Cudjoe Key. Call 745-3027.

• March 3, Sombrero Beach Run 15K Challenge
• 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk, Marathon. Call 4582.

• March 10, Menendez Miler 5K, Key West. Call 745-3027.

• April 14, Earth Day 5K Run/Walk, Key West. Call 293-1881.

• April 28, Mary Immaculate Star of the Sea Mariner's March 5K Run/Walk, Key West. Call 304-7444.

• May 26, Southernmost Seminoles 5K Renegade Run, Key West. Call 360-2026.

For applications for any of these races, go to www.southernmostrunners.com.

CORAL SHORES SWIMMING

Canes 15th at state meet

The boys swim strong, Volland places 17th

By KEVIN WADLOW
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A seventh-place finish in the boys 400-yard freestyle relay boosted Coral Shores High's swim team to the No. 15 spot in team standings Friday at the Florida Class 1A Championship Meet.

The quartet of Luis Santiesteban, Evin Zekthi, Garrett Munshower and A.J. Hamer clocked a 3-minute, 19.39-second time in the championship's final event at the YMCA Aquatic center in Orlando.

The same race featured a new national high-school record for the 400 relay when the Bolles team from

Jacksonville raced to a 3:00.67 time.

The Hurricanes scored 24 team points in the 400 relay, finishing the boys' stay at the 1A championships ranked 15th of 45 teams competing.

Santiesteban, a junior, took 11th in the 100 freestyle (48.89) and 15th in the individual 200 medley (2:00.69). Hamer, a senior, took 15th in the 50 freestyle with a 22.28-second time.

The boys 200-free relay — Luke Miller with Santiesteban, Hamer and Munshower — had a 1:31.07 time for 11th.

Kelsea Volland, a freshman who was the only Lady Hurricane to qualify for the state championship meet, took 17th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.39).

Jon Olsen and Mhyria Miller coach the Hurricane swim teams.

MARATHON BASKETBALL

Youth leads Dolphin hoops team

It has only two seniors, two veterans

By RYAN MCCARTHY
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A mix of experience, inexperience and youth makes up this year's Marathon High School basketball team.

But it's hard for coach Kevin Freeman to tell how it'll come together, since most of the team was wrapping up the 2011 football season as hoops practice was under way.

"So I'll have them for four or five practices before our first game," he said.

The team, 7-16 last year, will rely heavily on its only seniors, Dwayne Ellis and Trevelle Beckford.

"Dwayne wants to play in college, so this is his final hurrah. He likes playing the wing but he's going to have to play down low. He's a pretty good post player and

we're counting on his toughness," Freeman said. "Trevelle has the biggest heart on the team. This is their senior year and they'll give it all they've got."

Sophomores Jesse DeLuca and Dominic Cavitt are the only returning players with experience at the varsity level.

Promoted from the junior varsity ranks are sophomore guards Damian Chavez and Shemar Fantroy, as well as freshman guard Nelson Rojas.

Even with several players being promoted, Freeman said the middle school and junior varsity squads have numerous talented players.

"We've got 19 kids out between middle school and JV, and that's what we've been working with a lot. The kids are working hard and there's a lot of eighth- and ninth-graders that will be with the program for the next several years," he said.

Junior small forward

• See Basketball, 2B

FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

Don't let the wind keep you at dock

Look for sail bite to increase with the fronts

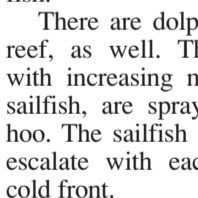
November is living up to its reputation as typically the windiest month in the Florida Keys.

Boats that have been able to get offshore have found the dolphin bite remains good with lots of schoolie-size fish.

There are dolphin on the reef, as well. They, along with increasing numbers of sailfish, are spraying ballyhoo. The sailfish action will escalate with each passing cold front.

Chris Johnson

Captain's Column



Fishing with Capt. Moe Mottice and Reel Lucky Charters, Tony Timmin from England caught his limit of yellowtail snapper as well as three blackfin tuna on the color change off Key West.

Anglers dropping on the wrecks report significant bite-offs due to the presence of kingfish in the 10- to 20-pound class. Add some wire to your rig, and you'll have some nice king mackerel for your smoker.

It seems all areas of the reef are alive and active as the waters continue to cool. The yellowtail snapper and grouper bite remains consistent, with lots of cero and Spanish mackerel mixed in the chum slicks.

On the patch reefs, mangrove snapper is the main target, with some nice muttons showing here, as well. Freshly caught live ballyhoo are the trick to catching the largest mangroves and muttons.

The channel humps are coming to life with loads of mackerel, snapper of all variety, some good keeper grouper and, most recently, lots of jack crevalle.

Fishing in Florida Bay is always an excellent option on a windy day and provides lots of rod-bending action with tasty treats to bring back to the dock. Right now, mangrove snapper and Spanish mackerel are there for the taking.

There are also tons of hard-fighting jack crevalle in the bay. They are feeding on the ballyhoo that are making their way to the Atlantic waters. And feeding on the jack crevalle are plenty of

• See Fishing, 2B

MARATHON SOCCER

Lady Dolphins move to .500

Team rebounds from an early scoring deficit

By RYAN MCCARTHY
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A bit of formation tinkering helped the Marathon High School girls soccer team rebound Friday from a sub-par performance the day before.

The Dolphins (2-2) fell behind early, but scored three unanswered goals to beat a solid Pine Crest School team, 3-2.

"We made some adjustments on Friday and the girls played much, much better. We played more of a defensive style and counter

attacked," coach Lynn Landry.

Landry said he moved junior Taylor Konrath back to an attacking midfielder position, essentially playing with one forward. Fellow junior Katie Landry played a holding midfielder, allowing her to solidify the Dolphins' defense.

Eighth-grader Sacha Olivera started in goal for the Dolphins and made a number of solid saves. "She played keeper for us and had a very good game; she made some nice stops for us," coach Landry said.

Like in Thursday's loss to Doral, Marathon put itself in an early hole Friday after surrendering a pair of goals in the opening minutes. The Dolphins trailed

2-0 before the 20:00 water break.

But the girls responded with a pair of goals late in the first half to tie the game at 2-2.

In the 36th minute, Regan Durkin sent a through ball to Savannah Rodamer, who scored to make it 2-1. The Dolphins scored on another through ball from Katie Landry to Konrath just before the half.

"We didn't give up. Thursday, we had a bit of a letdown after they scored their goals and on Friday they didn't. We're still working on our timing, but I was very happy with the way we played on Friday," coach Landry said.

He said the pace of play was back and forth until late

in the second half, when Rodamer was fouled inside the 18-yard box. Marathon was awarded a penalty kick that Katie Landry converted to give the girls a 3-2 lead.

The Dolphins were scheduled to play Somerset Academy Tuesday, but results were not available at press time. The team is slated to host Westwood Christian School Friday at 6 p.m. at the high school.

Photo courtesy Cindy Bull: Marathon High School's Regan Durkin blocks a Pine Crest School player from the ball during a 3-2 Dolphins soccer victory Friday. Durkin assisted on Savannah Rodamer's goal in the 36th minute of the first half.

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KEY WEST SOCCER

Conchs eke out win over Pine Crest

Little offense for 2-2 squad

By **DICK WAGNER**
Keynoter Contributor

The first half of Saturday afternoon's girls District 16-3A soccer game between Key West High and Pine Crest was more like kick-ball, a slow boring exhibition at the Conchs' Back Yard field that even drove off the vultures, who had competed for the overhead air space with descending planes.

Pine Crest, green-clad and visiting from Fort Lauderdale, didn't threaten to score at all. The Conchs had their chances, but were kept at bay by the booming goal kicks of keeper Amber Clark.

Late in the half, Conch sophomore Devin Mitchell drilled a close-in shot right into Clark's hands that prompted her father, crouched on the sideline to suggest, "Devin, just control it in."

It was 0-0 at intermission, and the fans, who were not in great number despite it being a beautiful day, meandered to the tiny concession stand for chips and Cokes.

About seven minutes into the second half, Key West's Lauren Schoneck made a



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Key West's Raquel Schoneck tries unsuccessfully to head-in a goal Saturday against Pine Crest.

to score again but popped a shot over the goal. Kendall Galvan launched a hard shot — "You don't have to kill the ball to score, you have to aim it," Paul would advise the team after the game — but it was straight at Clark, who was as sure-handed as she was strong-footed.

Time began to run out, the vultures returned briefly, and Key West's 1-0 lead was still precarious. With about a minute left, a hand ball was called on the Conchs deep in their end. "Are you kidding me?" screamed McCart, a former Conch player. "How can you call that from that side of the field?"

The referee, a yellow card in his hand, marched over to McCart and said, "This is your second yellow. Leave."

As McCart walked away, Pine Crest's Amanda Miller was awarded a free kick from about 20 yards. It sailed high over Conch keeper Angela Martin, and a second later, the final whistle blew, giving Key West a 1-0 victory.

Pine Crest, which had lost to Marathon on Friday night, fell to 0-5, and the Conchs improved to 2-2. They will play Pompano Beach at 8 p.m. Friday and Mourning at 2 Saturday afternoon. Both games will be at Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium.

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Preseason set

From Basketball, 1B

Peter Culver, sophomore forward Willie Guerra and sophomore forward Noel Natta are new to the program. For Natta — a 6-foot-1-inch, 215-pound lineman on the football

team — it'll be his first experience on the court.

"We haven't found a spot for him yet. He's big and he can jump. We have time to teach him," Freeman said.

The Dolphins make the switch this year to District 16-3A. It's made up of Florida Christian, Westminster Christian and Palmer Trinity schools, as well as Somerset Charter Academy.

A preseason tournament Thursday and Friday is planned for Miami Country Day. The Dolphins play Ransom Everglades Thursday at 6 p.m. and St. Brendan Friday at 6 p.m.

MARATHON GIRLS HOOPS

Dolphins fall to Patriots

Goleman visits this Thursday

The Marathon High School girls basketball team dropped its regular-season opener Monday to a strong Florida Christian School team, 69-14.

Junior co-captain Jessica Forest led the team with five points against the Patriots, while Johnisha Qualls had four points, Gardine Raymond three and Yailin Nieda two. Forest had one three-pointer in the game.

The Dolphins lost a close preseason tilt to Westwood

Christian School Friday, 37-32. A scheduled Saturday game against Archimedean Academy was canceled.

Forest led the Dolphins with 15 points against the Warriors, while Cassidy Van Voorst had nine points and Qualls and Brianna Williams each had four.

Qualls led the team with six rebounds, while Forest had five and Williams four. Qualls also had six steals, while Forest and Van Voorst each had four.

The Lady Dolphins next play Thursday at 4 p.m. at home against Barbara Goleman High School.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY
FLORIDA KEYS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD ROOM
91630 Overseas Highway
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

<u>Public Hearing</u>	<u>Regular Meeting</u>
10:00 a.m.	Immediately following the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing is regarding the Authority electing to preserve the right and option to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessment for the area known as Big Coppitt Wastewater Service District, Cudjoe Regional Wastewater Service District and the Monroe County Sub-district of the Layton Wastewater Service Districts.

The purpose of the Regular Meeting is for the Board to take action on routine business matters for the FCAA (potable water and wastewater issues) and to receive reports on operational aspects of the organization.

All agendas and backup can be viewed on our web site @ www.fkaa.com, or a copy of the Agenda, or any backup, is available upon request from FCAA, Elvira Sawyer, Executive Office Coordinator, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 295-2203, esawyer@fkaa.com.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, Florida (the "Board") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments which may be levied throughout Monroe County, Florida, including the unincorporated area of the County and within the boundaries of all municipalities within the County including the areas known as Big Coppitt Wastewater Service District, Cudjoe Regional Wastewater Service District and the Monroe County Sub-District of the Layton Wastewater Service District (subject to and as provided by section 9 of Chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended), for the cost of providing for (a) identification of parcels, development of one or more wastewater infrastructure and or service delivery plans, engineering, and cost estimation, and (b) acquisition, construction, administration and appurtenant costs of associated wastewater projects, management services and facilities including the upgrading of existing plants to meet 2015 standards commencing for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to preserve its right and option to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at **10:00 a.m., November 22, 2011, at the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tavernier, Florida.** Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at Administrative Offices of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend. Adoption of such resolution shall not be deemed to commit or require the Authority to impose any charge or assessment and the adoption of any such charges or assessments, if any, will only be made after future consideration, notice and subsequent public hearing as provided by law.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board of Directors with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

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The week's best

In Marathon, Capt. Dallas Tisdale guided Adam, Glen and Oslo, visiting from the United Kingdom. With their first day a bit breezy, they headed to Florida Bay and caught mangrove snapper, cero and Spanish mackerel and bluefish.

Capt. Bob Crockett, of Finnz-Up Charters at the Blackfin Resort in Marathon, took Jay and Gail Mezza, from Hardy, Va., to the reef for some good yellowtail snapper fishing.

Glenn Aaron, from Clermont, Calif., had a great day aboard the *Papa Pip's* with Capt. Howard Kelley and mate Capt. Tom Beck out of Captain Pip's Marina and Hideaway in Marathon. They brought back lots of dolphin, skipjack and blackfin tuna, a few nice yellowtail snapper and some mackerel.

The *SeaSquared* spent the week fishing the bay and the reef. Our anglers caught yellowtail and mangrove snapper, cero and Spanish mackerel, hogfish, porgy and more good-eating species. The jack crevalle are thick and provide just the fight some anglers seek. They make excellent shark bait for the two groups we hosted for catch-and-release

shark fishing adventures.

Casting contest

And remember, Capt. Spider's Casting for Charity takes place Thursday at the 7 Mile Marina/Salty's Waterfront Grill at mile marker 47.5 bayside in Marathon. The fun contest runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and this week benefits the Monroe County Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Capt. Chris Johnson specializes in offshore, gulf/bay, bottom, wreck and reef fishing with SeaSquared Charters out of the 7 Mile Marina in Marathon. You can reach him at 743-5305, SeaSquared@bellsouth.net and www.SeaSquared-Charters.com.

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HGTV puts Keys homes in spotlight

'Live Here' episode to air in fall 2012

By **KEVIN WADLOW**
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When HGTV Canada wanted to show a "fantasy" lifestyle, they headed for the Florida Keys.

A production crew working on an upcoming series called "Live Here, Buy This!" shot video at two Upper Keys homes Friday and Saturday to show potential newcomers the local real estate market and lifestyle.

"Just the fact that HGTV came to film our home was a real honor," Key Largo homeowner Gretta Ramirez said. "We're big fans of the channel and we had a very good time with the crew."

"Live Here, Buy This!" is scheduled to air in the fall 2012 season on HGTV Canada, said Andrea Griffith, production executive for Shaw Media Television. But HGTV's United States channel has picked up series from Canada before and could add "Live Here, Buy This!" to its lineup, she said.

"It's a fantasy show that asks: If people had a chance to live in their dream location, could they do it?" Griffith said.

The premise asks people about a place where they have fantasized about living, then shows them homes there that they could afford if they sell their existing residence.

David and Gretta Ramirez of Kendall bought their



Keynoter photos by KEVIN WADLOW

An HGTV cameraman videos Upper Keys real estate broker Natalia Boblitt (left) and Vivianne Collins, co-host of an upcoming HGTV Canada series called 'Live Here, Buy That!' This home to be featured on the show is in Key Largo.

canalfront Ellen Drive property in February and recently put it on the market "for around \$600,000" after extensive landscaping and some remodeling, Gretta said.

Son David, 7, was enlisted as a volunteer member of the HBTV crew, pulling video cables while the crew taped a tour of the bayside property not far from John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo.

Upper Keys real estate broker Natalia Boblitt of Shoreline Properties pointed out features of the two-story home, including a tiled Jacuzzi and upstairs patio, to series co-host Vivianne Collins, a veteran of Nickelodeon game shows and other television work.

A Lake Road residence on Plantation Key with the same approximate value also was toured by the series video

crew from JV Productions.

"We took the crew on a boating tour to give them a really good sense of how the Keys are all about the water and outdoors," Boblitt said.

"We want to let the world know we're here because a lot of people think Florida is just Mickey Mouse and South Beach," she said. "Our main objective is to get people down here to help our industry and economy."

The series crew also has filmed dream homes in France and Portugal, and plans another Florida Keys visit.

"It's going to be a very exciting show" along the lines of "House Hunters International," Griffith said.

"We're showing people that it's possible to enjoy their ideal location and lifestyle," she said. "It could turn possible dream into probable."

LIVING BRIEFS

Book club talks 'Woman at Light'

The Marathon Library Book Discussion Group meets on Dec. 2 at the Marathon library at 10 a.m. to discuss "Woman at the Light" by Key West author Joanna Schmida.

It's a fictional account of a woman whose husband disappeared mysteriously, leaving her to tend the lighthouse off Key West in 1838. She gets help from a runaway slave, Andrew, who washes up on shore. They are separated when a hurricane hits.

Call Fran Spinelli at 743-6538 for more information.

Adoption info available Saturday

Wesley House Family Services has two National Adoption Day events scheduled to raise awareness about the need for adoptive and foster parents.

Adoptive families and would-be parents considering adoption or becoming foster parents are invited to informational programs on Saturday, one from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Key West Toy Factory, upstairs in Mallory Square's Clinton Square Market; and the other the same day from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fish Bowl, mile marker 83.2 bayside.

For more information, call Teri at 809-5000, Ext. 386.

Red Cross benefits from tree fundraiser

Keys artists, businesses and individuals are invited to decorate holiday trees and wreaths as part of a contest and fundraiser for the American Red Cross.

Spearheading the effort are artists from Gallery 84 in Islamorada, where the evergreens will be displayed and then sold at a celebration with food, music and beverages.

Through Dec. 9, participants can decorate their

own trees or wreaths to win prizes. Plan to deliver them to Gallery 84 on Dec. 3. They will be on display between Dec. 4 and 10 at the gallery, where the exhibit and sale will be conducted from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 10. Proceeds benefit Keys programs of American Red Cross, which include such things as disaster response and CPR training. For more information, visit www.floridakeysredcross.org.

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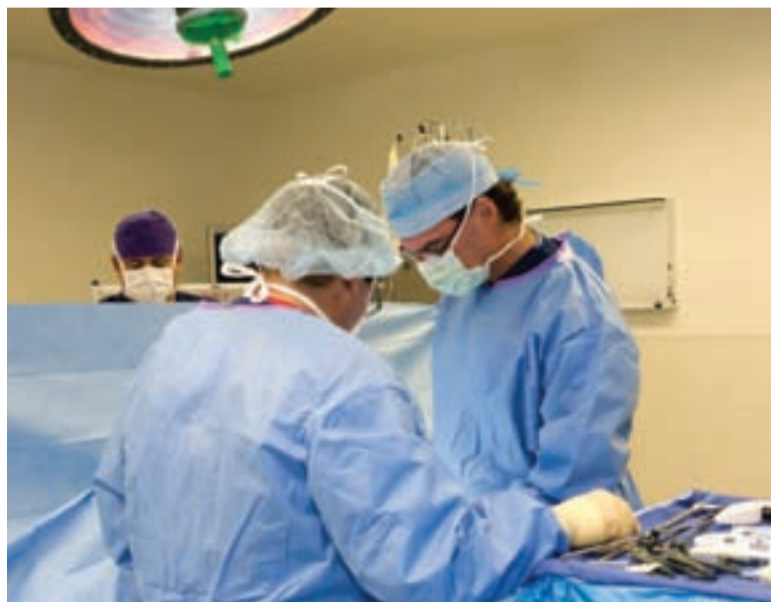
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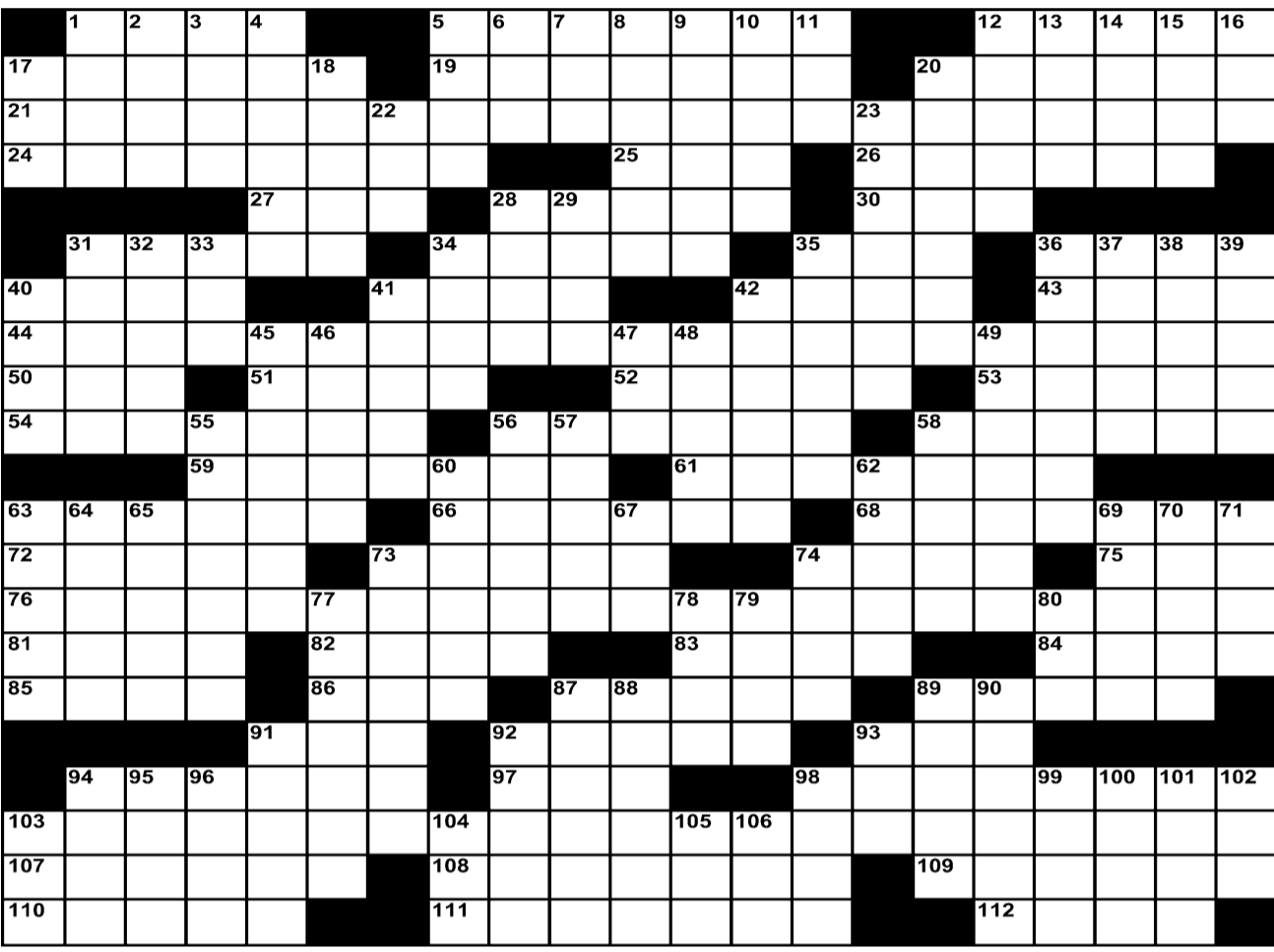
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The Florida Keys Southernmost Car Club has a car show set for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Sugarloaf Lodge, mile marker 17. It's for those who love classic, custom and street-rod automobiles; and chrome-loaded motorcycles. Food and drink will be available. To find out about the club, call Dick Moody at 942-1758.

HORTICULTURE

Wanted: New bumper crop of Master Gardeners

Find out how to get trained later this month

Have you wanted to learn more about being a plant medic? Interested in growing tropical fruit trees, native plants, ornamentals or lawns? Enjoy helping others?

If you answered yes to these questions, then your chance may be just around the corner: A horticulture educational program called Master Gardener is being offered by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service to provide training for selected home gardeners in the Florida Keys. Training will include topics such as basic plant science, entomology, plant pathology, soils and fertilizers, growing tropical fruit trees, woody ornamentals, turf management, integrated pest management, vegetable gardening and diagnosing plant problems.

Master Gardener is the title given to people who receive 60 hours of in-depth horticultural training. After training, the Master Gardener agrees to volunteer 75 hours of service during his or her first year, helping the Cooperative Extension horti-

culture program.

To maintain active Master Gardener status, course graduates must volunteer a minimum of 35 hours and receive 10 hours of additional horticultural education each year. Volunteer duties include answering telephone calls in the extension office; troubleshooting plant problems brought into the office; staffing regional plant clinics, school and other group presentations; and working with various landscape demonstration projects.

Preview sessions for prospective Master Gardeners will be held at the following locations (all are from 3 to 4:30 p.m.):

- Nov. 28, Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., Key West.
- Nov. 29, Marathon Government Center, mile marker 47.5 bayside.
- Nov. 30, Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center, mile marker 102 bayside.

Master Gardener applicants must attend one of the preview sessions to be considered for the program. If selected, training will run from Jan. 27 through March 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays at the Marathon Government Center. Cost of materials is \$135.

To find out more, call Kim Gabel at 292-4501 or send an e-mail to kgabel@ufl.edu.

LIVING BRIEFS

Flea market set for Town Square

What's called the Sea Market Flea Market is planned for Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Square Mall, 11400 Overseas Highway in Marathon. The beneficiary is

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Anyone who has items to sell can get a vendor space 10 feet by 10 feet for a \$30 tax-deductible contribution to KAIR. To reserve a space, contact Collectors Corner at 743-4456 or Charlotte Quinn 743-6447.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, Florida, will, on the 30th day of November 2011 11:00AM on THE FRONT STEPS OF THE MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 WHITEHEAD STREET in the City of KEY WEST Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for CASH the following described property situated in Monroe County, Florida, to wit:

Unit No. PC73B of PUMPKIN CAY CONDOMINIUM 10, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, recorded in Official Records Book 577 at Page 77 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

Property Address: 73 Snapper Lane, Key Largo, FL 33037

Pursuant to the FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT entered in a case in said Court, the style of which is:

Pumpkin Cay Condominium Apartments Plaintiff

VS.

Jacqueline Mary St. Vincent; JAMES ST. VINCENT; GIBRALTAR PRIVATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY; ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS, LLC; RAYMOND B FOGG; CT CORPORATION SYSTEM Defendant

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LOST/ABANDONED PROPERTY NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission took custody of a **24 foot red J24 fiberglass sailboat** displaying a Florida Registration Number of FL 6587 HK. The vessel was found lost/abandoned on **9/17/2011**, at 51st Ocean, Marathon in state waters in Monroe County. Pursuant to Florida Statute 705, the property will be disposed of unless a claim by the rightful owner or the lien holder is received by **December 5th**. Send claims in writing to: FWC, Division of Law Enforcement, 2796 Overseas Highway, Suite 100, Marathon, FL 33050. **Attention:** Officer Jason Richards, FWC-11-OFF-8161.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction to be held on **Nov 28, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.** at **All American Towing & Tire, Inc., 711 Largo Road, Key Largo, Florida 33037**, in accordance to FL statute section 713.78 for unpaid towing & storage.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

Case No: 44-2011-CP-P Division PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY BARNETT WARNER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARY BARNETT WARNER, deceased, whose date of death was September 8, 2011; File Number 44-2011CP-P, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 88820 Overseas Highway, Plantation Key, FL 33070. 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 WITHIN 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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 Wednesday, November 9th, 2011.

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