



### 'Destiny' replacement

Key West won't lose any passenger fees even though the Carnival cruise ship 'Destiny' is going out of service next February. Story, 7A



### 'Ingham' staying put

Whatever the future holds for the Truman Waterfront in Key West, it'll include the 'Ingham' Coast Guard museum. Story, 2A

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## IN THE COURTS

# Ferro jury returns today

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FERRO

The six-person Key West jury empanelled to decide if Nicholas Ferro, 25, is guilty of second-degree murder was sent home for the night Tuesday after eight hours of deliberation.

Ferro, of Hollywood in Broward County, is accused of stabbing to death Key West

native Marquese Butler on Oct. 31, 2009, during the annual Fantasy Fest. Closing arguments from both sides, conducted over three hours Monday morning, reiterated the respective prose-

## After two days of deliberations, panel couldn't decide in murder case

cution and defense theories of the case: That Ferro killed Butler in cold blood, and that Butler was part of a large mob beating up Ferro friend Jorge Averoff when Ferro got involved, stabbing Butler in self defense.

Jurors on Monday after-

noon asked Chief Circuit Court Judge David Audlin for transcripts of Ferro's courtroom testimony — 146 pages.

Audlin directed them to rely on their "collective memories" and if that didn't work, to narrow down their request. Tuesday morning,

jurors amended their request, asking only for Ferro's testimony about where on the body he stabbed Butler. Audlin allowed that.

In her closing statement, prosecutor Breezye Telfair drew words from Ferro's own testimony about Butler: "If it wasn't him, it would've been someone else. Those are the words from this defendant about Marquese Butler.

Those words indicate ill will not just for Marquese Butler but for anyone who was not a part of the defendant's group of friends."

Ferro is charged with second-degree murder; to prove it, prosecutors have to convince jurors the defendant committed the act with ill will, hatred and evil intent.

• See Ferro, 3A

## UPPER KEYS

# Two charged with stealing biofuel oil

Used cooking grease converts pretty easily

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An effort to collect used cooking oil from Upper Keys restaurants ended in the pre-dawn arrests of two Miami men Tuesday.

Charges against the defendants — Pedro Gonzalez, 35, and Eduardo Vega, 43 — include multiple counts of burglary and grand theft, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. A large tanker truck with markings from Avila Environmental Corp. of Miami was seized for possible forfeiture.

Used cooking oil can be converted into biofuel. With the price of diesel and regular gasoline rising, commercial firms are now vying to collect greasy restaurant waste at no charge — or even pay-

ing for the privilege. Thefts from collection containers outside businesses are common, according to numerous news accounts.

"It's getting vicious," said Jeff Lillie, founder and owner of Marathon Bio-Diesel in the Middle Keys. "It's a messy thing to steal. I guess if there's a buck to be made, people will do it."

Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Becky Herrin said Tuesday's arrests were made after private investigators working for Tallowmasters, a Miami collection and processing company, reported the firm was losing waste cooking oil from its containers.

The investigators said while doing surveillance, they saw men in a tanker truck removing oil from Tallowmasters containers at Key Largo restaurants the Fish House, D-Hookers and McDonald's. Holes were drilled into the locked containers in an attempt to

• See Oil, 3A

## IN THE COURTS

# Sentencing set for Sawyer today

Former nonprofit chief convicted of fraud scheme

Keynoter Staff

Norma Jean Sawyer, convicted last month of skimming thousands of dollars in public money in her role as executive director of a nonprofit Key West housing agency, faces sentencing at 8:45 a.m. this morning at the Freeman Justice Center in Key West.

On Feb. 16, a six-person jury convicted Sawyer, 60, of felony scheme to defraud in excess of \$50,000; Circuit Court Judge Mark Jones, presiding in Courtroom B, could sentence her to anything from probation to 30 years in prison.

Assistant Monroe County State Attorney Mark Wilson said his sentencing recommendation would include "a combination of incarceration, probation and restitution."

Wilson convinced jurors that Sawyer, in her capacity as executive director of the now-defunct Bahama Conch Community Land Trust, misappropriated state taxpayer money meant to construct housing for homeless people to her personal use.

The \$712,000 grant originated with the state Department of Children and Families, and was passed to the Land Trust by the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League, the grant administrator; it was intended to refit part of the Land Trust's office at 307 Julia St.

## CELEBRATING THE GREEN



The annual St. Patrick's Day pub crawl based at the Finnegan's Wake bar on Grinnell Street in Key West drew scores of people — even teams such as the Big Pine Key Drinking Team. Proceeds benefited the Boys and Girls Club of the Keys Area. St. Pat's was celebrated all over the Keys, including a parade in Key Colony Beach. For many more community photos, go to [www.KeysNet.com/photos](http://www.KeysNet.com/photos).

Keynoter photos by DAVID CHESNET

## MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Jara: Expect FCAT scores to fall

State imposes more rigorous test standards

By SEAN KINNEY  
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Monroe County School District Superintendent Jesus Jara is bracing for a dip in student standardized test scores based on more rigorous stan-

dards on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

Last week, Jara circulated a letter Keyswide noting "there is a great concern that many Florida and Monroe County students will not be successful on the FCAT 2.0," the name given to the new tests.

"I just wanted the public to know," Jara told the Keynoter, "it's not because of something that's happening in the classrooms or that

the teachers are doing worse. The standards are up and the bar was raised."

Jara said the effect of harder test questions would have the greatest impact on students who have consistently scored a 3 (out of a possible 5), which is the lowest passing grade.

"If you get a student that has had a 3 for multiple years, now they'll likely get a 2," which requires a retake of the

applicable class and the test. Over the spring semester, students will take the FCAT 2.0 in reading, math and science. Students in grades three through 10 will take the reading test; grades three through eight will take math; and grades five to eight will take science.

In his letter, Jara outlined the likely effects: More stu-

• See FCAT, 3A

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NEWS BRIEFS

Learn to monitor the Keys night sky

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Elizabeth Moore, a volunteer NASA solar-system educator, will give an interactive presentation on how the night sky affects people, animals and plants.

The session is at St. Columba Episcopal Church, on 52nd Street in Marathon behind the Panda House restaurant. Moore will explain what you can do to participate as a citizen scientist to monitor the condition of the night sky in the Florida Keys.

Prior to that, at 7 p.m., Neil Schoenfeld will conduct a tour of St. Columba's butterfly garden.

KEYS WEATHER

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**HARNETT**  
Lynn Harnett died peacefully at her winter home in Marathon, Florida on March 15, 2012, of cancer, surrounded by family and friends. Lynn Patricia Harnett was born Sept 27, 1950, in Brooklyn, NY, to Deborah McMahon Harnett and Robert Frederick Harnett. Lynn was brought up in East Meadow, Long Island and graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a degree in literature in the spring of 1972. By early autumn of that same year she was working as full-time editor and photojournalist. Her long career included stints as Assistant Editor for Business Digest, Editor of New Hampshire Profiles, and Editor and co-founder of 'Kidwriters' Monthly', a newspaper supplement for young writers and artists. In the early 90's she left her position as Arts & Entertainment Editor of the Portland Press Herald to write novels for young readers, publishing ten books with Scholastic, Inc. She and her husband are longtime residents of Marathon, where Lynn loved to swim, kayak, and birdwatch. She leaves her husband of 31 years, Rodman Philbrick of Kittery, Maine and Marathon, Florida, three brothers, Michael Harnett and spouse Roz of Eastham, MA, Sean Harnett and spouse Margaret of Penfield, NY, and Brian Harnett and spouse Joan of Kerhonkson, NY, her beloved mother-in-law Jane Philbrick, of Wells, Me, her brothers-in-law Philip Philbrick, Jonathan Philbrick, and Mark Philbrick, nieces Kate Harnett, Moira Harnett, and Lauren Harnett, nieces Erin Van Cott, Gillian Graham, Liza Greenwood, Cassie Philbrick, Miranda Harrod, Molly Philbrick, Annie Philbrick, and nephews Peter Philbrick, Nathaniel Philbrick, and Ian Vittorioso. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to [FirstBook.org](http://FirstBook.org)

**BOYCE, JR**  
**John James Boyce, Jr.** (Jack) passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in Mariners Hospital, Tavernier, Florida. Jack was born in Middletown, New York on April 19, 1924. In 1969, Jack and his wife Bette visited Key Largo, Florida; they loved the fishing and warm weather and settled there. He will be remembered in his early years by serving his country in the Navy, motorcycle travels across the country, being a "gentleman" farmer, and building up the Boyce Excavating Company. After retirement, you would find him fishing, or on the bicycle path all over Key Largo visiting his favorite coffee shops. He is predeceased by his wife and love of his life, Bette, and is survived by his six children: sons, Garry Sr. and his wife Jeanne of Charleston, South Carolina; Michael and his wife Debbie; Neil Richard; and John III and his wife Connie all of Key Largo; two daughters, Michele Horan of Howells, New York; and Lisa Eager and her husband George of Williston, Florida; Nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren will continue to carry on the Boyce traditions passed down from their "Peper". Services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

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MARATHON

# Woman attacked in Middle Keys home

## Man flees after bashing her head in

Police are looking for the public's help in finding whoever broke into a Marathon woman's apartment early Sunday morning and attacked her.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office says that about 3 a.m., the 51st Street bayside resident woke up to

find a man standing over her holding a pillow. She said she screamed; he threw the pillow down, then grabbed her arms and slammed her head into the wall beside her bed.

She said she continued screaming and he fled. A neighbor told deputies he heard the screams, looked outside and saw a man outside, "moving quickly toward the street." He said he yelled at him, then went to help the victim.

When Deputy Jeffrey Deluca arrived, he found the woman bleeding from the back of the head. He called for an ambulance.

Detectives Bobby Burkett and John Underwood responded to further investigate the incident.

Anyone with information should call the Sheriff's Office at 289-2430 or Crime Stoppers of the Florida Keys at (800) 346-TIPS. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

KEY WEST



Photo by ANDY NEWMAN

The 'Ingham' is brought into Key West back in 2009. It was in U.S. Coast Guard service from 1936 to 1988.

# Boards: 'Ingham' staying put

## Development of Truman park may have it moved

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Two Key West advisory boards, meeting jointly Tuesday night, decided that whatever the future Truman Waterfront park looks like, it will include the historic U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Ingham*.

Truman Waterfront Advisory Board and Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee is that the Police Athletic League building, a former U.S. Navy mess hall that currently houses a boxing ring, gym and facilities for the Police Department's mounted patrol unit, will be torn down and replaced with a new building to house a community center.

The concept of the community center has been on the table for more than a decade, but until recently there was

no decision on whether the PAL building would be rehabilitated or a new structure would replace it.

With the advisory boards' approvals, the Key West City Commission will now weigh in, then its direction will be incorporated into construction documents, according to City Planner Don Craig.

On the PAL building, Craig said: "Significant changes ... would have to be made. From an investment of community resources, it would be best to demolish it and rebuild a purpose-driven community center."

Since 2009, the 327-foot *Ingham* — officially the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Ingham* Maritime Museum & National Historic Landmark — has been berthed along the East Quay Wall and open to visitors. The city is in lease negotiations with the Meisel Spottswood Marina Management Co. to develop a marina in the same space.

Bill Spottswood said that if the *Ingham* were to stay put or be included as part of the planned marina, it would occupy valuable lineal footage that could otherwise be used to house paying customers, meaning the *Ingham's* presence would detract from the marina and, subsequently, city coffers.

Bill Verge, the *Ingham* operator and a former city commissioner, asked advisory board members to choose between preserving history or potentially making a little more money.

"Are we strictly going to go for dollars?" Verge asked. "How many boats we can cram down there, or do we go for some history?"

He noted that in 1980 during the Mariel Boatlift, which saw more than 125,000 Cuban nationals leave the communist island for freedom in South Florida, the then-active *Ingham* offloaded thousands of refugees "in roughly the same spot she's sitting in now."

Bob Kelly, a former member of the Waterfront Board, expressed his concern that as more time passes, the park design less and less resembles the open green space community members have pushed for since the late 1990s.

"Parks, in most rational places, are just parks," he said. "It keeps shrinking and shrinking. I see it disappearing. I think this is going to be my swan song for having anything to do with this anymore."

The U.S. Navy gave the 33-acre waterfront to the city in 2002 as an economic development conveyance, part of a larger base reuse and closure process.

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LOWER KEYS

# Truck goes into water, DUI charge lodged

## Cudjoe Key man not hurt early Tuesday

A 26-year-old Cudjoe Key man drove his vehicle into the water early Tuesday morning, resulting in a drunk-driving arrest. Colby Covington wasn't injured in the crash at the Kemp Channel Bridge around mile marker 23 of U.S. 1 but he was charged with DUI as well as driving with a suspended license and failure to

maintain a single lane. Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Becky Herrin says a witness told Deputy Andrew Hudson and Sgt. Tom Walker he followed Covington's truck from Big Pine Key, fearing he was impaired. He said as he approached the Kemp Channel Bridge at 12:30 a.m., the truck disappeared. He slowed to see what happened and then saw a vehicle's headlights in the water. Minutes later, he saw Covington climb out of the water.

When the officers arrived, Covington refused to give them any information, Herrin said. When told to stand up, he refused, she said. He refused field sobriety exercises and, once at the Stock Island jail, refused to take a breath test for alcohol content. Sitting in a chair at the jail, he wet his pants and refused to cooperate with booking officers, Herrin said. Finally, when confronted with threats of being put in a restraint chair, he began to cooperate, she said.



Photo courtesy SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A tank truck reportedly used to carry illegally taken used cooking oil was stopped and seized by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office after a reported series of vegetable-oil thefts early Tuesday.

# Thefts not so unusual

## From Oil, 1A

A battery-powered drill was found in the truck's cab. It was not the first time the men had tapped into other firms' containers, they reportedly told detectives. "It's been a problem" within the industry, Lillie said. Marathon Bio-Diesel has not lost any waste oil but Lillie said he's seen "maybe three instances" where someone tried but failed to pry the lid off one of the company's 65-gallon containers outside restaurants. "Each of our drums costs about \$200 but they have really strong lids," Lillie said. "This is why." Marathon Bio-Diesel provides collection containers for waste vegetable oil to 42 Keys restaurants and organizations, then processes the material

into fuel used by vehicle fleets and charter boats. His year-old firm does not pay business owners for the right to remove used cooking oil but gives back to the community through affordable diesel prices and donations to local environmental causes like the Sanctuary Friends Foundation of the Florida Keys.

George Zimmerman, 28, a neighborhood watch volunteer, fatally shot Martin, 17, on Feb. 26 in Sanford.

# Jury having tough time

## From Ferro, 1A

As for motivation, Telfair, an assistant state attorney from Miami-Dade County, said Ferro and his group of friends were "upset, agitated, frustrated" in the lead-up to the stabbing because they couldn't get a cab to take them back to their hotel around 4 a.m. She also pointed out that Ferro admitted initially lying to police investigating the incident, calling into question his credibility on the witness stand. "We can't definitively tell you why" Ferro did what he did, Telfair said. "We can definitively tell you it was not self defense." During her closing, Telfair repeatedly emphasized particular words and phrases attributed to or

meant to describe Ferro on Oct. 31 — "going crazy," "come on" — by screaming them in the courtroom, which defense attorney Ed O'Donnell Sr. of Miami immediately picked up on in his final comments. "You're a jury and not a mob," he said. "Screaming and hollering at you will not incite you to do something a jury shouldn't do." He hit hard on previous testimony that put Butler with the large group attacking Averoff, and drawing from the underlying legal principles, told jurors that in two equally reasonable constructs of events, one indicating guilt and the other innocence, they "must" choose the option that favors the defendant. "The state didn't want to talk about the evidence or

the law," he said. "You can scream and holler all you want but it doesn't prove anything. You can have a theory but it has got to be supported by the evidence." He also pointed out when testimony from Ferro's friends, Averoff, Rolando Reyes and Seth Denny, was to her benefit, Telfair accepted it, but otherwise rejected their accounts of the events on Oct. 31. "It's true when she wants to use it as true but not when she's talking to you," he said. "What was done today was a veiled attempt to rewrite the history of this case." He out-of-hand rejected the assertion that Ferro was driven to murder because he missed a cab. "Nonsense," O'Donnell said.

# Expectations are lowered

## From FCAT, 1A

dents failing, requiring remediation, which will also cost the district more money; less student ability to take elective classes such as art or band; potential cuts altogether of some elective classes; and "school grades will fall significantly."

In the mass e-mail he sent Keyswide, Jara wrote: "What is truly important to remember is that lower FCAT test scores do not necessarily indicate that a student learned less this year than in prior years. It does indicate the student has more work to do to master the new curriculum well

enough to successfully progress to the new higher levels of accountability as required by the state." He added, "As teachers and students spend more time working with the new and higher expectations placed upon them, it is expected that test scores will rebound."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Self-defense law might get new look

A 2005 Florida law that lets shooters defend themselves rather than retreat in cases where they feel threatened needs a new look in light of the Trayvon Martin shooting, state Sen. Oscar Braynon of Miami Gardens said Tuesday.

He has not been charged. Martin's family has insisted Zimmerman was racially profiling the teen, who was visiting friends of relatives and that night had walked to a store to buy candy. Sanford's police chief has been unusually forceful in declaring that Zimmerman

appeared to be acting in self-defense when he killed the teen in a public walkway at a housing community. The case has sparked racial tensions because Martin was black and Zimmerman is not.

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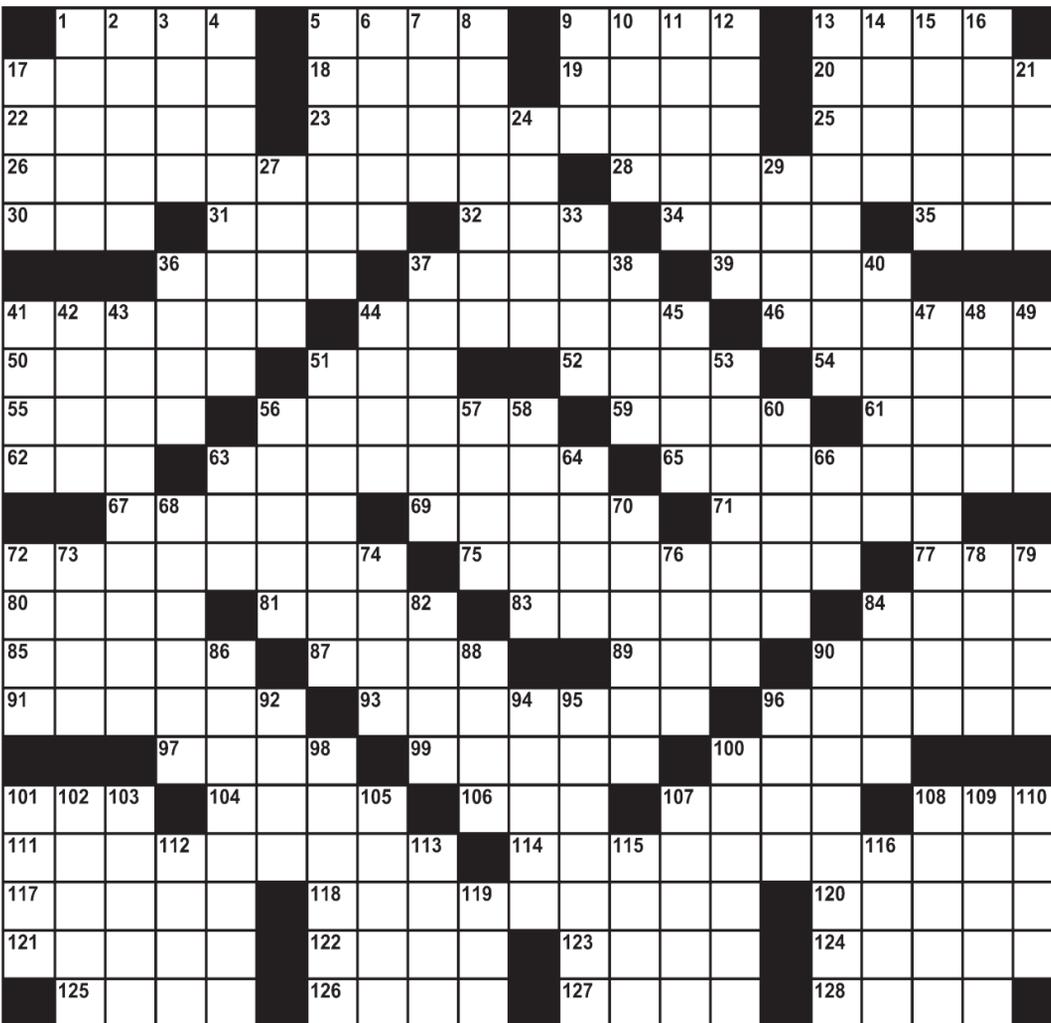
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# Observer crossword puzzle

"Getting Warm" - Solution in the March 24 Keynoter

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| 1 Affirm                         | 62 Consume                  | 114 New Jersey village          | 17 Being                       | 73 Bulging pot                        |
| 5 Ignoble                        | 63 Noble rank               | 117 Thick soup                  | 21 ___ Sommer                  | 74 Tropical tree                      |
| 9 The peanut                     | 65 Court decree: archaic    | 118 English urban district      | 24 Nocturnal animal            | 76 Cord                               |
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## STOCK ISLAND

# Another jail inmate dies

### He reportedly hangs himself in his cell

Keynoter Staff

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office says an inmate found dead in his cell Saturday afternoon — the third inmate to die at the Stock Island jail since March 3 — hanged himself.

As for the other two, authorities say the causes of death appear to be from natural causes but the official determinations are six to eight weeks away, pending autopsy results.

The Sheriff's Office says that around noon Saturday, Leonardo Hernandez, 44, of Stock Island was found hanging from the top bunk of his cell in the Alpha Unit; Hernandez was the sole occupant of the cell. He was there due to "multiple disciplinary" issues since his arrest on Nov. 8, says Deputy Becky Herrin.

Hernandez was being held on multiple charges, including violation of a no-contact order, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, driving with license suspended-habitual offender, and battery.

Herrin says the jail guard assigned to Alpha Unit was doing a regular cell check when he saw Hernandez with a sheet around his neck. He entered the cell and held Hernandez up, relieving pressure from his neck, and called a nurse who was in the unit doing her rounds. She untied the knot in the sheet and the two performed CPR and called for other officers and paramedics.

Paramedics took Hernandez to Lower Keys Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 1:02 p.m. The Florida

Department of Law Enforcement will investigate the circumstances surrounding Hernandez's death and an autopsy will be performed.

In addition to his current charges, Hernandez had an extensive Monroe County rap sheet, with previous arrests for uttering a false check, resisting arrest, battery on a law officer or firefighter, aggravated battery

**Leonardo Hernandez, 44, of Stock Island was being held on multiple charges, including violation of a no-contact order, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, driving with license suspended-habitual offender, and battery.**

on a senior citizen, failure to appear for a felony offense, trespassing, destroying evidence, soliciting to sell cocaine and burglary, among others.

In the other two deaths at the jail:

- On March 10, Waldemar Pacheco, 52, of Key West was found dead. He'd been in the county lockup on Stock Island since January 2011 on various drug charges and had a Keys rap sheet going back to 2001.

- On March 3, Aracelia Miranda, 52, was found dead in the jail's sick bay around 3 p.m. She'd been in jail since Feb. 3 on a drug-paraphernalia charge and also had an extensive Keys rap sheet.

**Crossword solution**  
Solution to the March 17 puzzle:

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

The agenda and backup for both meetings can be viewed on our web site @ [www.fkaa.com](http://www.fkaa.com), or a copy of the Agenda, or any backup, is available upon request from FKA, Elvira Sawyer, Executive Office Coordinator, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 295-2203, [esawyer@fkaa.com](mailto:esawyer@fkaa.com).

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SPRING BREAK

# New app helps find Key West taxis

McClatchy-Tribune

Spring Break wasn't just about going to the beach and partying with friends for University of Alabama graduate student Matt Staples.

He used it to test out his new iPhone app titled Get Me Home!

Staples, the head of business and marketing for Subvert LLC and an accounting major at Alabama, helped create the free app designed to help people who have had too much to drink find a taxi. The app has been available on Apple's App Store since January and has been downloaded more than 1,000 times.

"We made it with the goal of reducing drunk driving," Staples said. "I figured there'd be a lot of other tourists and people who could use this."

Get Me Home! includes contact information for taxi services in 115 cities around the country.

Florida cities featured on the app include Key West, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Destin and Panama City.

Staples said the only real requirement for cities to be added is that they feature at

least seven taxi companies to be listed. Suggestions for potential cities to add to the app can be emailed to subvertapps@gmail.com.

Staples, along with fellow Alabama students Nick Neveu and Ben Gordon, started their own website and mobile app development company called Subvert LLC last year. Get Me Home! was the second app Subvert LLC created.

The first app, called Red Cup, highlights the cheapest drink specials going on each hour in Tuscaloosa and Auburn, Ala. While Staples was in Destin last week testing out Get Me Home! during Spring Break, Neveu and Gordon were in Orlando to expand Red Cup there.

"It was our first project and we kind of did it for our friends and ourselves," Staples said. "We figured it would be something really good to get all of our friends interested in what we're doing. It's really blown up."

The company's third app, Tip Accordingly, offers a tip calculator based on the type and quality of service. It has been submitted to Apple for approval. Staples expects it to be released soon.

POLITICS

# Vote on Senate maps this week

By KEVIN WADLOW  
Senior Staff Writer  
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A second try at drawing new Florida Senate district boundaries went before a Senate committee Tuesday, with minimal changes proposed for the district covering Monroe County.

Final Senate action on the redistricting plan is expected Thursday or Friday, with the Florida House expected to take action early next week.

"There still could be some amendments," state Rep. Ron Saunders (D-Key West) said Tuesday. "I'm watching the committee meeting now. We'll see what happens."

The state Supreme Court rejected the Legislature's first redistricting plan for the state Senate as failing to meet anti-gerrymandering standards in the Fair Districts amendments to the state Constitution, as approved by voters in 2010. The Supreme Court cited

problems in eight Senate districts, mostly in west and North Florida.

A revised district map was released Saturday. Sen. Don Gaetz (R-Niceville), chairman of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment, said the new map adheres to mandates in the Fair District amendments.

If the map is approved, Monroe County's population would amount to about 18 percent of voting-age residents of District 40's overall population of 470,135.

Areas of south and western Miami-Dade County provide 66 percent of the senate district's voters. District 40 also would cover 39,140 Hendry County residents and 38,106 Collier County residents.

Saunders has filed papers with the state Division of Elections to campaign for the District 120 House seat he has held the past six years. Depending on the final map for the Senate,

Saunders said he is "leaning toward" a run for the District 40 Senate seat.

"I'm still waiting to see what they come up with," Saunders said Tuesday.

The senator representing Monroe County and south Miami-Dade County, Larcenia Bullard, is retiring because of term limits. Her son, state Rep.

Dwight Bullard, is one of two announced candidates for the seat.

The final Senate map must be approved by the Supreme Court.

The new map appears to throw at least two incumbents together and unites the city of Lakeland.

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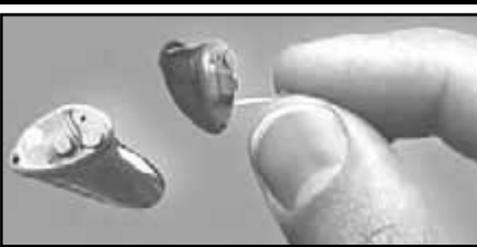
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## EDITORIAL

Council correct  
on beach rentals

It rejects pitch for a concession, and should go one step further and codify beach vending ban into law

Kudos to the Marathon City Council for rejecting a businessman's application for an umbrella and chair concession at Sombrero Beach.

The council voted 3-2 on March 13 to reject Asad Kahn's pitch for the business. That doesn't mean it forever banned commercial enterprise at the city's two beaches (Sombrero and Coco Plum) — which it should — but it does put a pretty good nail in the coffin of any future ideas for beachside rentals.

Kahn's hope to open the concession didn't come from a public outcry calling for the rentals. It was merely a money-making idea that virtually no one supports, with good reason.

Sombrero Beach is an outpost from virtually every other beach in the Keys, where there are rentals of all kinds. Just look at Smathers and Higgs beaches in Key West, where the vendors line up in the morning and instantly create what amounts to a rental flea market. There are also rentals at the beaches at the state parks and many of the beach-front resorts.

The then-sparse Sombrero was beautifully redeveloped by the city of Marathon shortly after incorporation in 1999, but not without a lot of opposition. However, it turned out great.

There are nice — and plentiful — wooden barbecue tikis, which replaced cement tikis destroyed or damaged in Hurricane Georges in 1998. There are big new bathrooms that are always clean. There's a pavilion where community groups meet and kids activities take place. There's a new playground. There's a kayak launch at the beach's basin. And there's beautiful landscaping that's well-maintained.

When the City Council discussed Kahn's proposal before it voted, two residents told the council exactly what Marathon's beaches are — and aren't.

Speaking of Sombrero, Jody Gyokeres said, "This is not Coney Island or even Key West," citing "the unspoiled beauty and solitude of Sombrero Beach."

And speaking about the lesser-used Coco Plum, Lynda Berrigan said, "What an intrusion that would be on the natural beauty at Coco Plum Beach."

Councilman Rich Keating even noted that people go to Sombrero Beach precisely because there is no business there: "What can't be measured is who might not come here because this beach is not what they're looking for."

We agree wholeheartedly. Not everything here needs to be commercialized.

Marathon's beaches are two of the few tranquil public waterfront sites in the Keys while having enough amenities to make any day a good one, and that's how they should stay.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Keynoter photo by LARRY KAHN

Gas prices have continued to rise and will likely rise more as summer draws closer.

## Gas prices killing us

I am a vacation rental owner who, in normal years, would be totally booked by now (only 10 percent of my weeks are booked). I am very concerned about the high gas prices we're experiencing.

The last time we suffered high gas prices during the summer months, the vacation rental business plummeted

since people can't afford to fill the tanks of their fishing boats and pay for the vacation rental, plus the high 12.5 percent sales tax.

From the actions in Washington, D.C., they are content with the current level, which tells me nothing will be done (additional drilling, pipeline from Canada being approved) anytime soon. D.C.'s response on one hand is

to blame the speculators, and on the other hand say anything they do now won't have an effect on prices now. You can't have it both ways.

If it is the speculators, the announcement of the Canadian pipeline would bring prices down overnight since the market relies on supply and demand to set a market price. So which one is it?

Back to local businesses.

If people don't come down, restaurants, grocery stores and every other business down here in the Keys will suffer or worse, close, all because of high gas prices. A three-month sales tax holiday on hotel/vacation home rentals would help offset the high price of the gas, and people would be able to afford to come down, and businesses will stay in business and we'll have a trickle-down effect since money will be coming in moving.

Every time money moves, someone is making a profit, the state is collecting sales tax and people can feed their families. Are you listening, Tallahassee?

Jean Hering  
Marathon

## Marathon is broken

It was right for Marathon to incorporate and many of the things accomplished since have been for the right reasons. But it could have been and should have been so much better. The chip-on-the-shoulder attitude when working with ---agencies and other governments is obvious and has created an atmosphere of political discord.

Look at the political liaisons of Marathon with Monroe County, the state Department of Transportation and Key Colony Beach on issues that could be useful to all organizations and easily achieved if healthier attitudes and egos were utilized. These types of mindsets of politicians and employees will only produce the "one up" or "get back at" reaction when

attempting to work on a mutual issue for the good of the community.

Councilman Rich Keating commented on how City Manager Roger Hemstadt has been so good at contractual affairs and saved the city money and deserved a second salary increase within his contract. The manager's ascetic, know-it-all posture coming in from Miami has often been harmful.

First it was his caustic and bitter approach with Key Colony Beach on fire service, then employee working relationships, especially putting his financial well-being and benefits ahead of the employees. There is also citizen interaction ineffectiveness, airport issues with Monroe County and, now, his failure of oversight of Weiler Engineering plans to place city

utilities in the state right of way, which was not approved by DOT.

This is a small town and Monroe County is a small community. As they say, all politics is local. There needs to be an enlightening preparation of small-community politicians, government employees and other agencies as to how to fulfill their obligations to the citizens they represent, and all must work together because we are all in this together.

Until these ways of thinking and behaving are overcome, it will cause us taxpayers to pick up the pieces and pay for the mess and chaos that has been caused by their lack of cooperation and partnership.

Carl Peterson  
Marathon, Tampa

## Community lends support

We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful community. When push comes to shove and you are knocked back a bit, living in the Florida Keys is where you want to be. When there is a need, the folks who live here step up to the plate to help you time after time.

On Jan. 17, I was rushed into emergency surgery for a detaching retina. Needless to say, this was not something our family had planned on, nor were we prepared for a recovery that could take at least three months, during which time I would not be able to work. Good news is all went well, eyesight was saved and I am improving daily — so far so good. Being able to finally drive again, use the computer and see with two eyes is a great thing. I feel so blessed.

During my darkest hour and without a moment of hesitation, my friends sprung into action to organize a benefit to help with the hospital bills and interim household expenses while I'm unable to work.

A very special thanks goes out to

the organizers of the event: Spencer Slate, Leslie and Albert Del Toral, Sharon and John Hauk, Dave Feder, Frank Rego and Patxi Pastor. The time, effort and dedication you put into making this happen was amazing. Thank you to Trevor Mann and No Not One, Leah Sutter, Men Of Leisure, Devinshire, Jimmy Hawkins and all the other bands that played, and to the churches that sent love and support. Also, to the church youth groups: Island Community Church, Key Largo Baptist and Lifepointe Plantation Key.

Thank you to the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative for providing power for the event. A special thanks also to the Florida Keys Charitable Trust for helping us out in our time of need.

The Friends of Frazier benefit was graciously hosted by the Caribbean Club in Key Largo, which went above and beyond to make the benefit a success — all at no charge.

We live in a wonderful place, not only beautiful, but filled with amazing and warm people who are always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank

you to all who attended the event for our family, to the churches and individuals who sent donations, to the businesses that donated silent auction items for sale and to the individuals who worked tirelessly on event day.

It's hard to name everyone in this letter but you know who you are. Simply put, our family is overwhelmed by the compassion and definitely feeling the love from our Florida Keys Community.

Frazier, Laurie,  
Jessica and Michael Nivens  
Key Largo

## Deer as attractions?

I disagree with Katie Perry, biological technician at the National Key Deer Refuge, who says in her guest column to not feed the Key deer. I say have a petting and feeding place and have your picture taken with them.

Do this on Boot Key and other such keys and advertise and promote petting and feeding. This would bring tourists by the millions.

Bob Horan  
Endicott, N.Y.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The students earn certificates of recognition from Linda Lee Byars following their recital.

## Churches encourage kids

I want to thank the Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church family for letting my students perform a music recital at the beautiful church. Fisher Sayer, Sawyer Bisson, Katia Nikiforva, Cory Bisson and Justin Wang were awesome. I know they look forward to doing this again in the future.

I thank the community for supporting these young people. I also want to thank San Pablo Catholic Church for being so gracious for letting me have recitals there. It's so wonderful to see children performing in our churches and throughout the community.

Linda Lee Byars  
Marathon

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Meaningful PIP reform is finally here

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

That famous quote, a favorite of moms everywhere, may never have been so true as when applied to the multi-year effort to pass reforms to our state's personal injury protection insurance (PIP) law. Of course, some may have gone the route of Mark Twain when he famously said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.... Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it."

Fortunately, Gov. Rick Scott, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty, state Rep. Jim Boyd and Sen. Garrett Richter ignored Mr. Twain's advice.

Despite many unsuccessful attempts over the years, they all made one last Herculean effort to reform this portion of our automobile insurance system that provides easily accessible medical benefits for accident victims. However, since its inception PIP has become riddled with fraud, and it costs Floridians too much money.

Under House Bill 119, in order to be reimbursable by PIP, a victim must be initially treated by a physician, osteopath, dentist, chiropractor, physician's assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner, or the services must be provided in a hospital or in a facility wholly owned by a hospital, within 14 days of an accident.



LOTANE

Coverage of up to \$10,000 is available for medical treatment related to an emergency medical condition and for follow-up care related to the initial emergency medical condition visit based on a referral made by an appropriate medical professional for care in an approved medical facility.

Initial care must be administered within 14 days of the accident and subsequent approved care may be given beyond that window. For conditions the approved medical providers determine are not an emergency medical condition diagnosis, \$2,500 is available for care. Massage and acupuncture are not reimbursable. There is a \$5,000 death benefit included.

The bill also allows 90 days for investigation of claims where a reasonable suspicion of fraud exists and, in such cases, insurers' legal representatives can ask questions of the insured under oath. Caps were not placed on the fees of lawyers representing policyholders, but some common-sense limitations were included in the legislation.

It is estimated that PIP fraud costs Floridians an estimated \$1 billion annually, and Insurance Commissioner McCarty has pledged

to aggressively scrutinize insurer filings to make sure that any reduced insurer losses are passed along to policyholders. Under the law, he will also have an independent consultant calculate the anticipated financial impact of the reforms.

Additionally, insurers that do not file rates that include at least a 10 percent PIP rate cut for rates taking effect on the first of next year will have to explain in detail why they cannot. And if insurers do not reduce PIP rates by 25 percent for rates taking effect on Jan. 1, 2014, they will have some explaining to do to the commissioner.

The legislation also provides a funding mechanism for CFO Atwater to expand his aggressive efforts to prosecute PIP fraud. It also includes enhanced and new penalties and fines for clinics and providers who unlawfully seek to obtain PIP reimbursement or obtain licensure.

The debate over this law was as spirited as any you will see. But knowledgeable observers agree this is a very solid reform measure that aggressively attacks fraud while upholding the consumer protections of Floridians. It is long overdue.

Bob Lotane is communications director for the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Florida. He is the former communications director for the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.

Letters to  
the Editor

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YOUR TAXES

# Protect yourself from tax errors

Mistakes? You're the one who's responsible

McClatchy-Tribune

Choosing someone to prepare your income tax return should not be taken lightly. That's because you are legally responsible for your return's accuracy even if you hire someone to prepare it.

Most tax preparers provide honest, quality service to their clients, but if you choose an unscrupulous preparer, it could cost you dearly.

"One crooked tax preparer can do a lot of damage," said Internal Revenue Service spokesman Clay Sanford. "When the IRS detects a fraudulent return, the taxpayer — not the return preparer — must pay the additional taxes and interest and may be subject to penalties."

Fraud by return preparers ranked No. 3 in 2011 on the IRS' "Dirty Dozen Tax Scams," he said.

"Dishonest return preparers make questionable income by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds, charging inflated fees for services and attracting new clients by promising refunds that are too good to be true," Sanford said.

To crack down on unscrupulous preparers — if you aren't using an online tax-return service — the IRS requires paid preparers to register with the agency and obtain a preparer tax identification number, or PTIN.

The IRS has also implemented competency tests for

preparers who aren't an enrolled agent, certified public accountant or attorney, and continuing professional education for most paid tax return preparers.

When choosing a preparer:

- Check his or her qualifications. Ask if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization and attends continuing education classes.

Also ask if the preparer has passed the IRS competency tests to be listed as a registered tax return preparer. Ultimately, the IRS will have a searchable database of registered tax preparers, but it isn't yet available.

- Check the preparer's disciplinary record. Check to see if the preparer has a questionable history with the Better Business Bureau. Also check for any disciplinary actions and licensure status through the state board of accountancy for CPAs, the state bar associations for attorneys and the IRS Office of Enrollment for enrolled agents.

- Ask about fees. Stay away from preparers who base their fee on a percentage of your refund or those who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.

Always make sure any refund due is sent to you or deposited into an account in your name. "Under no circumstances should all or part of your refund be directly deposited into a preparer's bank account," the IRS said.

The IRS also offers these general tips:

- Never sign a blank return; avoid tax preparers who ask you to sign one.

## Business

### KEY WEST



The 'Destiny' will undergo a major renovation and then be renamed. Its upgrades will likely be copied on other Carnival ships.

# 'Destiny' in final Keys run

City won't lose passenger fees, port chief says

By SEAN KINNEY  
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Come next February, the familiar sight of the Carnival cruise ship *Destiny* churning into Key West will cease to be, as the ship is being pulled out of service for a major overhaul.

But just because the *Destiny* is going to stop coming to the Southernmost City doesn't mean money generated from disembarkation fees will dip, as Port and Transportation Director Jim

Fitton said another vessel will pick up the port calls.

"The net increase/decrease in calls is negligible," Fitton said. "The bottom line is we will still be on the itinerary that *Destiny* currently does, just with another ship."

Between March 16 and the end of the year, the *Destiny*, which at 893 feet holds some 2,974 passengers, is scheduled to make 16 stops in Key West.

When calling on Key West, the *Destiny* usually berths at the Outer Mole Pier, owned by the U.S. Navy. The city levies a \$10.63 disembarkation and security fee for each passenger coming onto land. At the Outer Mole, the city pays the

Navy for a lease and transportation vendors to move passengers across the secure base into Old Town, yielding net revenue of \$2.61 per person, Fitton said.

The total estimated revenue derived from the *Destiny* for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 is \$161,130.

Carnival Cruise Lines says beginning next February, the *Destiny* will undergo a \$155 million, 49-day upgrade that will add new restaurants, bars and activities, as well as 182 cabins and expanded decks. Once it re-enters service in April 2013, the *Destiny* will be called the *Sunshine*.

Until October 2013, the ship will cruise a Mediterranean route then, beginning

in November that year, will be based out of New Orleans, cruising on seven-day Caribbean itineraries, including stops in Key West.

"That is a seven-day cruise," Fitton said, "so we expect a more affluent passenger profile than on its current four-day itinerary."

Carnival Chief Executive Officer Gerry Cahill said other Carnival ships will likely undergo similar renovations, and some concepts that will be tested aboard the *Sunshine* could be rolled out to other ships.

"There will not be one area the guest sees that will not have been redone," Cahill said.

### PERSONAL FINANCE

# Free tax-return help still available

Free help with your federal income taxes and e-filing for taxpayers with middle or low incomes in the Florida Keys is available from AARP Tax-Aide through April 16. You don't need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to get the help.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, is available at the following locations:

- Marathon Senior Center, 33rd Street bayside, Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m..
- Harvey Government Center, Truman Avenue, Key West, Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Big Pine Senior Center, behind the fire station on Key

Deer Boulevard, Thursdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

- Marathon library, mile marker 48.5 oceanside, Mondays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Key Largo library, in Trade Winds Plaza at mile marker 101.4, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No appointments are taken; taxpayers are helped on a first-come, first-served basis. You must bring a copy of last year's tax return and all W-2 and 1099 forms, along with Social Security cards for yourself and any dependents, your photo ID, and any other pertinent information.

To find out more, call Edie Korotkin at 289-7255 or send an e-mail to ediek123@aol.com.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

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The Upper Keys Century Business and Professional Women's Club's business expo takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the Key Largo Holiday Inn, mile marker 100 oceanside.

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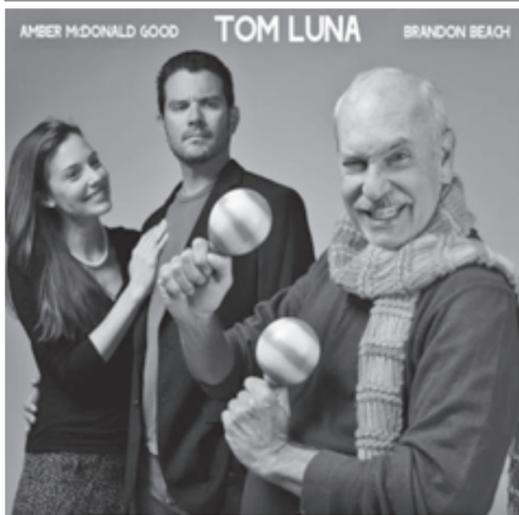
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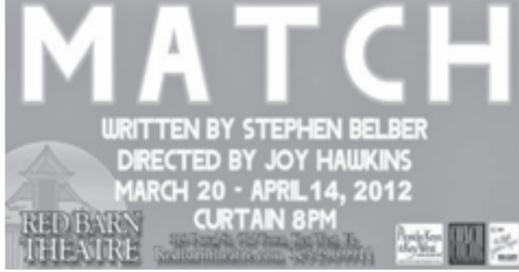
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IN THE COURTS

# Judge-threat suspect bonds out

Haggerty case assigned to Miami-Dade

By **KEVIN WADLOW**  
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HAGGERTY

A Key West man accused of threatening an Upper Keys judge in an online rant was released on bond Friday, three weeks after his arrest.

Legal proceedings in the felony intimidation case against Michael G. Haggerty, 48, will be moved to the Upper Keys after a Miami-Dade County judge and prosecutor were assigned to the case.

Haggerty was jailed Feb. 24 on a warrant charging that he wrote a Facebook post the week of Feb. 13 that seemed to threaten violence against Circuit Court Judge Luis Garcia and a Monroe County Sheriff's Office deputy's family.

"Time to go get my guns out of storage and even the score today people," the post said. "[I]t been fun see you in the next world!"

Since the case involves Garcia and a code-enforcement officer who is the wife of Deputy Matt Dowling, the Monroe County State Attorney's Office asked the Florida Supreme Court to assign an out-of-county judge and prosecutor to the

case. Circuit Court Judge Leon Firtel and Assistant State Attorney Rebecca DiMeglio,

both of Miami-Dade County, will handle the criminal case. "The threat against the judge is believed to be in regard to a temporary injunction petition filed against Haggerty," Deputy Becky Herrin said after the Feb. 24 arrest. "The threats against Deputy Dowling's family are

believed to be related to a longstanding issue Haggerty has had with Deputy Dowling's wife."

After Garcia dismissed a motion Haggerty had filed, Haggerty allegedly wrote, "Judge Luis Garcia has denied my rights to a fair hearing...."

When questioned by Detective Sgt. Bobby Randolph, Haggerty reportedly said, "Sooner or later you are going to violate my civil rights and I am going to own you people.... There is only two ways that this will all end, violently or I win a federal lawsuit."

Haggerty has been charged with several misdemeanors and driving-related counts in Monroe County over the last 14 years. Most were resolved with payment of fines.

Haggerty was acquitted of violating a domestic-violence injunction in 2005, and the state dismissed a 2011 case of domestic violence.

Haggerty, who has worked in the landscaping business, was released from the Monroe County Detention Center Friday after a bail-reduction hearing. The amount of the bond and future court dates were not immediately available.

LOBSTER SEASON

## Annual bug hunt winding down

Expert: Catch this season is 'fantastic'

By **SUSAN COCKING**  
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Snorkelers and scuba divers, you have a week and a half to catch lobsters for dinner and the freezer before the regular harvest season ends March 31.

Otherwise, you'll have to wait until the two-day recreational mini-season July 25 and 26 to serve lobster thermidor.

Many underwater hunters give up looking for crustaceans in late winter/early spring because they believe the water is too cold and the commercial trappers and divers have cleaned out the stock.

Not true, says scuba instructor Eric Billips of Key Dives in Islamorada, author of the PADI underwater hunting course and newly released "The Spearfisherman's Guide to the Upper Keys."

"It's been a fantastic season, both recreationally and commercially," Billips said. "It started with mini-season and stayed good."

Water temperatures are not as cool as last winter, and visibility is mostly good between weather fronts, but you have to know where and how to hunt, he said.

First, Billips said, most legal-sized lobsters are not being found on the reef this time of year. Instead, they tend to occupy solitary coral heads that dot the sand 40 to 50 feet off the main reef in depths of 25 to 30 feet.

"Swim along the reef, using the reef as your navigation so you don't get lost in the sand," Billips said. "Zig and zag and there's a coral head. Usually, there are antennae sticking out all over

the place."

If you swim along and see nothing, pay attention to schools of porkfish, hogfish, silversides and others. They often can lead you to the promised coral head.

Once you've located a head harboring lobsters, don't rush in thrusting your tickle stick and net.

"I go around it and check it out," Billips said. "There are some under that coral head that just aren't legal. I like to start with the biggest one first. You don't want to go for the little ones because the big one will wedge himself into the coral head and you'll never get him out."

He said he can tell by the length and thickness of the antennae whether a lobster is legal, which means a carapace or head that measures greater than three inches.

Above all, he advises divers to relax.

"They're really not that smart," Billips said. "Don't make crazy, herky-jerky movements — easy, tickle them out and they'll come out. Put the net behind them. Just a little bit of aggravation, and they'll swim backward into your net."

Some divers prefer to use a snare, or bugger — a retractable rod with a coated noose that is tightened around the lobster's body. Billips said that's fine if you wield it properly, but many hunters break off the creature's legs or antennae only to find it is too small to keep.

"By tickling, you're not damaging the animal," he said. "You can gauge them while they're still in the net. If they're too small, dangle them out of the net and they'll squirt out into the next hole."

Billips said some scuba and breath-hold divers compromise their own safety just to bag a limit of six lobsters per person.

"It's just not worth it," he said. "Don't push your limits. If you get skunked, then they got the best of you that day. That's what makes it fun."

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NEWS BRIEFS

### Scott considers Medicaid veto

Gov. Rick Scott said Tuesday he has not decided whether to sign a bill (HB 5301) that would force counties to send tens of millions of dollars in disputed Medicaid payments to the state — something Monroe County officials say could cost some \$800,000 annually for the Keys.

But Scott said the Agency for Health Care Administration will start a county-by-county review to try to determine how much money local governments owe.

"I want to make sure that whether I sign the bill or don't sign the bill, I don't want counties to be paying bills that they don't owe," Scott said.

Senate leaders contend counties have not fully paid required Medicaid amounts, but counties argue the billing system is riddled with problems.

Counties want Scott to veto HB 5301, but other issues included in the legislation complicate the decision.



### Global travel

Dozens of Monroe County students will spend this summer in faraway places, immersing themselves in foreign cultures. Story, **3B**



### State honor

The stained-glass windows at St. Columba Episcopal Church in Marathon are designated official Florida historical markers. Story, **4B**

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## CORAL SHORES LACROSSE

# Lady Canes' win streak snapped

Team's now 5-3 following two defeats

By **KEVIN WADLOW**  
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Consecutive losses last week bruised the Coral Shores High School Lady Hurricane lacrosse club's record.

A five-match win streak ended March 13 with a 17-7 loss at state power St. Thomas Aquinas, followed by an 11-5 setback against Jensen Beach at home Friday.

"We seem to be struggling with these established FHSAA teams who play at a faster pace and really pressure us hard in the mid-field," Cane coach Mark Hall said.

After "running into a brick wall" against the stout St. Thomas defense, the Lady Canes (5-3) rebounded with "a pretty good game" against Jensen Beach, Hall said.

Jensen Beach barely outshot the Hurricane offense, 23-21, but did a better job hitting the net.

Jenn Doyle and Julia Lozano each scored twice in the Jensen game, with Kaitlyn O'Leary adding a solo goal. Lead defender Cami Lopez picked off two interceptions with a forced turnover, and delivered an assist.

Goalie Elizabeth Roa toughed it out in the net despite feeling poorly. "She took one for the team," Hall said.

Lozano added to her team-leading goal total

with five scores against St. Thomas but the Hurricane offense found little room to maneuver against the Lady Raider defense. "We must learn how to move the ball under pressure," the coach said.

Roa netted 17 saves, picking off more than half the shots — most from short range — launched by the St. Thomas attackers. Lopez forced four turnovers.

The Lady Canes return from break with a Tuesday trip to Killian, and a 5 p.m. March 30 home game against Palmer Trinity.

### Boys go 7-0

Coral Shores' boys improved to 7-0 with an 11-6 win over University School on March 14.

Jonathan Lindback scored three goals and made an assist. Bryce Lanford and Gianni Gonzalez each scored twice and had assists.

Andrew Garcia went end-to-end down the field to score his first goal this spring. Cam Newton, Kodi Roberts and Spencer Calvert also scored.

Dillon Naughton, John Preihs and Jimmy Rhine dominated the midfield, said head coach Barney Rich. Eddie Dunn disrupted University attacks with A.J. Hamer, Ryan Bahn and Gabe Roberts controlling the defensive end. Goalie Momo Schlaudecker netted 10 saves.

The Canes are scheduled to visit St. Thomas Aquinas of Fort Lauderdale in a Friday match.

## KEY WEST BASEBALL



Photo by BERT BUDDÉ

Conchs second baseman Chris Varela fields a grounder during Saturday night's game against Royal Palm Beach.

# No relief for baseball Conchs

Team slides to 4-10 mark with 2 losses

By **DICK WAGNER**  
Keynoter Contributor

After a lost weekend against Royal Palm Beach at Rex Weech Field, in which it was subdued by scores of 21-9 and 3-2, could the Key West High baseball team begin winning again in a three-game Spring Break trip to the west coast of Florida?

Not right away. The Conchs on Monday night lost at St. Petersburg Catholic, 3-2, in eight innings, to fall to 4-10. They have lost nine of their past 10 games.

They also lost starting pitcher Darren Miller, who, in the midst of a two-run first-inning, was ejected for slamming into the catcher. Garrett Pita was called upon to pitch and he responded by allowing one run in four innings.

But after hits by Miller, Chris Garcia and Matt Chelekis in the first inning, Key West was held scoreless the next seven innings, with Tommy Ruffennach's eighth-inning double being the only hit out of the infield. Ruffennach, though, was left stranded when Chris Varela hit into a double play.

St. Pete Catholic (10-3) scored the winning run against reliever Michael Abreu in the bottom of the eighth when Jacob

McFadden hit a two-out single to drive in a runner from third.

It was the second consecutive tough loss for the Conchs. In Saturday night's game, they left 10 runners on base and made costly base-running blunders.

After an error helped Royal Palm Beach (16-1) score three runs in the third to take a 3-1 lead, a Conch fan, mindful that the team had made six errors the night before, yelled, "You guys are playing like a bunch of clowns."

The Key West pitching was superb — Garcia, Andrew Freeman and Ruffennach combined for a three hitter. There were also clutch hits — a single by

Varela and a double by Ruffennach, both of which drove in runs — but there weren't enough of them.

The game came down to a thrilling bottom of the seventh inning, with fans of both teams berating home-plate umpire Dwayne Laubenstein for ball-strike calls on pitches from reliever Justin Lauginiger. But Laubenstein paid no mind to the abuse and, with the tying and winning runs on base with two outs, called strike three on the freshman Freeman.

The Conchs, who played late Tuesday at Bishop McLaughlin, will conclude their trip at 7 tonight (WKWF 1600-AM) at Tampa Jesuit.

## CORAL SHORES TRACK

# Hurricanes prep for the district meet

Coral Shores boys strong at St. Brendan

By **KEVIN WADLOW**  
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Coral Shores High's track-and-field teams try to add more victories during the regular-season finale Tuesday at home.

The meet at George M. Barley Jr. Stadium in Tavernier also serves as a warm-up for the District 16-2A Meet on April 11 in Miami.

Teams slated to compete in Tuesday's home meet — last of the spring track sea-

son at Coral Shores — were not available at press time.

Coral Shores' boys runners dominated the top three spots in two distance races to win a March 13 team meet over St. Brendan.

David Tetour won the 800 meters, followed by Cane teammates Pablo Gonzalez in second and John Lietaert in third. In the 3,200, Steven Chadwick took the top spot with Landon Brooks and Rion Hunter in second and third, respectively. Chadwick also won the 1,600. Times were not available.

Will Ismer heaved first-place throws in the discus and shot put. Michael Boyce and Mike Diaz sprinted to 1-

2 finishes in the 200. Coral Shores relay teams were first in the 4x100 (Tom Johnson, Hever Viguera, Michael Boyce, J.D. Mulkeen) and the 4x400 (Gabe Rivera, Mulkeen, Tim Holt, Johnson).

Rivera and Tetour scoring winning leaps in the long jump and triple jump, and Johnson was second in the discus and 400. Mac Taylor won the 110 hurdles.

The Hurricane girls lost the team decision by just two points.

Lady Cane winners included Mallory Wiecejorek in the 100 hurdles; Taelor Cuppett, 800; Kyia Herlth, triple jump; and the 4x100 team (Waterman, Diaz, Courtney, Wiecejorek).

## CORAL SHORES TENNIS

# Lady Canes avenge loss against LaSalle

Tennis squad stands 9-1 into break

By **KEVIN WADLOW**  
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The Lady Hurricane tennis team beat the only team to hand them a defeat this spring with a 4-3 victory over LaSalle in a Thursday match at Coral Shores High.

The Cane girls carried a 9-1 record into this week's Spring Break, with the District 16-2A Tournament looming on April 3. A final match may be added next week but was not finalized at

press time.

Coral Shores' girls remembered a close loss to LaSalle in a Feb. 22 meet at Key Biscayne. "The girls wanted this one bad," head coach Blake Fry said. "They were not to be denied."

Ellie Leopold, playing No. 2 singles, provided the key win by dominating a LaSalle foe who won the earlier match. Leopold was in command, 5-1, when her opponent forfeited.

Seniors Katie Fry (9-1 at No. 4) and No. 5 Kelsey Thiele both scored 8-0 wins, and a win by Leopold-Fry at No. 2 doubles sealed the final.

Erica Williams, a freshman playing the tough No. 1 spot, and No. 3 Savannah Koval fell in their singles matches.

"We're hoping to put three girls and a doubles team into the finals at district," Coach Fry said.

Coral Shores also took a 4-3 final over St. Brendan on March 12 with victories by Leopold, 8-3; Fry, 8-2; and Thiele, 8-2; and No. 2 doubles (Leopold-Fry), 8-0.

Cole Houser won for the boys in a 6-1 team loss. "They never give up and they're all coming back next year," Fry said.

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**KEY WEST SOFTBALL**

# University schools the Lady Conchs

**Broward team gets two wins over Key West**

By **DICK WAGNER**  
Keynoter Contributor

The Key West High softball team's four-game winning streak ended with a thud over the weekend when the Conchs lost two lopsided games — 13-3 Friday night and 12-1 Saturday afternoon — to visiting University High of Fort Lauderdale.

"They were tough, probably the best hitting team we've played," said Key West coach Steve Wells, whose squad dropped to 4-9.

On offense, the Conchs could do little against Ashley Rey, who pitched both games using a multi-layered windmill windup that delivered the ball with impressive speed.

On defense, the Conchs were error-prone, a liability on which the Suns repeatedly capitalized.

On Friday night, first-inning errors by third base-

man Lauren Schoneck and second baseman Devin Osterhoudt enabled University to take a 2-0 lead against pitcher Rachel Quad. But Rey looked shaky in the Conchs' half of the inning, and they scored a run on a single by Raquel Schoneck, a wild pitch and a double by Kendall Galvan.

The Suns enlarged the lead to 5-1 with three runs in the third, then broke the game open with four in the fourth.

Saturday's game, which began at noon, saw University resort to small ball — three bunts in the first inning resulted in a 1-0 lead. Key West came back to tie it in its half of the inning when Lauren Schoneck, who had doubled and stole third base, scored when Rey threw wildly trying to pick her off third.

The game shaped up as a duel between Rey and Savannah Hawthorne, but a sore back forced Hawthorne to leave after three innings and the Suns ahead, 2-1. "She was almost in tears in the dugout," Wells said.



Photo by BERT BUDDÉ

Key West third baseman Lauren Schoneck dives but can't reach a foul ball during the Conchs' 13-3 loss to University Friday night.

Quad took the mound in the fourth, walked the first batter she faced and then gave up a two-run home run to freshman Chanel Hall. More walks and hits followed, along with an error,

and by the time the Conchs came up again they were down, 8-1.

University added four runs in the fifth against Desirae Laguna. The game was called after five innings

because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Key West finished with just two hits and had to settle, as its highlight, for a great running catch in right-center field by Raquel

Schoneck in the fifth.

The Conchs will play four games in the two-day Slamfest tournament at Palmetto Bay Park beginning on Friday night.

**FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS**

## Sailfish moving across the islands

**If wind allows, get offshore for reef bite**

It had to happen eventually: The sailfish have to migrate to the Gulf of Mexico to spawn. Captains are picking at a few here and there as they move to the west very slowly.

However, there's excellent fishing for dolphin and wahoo. Watch the wind and pick your day. They were caught last week on weed lines relatively close to the reef in depths from 250 to 500 feet. The dolphin are mostly schoolies with the occasional slammer, and the wahoo are in the 15- to 30-pound class.

Mutton snapper are starting to show on the local wrecks. And there are plenty of amberjack and jack crevalle, which are great fun on light tackle.

The yellowtail bite remains fantastic on the reef, with fish of all sizes responding to generous amounts of chum. The deeper you go, the bigger they get.

Mixed in are good numbers of three- to five-pound mangroves. There are also muttons in the five- to 10-pound range, with the occa-



Captain's Column

sional fish in the teens. In the bay, mangroves are biting very well on the grass flats and banks. They're also on the

gulf wrecks, but the real story there is cobia, Goliath grouper and gag grouper. Remember, grouper season is closed until May 1, so all fish must be released.

The sea trout bite has been outstanding from the Everglades all the way to the Lower Keys. There is a slot limit on sea trout from 15 to 20 inches. You're allowed four trout per angler, and one of those can be over 20 inches. They're biting well on Berkeley Gulp Shrimp and chunks of ballyhoo.

**The week's best**

Capt. T.J. Yzenas, of Island Lure Charters out of Captain Hook's Marina in Marathon, reports fishing the reef paid off well, with great catches of yellowtails up to 24 inches, with many muttons thrown in to the mix.



Jon Horn shows a big mutton snapper caught with Capt. T.J. Yzenas and Island Lure Charters.

On their first time ocean fishing, Jon Horn and his sons Dan and Alex from Minnesota were rewarded with their limit of snapper. More newbies — Ryan, Gaby and John from Illinois — also caught yellowtails and muttons.

Capt. Jeff Knapp, of Beckoning Sportfishing out of the 7 Mile Marina in Marathon reports his first hammerhead shark attack on a tarpon this

season. Cheryl Reynolds from New Jersey watched as the second of her two 80-pound tarpon could not outrun the estimated 600-pound beast.

The SeaSquared spent the week ducking the wind by fishing bayside. Our groups caught limits of good size mangrove snapper and sea trout. Several opted for catch-and-release shark fishing and had a blast landing lemon and

bull sharks in the five- to six-foot class.

Capt. Moe Mottice, of Moe's Custom Charters in Key West, kept his anglers busy with sharks, snapper and tarpon. Yellowtail, mangrove and lane snapper have gone home for lunch and dinner, while big tarpon from 70 to 150 pounds, spinner and hammerhead sharks provided tons of fun on light tackle.

**Fishing seminar**

The Marathon Boat Yard Marine Center at 2059 Overseas Highway continues its 2012 bi-weekly seminar series on Thursday. The art of cast netting for live bait will be the topic with hands-on demonstrations by a cast of captains including myself, Howard Kelley and Jim Griffith.

The program runs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and they serve free popcorn and soda. For more information, call w743-6341.

**Casting contest**

Capt. Spider's Casting for Charity takes place Thursday at Salty's Waterfront Grill 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 the Monroe County Domestic Abuse Shelter.

*Capt. Chris Johnson is a member of the Yamaha National Fishing Team and specializes in offshore, gulfbay, reefwreck, shark and tarpon fishing with SeaSquared Charters out of the 7 Mile Marina in Marathon. You can reach him at 743-5305, SeaSquared@bellsouth.net and www.SeaSquared-Charters.com.*

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# More Florida Keys kids are heading overseas

Summer program draws nearly 50 applicants

A record number of Monroe County high school students are planning to study abroad this summer through the Experiment in International Living program. "Almost 50 students have registered already or have applied for scholarships. This is a record number, and we are still accepting applications," says Jeremy Wilkerson, summer programs coordinator for the nonprofit Monroe County Education Foundation.

John Padget, president of the Monroe County Education Foundation, initiated Experiment in International Living in the Keys in 2006. Since then, 101 Keys kids have participated.

Founded in 1932, the Brattleboro, Vt.-based program has become a leader in cross-cultural education. Each summer, 800 to 1,000 students from across the United States participate in three-, four and five-week programs that include home stays, language training and community service components. There are programs in 29 countries, plus the Navajo Nation in the U.S.

Monroe students will leave the U.S. in small groups at the end of June, joining about 1,000 other U.S. students in the program. Monroe students can't be together in the same group since part of the immersion experience is to make new friends and contacts from around the world.

"I strongly believe in experiential learning, and partnering with EIL has brought a rare opportunity to Monroe's aspirational students," Padget said. "Most of the prior EIL participants, called ambassadors, used their international trips and experiences as the basis for their college application essays."

Allison Griffiths, a 10th grader at Key West High, traveled to South Korea last summer and is already registered for China this summer. Her older sister, senior Emily Griffiths, was in Thailand last summer.

Like most EIL ambassadors, the two stay in touch with their American travel companions as well as their host families via social media.

Students in Monroe County's Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program might be eligible for scholarships,



Key West High student Allison Griffiths is at the demilitarized zone separating north and South Korea. Last year she went to South Korea through the Experiment in International Living.

according to Dresdin Edwards-Bray, the program coordinator.

Take Stock "students were notified last

November to begin the rigorous application process that includes getting physicals, applying for their passports and writing col-

lege quality essays," Wilkerson at 293-1546 or Edwards-Bray said.

To find out more, go to [www.experimentinternational.org](http://www.experimentinternational.org) or call (800) 345-2929.

KEY WEST

## Annual Ocean Festival celebrates wonders of sea

Saturday fun includes music, mural auction

The southernmost island chain's vibrant marine environment is to be celebrated with live music, artistry, kids' activities, educational exhibits and more during the third annual Florida Keys Ocean Festival, set for noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Presented by Mote Marine Laboratory, the event takes place at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, on Key West's Truman Waterfront past the end of Southard Street. Admission and parking are free.

The visitor center for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the facility showcases the region's

unique ecosystem including the living coral reef that parallels the Keys. A living reef exhibit created by Mote Marine Laboratory is one of the center's highlights.

During the Ocean Festival, artist Pasta Pantaleo is to paint a 4-by-8-foot mural with help from kids attending. Anticipated to be worth more than \$4,000, the completed mural will be auctioned to raise money for Mote Marine's Protect Our Reefs program, which works to restore Florida Keys reef tracts.

There will be food, soft drinks, beer and cocktails; touch tanks, a silent benefit; prizes; and music. Scheduled performers are the Nick Norman Band with Caffeine Carl, Scott Kirby and Country Dave

Edmisten, and the Riddum Tree featuring Jeff Clark and Randy Morrow.

Overall, more than 30 exhibits are to spotlight the Keys' conservation efforts and the work of nonprofit organizations, and a like number of marine artists, craftspeople and vendors plan to showcase their wares.

In addition, an informative fishing seminar and angling opportunity is scheduled for kids ages 5 to 11. To participate, youngsters must register online at <http://keysoceanfest.org>. Free rods and reels await the first 100 registrants.

Proceeds from the festival support Mote Marine Laboratory's coral reef restoration and research programs. Mote is based in Sarasota but has a satellite lab on Summerland Key.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION



The KCB Gems, a women's social group in Key Colony Beach, has donated \$700 to Marathon High School for scholarships. Accepting it from Gem Connie Petzold are (from left) Yeineli Gonzalez, Jarrod Mitchell, Alek Steinmetz and Rocio Villegas.

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## MARATHON

## Church dedicating historic marker

## State honor is only one in Middle Keys

Come Sunday, Marathon officially gets the Middle Keys' only official state historical marker.

In 2010, the state's Historical Marker Council of the Department of State's Division of Historical Resources voted unanimously to approve St. Columba Episcopal Church's application for a marker and declared the parish's stained glass windows a Florida Heritage Site.

The cast aluminum marker has just been placed in front of the church. Its text includes the dates of the congregation's founding and the construction of the building, as well as the significance of the windows, their narratives and the faceted glass technique used in their construction.

The subjects of two of the 19 windows are mentioned: A large portrait window in the parish hall of St. Columba, an Irish missionary to Scotland; and a loch ness monster window in the church that depicts the legend of St. Columba stopping a monster from devouring a swimmer.

The marker text: "Established in 1955, St. Columba has occupied this building since 1960. From



The marker at St. Columba Episcopal Church is the only state historical marker in Marathon. It gets dedicated on Sunday.

1977 to 1981, nineteen dalle de verre or faceted stained glass windows were installed. Using thick pieces of colored glass bound together with a stucco-like epoxy, the brilliant colors in these windows transform light into resplendent radiance.

"The windows' symbolism and impressionis-

tic handing of subject matter offer insights into their narratives on the Seven Days of Creation and the life of Christ. The St. Columba Window offers a portrait of this Irish missionary, while the Loch Ness Monster Window depicts the beast that according to legend St. Columba

prevented from devouring a swimmer."

The dedication of the marker is planned for 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, on 52nd Street bayside behind the Panda House restaurant.

Following the dedication, everyone's invited to a chili cook-off in the parish hall.

Keynoter photo by LARRY KAHN

## LIVING BRIEFS

## Fundraiser Sunday for wildlife center

Robert Graham and Jennifer Lopes host a fundraiser for the Key West Wildlife Center at their home on Sunset Key in Key West Harbor on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Key West Wildlife Center is a not-for-profit providing wild-bird rescue, rehabilitation and release services from Key West up to mile marker 15. For a tax-deductible donation of \$50, payable in cash or by check to the center, guests will enjoy food, drink and experience the release of a short-tailed hawk back into the wild.

Those attending must RSVP by sending an e-mail to [jeniferjlopes622@gmail.com](mailto:jeniferjlopes622@gmail.com). Those going will take the boat launch from the Westin Marina to Sunset Key that departs promptly at 4:45 p.m.

## Easter on the Farm returns on Sunday

It's Easter on the Animal Farm again this Sunday on Stock Island.

The annual outing is at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Animal Farm from 1 to 3 p.m. The farm is at the Stock Island jail on College Road.

The free event offers something for everyone. The Easter bunny will be there to hide eggs for the kids to find. There will also be face painting, arts and crafts and, of course, visits with all the animals — more than 200 — at the farm.

## Side Dish Challenge deadline gets near

The Marathon Alumni Athletic Club has its second annual Side Dish Challenge, a judged cooking competition, slated for April 26 at Marathon High School — but the deadline to sign up is noon March 31.

Cost to enter is \$10, with proceeds going to the Marathon High School sports booster group. The winner gets \$300, second place is worth \$200, third is \$150 and fourth is \$100. To enter, participants must live within Marathon school boundaries.

To sign up, call Kevin Woodland at 743-1853.

## Free computer classes at library

The Key West library is offering free computer classes on some Thursday and Saturday mornings in April. Seating is limited so registration is required.

The Thursday classes run from 9:45 to 11 a.m. on April 12, 19 and 26 and will cover word processing — how to create, edit and format a document on the computer. The Saturday classes run from 10 to 11 a.m. and will be held on April 14, 21 and 28. They are intended for people who are new to computers.

For more information or to sign up, stop by the Reference Desk at the library, 700 Fleming St., or call 292-3595.

## Deer organization has scholarships

The Key Deer Protection Alliance and the Friends and Volunteers of Refuges are offering a pair of \$1,000 scholarships to deserving local students, one each at Marathon and Key West high schools.

The Mick Putney Memorial Scholarship will be presented to an applicant planning to major in and pursue a career in the biological or environmental sciences. Interested students can obtain an application form from their school guidance office. Application deadline is April 13.

## Lignumvitae Key is history topic

Janice Duquesnel, a biologist employed the past 17 years by the Florida Park Service, will speak to the Upper Keys Senior Group on the history of Lignumvitae Key, a small island near Islamorada, on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Key Largo library, in Tradewinds Plaza at mile marker 101.4.

The free program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For further information call Kathy Gong at 394-4006.

## Fish fry planned at Martin Luther

Martin Luther Chapel 122nd Street bayside in Marathon has a fish fry March 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation is \$13. Any questions, call 289-0700.

## Night of gaming benefits AIDS Help

A night of gaming is planned at the inaugural Night in Monte Carlo on March 31 to benefit AIDS Help.

The grand ballroom at the Casa Marina Resort in Key West will be transformed into a Las Vegas-style casino, and on the stage, Peter Diamond & Friends will bring back music from the Rat Pack. It starts at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres. Gaming goes from 7 to 10 p.m.

Each player will be given \$2,500 in "funny money" for gaming. At the end of the evening, the "winnings" will be cashed in for raffle tickets to win prizes.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include gaming and two drink tickets. Limited seating for a Texas Hold'em tournament is an additional \$40 per player. To get tickets, call Pam DeMala at 296-6196.

## Benvenuti showing his nature photos

Sanctuary Friends Foundation of the Florida Keys' next free event in its monthly film and lecture series is an April 5 presentation by Marathon resident Larry Benvenuti, an excellent nature and underwater photographer.

See the Florida Keys through his eyes from the air, land and under the sea at the Marathon Power and Sail Squadron building on 52nd Street bayside in Marathon, behind the Panda House restaurant. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the presentation is from 7 to 8 p.m.

## Night in Old Havana benefits Montessori

The fifth annual Night in Old Havana fundraiser for the Treasure Village Montessori Middle School in Islamorada is planned for 6 to 11 p.m. April 7 at the Elks Club in Tavernier, mile marker 92 bayside.

The night includes the Cuban band La Charanga Tipica Tropical. The 12-piece band is known as one of Cuba's best salsa bands. Throughout the years, it's performed internationally, at Miami's Calle Ocho and with Cuban greats such as Celia Cruz.

Cuban artist Carmen Sotolongo Kelley of the Key Largo Art Gallery will display her paintings of her homeland during cocktail hour and a silent auction. There will also be a Cuba Libre cash bar, domino tables and cigar lounge.

Tickets are \$75 per person. This includes appetizers, traditional Cuban cuisine, entry into the silent auction and four hours of entertainment. For tickets, contact Marlen Weeks at 394-1680.

## CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 21, 2012  
Monroe County, Florida  
1100 Simonton Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305/292-4525

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Monroe County.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 10, 2012 Monroe County will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake activities under the 2010 Small Cities CDBG Program (Contract #12DB-C5-11-54-01-H15) to install sewer lateral connections and the abandonment of the associated septic systems for existing single and multi-family units located throughout Monroe County, Florida, at an anticipated cost of \$750,000.00. Monroe County will also submit a request to DEO for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Enhancement Funds (Contract #12DB-P5-11-54-01-K47) to undertake projects to provide repairs and rehabilitation of single-family units and the acquisition, repair and rehabilitation of multi-family housing units and to initiate ADA Compliance projects to public facilities throughout Monroe County at an anticipated cost of \$855,045.23.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Monroe County has determined that the 2010 Small Cities CDBG project and the CDBG Disaster Recovery Enhance Funds project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional information for both projects is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Monroe County Housing Authority, 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, Florida, 33040, attention Deanna Lloyd, Project Coordinator, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30A.M to 5:00P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Monroe County Housing Authority, 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, Florida, 33040, attention Deanna Lloyd, Project Coordinator. All comments must be received within 15 days following the publication date of this notice. Comments will be considered prior to Monroe County requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

Monroe County certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that David Rice in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Monroe County to use the CDBG funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and Monroe County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners; (b) Monroe County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, 107 E. Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120. Potential objectors should contact Monroe County to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Rice, Mayor  
Monroe County

EARTH DAY 2012

# Many green events planned for the Keys

## Coral dive, garden tour on the schedule

Earth Day is to be commemorated around the globe April 22, and numerous events are planned besides Saturday's native plant day in Key Largo.

• Bahia Honda State Park at mile marker 36.8 is to host its 17th annual Earth Day celebration April 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free family-friendly event features live music, a sand sculpture contest, fish printing, puppet shows, children's games, environmental exhibitions by local groups such as the Turtle Hospital and more.

For more information, call the Bahia Honda Sand and Sea Nature Center at 872-9807.

• Certified scuba divers can take part in a coral-reef restoration program with the marine scientists from

Key Largo's Coral Restoration Foundation in conjunction with Sustainatopia, one of the world's largest events that celebrates the fusion of social, financial and environmental sustainability being held in Miami April 19 to 25.

Full-day excursions in Key Largo are available April 20, 21 and 22.

Participants meet for a morning training session discussing causes of coral reef decline, CRF's role in coral restoration and how recreational divers help by volunteering.

A two-tank guided afternoon dive to the off-shore coral nursery and an active restoration site includes a tour of one of the reefs where CRF has been restoring corals, followed by hands-on coral propagation and nursery maintenance activities.

If weather conditions allow, participants will be able to help plant nursery-

grown corals on the reef. This is primarily a dive excursion, and active participants must be certified open-water scuba divers.

Cost is \$100 per person and minimum age is 14. Tickets are available at <http://sustainatopia.com/april20/coral-restoration-foundation>.

• Green Living & Energy Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable living in the Keys, is teaming with the city of Key West and other organizations for Earth Day celebrations including short movies, green tours, cleanups and community projects.

Highlights include an April 19 community garden tour and a 5 to 7 p.m. sustainable food event April 20 at Key West's BottleCap Lounge, 1128 Simonton St.

The Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St., is to host an envi-

ronmental movie April 22 with a panel discussion on the sustainability of Key West.

Call GLEE's Allison Higgins at 923-1783 or visit [www.keywestcity.com](http://www.keywestcity.com) for an event schedule.

• The Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key is to host its annual Ocean Day Celebration on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The center welcomes Keys third- and fifth-grade classes for a fun-filled day of watching the center's resident dolphins and learning about marine life, the Keys environment and other topics.

Presenters include numerous organizations such as Bahia Honda State Park, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Reef Relief. For information, call 289-1121.

GOOD CITIZENS



The Florida Keys chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored Keys students with its Good Citizen Award at its luncheon at Marathon High School on March 3. Recipients demonstrate dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Here (from left) are Vice Regent Emily Hardner, Coral Shores High School winner Katherine Fry, Key West High Madison Dorman and Virginia Spear, chairwoman of the program. Abigail Lindholm from Island Christian School and Stormy Bezanis from Marathon High were also awarded.

LIVING BRIEFS

### Samuel's House lauds volunteers

The board Samuel's House, which houses homeless women and their children in Key West, is honoring 10 Key West men and women on April 12 for their philanthropy and volunteer efforts.

The Women of Integrity and Men of Valor Dinner is at 6:30pm at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort on South Roosevelt Boulevard. The honorees are Sunny Booker, Craig Cates, Mary Lou Hoover, Tom Lavender, Robert Loeffler, Gwendolyn Magby, Mike Mongo, Tom Oosterhoudt, Carolyn Sullivan and Greg Sullivan.

The proceeds benefit the programs of Samuel's House. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes a din-

ner buffet, silent auction, entertainment and a cash bar.

Call Mindy McKenzie at 296-0240, Ext. 11, for tickets.

### Key West Pops have big raffle

The Key West Pops Orchestra is holding what it calls a Big Bucks Raffle as a fundraiser for its 2012-13 concert season.

The grand prize is \$10,000, second is \$3,000, third is \$1,000, and there will be five fourth prizes of \$200. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. The drawing will be held Sunday. Tickets may be purchased from pops board members or by calling 296-6059.

EARTH DAY 2012

# Native plant day at Pennekamp

The Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park and John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo are getting a jump on April 22's Earth Day with a native plant day on Saturday at Pennekamp, mile marker 102.5 ocean-side.

Nursery volunteers from the Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock will have information booths where visitors can learn the importance of native plants, how to propagate and care for native plants and how to plant butterfly

gardens. Native plants, raised by the nursery volunteers, will be given away for planting at Keys homes. By giving residents native plants, this event aims to increase awareness of the importance of growing natives in the delicate environment of the Florida Keys.

Other groups exhibiting will include the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/Monroe County Cooperative Extension Office, Florida Native Plant Society, Izaak Walton League, National

Parks Conservation Association/Eco-Mariner, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, National Park Service, Reef Environmental Education Foundation and the Florida Keys Seagrass Outreach Partnership.

Activities for children will be available. Two speakers will address participants.

Kim Gabel, horticulture agent with the Extensive Service, will speak at 9:30 a.m. about a recent challenge to gardeners, the rugose spiraling white fly that is decimating some

landscapes and ruining cars' paint jobs.

Florida Park Service biologist Susan Sprunt will speak at noon on landscaping with native plants.

There will also be two 45-minute nature walks through the tropical hardwood hammock, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., led by Susan Kolterman, Florida Park Service nursery volunteer.

The park's entrance fee will be waived for those attending the event. For more information, call Elena Muratori at 451-1202.

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AD# 7148800

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE No: 2012DR55M DIVISION: FAMILY

SUSAN LOCHER Petitioner

RICHARD ESSER Respondent

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

To Richard Esser, 105A Alynn Place, Marathon, FL. 33050

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Susan Locher whose address is 105A Alynn Place, Marathon FL, 33050 on or before March 29th, 2012 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 3117 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated February 24th, 2012  
Danny Kolhage  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Tammy Marciel  
Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**Hitch King** gives notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell this boat on **March 28, 2012 at 9:00 am at 245 Overseas Highway, Big Coppitt Key, Fl. 33040**, pursuant to subsection 713-78 of Florida Statutes, Hitch King reserves the right to accept or reject any and/ all bids.

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**Notice of sale** Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 677. 2009/210 of the Florida Statutes on April 05, 2012 at 10 A.M. \*Auction will occur where each vehicle/ vessel is located\* 1989 CUTL, VIN# HUD414820 Located at: Galloway Bay Mobile Home Park 1361 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050 Owner: Barbara G Kirby (or) Jerry C Kirby 1361 Overseas Hwy ofc, Marathon, FL Customer: same as registered owner, Lien Amount: \$17,975.00. a) Notice to the owner or lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of the Court. b) Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 559.917. c) Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court. Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020. \*All auctions are held with reserve\* Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction LIC # AB-0001256

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

File No. 12-055

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**IN RE: ESTATE OF John E. Ball Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of John E. Ball, deceased, whose date of death was July 14th, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-3251, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3117 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 14, 2012.

Personal Representative: M. Suzanne Hedden 1715 11th St. Coralville, IA 52241

LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS D. WRIGHT, CHARTERED Attorneys for Personal Representative P. O. Box 500309 Marathon, FL 33050-0309 Telephone: (305) 743-8118 Florida Bar No. 92163 E-Mail Address: courtney@keysclosings.com

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**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: 04CC194P

ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC Plaintiff,

Vs. PRESTON C JENNINGS, Defendant,

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a Final Summary Judgment entered by the County Court in and for Monroe County, Florida on the 29th day December, 2005, and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above styled cause on the 26th day of October, 2011, I, Robert P. Peryam, Sheriff of Monroe County, Florida have levied upon and will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, subject to any mortgages or liens thereon, in the morning on the 23rd day of April, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at Guy's Towing 99060 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo, Florida, the interests of PRESTON C JENNINGS defendant in execution, in the following described property, subject to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments, or encumbrances whatsoever:

**SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**  
Vehicle: 2002 VOLKSWAGEN EUROVAN  
Vehicle Identification No.: WV2MB47022H090881

DATED this 19th day of March, 2012.

Robert P. Peryam, Sheriff Monroe County, Florida  
BY: Rachelle Gates, Supervisor  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
File No. 12-CP-14-P

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN F. HSKO, Deceased.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JOHN F. HSKO, deceased, whose date of death was January 1, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 88820 Overseas Highway, Plantation Key, Florida 33070. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 14, 2012.

Personal Representatives: Joseph F. Hisko 161 Ocean Drive Tavernier, FL 33070

John Frederick Hisko 811 Anchor Drive Forked River, NJ 08731

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Patricia M. Silver, Esq. Fla. Bar No. 198919 The Silver Law Group, P.A. P. O. Box 710 Islamorada, FL 33036 Telephone: (305) 664-3363

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**  
CASE NO. 44 2011 CA 000884

FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION") Plaintiff,

vs.

DEAN A. FERRERIO; KIVA FERRERIO; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 2, 2012, and entered in Case No. 44 2011 CA 000884, of the Circuit Court of the 16th Judicial Circuit in and for MONROE County, Florida. FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION") is Plaintiff and DEAN A. FERRERIO; KIVA FERRERIO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LESTER BUILDING, AT 500 WHITEHEAD STREET, KEY WEST IN MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 10 day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 4, EDENAIRE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE WESTERLY ONE-HALF OF MARLIN STREET AS SHOWN ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PLAT LYING SOUTHERLY OF PEARL AVENUE ALSO SHOWN ON SAID PLAT AND LYING ADJACENT TO SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 4, EDENAIRE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 4, EDENAIRE, ACCORDING TO

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A 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.

Dated this 12 day of March, 2012.

DANNY L. KOLHAGE As Clerk of said Court  
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Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

File No. 2012CP15M

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN G. SMALE Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JOHN G. SMALE, deceased, whose date of death was November 19, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8536, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3117 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 21, 2012.

Personal Representative: Catherine S. Caldemeyer 1104 Fuller Street Cincinnati, OH 45202

Attorney for Personal Representative: Richard W. Winesett Florida Bar No. 159146 AVERY, WHIGHAM & WINESETT, PA Post Office Box 610 Fort Myers, FL 33902 Telephone: 239-334-7040

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