STARKLY BEAUTIFUL

Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher brings his iconic work to Morada Way Arts and Cultural District Thursday. See story, **4B**.

SPORTS INJURY

Key West wrestler Haralds Krumholcs suffers a broken neck at Western High tournament in Davie. See story, **1B**.

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OUR SCHOOLS

Audit critic apparently out

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Murray told he won't be reappointed to district audit and finance committee

With all five members of the Monroe County School District's Audit and Finance Committee up for reappointment tonight, there could be some new faces on the advisory body.

Committee members are each appointed by one member of the county School Board, which was set to take action after press time Tuesday during a meeting at Coral Shores High School in Tavernier.

Although board member Duncan Mathewson couldn't be reached for comment, his committee appointee Larry Murray told the *Keynoter* Monday that Mathewson would not reappoint him for another two-year term.

Murray, who said he wasn't surprised to learn that he wouldn't be reappointed, is known for his pointed criticisms of the district, and particular members of the administration.

"I doubt very, very much that I'm going to go gently into the good night," Murray said, channeling Welsh poet Dylan Thomas.

He also said that his departure from the board was foreshadowed by an ice-out from committee staff contact Ken Gentile, the board's chief internal auditor.

Murray said he planned to deliver a statement to school board members Tuesday night: "In recent months, the Internal Auditor has simply ignored me, thus rendering me all but useless. I expect that Mr. Gentile knew that my time was short and that he would outlive me."

Not true, Gentile said. "I haven't been ignoring him (Murray) at all. He has accused me of that when I don't get information for him in his timeframe."

Gentile said that he "doesn't agree with the message and tone," of Murray's written and verbal communications with district staff.

"The board, since a year ago, has been trying to deal with communications principally coming from Larry. My view is to look at the process and look at solutions as opposed to looking for motive and personalizing the issue."

"Early on," Murray said, "I was labeled by the district

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ISLAMORADA

French selling Village's only trash hauler

Committee picks subsidiary for sewer system

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The French company that collects garbage in the Village of Islamorada is selling its solid waste division in North America.

And, on Thursday, the Village Council will take up a recommendation to hire a subsidiary company for Islamorada's next wastewater system.

Veolia Environmental Services made the announcement on Dec. 6. It's still not clear how the decision will affect garbage collection in the village. Richard Burke, president and chief executive officer for the company's North American operations, said in a prepared statement that "we will continue with business as usual" until a buyer is found.

The move is aimed at paying down debt and raising cash. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the company wants to trim about $14 billion with the proposed deal and increase cash flow by almost $7 billion.

Burke said Veolia is confident it will find a buyer.

"Our solid waste business is self-sustaining, profitable and highly marketable, and its sale will make a significant contribution to the financial wellbeing of Veolia globally," Burke's statement read.

Bruce Williams, the head of Veolia's Islamorada operations, referred questions to the company's public relations department in Chicago. Denisse Ike, director of marketing and communications, could not be reached for comment by press time Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Koconis, Islamorada's village manager did not return an emailed message asking how the future sale would impact garbage collection in the village.

The decision comes as an evaluation committee appointed to recommend an engineering company to design, build and finance Islamorada's sewer system has chosen another Veolia division, Veolia Water, to do the job.

The committee will make its recommendation official at Islamorada's Village Council meeting Thursday night at Founders Park, where the five-member board is expected to approve or deny the proposal.

Veolia was originally one of five firms competing for

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Attired for Christmas, these three residents of the Key Largo Animal Shelter took part in the pet parade held during the recent Florida Keys Christmas Festival at Islamorada's Founders Park hoping to find new homes for the holidays. Call the shelter at (305) 451-0088.

Photos by BOB AND MARIELA CARE

HEAVY LOAD

The police are still scratching their heads over the 70,000-pound construction rig that disappeared from a Marathon job site. With tractor and backhoe trailer combined, the steel monster measures 75-feet long and 12-feet wide. See story, **2A**.

OUR SCHOOLS

Cunningham announces bid

Ramrod Key resident eyes school board

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CUNNINGHAM

With the informal commitment this week of Ramrod Key resident Michael Cunningham, there are now two declared challengers for the Monroe County School Board seat currently held by two-term incumbent Duncan Mathewson.

Cunningham, the executive director of the Marathon-based Florida Keys Area Health Education Center, told the *Keynoter* he intends to run for the District 3 seat along with Big Pine Key retiree Mark Peterson, who has formally filed to run at the county Supervisor of Elections Office.

Mathewson, who has not responded to phone calls and messages for several weeks, has not publicly stated if he'll seek a third four-year term in office.

Cunningham said that the School District has been preoccupied with "crisis management" instead of focusing on the needs of pupils.

"What I have seen is for the past four years this board and the district has really been in a crisis management mode," he said.

"I think we really need to get away from this crisis management mode and get back in to the business of providing these students with a world class education. It's time for somebody to step up that has that vision, that passion and that vested interest in the district."

Cunningham said it was

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NEWS BRIEFS

Search on for owners of stolen goods

Sheriff's detectives working a string of auto burglaries in the Upper Keys are looking for victims to come forward.

This after police arrested 39-year-old Jason Seeger of Key Largo when he tried to sell a power saw stolen from a vehicle on Plante Street in Key Largo.

Detectives say they found other stolen property when they search his vehicle. And further investigation turned up Seeger as the suspect in a number of car burglaries on the streets of Key Largo.

Seeger has been charged in eight cases with more possible.

Police say much of the stolen property has been returned to owners, but there is still more to be identified.

During the course of the investigation, detectives say they found property in Seeger's possession that did not come from any burglaries reported to the Sheriff's Office. In addition, Seeger told detectives he'd committed an estimated 30 burglaries during his crime spree.

"We believe there are quite a few victims out there whose vehicles were burglarized who have not reported it," said Captain Don Fanelli. "We need those people to come forward so we can return their property to them," he said

KEYS WEATHER

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MARATHON

Fishermen's CEO hiring imminent

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Fishermen's Community Hospital officials told the Keynoter Monday that the Middle Keys medical center expects to announce a new chief executive officer as soon as today.

The hospital's nonprofit board of trustees contracted with Tennessee-based Quorum Health Resources in August 2010 to manage day-to-day operations after its 25-year lease with Health Management Associates ended July 1.

Quorum Chief Transition Officer Scott Landrum has filled in as CEO on an interim basis since July, but the board has been searching for his replacement. Quorum received a total of 67 applications and interviewed the top seven choices.

Board Chairman Michael Cunningham said the top candidate has been chosen and that "an offer has been extended to that individual." The announcement is pending the candidate - who hospital officials declined to name - being able to meet with his or her own board of directors.

Longtime board member David Kirwan noted that the board and certain Fishermen's employees were involved in the interview process.

"We all ended up with the same conclusion," he said.

Kirwan also confirmed that recently hired Chief Financial Officer Michael Schimming and Lynn Mauck, chief operations and nursing officer, were candidates for the job but did not interview.

Cunningham praised both Schimming, hired in October, and Mauck as valuable employees and said their not being picked for the CEO post speaks to the quality of applicants for the top job.

"The candidate pool was so strong, so we ended up with some fantastic candidates," he said.

Landrum, Cunningham and Kirwan met with the Keynoter Monday and discussed a wide range of hospital-related issues. Among other topics:

• Kirwan said a special taxing district floated in 2009 by then hospital board member David Rice is not likely. Rice is now Monroe County mayor after winning a four-year term in the 2010 election.

Kirwan said he was "naÔve" in considering the taxing district in the past. "I would never say never, but that's not the best way to raise money for the hospital. It's not something that's on the radar," he said.

• The group said Fishermen's has no major plans for new construction at the hospital in the near future. Instead, QHR has concentrated on painting the entire building and a "facelift" is planned at the front entrance to the hospital.

• Landrum said Fishermen's employs a total of 193 employees, up five to 10 from HMA. That includes new nurses and an orthopedic surgeon, he said.

Landrum also noted that patient numbers have increased since the changeover. The hospital is seeing between 15 and 18 patients per day, he said.

• Kirwan said Quorum is in the process of formulating a long-term strategic plan for the hospital.

Kirwan said the hospital would consider a rehabilitation unit as part of that longrange plan. A petition has been making the rounds in Marathon requesting one.

Landrum said the plan likely wouldn't include the return of a maternity ward to Fishermen's.

$98.7 million price tag eyed

From Islamorada, 1A

the multi-million dollar project. But by the Oct. 28 deadline, only Veolia and Reynolds Water Islamorada turned in responses to Islamorada's request for proposals.

Veolia submitted three proposals to the evaluation committee, which chose its $98.7-million plan to treat the village's wastewater locally, instead of piping it to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District's plant at mile marker 100.5.

The plan calls for a 975,000-gallon-per-day-capacity plant to be built at mile marker 86.6. A force main would carry sewage flow from Lower Matecumbe Key, Upper Matecumbe Key, Windley Key and South Plantation Key to the 3-acre facility.

The facility would have 90-foot shallow disposal wells and treatment tanks.

The Village Council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park, mile marker 87, bayside.

CRIME

Hunt on for rig that disappeared

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A Komatsu backhoe exvacator used in sewer construction was aboard a tractor-trailer rig stolen from a Marathon storage yard late Sunday.

Somebody took "grand theft" to a new level in Marathon last weekend.

A lengthy tractor-trailer rig, loaded with a backhoe excavator weighing 70,000 pounds by itself, was reported stolen from a work yard on 122nd Street Ocean late Sunday.

"Somebody apparently got in it and just drove off," said Deputy Becky Herrin, spokeswoman for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

The complete rig, used to carry the Komatsu PC300-LC model backhoe, is 75 feet long and 12 feet wide - so big that moving it legally requires an "oversize load" escort.

"We've taken reports on a few big boats that were stolen," Herrin said, "but I can't remember any vehicle this big."

The Komatsu backhoe was set up to use a giant auger drill bit, 6 feet in diameter. The auger was loaded onto the Lowboy flatbed trailer but was not fully secured.

The equipment was being used in construction of the Marathon municipal sewer system.

Owned by the H.L. Chapman Pipeline company of Texas, the gear was listed as being "worth more than $100,000." An exact cost estimate was not available at press time.

Timothy Letcher, a Lehigh resident working with H.L. Chapman, told Sheriff's Office Sgt. Joel Slough that the gear was last seen Friday afternoon.

Letcher discovered the rig gone when he returned to work Sunday night.

No witnesses have been found who saw the rig - over 14 feet tall - being taken. Only one residence faces the work yard, and the people living there told Slough "they did not observe anything suspicious."

A work flag that was in the cab of the Mack truck was found on the ground, along with bits of broken glass. That suggests the thief may have smashed a side window to gain access to the truck, deputies noted.

Letcher said told Slough he saw the state weigh station on Plantation Key was closed Friday evening.

A law-enforcement alert for the missing truck and equipment was issued but as of Tuesday afternoon, it remained missing. Deputies confirmed with the owners that no one had permission to take the truck and backhoe.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Smith, Shaw seek re-election to board

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A pair of longtime Florida Keys Mosquito Control District commissioners will seek their fifth consecutive four-year term on the board in November.

Key West resident Steve Smith filed last Tuesday, while Chairman Bill Shaw told the *Keynoter* he would make it official in the near future. Smith represents District 3 while Chairman Bill Shaw holds the District 4 seat.

"I'm pleased with the direction we've taken over the years," Smith said. "I think it's going to be a good run with our new director; he's got some great ideas."

SMITH

Shaw told The *Keynoter* he plans to run for another four-year term. The third commissioner facing re-election, Joan Lord-Papy, did not return phone calls Tuesday.

Smith and fellow commissioners hired the new director, Michael Doyle, in late July after Ed Fussell retired, having served 13 years with the district.

Fussell was credited with turning the district into one of the most respected in the state, but openly clashed with Shaw and then-Commissioner Dick Rudell over budget issues and managerial style in recent years. Rudell died last year and Gov. Rick Scott appointed Phil Goodman to finish Rudell's term.

During the 2010 election cycle, Fussell's $185,000 annual salary and what many critics said was a bloated budget were the topic of much debate. Fussell announced his retirement shortly after Upper Keys attorney Jack Bridges won the District 5 seat that had been long held by Fussell's staunch supporter, Charles Langstaff.

Langstaff pled guilty in June to homestead exemption fraud and faces $60,000 owed to Levy County and Monroe County for back taxes.

Smith told the *Keynoter* he takes being an educated commissioner seriously, adding he's amassed 650 hours of mosquito control-related training over his 15 years on the board.

Last November, elected commissioners throughout the state chose Smith to be their representative on the Florida Mosquito Control Association board of directors.

"I'm not an entomologist, but I know what it takes to operate the basics of our district," Smith said.

Shaw was on the board when Fussell was hired and the district was in serious financial trouble. Shaw says he wants to help reorganize a second time.

"We have a new director and two new commissioners and in years to come we'll be making significant changes to the operation and budget to make us more efficient. I'd like to be around to help that process take place," Shaw said, adding that his next term would be his last.

Pat Bowman filed Dec. 2 to run for Joan Lord-Papy's District 1 seat.

Qualifying runs June 4 at noon until June 8 at noon, and candidates must submit 513 petitions before noon May 7.

MIAMI SUBS LONG GONE

Keynoter photo by RYAN McCARTHY

This pile of rubble is all that remains of the former Miami Subs building at 73rd Street and U.S. 1 in Marathon. The City Council approved Marathon Petroleum LLC plans for a gas station and Dunkin' Donuts in September. Planning Director George Garrett told the Keynoter a building permit could be issued this week.

'Focus on details'

From Cunningham, 1A

important for there to be top-down accountability running from the board, through the administration, on down to the schools; he also stressed that "as a community, we need to demand better and expect results."

"We do have a highly skilled staff and they need to be held accountable," he said. "We really need to focus on the details of what's going on."

Cunningham, who moved from his home state of New York to the Keys 17 years ago, is married and has two elementary-age daughters. He has spent his professional career in the health and social services fields, with stints at the state Department of Children and Families and the Rural Health Network.

He currently serves as president of the Fishermen's Community Hospital board of directors.

Aside from Cunningham and Peterson, Big Pine Key resident Dan Dombroski, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Key West, has expressed his interest in running for Mathewson's seat.

Even though school board candidates compete for district seats, they run countywide in the non-partisan election scheduled for next August.

'A political act'

From Committee, 1A

and the School Board as a 'troublemaker,' someone who asked too many questions and raised too many issues.

"It is obvious that I went public one time too many, spoke too often to reporters."

Back in June, board members, without the input of Chairman John Dick, voted to suspend the committee for 60 days and require ethics training after Gentile took evidence of an apparent Sunshine Law violation to the Monroe County State Attorney's Office.

Just days later, board Vice-chairman Andy Griffiths issued a public apology, paving the way for the suspension to be reversed.

Murray used his departure to reference that previous dust-up and Griffiths personally.

"Perhaps my greatest sin was to violate the Griffiths Rule: 'Praise in public, but criticize in private.'"

Last week, Murray joined in criticism of the board's contingency plan to raise taxes if a Jan. 31 voter referendum fails to extend a half-cent switch in capital funds to operating expenses.

Voters approved that shift four years ago and to continue that allocation formula school boards have to go back every four years for another vote.

"It sounds like to me, and one interpretation that could be offered, is this: 'Mr. Voters, if you vote down the half mill operating tax, we're going to raise the half mill capital tax.' The board, in effect, is going to say to the voters, 'Screw us, we'll screw you.' And that's well how it could be interpreted. "I think it's a very volatile political act," Murray said.

"It's great to have a relationship with them..."

"I used to visit the Keys regularly and during a trip twenty-two years ago, I found out Denny's Liquors was for sale. I decided not to let the opportunity pass by so I purchased the property and moved from New York immediately. I've made the store my own and now we offer the biggest selection of liquor and wines in the Upper Keys. We have a huge wine chiller and a walk in humidor. Denny's is the place to go if you want specialty items, cigars, hard to find liquors and mixers or interesting gifts.

I think it is important to do business with others in the Keys, and that is one thing I like about Community Bank. They buy from locals, especially when they are having events. I found the bank back in 1999 when I needed a home mortgage. Everything went so smoothly, I opened a personal account with them. Eventually I moved my business accounts there as well. They think about the little things, like running paperwork over to me so I don't have to leave the store. I've dealt with all the banks in the Keys, and Community Bank is the only bank that has ever checked on me regularly. It's great to have a relationship with them."

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NORTH KEY LARGO

Fishing groups object to ban

No-fishing zone could expand in park waters

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A plan to create a large no-fishing zone within Biscayne National Park near north Key Largo could remain under review by federal officials until next summer.

The proposal to halt fishing in 10,522 acres of water, about six miles from Angelfish Creek on North Key Largo, has drawn fire from both commercial fishing and recreational fishing groups.

Conservationists say the park's preferred alternative plan with a new marine reserve is long overdue and may not go far enough to safeguard coral and fish.

"The National Park Service's own science clearly shows that fish numbers are down significantly, possibly to the point where they would be considered 'impaired'," said John Adornato, South Florida regional director for the National Parks Conservation Association.

"The park has to take significant steps to protect the coral and fish," Adornato said Tuesday. "Maybe the marine reserve should be even bigger."

Commercial fishermen speaking to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the state agency's November meeting in Key Largo offered sharply different views.

"They're pushing us into a smaller and smaller area where we can fish," said Key Largo lobster fisherman Ernie Piton, who works in the area. "It would be almost unacceptable...They want to phase commercial fishing out of the park."

Key Largo lobster fisherman Walter Rentz told the FWC he fears other trappers driven out of Biscayne National Park waters will move south to already crowded Upper Keys waters.

"Don't let the park do that to them," Rentz said. "We've got enough park as it is. It's getting ridiculous, we're already pushed so tight."

Since Biscayne National Park's 164,000 acres of marine area includes state waters, the FWC is charged with assisting the Park Service in drawing fishing regulations for the area.

However, the Park Service also is required to follow its own fishery management plan to ensure that fish numbers remain "sustainable."

The marine-reserve proposal is part of Biscayne National Park's management plan, being updated for the first time in nearly three decades.

Public comment closed Oct. 31 for federal staff to assess and respond to concerns.

"I've heard there was a lot of support for the marine resource," Adornato said, "but I'm sure other groups were not as supportive."

A coalition of sportfishing groups including the Coastal Conservation Association and the International Game Fish Association objected to the marine reserve and possible fishing-access permits in its written remarks to the park.

"Conventional, equally effective and less restrictive fisheries management strategies should be evaluated and enforced before considering the implementation of marine reserves or other overly restrictive options," the group said.

Adornato said, "If half the trees in Sequoia National Park died, people would be freaking out and demanding dramatic action. The problem at Biscayne park is that most people don't see the corals that are dead or dying. The park has do do something."

KEY WEST

Coral restoration work shows some success

But researchers find reefs' overall decline continues

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Nearly 10 years after a boat grounding destroyed hundreds of coral off Boca Chica Key, scientists now report restoration has brought recovery. But, they caution, the reefs are still in a state of decline.

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary report follows the decade-long work done to restore some 376 square feet of coral damaged Aug. 8, 2002 when the 36-foot cabin cruiser Lagniappe II ran aground on the Atlantic side of Boca Chica Key.

Nearly 600 coral fragments were broken off as the hull plowed through 155 square feet of primarily boulder star coral.

In a negotiated settlement, the boat owner paid $56,671 for the damage caused.

In early October 2002, teams from NOAA descended on the site, cleaning the substrate of algae before using masonry nails and a specialized type of cement to transplant 473 stabilized coral fragments.

Based on monitoring reports, by 2009 the transplanted fragments were indistinguishable from an adjacent intact reference site; by 2010 there was more coral cover at the restoration site than at the reference site.

"The monitoring allowed us to document changes to the restored coral and measure the success of this restoration," Hatsue Bailey, a Sanctuary restoration biologist, said.

"With continued use of these methods, as well as additional monitoring, we learn more about habitat changes at this location and improve upon existing restoration strategies."

Although damage from the grounding was repaired, over the study period total coral cover at the restoration site decreased 20 percent, while the reference site had a 50 percent decrease.

Even though the restoration work largely returned the damaged area to "baseline" conditions, the circular patch reef has not been immune to larger, long term trends, the researchers said, noting the decline seen in corals throughout the Florida Keys and Caribbean.

From Bailey and fellow restoration biologist Scott Donahue's recently released report: "The long-term decline in coral cover throughout the Caribbean and the Florida Keys has been well documented."

Photo taken in 2002 during initial site restoration, shows Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary biologists (above) reattaching more than 400 coral fragments to help restore the damaged area. After nearly a decade of monitoring, a 2010 assessment of transplanted corals off Boca Chica Key (left) indicates the colonies are thriving.

FLORIDA BAY

Draft plan gets major reworking

Everglades looks at boating access and alternatives

Keynoter Staff

A new Everglades National Park management plan that could add boating rules to Florida Bay likely will spend most of the coming year being reworked, a park planner says.

"We likely at least a year or so away from the draft park plan being released," chief Everglades planner Fred Herling said Friday.

Controversy over Florida Bay had nothing to do with delaying the plan, which was expected to be released in 2010, Herling said.

Concern over the federal budget and national economy do.

As part of its new management plan - the first major update in more than three decades - Everglades National Park said it would consider rules that may restrict boating in Florida Bay shallows to protect seagrass beds.

Various "alternative" plans ranged from not imposing any new bay rules to banning use of engines in waters less than 2 feet deep at low tide.

No preferred alternative has been released, but discussion at local workshops suggested it would likely include some shallow areas where access could be restricted.

Few speakers at 2009 hearings disagreed that seagrass on shallow-water flats in the national park has suffered from boat groundings and propeller damage, but

measures the park should take to safeguard flats prompted spirited debate.

As as compromise, the park in 2010 established a test pole-or-troll zone in Snake Bight, east of the mainland Flamingo visitor Center, to assess improvements and problems.

The Florida Bay plan will not proceed until the park gets ready to move on its overall plan, Herling said.

Large elements of that plan - a suggested $78-million rebuilding of Flamingo facilities heavily damaged by hurricanes, and a new Gulf Coast visitor center - are being rewritten because of cost concerns.

Plans to building a new Flamingo Lodge already have been scrapped.

Expenses needed to implement any Florida Bay rule changes are not major, and will not delay the plan, Herling said.

ROAD FATALITY

19-year-old ejected from vehicle

By KEVIN WADLOW
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A rollover crash Monday afternoon on Long Key Bridge killed the car driver, a 19-year-old Marathon man.

John Ramon Torres, 19, was thrown from the Toyota he was driving south over the bridge, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Torres lived in the Coco Plum area, an FHP report said.

FHP Cpl. Pedro Reinoso and Trooper Rene Martinez reported that Torres apparently lost control of his 2004 Toyota, which swerved into the northbound lane, back to the southbound lane and then across the roadway again before crashing into the bridge wall on the northbound side.

The vehicle "rolled and ejected the driver," the report states.

No other vehicles were struck in the accident, which occurred near mile marker 65 at 3:43 p.m. Monday.

Torres was taken to Fishermen's Hospital in Marathon, but was pronounced dead less than an hour after the crash.

Torres' family was notified. No information on funeral services was available at press time.

Torres apparently is the 14th person killed on Florida Keys roadways south of Florida City so far in 2011.

The fatal crash completely halted traffic for about one hour on Long Key Bridge, a two-mile span that connects Long Key and Conch Key.

Traffic from both directions then alternated on one open lane for more than three hours. Backups were reported to be about one mile in each direction.

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OUR SCHOOLS

Teacher suspension goes to board

District cites coming to work intoxicated

Keynoter Staff

The Monroe County School Board was set to decide after press time Tuesday whether to place on indefinite unpaid suspension a Stanley Switlik Elementary School teacher accused of berating his students and showing up for work intoxicated.

Tim Coval, who was hired on Aug. 12, 1999, currently teaches second graders at the Marathon elementary school.

In February he signed a "last chance agreement," as part of another disciplinary matter and then, according to School District records, tested positive for alcohol on Nov. 9.

At that point Superintendent Jesus Jara placed Coval on unpaid suspension pending board action.

Jara recommended board members approve suspending Coval without pay until the conclusion of a pending hearing with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

"We can't tolerate that behavior in the classroom with any kids, certainly not second graders," Jara told the *Keynoter*.

Back in February, Jara said the district was having "issues," with Coval, described in the last chance probationary agreement as, "verbally berating his class for an extended period of time, as well as overly aggressive conduct."

'We can't tolerate that behavior in the classroom with any kids, certainly not second graders.'

Jesus Jara, Superintendent

"He was yelling at the kids when they were taking tests, when they were getting their scores back," Jara said.

Coval, a Louisa Street resident, earns $51,357.87 per year, according to district Human Resources Director Cheryl Allen; he has taught grades 2-4, all at Switlik.

Per an administrative complaint completed on Nov. 28, by Jara, the formal reasons for the suspension are: "berating and yelling at students; violating School Board policies [related to alcohol];" and "engaging in conduct unbecoming for an educator."

MONROE COUNTY

County looks to OK Stock Island station

Horn-design for Big Pine seen as prototype

By RYAN McCARTHY
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Stock Island residents need only make a trip to Big Pine Key for a preview of what that community's long-awaited new fire station could look like.

The Monroe County Commission is scheduled to consider a $185,364 redesign contract today with Key West-based architect William Horn. Horn designed the Big Pine fire station that opened in 2009.

County Project Management Director Jerry Barnett told the *Keynoter* the Stock Island station would largely resemble Horn's Big Pine design.

"We're going to reorient the vehicle bays and with this station we have to conform to the Florida Green Building Coalition standards. So there will be some changes for that," he said. That includes lighting, air conditioning, insulation and other considerations.

The Big Pine station totals 8,000 square feet, including three 60-foot vehicle bays. There are eight living quarters, a kitchen area, dining/community room and a downstairs office.

County staff had long been searching for a site to replace the existing Stock Island station, which is in disrepair. Barnett said the county could use most of the roughly $4.1 million budgeted for the project.

The commission approved purchasing four Stock Island lots in February for $650,000. The properties are located just off the west end of MacDonald Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets and cover 25,000 square feet. The lots are located across the street from the existing station.

Barnett said if approved, the county will execute the contract and get started with the design within 30 days. Next up would be a request for proposals for a contractor. Barnett said construction could start "at the earliest in six months."

The commission is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. today at the Marathon Government Center near mile marker 48.5.

NEWS BRIEFS

Eno exhibit opens Friday

The Key West Art & Historical Society will open a retrospective of the work of Key West artist Van Eno with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at the Customs House Museum, 281 Front St.

Eno's iconic work was popularized in Key West in the 1970s and '80 and exhibited in the Gingerbread Square Gallery when Richard Heyman owned the gallery and before Heyman became Key West mayor.

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EDITORIAL

Budget plan shuffles cards

Scott touts increased funding for education and courts, but cuts offset any rise

The state giveth and the state taketh away.

You don't need a Biblical lexicon to interpret the latest pronouncements out of Tallahassee, but it sure helps.

Consider Gov. Rick Scott's budget announcement last week that he wants lawmakers to add $1 billion for state education spending. That sounds pretty good, especially since the governor made a point of linking Florida education with jobs, both now and in the future.

Upon closer inspection, however, it turns out the $1 billion — if it ever does get approved by the Legislature — won't even cover the losses from $1.4 billion in education cuts imposed by the state last year.

Another sample of that double-talk surfaced in the governor's budget proposal earmarking $280 million in general revenue funds to help run Florida's court system.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady hailed the move and praised the governor for coming up with "a thoughtful means of addressing revenue problems that have made the funding for Florida's state courts chaotic for well over a year now."

Since 2009, the courts have been funded heavily from filing fees based on the idea that users pay the freight rather than taxpayers.

When foreclosure filings reached a peak in 2010, that made the books look good. But when the volume of those filings fell, guess what happened?

The governor had to approve an emergency transfer of more than $45 million in September to keep Florida courts running. That was on top of a "loan" floated to the courts from general revenue coffers back in the spring.

Canady said that if the governor's proposal for $280 million in general revenue funds gets approved, "it largely eliminates our current overdependence on volatile mortgage foreclosure filing fees."

While that sounded good, on Monday the taketh-away part of the deal surfaced.

Monroe County Clerk of the Courts Danny Kolhage learned the governor's same budget proposal recommends cutting court clerks' budgets statewide by four percent across the board. "That will be devastating," Kolhage told the *Keynoter*.

Last year, he returned $30,000 to the state by keeping down costs and not filling positions. A 4 percent budget cut from the state means a $130,000 cut for the Monroe County Clerk's Office. "There's no logic to it," Kolhage said.

Not unless you accept the three-card Monte game being played in Tallahassee, where the hand that giveth is also the hand that taketh away — all the time hoping the mark doesn't figure out the fast-shuffle scam.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support referendum

It is critical that all concerned voters are aware that the Monroe County School Board will ask for public permission to transfer a half-mill tax (50 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value) from its capital fund into the district's general fund. This will come in the form of a voter referendum on Jan. 31. All registered voters will be able to participate regardless of their party affiliation.

It is essential to remember that this transfer of funds is a continuation of a previously approved referendum four years ago. The voters must approve the transfer of funds from one budget category to another every four years. This is not a tax increase but rather a shift of funds between budget categories.

It is important to note that capital funds can be spent only on maintenance, construction projects, renovations, new schools and technology equipment. On the opposite side of the equation, dollars in the general fund can cover the cost of textbooks, classroom materials, and teacher salaries and benefits. It is the general fund that will benefit the students and help maintain educational stability for the School District.

The School District is in relatively good shape in the areas covered by the capital funds. It is the general fund that appears inadequate to sustain a quality educational program for the students. Without the passage of this referendum, it is inevitable that school programs will be cut or scaled back.

If history is an indicator, the first programs to be cut or curtailed will be what educators refer to as extras. Art, music, chorus, vocational courses, physical education and other electives will be scrutinized, scaled back or possibly eliminated in a cost-saving effort. Although extremely important to a well-rounded education, these electives are not mandated by the state as graduation requirements.

As a result of Florida's below-average level of education funding and plummeting property values, most school districts in Florida are struggling to raise revenue to operate a quality educational program. The Monroe County School District's plan is a viable alternative to increasing taxes.

John Welsh
Key West

The happy shoppers and helpers give a wave at Kmart.

One group helps other

The women and men of the Marathon Moose Lodge would like to give the Marathon Shrine Club a very big thank you for its donation of $500 to the Shop with a Moose Christmas project.

Our fourth annual event was Dec. 11; Moose members raise funds to take children in need on a shopping spree. The day starts with breakfast at the Moose Lodge, a visit from Santa and then off to Kmart. Thanks to the Shriners, we were able to take 10 children shopping.

The Marathon Moose Lodge is also active with the Heron-Peacock Assisted Living, Marathon High and Middle School fundraisers and scholarships, Educational Coalition of Monroe County, the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Grace Jones Daycare, Special Olympics, Kids in Special Situations and the International Coastal Cleanup, to name a few.

Debbie Morelli
Marathon

Don't believe comments

It appears that former Monroe County State Attorney Mark Kohl and current State Attorney candidate Catherine Vogel may be attempting to politically benefit from a public attack that was launched by Janet Wood targeting State Attorney Dennis Ward.

In the past, Ms. Wood's reckless conduct defiled and denigrated the sacrifices of combat-wounded veterans who visited us during the Wounded Warrior Soldier Ride. The egregious nature of her behavior was reprehensible and will not soon be forgotten.

It was discomforting to view her statements maligning Dennis Ward. It was based solely on the word of a compromised individual who created harm and discontent during an event that was designed to remedy the suffering endured by our young veterans. The healing these men and women were experiencing from the physical and psychology trauma of war was aberrantly altered by the abrasive intrusion of Janet Wood and her politics.

I have not had any personal dealings with Mr. Ward. However, I have knowledge of his ethical and honest handling of some difficult legal matters that most other state attorneys would run from. He stood firm in the corner of a poor and disenfranchised innocent man, simply because it was his job and justice demanded it of him. Apparently, Mr. Ward is made of the right stuff.

I hope this will lend some balance to the published statements. I'm not on any political bandwagon. However, from where I'm perched, I see Mr. Ward as having brought some integrity and decency back into the State Attorney's Office.

Jessie Davis
Key Largo

Editor's note: During a past political campaign for a County Commission candidate, Ms. Wood handed out campaign materials during the Soldier Ride in Tavernier. The candidate for whom she was stumping later apologized.

Proud parade winners

The winners of the Key Colony Beach Lighted Boat Parade presented by the Key Colony Beach Community Association on Dec. 11 were as follows:

- Best overall: Polar Express, Debbie Cronin.
- Vessels more than 30 feet: Best in class, *Jolly Roger*, Doug Morgan; best theme: *Lin-Z-Gail*, Lenny Meadows; most spirited: *Vitamin Sea*, Bill Ferrel.
- Vessels less than 30 feet: Best in class: *Dream Catcher*, Carl Zahn; best theme: *Trivial Pursuit*, Ralph Gerkins; most spirited: *Tucks Toy*, Tucker De Graw.

Special thanks to the U.S. Coast Guard in Marathon, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Key Colony Beach Police Department. Thank you also to Exit Realty, Key Colony Beach Realty and Coldwell Banker Schmidt Real Estate for their donations of the trophies.

The after-parade party was held at the Key Colony Inn, which did a wonderful job as usual.

Tucker De Graw
Key Colony Beach

School hosts great

As members of the board of Leadership Monroe County and session chairwomen for the Dec. 2 dual session event put on for Class 20, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Marathon High School and its staff for allowing us to put on the education and government sessions there.

Principal Hammond Gracy and everyone we requested assistance from was extremely helpful and gracious in their efforts to make our day a wonderful experience.

Lynn Goodwin,
Holly Raschein
Leadership Monroe County

Letters to the Editor

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MEDICAID

Governor's budget pushes Medicaid savings

Hospitals see $2 billion hit looming

By STEVE BOUSQUET
Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau

Gov. Rick Scott's proposal to pay less to hospitals to control spiraling Medicaid costs drew skepticism from some lawmakers and hostility from hospitals last week.

Scott's plan is central to his $66 billion budget proposal, and ensures that his own history as CEO of a for-profit hospital chain that paid a record $1.7 billion in fines for Medicare fraud would attract new attention.

Explaining Scott's plan to legislators Thursday, senior aides touted the governor's background as having built Columbia/HCA into the nation's biggest and most profitable hospital network.

"The governor operated 343 hospitals," Scott budget director Jerry McDaniel told the Senate Budget Committee. "He was very successful at it. He said his best paying clients were Medicaid and Medicare. He loved serving those populations. He was able to make a lot of money doing that. But unfortunately, the payer on this end is the taxpayer."

Scott wants to boost public school spending by $1 billion next year and the only way to do that in a sputtering economy without raising taxes is to cut other programs. One of the biggest is Medicaid, a state-federal health care program for low-income adults and children that covers 2 million Floridians.

Scott says he can cut Medicaid costs by nearly $2 billion by paying many hospitals less to treat Medicaid patients than they get now. He says rates vary widely and illogically around the state for the same services.

> **'Be careful that we don't compromise quality health care ... for these folks who need it the most.'**
>
> *State Sen. John Thrasher*

The change would require approval by the Legislature and federal government, and close scrutiny of Scott's plan began Thursday in the Senate.

The biggest losers would be hospitals in urban areas or that specialize in treating children, such as Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, according to an analysis by a hospital lobbying group.

Jackson, the hospital with the largest Medicaid population in Florida, would lose $133.5 million, according to the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, a lobbying group for 15 of the state's largest hospitals.

All Children's would lose $39 million and Tampa General would lose $32.5 million. Miami Children's Hospital would lose $34 million.

After Jackson, the biggest overall loser would be Shands Gainesville at $52 million. The teaching hospital, affiliated with the University of Florida, has long had strong political support from Tallahassee lawmakers.

Republican Sens. Don Gaetz of Niceville and David Simmons of Maitland praised Scott for proposing such a bold cost-saving measure.

"It's a good start. It's an important discussion to have," said Sen. JD Alexander, R-Lake Wales, the Senate budget panel chairman.

Others were less enthusiastic.

Sen. John Thrasher, R-St. Augustine, whose constituents rely on Shands Jacksonville, urged Scott aides to "be careful that we don't compromise quality health care ... for these folks who need it the most."

"Jackson's getting hit. Miami Children's is getting hit," said Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah. "If we're going to spread the hit we should do it around the state."

Senate Democratic Leader Nan Rich of Weston called Scott's proposal "a disaster" and added: "I think it's going to destroy the health care continuum in our state."

Hospital lobbyists emphasized that the federal government pays a big chunk of Medicaid expenses through a matching formula. They said Scott's plan would save $385 million in state tax revenue but Florida would lose more than $1 billion in federal money.

Hospitals say they are currently being paid from 48 percent to 72 percent of the true costs of care.

Paul Belcher of the Florida Hospital Association said hospitals have absorbed $966 million in cuts since 2005, including a 12.5 percent cut this year.

Contrary to perceptions, dozens of Florida hospitals are losing money, especially in rural areas, Belcher testified.

"We do not support either the magnitude of the cuts or the policy behind the reductions," Belcher told senators.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Give finances a year-end checkup

Assess need to rebalance portfolios

By PAMELA YIP
McClatchy-Tribune

As we head toward the end of the year, now's a good time to see if your finances are on track.

"You're starting to get a clear picture of how this year's turned out," said Sean Duncan, president of SMD Consulting & Accounting LLC in Frisco, Texas. "Between now and Dec. 31, you want to have the opportunity of making changes to what you're doing and not doing it in a panic mode."

Here are the areas to evaluate:

Goals, priorities

There are numerous scenarios that could cause your financial goals to shift.

For example, you may be looking to retire earlier or later than you had originally planned. Or the upcoming birth of a child may prompt you to think about diverting money to purchase a house.

You should be able to look at your portfolio and have a reason for owning every investment. If you can no longer justify the investment, it may be time to think about getting out of it.

In a similar vein, you should also reassess your risk tolerance. Are you still comfortable with what you own? Are you carrying too much or too little risk in your portfolio?

Tax planning

Now is the perfect time to review your tax status because many changes that you'll want to make should be done before Dec. 31.

"If you are unsure of your tax situation due to a job change or changing income, run a tax estimate to see where you are," said Wade Chessman, president of Chessman Wealth Strategies in Dallas. "Make sure you have proper withholding or that sufficient quarterly payments have been made."

Personal and financial changes should signal a check of your withholding. Those include marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of a child, the purchase or sale of a home, and retirement.

Stock losses

"If you have a dog of a stock and that thing is never coming back, look if you can create a capital loss to offset something else," Duncan said.

That's what's known as tax-loss harvesting or tax-loss selling. It's selling investments at a loss to offset a capital gains tax bill. It's typically used to limit the recognition of short-term capital gains, which are usually taxed at higher rates than long-term capital gains.

If you're considering tax-loss selling, make sure you don't let tax concerns be the sole driving force for how you invest.

The wild card here is how Congress tackles the deficit issue and if significant tax reform is part of that.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

Collectors Corner owner Stan Haines has started an 'Adopt an Instrument Scholarship' for the Marathon High School Band program. There are 108 band instruments that need to be repaired. Stan, presenting Principal Hammond Gracy with a check for $1,650, is asking his customers to pledge $75. The campaign has raised enough to repair 22 instruments so far and Haines says he'll continue the pledge program until all the instruments are fixed.

SMALL BUSINESS

Insurance pool eyes July opening

Program aims to fill void on coverage

By JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

Hatched in 2008 when now-U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio was speaker of the state House, the Florida Health Choices program expects to start offering health-insurance plans to small businesses in July.

Chairman Aaron Bean on Friday acknowledged frustrations with the pace of Florida Health Choices, which supporters have long touted as a new type of marketplace for buying health coverage. But he also said officials want to make sure it is developed correctly.

"We're building this from absolute scratch," said Bean, a former Republican House member from Fernandina Beach. "We're building a new marketplace."

The Florida Health Choices board met Dec. 2 and continued trying to resolve issues needed to move forward. The latest: A dispute with a key contractor about loading information into an online portal that will serve as the program's backbone.

Florida Health Choices said earlier this year that it hoped to start offering coverage in 2011. But under the latest timeline, employees of small businesses would be able to start enrolling in insurance plans in May and June, with coverage taking effect in July.

Bean said 11 health plans —- including major insurers such as Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and UnitedHealthcare —- have indicated interest in taking part.

"We have big companies, we have small companies, we have companies all over the state," Bean said.

The basic concept is to create an online market that will allow people to shop for coverage with more flexibility than in the traditional insurance system. But some critics have long questioned the program because they fear it will lead to people buying inadequate health coverage.

Initially, Florida Health Choices would be available to businesses with four to 50 employees and would offer coverage in the small-group insurance market. After businesses sign up, their employees would be able to choose among different coverage plans.

In the future, Florida Health Choices would also be available to businesses with fewer than four employees. Also, it would offer types of health coverage that are not traditional insurance, such as allowing people to buy certain amounts of visits to doctors or clinics.

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Perez is named the best of 2011

PEREZ

Chasity Perez has been named Keys Energy Services' outstanding employee of the year for 2011.

Perez has worked for the Lower Keys and Key West electric utility for 10 years and serves as staff assistant for the Transmission and Distribution Department, responsible for providing administrative support to the director, supervisors and other department staff. She previously worked in the Customer Service Department.

Perez was born and raised in Key West and graduated from Key West High School.

Board chairman addresses chamber

Monroe County School Board Chairman John Dick addresses the membership of the Key West Chamber of Commerce when it meets for a luncheon Dec. 21 at the Key West Marriott Beachside Resort.

Dick will speak about the upcoming referendum asking voters to transfer money from the School District's capital fund to its general fund.

The luncheon starts at noon. The reservation deadline is Friday. Call 294-2587 or send an e-mail to commit tees@keywestchamber.org

Electric Co-op offers free audits

The Florida Keys Electric Cooperative is offering free at-home energy audits to Middle and Upper Keys members who want one.

Audits pinpoint how and where energy is wasted and suggest methods for reducing power use and tackling energy waste. To sign up, call 852-2431.

Additionally, Sea, Air, Land Technologies has partnered with the city of Marathon for another 100 energy audits, separately from the co-op. Those were offered at the city's recent birthday celebration at the Marathon Community Park.

Chamber names award winners

The Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce has honored several businesses through its 2011 Business Awards program.

Keys Animal Hospital won Customer Service; Centennial Bank won Beautification; Hawks Cay Resort won Community Contribution among large businesses and Big Time Bait & Tackle won for small businesses; and the Horizon Award went to Curly's Coffee Co. and Rob's Car Wash.

Additionally, former Mayor Randy Mearns, owner of Marathon Electric Sign and Light, won the Best Friend Award; the top tourist attraction prize went to the Pigeon Key Foundation; and the Take Stock in Children mentoring and scholarship program won in the Not-for-Profit Humanitarian category.

Bank promotes Tavernier's Coffman

COFFMAN

Wendy Coffman has been promoted to teller supervisor at Capital Bank's Tavernier branch.

Coffman has worked at that branch since 2004 as a teller and in loan operations.

Coffman holds an associate's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I.

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KEY WEST HOOPS

Arteaga: First a goat, then a hero

Free throw wins game in final second, 38-37

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

A second is left in the fourth quarter. Key West High's girls basketball team, desperate for its first victory, is tied, 37-37, with Charlotte. The Conchs' energetic guard, Justine Arteaga, is on the free-throw line. The gym throbs.

The senior focuses and shoots. The ball hits the backboard. It circles the rim. It hits the backboard again. It goes through the net. It's 38-37. Certain victory.

Arteaga misses the second of the one-and-one. Charlotte rebounds and Arteaga, stunningly, fouls the Tarpons' Sierra Rincones. There is no time left, but Rincones, on the line for a one-and-one, can tie the game or win it.

The crowd screams. She shoots and misses. The Conchs pile on one another. Smiles flicker. "It feels good." Arteaga will soon say.

The victory Saturday evening at the Bobby Menendez Gym was especially meaningful because the Conchs had to play almost half the game without Shaniya Watson, their leading scorer.

After scoring nine of Key West's first 15 points, she left the game with four fouls with 6:02 left in the second quarter and the Conchs ahead, 15-11. She sat out the rest of that period and all of the third quarter. During that time, coach Tez Waters said, "We came together as a team."

There was Shelisa Page, displaying a feathery touch in the lane, swishing 10 points. And there was tiny guard Mikalya Stansbury stealing balls and driving for layups.

Charlotte eventually took the lead, but it was only 27-25 when the fourth quarter began and Watson returned. A goal by Watson, two free throws by Stansbury and a drive by Alexsa Rahming (who also missed time because of foul trouble) propelled the Conchs to a 31-27 lead.

The Tarpons came back to tie it at 35-35, but another drive by Rahming put the Conchs ahead, 37-35 with 1:24 left. By that time, Watson had fouled out. It was 37-37 when the last hectic 30 seconds unfolded with the Conchs having only four players on the court.

Page missed a free throw. An inbounds violation gave Charlotte the ball with 4.3 seconds left. Their best player, Mallory Burton, tried a bank shot and missed — and with the clock at 1.0, a streaking Arteaga was fouled to set up the final dramatics — and her only point of the night.

Amid the celebration, Page said, "We had to step up — we were tired of losing." (The Conchs had dropped to 0-3 the night before with a 45-42 loss at St. Brendan.)

And what did Watson think of the way her teammates came through?

"I thought it was wonderful."

Photo by BERT BUDDE

Key West's Justine Arteaga gets set to launch her game-winning free throw Saturday against Charlotte.

FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

Walter Moss of Vinton Vir. holds two red and one black grouper he caught Monday with SeaSquared Charters. He also brought in hogfish, mangrove and mutton snapper and porgy.

Sailfish bite heavy on reef edge

Snapper action still good on the main reef

Captain's Column

Chris Johnson

Stock up on your sailfish flags because you'll be flying plenty of them this week.

The sailfish are here, and it's pretty much all you can catch. The key is finding the ballyhoo. Should you struggle to find live ballyhoo, you can still troll dead ballyhoo to catch the sails. Just troll a little bit slower than you would for dolphin. The area to hit is anywhere from the reef edge out to 200 feet.

On the main reef, the yellowtail snapper bite remains very good. There's plenty of grouper action there as well, with mostly blacks and gags at the end of the lines.

Up on the shallow patch reefs and in Hawk Channel, there's great fishing for all sorts of delicious pan fish, such as grouper, snapper, hogfish, mackerel and more. Fresh shrimp is the ticket as well as live pilchards and small live pinfish.

In the bay, the Spanish mackerel fishing remains excellent along with a pretty good mangrove snapper bite. Here in Marathon, the action is anywhere from eight to ten miles from shore.

A little further out in the

• **See Fishing, 3B**

CORAL SHORES SOCCER

Canes top Archbishop Carroll

Lady Canes deliver 8-0 shutout win

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Coral Shores' boys battled to a narrow 3-2 victory over Archbishop Carroll on Friday, while the Lady Canes breezed.

The Hurricane defense did not allow a score from the field, with the Carroll Bulldogs getting both goals off penalty kicks.

"Defensively we played a very good game," said head coach Jorge Bosque.

The Canes moved steady veteran Tony Papp back to sweeper to anchor the defense while midfielder A.J. Paterson cut off several Carroll attacks.

Robert Lietaert played the whole game in goal.

Giorgio Deina, Jack Hatfield and Tyler Webb scored solo Hurricane goals as the team improved to 5-4.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Coral Shores midfield Steven Chadwick takes a ball downfield in Friday's 3-2 win over Archbishop Carroll. Chadwick later went down hard, suffering a bone break that sidelines him for the rest of the season.

"When we shifted Tony Papp back to sweeper, we moved Jimmy Rhyne up to forward so we could take advantage of his speed on attacks," Bosque said.

The win came at a price. Steven Chadwick, a capable midfielder, went airborne after a collision and came down hard, breaking his collarbone. He will sidelined for the remainder of the season.

"Steven is a really good player who will be missed greatly," Bosque said.

The Hurricane boys host Key West High School in a 6 p.m. rematch today. The Conchs topped the Canes, 3-2, in an early-season game a month ago.

Coral SHores stays home to host Terra Institute at 7 p.m. Friday, following a 4 p.m. girls game.

Girls win big

Coral Shores' girls easily dispatched Carroll's Lady Bulldogs in an 8-0 shutout Friday in Tavernier.

• **See Soccer, 3B**

KEY WEST WRESTLING

Tragedy for Conch wrestler

Krumholcs' broken neck is latest family problem

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

Key West High School wrestler Haralds Krumholcs, who suffered a broken neck last Friday in a tournament at Western High in Davie, is hoping to be released today from Cleveland Clinic Florida in Weston.

It was uncertain Tuesday, however, if he would be able to ride with his family all the way to Key West because doctors said he can't be in a car for more than three hours.

"He feels comfortable," his mother, Diana, said from the hospital Monday afternoon. "He's been trying to sleep mostly and going to the bathroom on his own."

Krumholcs, a 17-year-old junior and native of Latvia, underwent surgery at 1 a.m. Sunday to repair two fractured vertebrae. He is not paralyzed.

A standout on this season's team at 170 pounds, he was leading, 7-3, with 20 seconds left in his match when his Nova High opponent lifted him straight up and, from about four feet above the mat, dropped him on his head as Conch coach Chaz Jimenez screamed at the referee to blow the whistle.

"There is no wrestling move in the book even close to that — it was an illegal move," Jimenez said.

As medical personnel worked to stabilize Krumholcs, he "looked dazed and said his neck was hurting ... but he could move his limbs," said Jimenez, who then rode with the wrestler in an ambulance that took them to the emergency room.

CT-scans revealed the damaged vertebrae (C3 and C4) and a neurosurgeon was consulted. Later at the hospital, his teammates visited, and Jimenez said Krumholcs was upbeat.

"He was joking and making everyone laugh," the coach said. "He is one of the strongest persons I've ever been around. Most people would be wailing in pain. He wasn't. But he was upset about the possibility of not wrestling again."

When Diana Krumholcs heard the news Friday night, she had her husband — city lifeguard Roberto Llagostera — drive her from Key West to the Stock Island hospital.

It's not been a good time for Diana Krumholcs: Earlier in the week, she had been informed by immigration officials that she and Haralds would have to leave

• **See Wrestling, 3B**

CORAL SHORES WRESTLING

Hurricanes hoist championship trophy

Garcia tallies 3-0 sweep in 145-lb class

Keynoter Staff

Hurricane wrestlers hoisted the championship trophy of their own District Duals Tournament, a four-team competition held Saturday at Coral Shores.

Hurricane senior captain Richard Garcia scored a second-period pin in the final dual meet against Doral Academy, giving him a 3-0 sweep in the 145-pound class.

Westminster Christian and Palmer Trinity also wrestled at the Coral Shores tournament which could be the only home meet for the Canes in this winter's mat season.

Hurricane head coach Tom Milkovich looked on with pride as freshman 138-pounder Rion Hunter scored a 15-4 point win against his Doral opponent.

"I love the fact that our guys are taking them down, letting them loose, then taking 'em down again," Milkovich said of the 4-to-1 points advantage.

"We're getting stronger on takedowns and getting the points," Milkovich said. "Overall, they're doing a better job hitting the moves."

Garcia had one of his best best tournament outings of the season in the home meet, Milkovich said. "Garcia did a really great job."

Alexander Lane, a senior at 170, scored a second-period pin against Doral.

Sterling Hill, a junior at 195, continued to steadily improve with a 2-0 record in two matches Saturday.

"Each week, they all get better and better," Milkovich said. "You can really see the difference from last year."

The Hurricanes travel to the Mater Academy Tournament in Miami this weekend.

Coral Shores senior Richard Garcia draws a bead on his Doral Academy opponent on the way to a second-period pin victory Saturday. Garcia went 3-0 at the four-team District Duals meet.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

CORAL SHORES HOOPS

Canes play Knights close

Conchs, Fins approach for Coral Shores

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A late run by Coral Shores High came within a play or two of handing Archbishop Curley its first loss of the boys basketball season in the Canes' home game Friday.

But the Knights (6-0) nailed 12 of 14 free throws in the final quarter to fend off Coral Shores, 67-63. Just a week earlier, the Knights steamrolled Coral Shores (2-5) by more than 30 points in Miami.

"This was a significant improvement from the last time we saw them," said first-year Hurricanes head coach Jay Sanderson. "It was the second straight game where we had a good team on the ropes but couldn't pull it out."

Forward Terrell Taylor scored 26 points for Coral Shores and center Will Ismer scored 21.

Standout Wesley Alcegaire scored 36 for the Knights, including 10 of his team's 13 points in the second.

Curley pulled out to an 18-12 lead over the Canes in the opening quarter before Coral Shores answered with 21 points in the second. Taylor hit a 3-pointer in his nine-point stanza while Ismer worked the boards for six points.

Coral Shores tied the game at 20-20 and a Taylor bucket gave the Canes a 27-26 lead before the Knights edged out to a slim 33-32 lead at intermission.

The Knights used defense and speed to regain control at 49-42 headed into the final quarter, during which the Hurricane defense did not allow Curley any field goals.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Coral Shores junior forward Terrell Taylor (4) drives for a bucket in a 26-point game in a narrow loss to unbeaten Archbishop Curley at home Friday.

The Knights then tried to slow the pace, forcing the Canes to either try to prevent Alcegaire from beating them off the ball, or force fouls. The Canes went the foul route.

It almost worked as Coral Shores chipped back within three points in the final minute. The Knights forced a turnover and used their prowess at the line to seal the win.

Aldon Todd had a strong game on the boards for the Canes, while Alberto Anderson and Alex Gomez had their moments.

"Our guys have worked terribly hard," Sanderson said. "Our fundamentals are getting stronger every game."

"If we can get the ball inside [Ismer and Taylor], we can score," the coach said. "We need to get better at that."

Coral Shores was scheduled to host Barrington Academy of Florida City on Tuesday (results pending at press time). The Hurricanes play a 7 p.m. home game Friday against Palmer Trinity, after a 5:30 p.m. JV start.

The Hurricanes travel to Key West High School on Dec. 20, then finish the December schedule with a big rivalry game against Marathon High School on Dec. 22.

KEY WEST SOCCER

Lady Conchs try to find groove

Lapse in D unusual for soccer squad

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

Following a less-than-satisfactory weekend on the road, the Key West High girls soccer team will return to Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium tonight for a 6 o'clock game against Coral Shores High of Tavernier.

"This is a great rivalry that is always contentious and physical," said Conchs coach Scott Paul, whose team has lost six consecutive times to the Hurricanes.

On Sunday, Paul was still trying to ascertain where his team is after it lost an important district game at Pembroke Pines Charter, 4-1, on Friday night. "We came in with a positive attitude and they had no dominating speed or player," he said. "Giving up four goals, that floors me."

A handball in the box led to a Pines' penalty kick and a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute. It was 2-0 at the half and 4-0 before Devin Mitchell finally scored for the Conchs late in the game.

Two of Pines' goals came on high shots over goalie Angela Martin that got in just under the crossbar. "Like most female keepers, Angela is short," Paul said.

The mood afterward was somber. "We were confused as to what is going on," Paul said. "No one is to blame, and we're trying to sort it out. We all know what it's like to play together, and we all know how to score."

In a noon game Saturday at Stranahan in Fort Lauderdale, the Conchs bounced back with an 8-0 mercy-rule victory. Robyn DeRoche and Lauren Schoneck each scored three goals, and Kendall Galvan and Mitchell each had one.

The Conchs are 6-6 overall and 4-4 in district. It is likely that they will finish fourth in the district, meaning they would have to play powerhouse American Heritage in the semifinals of the district tournament in January. A loss in that game would keep Key West out of the state playoffs.

MARATHON SOCCER

Durkin scores Dolphins' solo goal

Marathon loses to Westminster on penalty kick

By RYAN McCARTHY
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A debatable penalty kick call was the difference Friday in a 2-1 Marathon High School boys soccer loss to Westminster Christian School.

The Dolphins played the traditionally strong Warriors well throughout and appeared headed for a 1-1 tie when the foul occurred inside the 18-yard box late in the second half.

Westminster converted the penalty kick attempt to go up 2-1 and held on for the win.

"It was very unfortunate in the second half they had a guy in the box and he got sandwiched and they called a penalty kick. That took a lot of wind out of the sails," coach Lynn Landry said. He filled in for head coach Jim Murphy.

Landry also coached last Wednesday's 5-0 loss to Keys rival Coral Shores High School and said the team was much improved.

"It was a very nice game for the boys. They played better in the Westminster game. They kept their composure and moved the ball a lot better," he said.

The Warriors scored off an early corner kick to take a 1-0 lead, but junior Riley Durkin tied the game at 1-1 before halftime. He took a pass from Anthony Garcia and shot a ball left to right from 25 yards out for the goal.

Landry said Durkin and fellow junior Ricky Ceja played well, as well as Connor Boyd at the holding midfielder position.

"He plays a very physical style, which is nice for that position," Landry said.

Marathon was scheduled to visit Somerset Academy Tuesday, but results were not available at press time. The boys are slated to host county rival Key West High School Friday at 5 p.m.

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MARATHON BASKETBALL

Post-up play dominates

Fl. Christian's big players win matchup 56-31

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Marathon High School senior guard Trevelle Beckford dribbles during a Friday game against District 16 rival Florida Christian School. Beckford scored 15 points and had six rebounds in the 56-31 loss.

Keynoter photo by RYAN McCARTHY

A lack of size and experience caught up with the Marathon High School boys basketball team in a Friday loss to District 16 rival Florida Christian School.

The Dolphins trailed the Patriots - who feature 6-foot-8-inch and 6-foot-6-inch post players - by just one point at the half, 16-15.

But a 12-0 run to open the third quarter put Florida Christian up 28-15 and the Dolphins trailed 41-22 heading into the fourth. The final was 56-31.

"They're one of the top teams in our district, if not the top team. Defensively, we did great but couldn't carry it over to the other side. At the half we were 6-for-25 from the field. We had great shots but couldn't knock them down," coach Kevin Freeman said.

Senior guard Trevelle Beckford had 15 points and six rebounds, while Peter Culver had five points and four rebounds.

The Dolphins were scheduled to host Somerset Academy Tuesday, but results were not available at press time. The boys are slated to host Archbishop Curley Friday at 8 p.m.

Lady Fins lose Friday

The girls basketball team also dropped a Friday contest to Florida Christian, 48-12. Amanda Davis led the team with seven points.

The girls were scheduled to visit Somerset Academy Tuesday, but results were not available. Marathon is slated to host Colonial Christian Friday at 5 p.m.

MARATHON SOCCER

Lady Dolphins win 5-2

Landry's four goals upend district rival

By RYAN McCARTHY
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The Marathon High School girls soccer team accomplished the unimaginable - or at least unexpected - Friday, defeating perennial District 16 power Westminster Christian School, 5-2.

Junior Katie Landry's four-goal effort helped the Dolphins avenge a one-goal loss to the Warriors in last season's district tournament. Marathon dictated pace of play for most of the game.

"I've never beaten them and I don't think the school's ever beaten them," coach Lynn Landry, who's been at the helm for five seasons, said. "Last year was a heartbreaker at the district tournament. We're improving and some of the younger kids are realizing we can play with Westminster and Palmer" Trinity School.

Marathon suffered a letdown the following day against one of the state's top soccer programs in Gulliver Prep, losing 8-0, before defeating Keys rival Island Christian School, 6-3, on Monday.

Landry scored the game's first two goals early in the first half. The first came off a corner kick by Regan Durkin and the second came on a free kick from just outside the 18-yard box. Landry chipped the ball over the goalie and the ball deflected in off the top post.

Junior Taylor Konrath scored off a through ball from freshman Savannah Rodamer. A Warriors defender stopped the ball, but Konrath controlled it and scored from about six yards out

Marathon led 3-1 at the break, but gave up an early second-half goal after a miscommunication between goalkeeper Julietta Pezzella and defender Gaby Ceja.

But coach Landry said the team kept its composure and put the game out of reach after two more Katie Landry goals. One came off a corner kick from 25 yards out and the other was a free kick from 35 yards out.

Coach Landry said Saturday's performance was the combination of an emotional letdown from the night before and Gulliver being a talented team.

"We were hoping we'd be able to celebrate the victory but the Gulliver game fell on the schedule. They are a great team. You don't come across a lot of teams like that in Florida," he said.

Marathon led 5-0 over Keys rival Island Christian School at the half and gave younger players playing time later in the game. Taylor Konrath scored three goals, while Sydney Konrath, Marina Kay Wiatt and Brandi Spalten each had one.

For Island Christian (4-4-1), Jazmine Rivera had scored two goals on four shots and Alexandra Montagne had a goal on three shots. The Eagles are off until after the Christmas break.

The Dolphins were scheduled to visit Somerset Academy Tuesday, but results were not available at press time. County rival Key West High School is slated to visit Marathon Friday at 7 p.m.

KEY WEST SOCCER

Out of district, Conchs solid

But in district, soccer team falling short

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

The Key West High boys soccer team, which split two weekend district games, will try to stay unbeaten in non-district games when it plays today at Coral Shores in Tavernier.

The Conchs, who defeated the Hurricanes 3-2 in November, are 2-5 in District 16-3A but are 3-0-1 out of the district.

"Our goal is to finish undefeated in our non-district games," said coach Rob Eggers, whose team, for that to happen, needs to defeat the Hurricanes today and Marathon on the road Friday.

The Conchs are coming off a 5-0 victory Saturday over Stranahan in Fort Lauderdale, a game in which Justin Hamilton and Andres Jaime-Gonzalez each scored two goals.

The other goal was scored by Aaron Ansell after a length-of-the field dribble drive. "He was juking around people — that was impressive," Eggers said.

Eggers brought keeper Roderick Gil out of the net to play midfield, and Gil appeared to get a goal on a header — but it was nullified by a penalty.

"It was a pleasant game, and their athletic director and fans were very nice to us," Eggers said.

On Friday night, before an aggressive crowd at Pembroke Pines Charter, the Conchs, who were missing five starters, lost 3-1. "We played great against a superior team that sent in wave after wave of fast, proficient soccer players," Eggers said.

Austin Malby scored for the Conchs, who were tied, 1-1, at halftime. Pines scored twice in the final 20 minutes. "It was a gutsy game by us, but they were too talented," Eggers said,

Lady Canes play Friday

From Soccer, 1B

"We dominated game but I wasn't happy that we missed some easy opportunities early," said coach Arthur Paterson. "We'd get in a rush and not finish."

Rachel Hansen and Ellie Leopold got in the scoring column with solo goals. Senior striker Jasmine Paterson scored four times and forward Iris Dunn hit two goals.

"Our defense played a good game," Coach Paterson said. "They didn't let Carroll even get a good shot on goal."

The Lady Canes (6-2) host Terra Institute at 5 p.m. Friday at George M. Barley Jr. Stadium.

"We're hoping for some good competition that will keep us sharp," Paterson said. "We can't afford to get lackadaisical out there. We're still in the district with Gulliver Prep."

Photo by BERT BUDDE

Key West wrestler Haralds Krumholcs, whose neck was broken in a match last Friday, shakes an opponent's hand during a Dec. 3 tournament in Key West.

'Especially heartbreaking'

From Wrestling, 1B

the country by Dec. 31. Then the next day, she lost her job at a hotel.

Jimenez said the surgery, which was expected to be performed on Saturday, was delayed until 1 a.m. Sunday because "there were no operating rooms available in Broward County — there had been a lot of accidents."

Jimenez, a former Key West High wrestler, said neck injuries in the sport are rare.

"I have seen some bad injuries, but nothing like this," he said. "It seems it's always the good kids that something like this happens to. This is especially heartbreaking."

John Moeller, one of the team's assistant coaches who was at the meet and later went to the hospital, said, "I have never seen a neck injury like that." He said a doctor at the hospital told him that if "the bone had nicked an artery, it would have killed him."

The Conchs finished ninth among 32 teams in the two-day tournament. Max Llama (145 pounds) went 4-0 to finish first in his class. Andre Guieb (152) and St. Pierre Anilus (182) each went 4-1 to finish second and third, respectively. Krumholcs was 3-0 when disaster struck.

Kidz benefit Thursday

From Fishing, 1B

gulf, there are lots of gag grouper plus cobia, mangroves and mackerel.

Remember, grouper season closes December 31, so get yours while you can either on the reef, in Hawk Channel or in the gulf.

The week's best

Capt. Greg Poland fished with Tom Maxwell, from New Jersey and Islamorada, on Tom's brand new 24-foot Sea Hunter. They were kite fishing with live pilchards around the Eagle Wreck in 110-feet of water and had a big dolphin come up and eat the inside kite bait. It was a great visual experience for Tom for his inaugural outing on his new boat.

Jerry West, from Illinois, caught his first sailfish with Capt. Bob Brown, of Sundance Sportfishing out of the 7 Mile Marina. It was half of a double header caught with his friend, Sam Swickard from Indiana, which topped off a day of catching dolphin, bonito and big king mackerel. On the previous day, the crew caught 20 nice dolphin up to 17 pounds and had good looks at a couple of sailfish that ended up spitting the hooks.

The SeaSquared hosted the extended Hender family, from New Jersey, to an outing to the bay and a second to the patch reefs. They caught gag grouper, lane, yellowtail and big mangrove snapper, Spanish mackerel and lots of hogfish.

Jim Sollecito, from Rochester N.Y. and Marathon, has been fishing with us for a few years. For his first outing this season, Jim wanted to try for some IGFA records. He was successful with Spanish mackerel, and we'll give you all the details once his record catch is documented by the IGFA.

John and Gigi Harrison, owners of Dot Palm Landscaping and Tree Services in Marathon, treated some of their employees to a day on the SeaSquared. They limited out on mangrove snapper to 17 inches and caught enough Spanish mackerel to sink the boat.

Don Thibeah and friends, from Massachusetts, fished with Capt. Kevin Wilson, of Knee Deep Charters out of Geiger Key Marina, and brought in their limit of large yellowtail snapper plus a 12-pound black grouper.

Capt. Moe Mottice, of Moe's Custom Charters out of the dock at Turtle Kraals in Key West, trolled ballyhoo during the full moon to put his anglers on wahoo, tuna and bonito. In Hawk Channel and on the patch reefs, they caught kingfish, mangrove snapper and red grouper, all using cut bait and plenty of chum. When the breeze was up, they kept busy with sharks on the flats.

Mottice has added a second boat to his fleet and welcomes Capt. Cory Shepardson to his crew.

Casting Contest

Capt. Spider's Casting for Charity takes place Thursday at the newly renovated Salty's Waterfront Grill, located at the 7 Mile Marina, mile marker 47.5 bayside in Marathon. The fun contest runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and will benefit Toyz for Keyz Kidz. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy.

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 305.743.5305, SeaSquared @bellsouth.net and www.SeaSquared-Charters.com.

Living

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This is typical of Clyde Butcher's photos, which are black and white.

Butcher photos go on display

Everglades art goes on display at Morada Way

BUTCHER

Famed Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher and his works will be featured from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Morada Way Arts and Cultural District's Third Thursday Art Walk in Islamorada.

Butcher has been honored with a lifetime achievement award from the North American Nature Photography Association and the Ansel Adams Conservation Award from the Sierra Club.

Tickets cost $75 and include an autographed copy of his new hardcover, "Florida Portfolio II."

His works will also be on exhibit at the art district's newest venue, the Morada Way Warehouse Studio, two doors down from the Redbone Gallery, 200 Industrial Drive, Islamorada. The Warehouse Studio will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The Morada Way art district runs between mile markers 81 and 82 oceanside in Islamorada.

Thursday's program includes live music and food along with other artists exhibiting their work.

For more information, call 664-9100 or visit **www.moradawayarts.org**.

KEY LARGO

Balance of Nature returns

13 sessions are planned at Pennekamp

The annual Delicate Balance of Nature lecture series, sponsored by Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park and held at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, begins its 2012 season Jan. 4 with a talk on the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway arriving in Key West.

In its 21st consecutive year, the popular weekly lecture series will consist of 13 presentations Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Since the talks begin after normal operating hours, the park gates will reopen at 7 and remain open until the seating capacity of Pennekamp's visitor center is reached.

"This year's topics range from hurricanes and coral bleaching to native orchids and birds of the Keys, from ocean pollution to missiles in the Everglades," said park Manager Pat Wells. "We are grateful to our speakers who make it possible for us to provide high quality interpretive programs for the residents and visitors of Key Largo and the Florida Keys."

Seating is limited. Temperatures in the auditorium vary and a sweater or light jacket may be desired. Bring a cushion to sit on.

The complete schedule of speakers and topics will be released shortly. For more information, call Elena Muratori, Pennekmap services specialist, at 451-1202.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Cops train for marine patrols

Keys native's company leads the exercises

By DAVID GOODHUE
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Deputy Mike Joseph (above) of the Martin County Sheriff's Office covers fellow officers portraying robbery suspects during the training. Miami police officers (left) Sgt. Gilberto Gomez, with gun, and Officer Maurice Sodre prepare to board a boat during a training exercise in Biscayne Bay last week.

Photos by DAVID GOODHUE

As a group of three Florida police officers patrolled Biscayne Bay in a 20-foot center console boat last Wednesday, they received a call that a nearby bank had been robbed, the suspects fled the scene, shot and killed a gas station attendant and took off in a stolen boat.

Moments later, the officers saw a boat that matched the description of the stolen vessel, which was crewed by three men who fit the descriptions of the suspected bank robbers.

Tensions were high as the three officers drifted alongside the other boat, pistols drawn. They tied up side by side with the other boat, ordered the suspects to the starboard side of the possibly stolen vessel and ordered them to keep their hands on top of their heads and not to turn around.

One by one, the suspects were searched, cuffed, given a life jacket and placed on the police boat. Officers then searched the stolen boat for more weapons. They found several pistols and a knife, but the potentially violent situation ended peacefully thanks to the careful tactics employed by the officers.

The arrests were actually a drill, and the robbery suspects were really Miami Police Department SWAT members Sgt. Gilberto Gomez and Officer Maurice Sodre, and Cpl. Clark Reese of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

The pursuing officers were deputies Kevin Oglesby and Billy McCoy of the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Mike Joseph of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

The men were among dozens of officers who came to Miami to receive training in waterborne law enforcement from Tactical Advantage Consultants, a training company formed in 1985 by two members of the then-Florida Marine Patrol, which was merged with other agencies in 1999 and is now the law enforcement arm of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Retired FMP officers Capt. Bob Knight and Maj. Mike Tucker began the company when their agency stopped providing marine law enforcement training for other agencies because of lack of time and manpower.

"Our colonel said we didn't have the luxury to spend time training other departments' staff," Tucker said. "Then Bob and I said, 'let's just start doing our own classes.' "

Since then, the TAC staff has trained officers in 48 states in marine patrol tactics, said Tucker, a Key West native who was state incident commander during the Mariel Boatlift in 1980.

TAC staff focuses on teaching high-risk boarding, proper pursuit techniques and on-the-water firearms training.

In one scenario, for example, a group of officers in one boat chased another group in another vessel. The officers in the boat being chased were portraying suspects who would not cooperate and pull over. The pursuing officers had to successfully lob a mock canister of tear gas into the fleeing boat while both vessels were traveling at high speeds.

Instructors on that exercise included former Miami police Lt. Art Serig and Capt. Denis Grealish, current FWC commander for Lee and Charlotte counties.

Serig and Grealish said police agencies send their officers and deputies to train with TAC because enforcing the law on the water presents a whole set of challenges unique from what many officers are accustomed to handling on the streets.

"This training is critical because it's one thing to do forced take-downs on land, but on the water there are all types of conditions and moving vessels," Serig said.

Sodre and Gomez, for example, are highly decorated tactical officers who often face combat situations on the streets of downtown Miami. But both veteran cops said they needed this training to prepare for potential assignments patrolling the city's waterways.

Knight said more police agencies are assigning their men and women to patrol rivers, lakes, bays and oceans, but staffing the marine divisions often consists of little more than seeing who on the force has driven boats before. The training academies most of the time do not prepare officers for marine patrol situations.

"They know we do, and they call us," Knight said.

The company has also gained an international reputation and recently trained Chinese security personnel in waterborne law enforcement.

At last week's training sessions, held at the Miami Marriot Biscayne Bay, officers came from locations as varied as Seattle, Wash., Grand Cayman and Wilson County, Tenn.

"This is the best training I've received in my 14-year career," said Reese, the Pasco County deputy.

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LIVING BRIEFS

Marathon band performs tonight

The Marathon High School Band presents its holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the school, 350 Sombrero Beach Road.

Director Joseph Rayhill reports the 78-member ensemble will perform holiday selections as well as contemporary band pieces. The concert is free.

Holiday concerts Saturday night

The Marathon Community Theatre Chorus, directed by Kathryn Rummery, will perform two holiday concerts on Saturday.

Performances are scheduled at 5 and 8 p.m. at the Marathon Community Theatre, mile marker 49.5 oceanside. In addition to the chorus, Island Harmony and several dance groups will perform. Tickets cost $5 for adults, $2 for children.

There will be cookies and a cash bar in the gallery.

Orchid expert speaks Thursday

The Big Pine Botanical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Lord of the Seas Church on Key Deer Boulevard. The evening will feature an orchid sale beginning at 7 p.m.

Ernie Hudson, from Sea Cloud Orchids of Orlando, will be on hand to hold a question-and-answer session about growing orchids. He will have a wide selection of plants available for purchase.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. If the weather is cool, bring a jacket. For more information, call Peggy at 744-0241.

Learn to create gingerbread house

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, the Old Island Restoration Foundation of Key West hosts its fifth annual community gingerbread-house-making party at the Oldest House at 322 Duval St.

Each person attending the free event is encouraged to bring edible items for a house (or car or boat or entire town) and decorations like gumdrops, candy canes or cookies to share.

There will be tables full of house-building and decorating supplies to create any gingerbread house you can imagine. Everyone attending will take his or her gingerbread creations home. All items used must be edible.

Necco wafers make great roof tiles, and Shredded Wheat cereal can make a thatched roof. Shredded coconut can be used for snow, marshmallows for snowmen, sugar cones for trees and candies of all sorts for, well, all sorts of things.

Music and light refreshments will be provided.

Christmas play at El Faro church

Members of the El Faro Baptist Church of Marathon are performing a Christmas play on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The play will be outdoors, in front of the church on 62nd Street oceanside. Although the play is in Spanish, all are welcome to enjoy the cantata and drama. Some seating will be available.

Animal Farm open on Sunday

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has its annual Christmas on the Farm celebration this Sunday.

Horace O'Bryant Middle School musicians will provide music; kids can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. In addition, there will be face painting, arts and crafts and, of course, visits with all the animals at the farm.

Hours are 1 to 3 p.m. The farm is just off College Road at the Sheriff's Office on Stock Island. There's no admission charge.

Car show benefits shelter children

The Florida Keys Southernmost Car Club's annual Christmas show runs from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Duval Square, in the 1000 block of Virginia Street in Key West.

Custom cars, antiques, classics, street rods and more will fill the parking lot for the fifth straight year. Those attending should bring unwrapped toys for the children at the Monroe County Domestic Abuse Shelter, then can vote for the People's Choice Award.

Other trophies will be presented for best paint, engine, interior, original, custom and best in show. There will be 1950s music, and food and beverages for sale.

ON THE WATER

Think about your boater for gifts

Inexpensive gifts focus on safety

Puzzled about the perfect gift or stocking stuffers for the recreational-boating family members and friends on your holiday gift-giving list? You can't go wrong by thinking boating safety. The gift ideas are almost endless and many are relatively inexpensive.

For Dad, how about a re-arming kit for his inflatable life jacket, or one of the new variety of 12-gauge flare guns with attached assortment of flares?

Of course, if you can afford a more expensive gift, a marine-band VHF radio or a portable hand-held EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) can be extremely useful while fishing or pleasure boating (be sure to register the EPIRB after purchase or rescuers may be delayed in responding).

Mom will be safe and stylish while sunbathing on the deck in a wrap-around-the-waist "belt pack lite" life jacket that won't interfere with her suntan maintenance. A CO2-charged fanny-pack model also is available. It's unobtrusive yet readily accessible if the need arises.

Stocking stuffer ideas might include:

- A U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher.
- A first-aid kit in a watertight container.
- Nautical charts for areas the family likes to visit.
- A signaling kit, including mirror, whistle and air horn.

If it's been a while since your family coxswain has had a boating refresher course, local Coast Guard auxiliaries offer inexpensive courses on such topics as boating safety, understanding weather, nautical rules of the road and more. Watch these pages in future months for details.

Some of the most valuable gifts don't cost anything but a few minutes of your time. For example, you can schedule a free vessel safety check with your local Coast Guard auxiliary flotilla. To find a local flotilla, go to **www.cgaux.org**.

No matter what level of enthusiasm or how many years your family mariner has been boating, any of these items can help make boating a safer, more enjoyable experience. Consider giving the boating enthusiast in your family a lifesaving gift this holiday season.

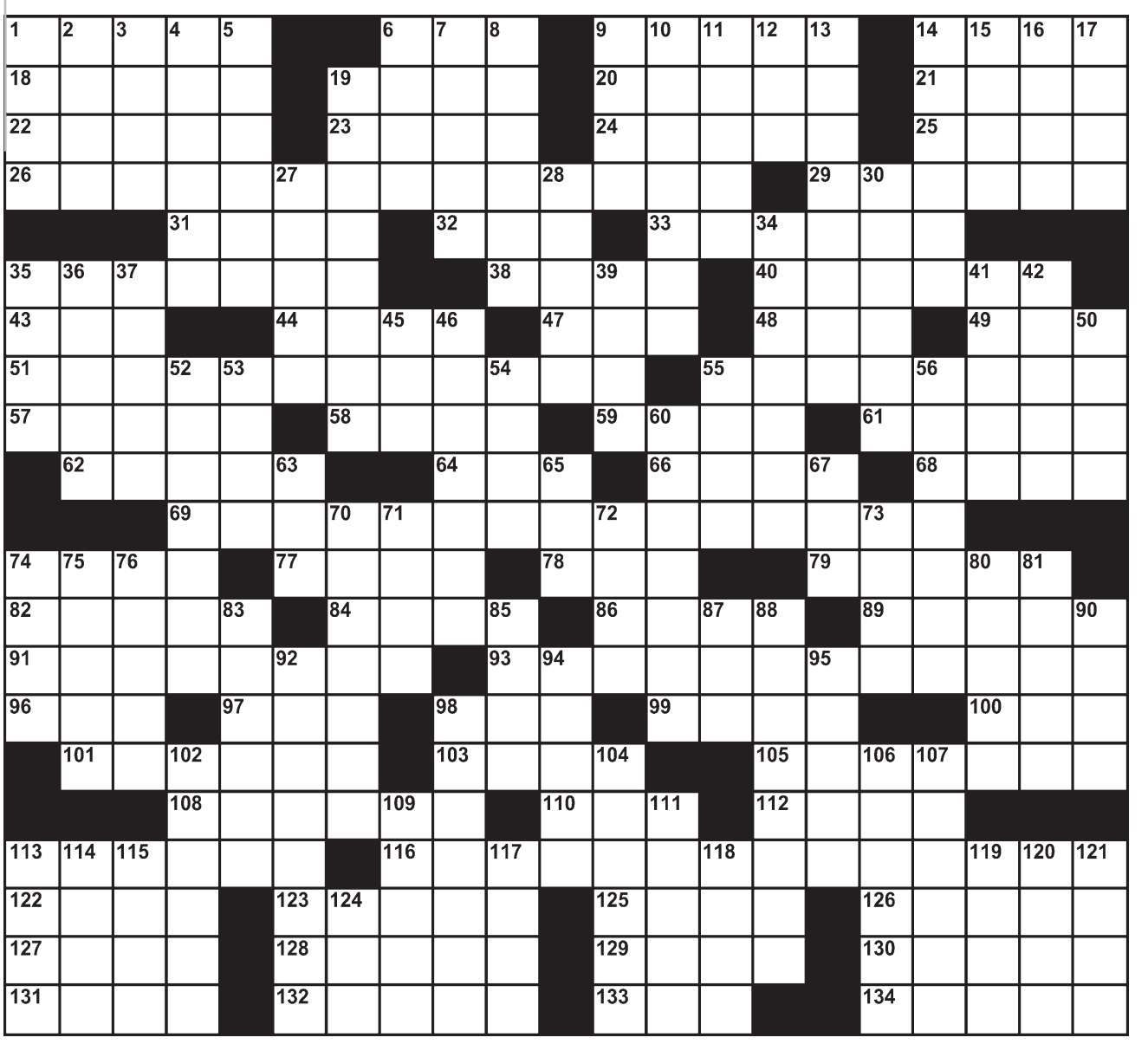
This was prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Observer crossword puzzle

"Ink, Inc." - *Solution in the Dec. 17 Keynoter*

ACROSS
1 Emanations
6 Shoot the breeze
9 Halley's discovery
14 Flower holders
18 Keen
19 Latvian capital
20 Affected
21 Christmas time
22 Sweet stuff
23 "Sleepy Time Gal" writer
24 Thick-headed
25 Poi root
26 French cuffs need?
29 Light-headed?
31 "__ a Kick Out of You"
32 Carte or mode
33 Of the stars
35 Collector
38 Paradise
40 Obstruct
43 Spoil
44 Platform
47 Antiquity, old style
48 SASE, typically
49 Tennis shot
51 Molly Ringwald flick
55 Go fast
57 Mideast mount
58 Orderly
59 Contretemps
61 Sandbank
62 A votre ___!
64 Hwy.
66 Regrets
68 Sicilian volcano
69 Death Valley problem
74 Soliloquy start
77 Suit to ___
78 Fernandez of baseball
79 Sleigh driver
82 Lendl and 113 Down, at times
84 Actor-director Alan
86 Extra effort
89 Nary a soul
91 "In ___ of the Night"
93 Fast as can be
96 Japanese coin
97 Mrs. Lennon
98 Boxcar traveler
99 Cork's country
100 Film director Spike
101 Repairs the lawn
103 Air attack
105 Veer off
108 Landi, of '30s films
110 Basic curriculum letters
112 Snicker follower
113 Actress Tomei
116 Everthing but ___
122 From ___: all the way
123 "California, Here ___!"
125 Leslie Caron role
126 Boxer Roberto
127 Drink
128 Actor Lloyd
129 Jete
130 Overact
131 Hurried
132 Jersey ex-governor's family
133 Almost so.
134 Freshen

DOWN
1 Exec. aide
2 Slangy refusal
3 "A ___ to Live"
4 One of the Musketeers
5 Small shoots
6 Lerner and Loewe musical
7 Capital of Guam
8 Bracelet
9 Muslim magistrate
10 ___-shut case
11 Luxury furs
12 Squiggle shape
13 On ___: ready to happen
14 Not revealed
15 Horse of a different color
16 Smart loner
17 ___ gin fizz
19 Pull in the reins
27 Run-down
28 Burdened
30 Knights' weapons
34 Show place
35 Elec. units
36 Roger, of the diamond
37 Sport enclosure
39 Benevolent order
41 T. S.
42 Italian native
45 Common chemical ending
46 Skirmished
50 "Dracula" Lugosi
52 Leather workers
53 Yugoslav marshal
54 "Leave ___ Beaver"
55 Bond costar Adams
56 In ___: aware
60 Manufacture
63 Greek letter
65 45 rpm records
67 Family member, for short
70 ___ for words
71 Farmer's milieu
72 Plains Indian abode, of old
73 Zola novel
74 Makes lace
75 Shade of yellow
76 Designer Geoffrey
80 Cotton fabric
81 Heche and Hathaway
83 Bar seats
85 Greenish blue
87 Slope "board"
88 Poverty
90 ___-out: manages
92 Artist's need
94 Eskimo boat
95 Paris river
98 Breed of cattle
102 Grabbed
104 Looks for oil
106 Male or female
107 Start again
109 Roman garb
111 Farm enclosures
113 Yoga necessities
114 Set upon
115 Roundup gear
117 Poetic nights
118 Talon
119 Press
120 "___ and Hayes": 1983 movie
121 Understood
124 Cedar Rapids college



Crossword solution

Solution to the Dec. 10 puzzle.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2009-CP-257-K

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLORIA C. PARDAL, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION (Formal Notice By Publication)
TO: Marcia Anderson and All unknown heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, devisees, or all others who may have an interest in the above estate:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Determine Homestead Status of Real Property, Revoke/Cancel Warranty Deed and Quiet Title regarding the following described real property:

Lot 4 of Cutthroat Harbor Estates, a subdivision of Government Lot 7, Section 28, Township 66S., Range 28 East, Plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, at Page 165 in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, Florida

has been filed in the above-captioned estate and you are required to serve a copy of your written response to it, if any, on Bonnie J. Helms, petitioner's attorney, whose address is 3845 Seaside Drive, #103, Key West, FL 33040, on or before December 23, 2011, and to file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition, without further notice.

Dated November 18, 2011

Lisa M. Pierce
Deputy Clerk
Danny L. Kolhage
Monroe County Clerk of Circuit Court

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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1. 1985 WEL 1
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2. 2002 KARA
VIN: 5KTBS33382F067627

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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 28 day of December, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., at 500 Whitehead Street, Monroe County, 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 properties situated in Monroe County, Florida, to wit:

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Mariner's Club, recorded in Official Record Book 1659, Page 1981, more particularly described as Lot 11, Block 4, KEY LARGO NORTH, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 22, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida, as modified by the Notice of Withdrawl of Certificate of Ownership and Dedication.

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Pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

MARINER'S CLUB HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRISTAL COLEMAN, CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ARM TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, and JOHN DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,

Defendant.

And the Docket Number of which is No.: 11-CA-710-P

WITNESS my hand and the Official Seal of Said Court, this 15 day of November, 2011.

Danny L. Kolhage
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Monroe County, Florida

By: M. Arguez
Deputy Clerk

Florida Statute 45.031: Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE

FEDERAL LIEN CORP. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.585 of the Florida Statutes on Jan 5, 2012 at 10 A.M.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: CAK082029

SEC.:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT 2004-06CB,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROL CROITORU; RIVKA CROITORU ; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL

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DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated November 16, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. CAK082029 of the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Monroe County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 20 day of December, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Monroe County Courthouse, Lester Building, 530 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT 49, BLOCK 9, KEY WEST ESTATE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND IN BLOCK 9, ACCORDING TO THE KEY WEST FOUNDATION CO'S PLAT NO. 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 155 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12 OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 AND RUN THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 375.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH EAST BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 55 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 55 FEET; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID BLOCK 9 FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.50 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Cheryl Alfonso 302 Fleming Street Key West, FL 33040 Phone: (305) 292-3423

at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA THIS 18 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.

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DANNY L. KOLHAGE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE No. CAP09261

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2007-19 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-19,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

MICHAEL BURKE, ET AL.

DEFENDANT(S).

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RENOUNCING AND DISCLAIMING ANY RIGHT OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE AND THE PUBLIC IN AND TO A CERTAIN STREET AS DELINEATED ON A CERTAIN RECORDED PLAT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting held on November 16, 2011 duly adopted *Resolution No. 415-2011*, renouncing and disclaiming any right of the County of Monroe and the public in and to the following described streets, alley-ways, roads or highways as delineated on the hereinafter described map or plat, to wit:

"A portion of King Street, adjacent to Blue Runner Street, all as shown on Plat of Anglers Park, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, at page 159 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection formed by the dividing line between Lots 16 and 17, Block 7, and the East right-of-way line of King Street as shown on said Plat of Anglers Park; thence run in a Westerly direction along the Westerly extension of the dividing line between said Lots 16 and 17 for a distance of 25.00 feet to a point on the Centerline of said King Street, thence deflecting 90° to the right and in a Northerly direction along said Centerline of King Street for a distance of 76.42 feet to the Point of Beginning of the land hereinafter described; thence deflecting 51°55'00" to the left and running in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of 4.47 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of said Blue Runner Street; thence deflecting 90° to the right and running in a Northeasterly direction and along said Southeasterly right-of-way line for a distance of 5.71 feet to a point on the Centerline of said King Street; thence deflecting 141°55'00" to the right and running in a Southerly direction along said Centerline of King Street for a distance of 7.25 feet back to the Point of Beginning. Containing 12.77 square feet, more or less."

Dated at Marathon, Florida, this 8th Day of December, 2011.

DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk of the Circuit Court
and ex officio Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida

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"The entire platted rights-of-way of Towhee Lane, Pelican Lane, Heron Lane, Flamingo Drive, and Limpkan Lane, all as shown on Page 2 of the plat map of Boca Chica Ocean Shores, Geiger Key, Monroe County, Florida according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 49 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida."

Dated at Marathon, Florida, this 8th Day of December, 2011.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 7, 2011 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Monroe, Florida, on December 28, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., at courthouse steps - 500 Whitehead St., Key West, FL 33040 for the following described property:

Lot 20, Block 2, of Lake Surprise Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in plat book 4, page 162, of the public records of Monroe County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: 11/15/ 2011

By: LAURA VORHES
Deputy Clerk of the Court

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Ms. Judy Greene at 502 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040; telephone number 305-295-3127 two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY); if you are voice impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8770."

Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd,
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NOTICE OF CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS that on **January 11, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive sealed bids for the following:

TOM'S HARBOR CHANNEL BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT DUCK KEY, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA RFB-ENG-11-355-2012-PUR/CV

Scope of Work

The work consists of repairing bridge #904600 Tom's Harbor Channel Bridge at Duck Key. The work includes demolition of deck and railings, replacement of deck and railings, asphalt paving, spall repair and crack injection for reinforced concrete elements, beam repair, installation of guardrails and other related construction as shown on the Drawings and included in the Technical Specifications.

Requirements for submission

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and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 1-213, Key West, Florida. Technical questions should be directed, **in writing,** to the Director of Engineering Services, The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Key West, Florida 33040 or by facsimile to (305) 295-4321. All answers will be by Addenda.

Bidders must submit **two (2) signed originals and two (2) complete copies of each Bid** in a sealed envelope marked on the outside, "**Sealed Bid for Tom's Harbor Channel Bridge Repair Project**" addressed and delivered, either by person or by mail, preferably by special delivery, registered mail to:

**Monroe County
Purchasing Office
1100 Simonton Street,
Room 1-213
Key West, FL 33040
Phone: (305) 292-4466
Fax: (305) 292-4465**

All bids must be received by the County Purchasing Office before 3:00 P.M. on January

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All prime contractors submitting bids must be pre-qualified by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the category of minor bridge repair work in accordance with Chapter 337.14 F.S. and State of Florida Department of Transportation Rules Ch. 14-22.

The Board will automatically reject the bid of any person or affiliate who appears on the convicted vendor list prepared by the Department of Management Services, State of Florida, under Sec. 287.133(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

Dated at Key West, Florida, this 5th day of December, 2011.

Monroe County
Purchasing Department

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120 Fictitious Names

Ad# 5633100

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **ATLANTIC EDGE** located at **81801 Overseas Highway, MM 82,** in the County of **Monroe,** in the City of **Islamorada**, **Florida 33036** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Building Solutions Of The Keys, Inc. located at Unit #3, 72nd Street, in the County of Monroe, in the City of Marathon, Florida 33050 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Beacon Construction
Of The Keys, Inc.

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Ad# 5641200

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200 Employment

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