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STATE LEGISLATURE

Raschein settles into House

New state representative seeks committee seats, looks at bills

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A member of the Florida Legislature for one day so far, Holly Raschein has started to lay the groundwork for what she hopes to accomplish over her two-year term.

Raschein's a Key Largo Republican who was one of 44 first-time members sworn into the 120-member state House Tuesday morning in Tallahassee. In the Nov. 6 election, she defeated Democrat Ian Whitney of Key West.

Her first order of business: Landing committee assignments.

She said she responded to a survey of House members by the leadership asking to be named to the powerful Appropriations Committee — which basically writes the state budget — and the Natural Resources and Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

"Those were my two priorities," she said. "You always want to be involved with the budget and our wastewater money comes under Agriculture Appropri-ations. It's important for the whole district — agriculture in south Dade and natural resources in the Keys."

Her seat in District 120 comprises the Keys and south-Miami Dade.

Funding for state-mandated sewer construction is among the priorities for Keys residents who can't afford to foot the bill — hundreds of millions of dollars combined from Key Largo through the Lower Keys.

Last year, Monroe County received $50 million for sewer work, with unincorporated Monroe getting $30 million and Islamorada $20 million. That $50 million is the first of four such installments approved by the Legislature but the only one allocated so far.

If a second $50 million is approved in 2013, Marathon and the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District would each get $20 million, and the rest would be split among other Keys sewer utilities.

Raschein can file up to six bills for the two-month legislative session that starts

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MARATHON

Homes, autos broken into overnight

Occupants were inside at the time

Keynoter Staff

More charges are expected in a brazen overnight burglary spree Sunday night into Monday morning in which authorities say the suspect broke into Marathon homes and autos while the residents were sleeping.

As of Tuesday, Michael Crawford, 28, had been charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling, grand theft, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and violation of community control. It wasn't clear Tuesday why Crawford, who lives on 2nd Avenue oceanside and says he's a carpenter, was under community control.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office says five homes and five vehicles were burglarized. All were on 4th, 5th and 6th avenues, not far from where Crawford lives.

Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Becky Herrin says all the houses were occupied when they were burglarized, with the residents sleeping inside. Most had unlocked doors or windows that were used as an entry point.

In one case — the one Crawford is charged with so far — someone entered a downstairs bedroom on 6th Avenue through an unlocked door. While two people were in bed sleeping, the thief took a zip-

• See Burglaries, 3A

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

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Joe Garcia (right), the Keys' incoming congressman, addresses the Monroe County Commission at its Tuesday meeting in Key Largo. The Democrat Garcia beat Republican David Rivera in the general election to represent District 26 (Monroe and part of Miami-Dade counties). He told commissioners he would set up a Keys district office — and bemoaned not yet being invited on a Keys fishing trip. Presumably that will happen before his Jan. 2 swearing-in. County Commission coverage, **2B** and **3B**

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Vogel piecing together staff

Former top prosecutor Kohl returns

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Two former prosecutors with the Monroe County State Attorney's Office will join the staff of State Attorney-elect Catherine Vogel.

Mark Kohl, a former two-term state attorney, accepted a post as executive director of the countywide agency, Vogel said Monday. Kohl was state attorney from 2000 to 2008, with Vogel serving as one of two chief assistants.

Kohl's duties will focus on the administrative side of running the office — budgeting, human resources and more — rather than prosecuting cases, Vogel said.

"It's a non-lawyer position so we're pleased to get Mark, who already has a lot of experience with office operations in the State Attorney's Office," Vogel said.

Demetrios Efstratiou will leave private practice to return to the State Attorney's Office staff, where he worked for eight years.

Now on staff at the Horan, Wallace and Higgins law office in Key West, he will move to the Upper Keys to serve as lead prosecutor at the Plantation Key office. He replaces former lead Upper Keys Assistant State Attorney Terri Hunnewell, who resigned in early October because of a family relocation.

Kohl, a longtime Upper Keys resident, also will work out of the Plantation

• See Vogel, 2A

KEY LARGO

Turkeys break away to freedom

Thanksgiving pair is found roaming U.S.1

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Pulling off the poultry version of "The Great Escape," two turkeys — very much alive — found freedom Friday in Key Largo, days before Thanksgiving.

The pair of fully grown gobblers was spotted darting into the southbound lanes of U.S. 1, not far from Key Largo School, around mid-afternoon.

"We've gotten calls about goats and even a kangaroo," said Marsha Garrettson, manager of the Key Largo Animal Shelter for nearly two decades. "These are the first turkeys."

The two gobblers probably don't realize how close they apparently were to being served up on platters Thursday.

Animal Control Officer Mike Coleman and a volunteer bystander staged a turkey roundup to take the birds into protective custody.

How the turkeys turned up on Key Largo is unknown. But it doesn't stretch the imagination to assume they were someone's notion of a farm-fresh Thanksgiving dinner.

If so, the turkeys had other plans.

"Maybe they escaped, Garrettson said. "Happily escaped."

As founder of the local Humane Animal Care Coalition and a supporter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Garrettson did not try to find the owner.

"Live turkeys are considered livestock," she said. "And it's basically illegal to have livestock in Monroe County."

The big birds, one black and one brown, appear to be fast friends. "They follow each other around," Garrettson said. "They've bonded."

Concerned that the plump birds might prove a tempting target around this holiday time, the turkeys were held overnight inside under lock and key rather than an outdoor cage.

The next day, the turkeys were delivered to a petting zoo in Broward County. Instead of being the main course Thursday, they'll live out their lives as farm-life ambassadors to schools and children's events.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Single joint leads to big pot bust

A Key West man who lit a joint on Duval Street in Key West Monday night found out doing such a thing isn't smart when a cop can see you.

But that's what happened around 9 p.m. at 1075 Duval, city police said — and it resulted in the man, Paul Mastraccio Jr., 67, getting busted for allegedly having 10 pounds of marijuana packaged to sell in small increments.

The pot was found in his rental truck after police said they found packaged pot in his pants.

Mastraccio is charged with, among other things, possession with intent to sell, tampering with evidence (for swallowing the joint) and resisting arrest.

KEYS WEATHER

PREDICTED TEMPERATURES

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FRI.	**73**	64
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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

GALLAGHER

Daniel P. Gallagher, age 63, of Key Largo, FL, passed away on November 13, 2012. He was born in Green Bay, WI on June 4, 1949 to the late Sylvester "Bud" Gallagher and Freda DePeaux. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, John C. Gallagher. He is survived by his children: Anna Hansen, Matthew Gallagher, Anna Gallagher and her partner, Sindy Oakley; grandchildren Elise Exe, Ben Exe and Collin Gallagher; and siblings Patricia Neerdaels, Thomas Gallagher, Kathleen Urban and Michael Gallagher. Dan was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served as an air traffic controller and later worked at O'Hare and Saginaw airports. He owned Gallagher's Wolf River Plaza in Keshena, WI and then Mr. G's Boutique in Green Bay, WI. He moved to the Florida Keys in 2004, worked at Gilbert's Resort and in the seafood department at Publix in Key Largo, FL. Dan had a great sense of humor, was a member of the VFW, enjoyed spending time with his friends and he designed web sites as a hobby. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, November 26, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW in Key Largo and additional services will be held in Green Bay, WI at later date.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Canal cleanup is next big project

Homeowners might foot part of bill

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Monroe County Judge Reagan Ptomey swears in Heather Carruthers, Danny Kolhage and Sylvia Murphy on Tuesday. Carruthers and Murphy were re-elected to four-year terms this year with no opposition, while Kolhage, who had been county clerk for three decades, took his seat on the dais for the first time.

An expanding network of costly sewer systems throughout the Florida Keys stands as a major step toward protecting nearshore water quality.

But planning for a countywide cleanup of problem canals — the second major project to improve water quality — could prove just as complicated and potentially expensive, Monroe County commissioners heard Tuesday in Key Largo.

"We ultimately are going to be responsible for dealing with this," said George Neugent, newly elected mayor by his colleagues. "It's going to be expensive."

"Based on the discussions I've been hearing, we could get another unfunded or underfunded mandate to address this," he said.

Studies over the last 13 years have shown that canals carry stormwater runoff with unwanted nutrients and contaminants into protected nearshore waters.

Other canals were dredged too deeply, often to provide fill for construction. That left the bottom of the canals starved for light and oxygen, allowing growth of "organic flotsam."

Commissioners on Tuesday approved a $100,000 contract with an engineering firm for the second phase of a project to chart problematic canals, identify the worst and lay out steps for what County Administrator Roman Gas-tesi termed "a comprehensive canal cleanup."

"It's obviously a very expensive endeavor," Gas-tesi said.

The total $200,000 for the first two phases of engineering will be covered by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environ-mental Protection Agency.

At some point, property owners along canals can expect to receive a bill to help fix problems in their area, Neugent said.

"Each individual who lives on these canals essentially bought a problem," he said. "The violation runs along with the property."

Commissioner Danny Kolhage said he "would like to see the people who caused this problem participate in the solution."

"Most of them are dead now," Neugent said. "It all goes back to construction of subdivisions.... It's not a pretty picture."

No timeline for any start of actual cleanup projects was offered.

No Name Bridge

Needed repairs to the county-owned No Name Key Bridge might wind up costing $6 million to $8 million in repairs, said county Public Works Director Kevin Wilson.

The state Department of Transportation has indicated it would contribute about half the cost, Wilson said.

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Ward 'generous'

From Vogel, 1A

Key office. Vogel will establish her main office in Key West.

Manny Madruga, chief assistant prosecutor for outgoing State Attorney Dennis Ward, accepted an offer to remain in the same position after Vogel takes office Jan. 8. "Everyone's very happy about that," Vogel said.

Vogel said she has spoken with most of the 15 assistant state attorneys now on staff, and none so far has indicated they plan to leave.

"We're still looking for some IT people," Vogel said. "Those are the only open positions I know about."

Nancy Criswell, the outgoing executive director of the State Attorney's Office, is retiring after a 35-year career, Vogel said. Final salaries for her new hires is still being determined but Kohl will make less than the $101,000 that Criswell was making her after long career, Vogel said.

Hunnewell was earning about $79,000 annually so Efstratiou will earn a similar salary, she said.

Vogel defeated Ward in a bitter Democratic primary in August, then topped Kohl, a Republican, in the Nov. 6 general election. She said post-election relations with Ward have been smoother.

"Dennis Ward has been very generous in allowing me into the offices to speak with the staff, and in bringing Demetrios Efstratiou on board a few weeks early so he can get up to speed," she said.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Mystery security staffer to be hired

New hire will work airport in Key West

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A new position created at Key West International Airport will "coordinate security" but Monroe County commissioners know little else about what the new hire will do.

"The reason for this is covered by SSI – sensitive security information," Director of Airports Peter Horton told commissioners at their Tuesday meeting in Key Largo.

"There's not a lot I can go into," Horton said. "I wish I could be more specific publicly but I cannot."

The federal Transportation Security Administration, which handles security at airports in the wake of the Sept. 2011, terror attacks, "recommended strongly we do this," Horton said.

The new airport security coordinator – slated to earn between $59,000 and $74,000 – will be a civilian who handles the control and accounting of security badges to access areas of the airport, and provide separate oversight of security operations contracted to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

The TSA's Fort Lauderdale regional office "believes there should be some civilian intervention into the security program," Horton said.

Money to pay for the job will be taken from airport revenues largely paid by airlines. Property-tax money is not involved. Horton will supervise the new staffer.

In other action Tuesday, commissioners:

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County Commissioner George Neugent was named by his colleagues Tuesday as the mayor for the next 12 months. The placard in front of him has his name misspelled but it was soon replaced with a properly spelled one.

• Voted to allow allowing the National MS Society to create a two-day campground at the Key Largo Community Park for April's Breakaway to Key Largo, a fundraising bicycle ride from Miami to Key Largo. Many of the expected 2,000 riders will stay at local resorts but the park will serve as a sleeping spot for budget-minded participants. The site will be in the park's southeast corner, with temporary showers and rest rooms provide by the sponsors.

• Heard County Attorney Bob Shillinger report that the county's iPad/iPhone scandal "is coming to a conclusion."

Shillinger said he'll work with State Attorney-elect Catherine Vogel and County Clerk of Courts Amy Heavilin to create an updated ethics program for all county employees.

Former county staffer Lisa Druckemiller is accused of stealing 52 iPads and iPhones from the county, then either selling them or giving them away to friends, relatives and co-workers. She's charged with theft and scheme to defraud.

• Postponed a final decision on tightening restrictions at a small county park on the bayside of Bay Drive in Key Largo.

The rules originally were adopted to end the facility's use as an unapproved weekend party spot. Still more rules could cut off the only waterfront access available to some in the neighborhood, a resident said.

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From Burglaries, 1A

pered purse from a bedside table and removed cash from a wallet. The thief also picked up a pair of shorts with a wallet in the pocket and took cash from the wallet, an iPad, a GPS unit, a watch, a digital camera and other goods.

Investigation by Detective Bobby Burkett led to Crawford. The suspect, when confronted, allowed detectives to search his room, where some of the stolen items were recovered, Herrin said. Marijuana was also found along with a digital scale.

The Sheriff's Office says the crimes for which Crawford is accused are easy to avoid: Make sure doors and windows are locked overnight and when no one is at home.

"Although it is tempting to leave doors and windows open now that the weather is cooler, it is simply not safe to do so," Herrin said.

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Another man claims attack is hate crime

He's beaten at cafe while awaiting food

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Key West police are investigating a second beating seemingly motivated by the victim's sexual orientation just seven days after a gay couple reported being the target of hate-motivated violence.

Police spokeswoman Alyson Crean said the cases are being investigated as batteries and that prosecution as hate crimes — if anyone's arrested — would be left up to prosecutors.

In the latest case, Aaron Lee Wright, 38, told police he was waiting for a food order outside Sandy's Cafe on White Street around 3 a.m. Saturday when a man and woman pulled up and the man, after ordering food, turned to Wright and asked, "What are you looking at me for, faggot?"

Wright "did not engage in an argument," instead walking to the Virginia Street side of the building to wait for his food. That's when, he told police, the man ran up to him and asked more than once, "Why you staring at me, faggot?'"

While continuing to yell epithets, the aggressor reportedly punched him in the left temple — while the woman told him to stop — and punched him some more and kicked him while he was on the ground. They then took off in a black car, possibly a Honda or Acura.

Wright didn't report the attack until about 12:45 p.m., telling officer Tiffany Beeman he "just wanted to get home."

She noted in her report Wright had "visible injuries to his face, right shoulder, both hands and his right knee. Wright's right side of his face and eye was extremely swollen and bruised. Wright also had several scrapes and lacerations...," among other injuries. He told Beeman he thinks his shoulder is dislocated.

Beeman took the clothes Wright was wearing at the time of the attack as part of her investigation. She wrote his pants were ripped and there was blood on his shirt.

Wright described his attacker as white or Hispanic, age 20 to 30, and 120 to 130 pounds with black hair. Beeman hopes a video surveillance camera at Sandy's caught his image.

On Nov. 10, John Stutter, 33, and Nicholas Leddy, 31, a gay couple from Brooklyn, attended a wedding for two friends at the Hemingway House on Whitehead Street. Around 2 a.m., they were walking down Duval Street when a young man came up from behind and called them "faggots," Officer Jeffrey Dean wrote in a report.

Stutter told him the man then punched him in the neck, and then was put in a headlock and punched "several times" more in the head. After a passing woman intervened, the attacker walked away but then returned and punched Leddy behind his left ear before taking off down Duval for good, Dean wrote.

They described their attacker as a clean-shaven white man with short, dark hair, about 5-foot-9 and in his early 20s.

"The detectives investigate what happened," Crean said. In the case of Stutter and Leddy, "They are looking for someone who battered two people. Whether a hate crime is charged is up to the state."

Mayor Craig Cates last week spoke out against that attack, labeled in a police report as a hate crime. Crean said his statement may have added "confusion" over who makes the hate-crime call, police or prosecutors.

In 2010, there were 149 hate crimes reported statewide, according to the Florida Attorney General's Office. Florida law allows for enhanced penalties against defendants found guilty of such crimes.

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IN THE COURTS

Toppino seeks postponement

By SEAN KINNEY
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Scheduled for a Dec. 10 trial on assault charges, Paul Toppino and co-defendant Michael Dennis of Key West have asked Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Mark Jones for a continuance.

Jones is scheduled to make that call in a hearing set for 9 a.m. today at the Freeman Justice Center in Key West.

Toppino says he'll be recovering from rotator-cuff surgery. Dennis says he'll be on a prepaid humanitarian trip to Cuba under the auspices of the Florida Keys Tropical Research Ecological Exchange Institute, according to court filings.

Key West police reports say that on July 19, 2011, Toppino, 69, along with Dennis, 67, and Graciela Lozano, 48, went to an apartment at 1719 Thompson St., which, Lozano manages, to evict tenant Angel Roman.

Toppino had in his pocket a .38-caliber Ruger handgun with six bullets — one in the chamber — and a backup magazine in his pocket; Dennis wielded a baseball bat. When Roman answered the door, the group allegedly rushed in and starting beating him.

Lozano is charged with burglary with assault. Dennis is charged with burglary with assault while armed with a dangerous weapon. Toppino is charged with burglary with assault while carrying a firearm. All three have pleaded not guilty.

In an e-mail to Toppino's and Dennis' attorneys, prosecuting Assistant State Attorney Mark Wilson pondered if Lozano would follow suit and also require a last-minute continuance.

"Like her unfortunate codefendants, I eagerly await news of Ms. Lozano's emergency that will absolutely, positively preclude her from attendance at trial," Wilson wrote.

"A calamitous pedicure gone horribly awry that can only be rectified that week, perhaps. A terrible turn of events to be sure. Enjoy your weekend."

Toppino, 67, is part of a prominent Key West family that owns Charley Toppino and Sons contractors.

Many who watch the local judicial system predicted — accurately in some cases — that a flood of continuances would follow State Attorney-elect Catherine Vogel's Democratic primary election win over State Attorney Dennis Ward.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Doyle getting a $15,000 boost

District head gets positive job reviews

By RYAN McCARTHY
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The Florida Keys Mosquito Control Board on Monday unanimously approved a $15,000 annual raise and "one-time" $10,000 bonus for Director Michael Doyle.

Doyle's salary will jump from $115,000 to $130,000. He was hired in July 2011 to replace longtime Director Ed Fussell, who retired after 13 years.

The raise was not unexpected, as the commission told Doyle when he was hired that he would likely receive a raise assuming a positive annual job review.

"We told him after a year we were going to raise his salary. The time has come to do that," Commissioner Bill Shaw said.

The city of Marathon did much the same thing with City Manager Roger Hern-stadt, increasing his salary from $110,000 to $130,000 following a positive six-month review.

Mosquito Control Board commissioners were complimentary of Doyle's performance as director, pointing out his balancing of the current fiscal year's budget and reducing the number of employees, mostly through attrition and retirement, from 88 to 69.

"I'm humbled and I'd like to say this has not been a single man's doing. Everyone has jumped in feet first," he said.

Chairman Jack Bridges proposed the raise be retroactive to Aug. 1, which is when Doyle was supposed to receive his initial review.

Doyle told the commission he would hold off accepting the raise until other employees receive theirs. The district budgeted for merit raises this year, but Doyle chooses who receives them.

Opinion & Editorial

EDITORIAL

Sign petition for environment

Unlike ideological initiatives, Water and Land Legacy Campaign aims to protect natural resources

Floridians were merciless in rejecting all but three of the 11 mostly ideologically driven state constitutional amendments the Florida Legislature placed on this year's general election ballot.

Even as they were doing so, volunteers were out at polling places collecting signatures on a petition drive to get yet another proposed constitutional amendment on the 2014 election ballot.

The Florida's Water and Land Legacy Campaign is aimed at requiring the state to spend more money investing in environmentally sensitive lands and important water recharge areas.

Assuming sufficient signatures are collected to get it on the ballot, will voters be any more inclined to accept this one than most of the last bunch?

Actually, chances are pretty good, especially when you take a look at what happened around much of the rest of the nation during the recent election.

Voters in 21 states had the opportunity to approve no fewer than 57 state and local land conservation initiatives. Of those initiatives, 46, or 81 percent, were approved.

All together, the initiatives pledged more than $2 billion for support of public lands, parks and other natural areas.

"From Maine to Texas to San Francisco, we saw voters across the political spectrum say yes to taxes and spending for conservation which helps their communities," said Will Rogers, president of the Trust for Public Land. "For example, in Maine, voters passed new spending for statewide conservation at the same time they elected an independent to represent them in the United States Senate.

"Alabama voters gave their state to Mitt Romney at the same time they overwhelmingly renewed a statewide land conservation program, while Rhode Island voted for President Barack Obama at the same time a statewide bond for open space was approved."

It seems that voters this year were in a green frame of mind.

As environmental concerns continue to gain traction, there is every reason to believe that in two years, Florida voters will be ready to follow the example set in Alabama, Maine, Rhode Island and elsewhere.

But first it is necessary to get the measure on the ballot. For more information go to **http://floridawaterlandlegacy.org/.**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support animal shelter

I am a recent transplant to the Keys and have found the folks here to be some of the nicest I have ever met. Good neighbors, store clerks and government folks all seem to do a little more than they have to. My only family here are my two rescue dogs, Ruby and Spencer.

In this season to be extra thankful, I would like to point out one person that seriously deserves our thanks.

Katy Bentley is executive director for Safe Harbor Animal Rescue of the Keys (SHARK). It's a no-kill and nonprofit shelter for the Keys. They make certain the animals have good health care during their stay at SHARK. The good vets at Keys Animal Hospital and Marathon Veterinary Hospital are great.

Katie has no designated day off. She tirelessly gives her own time to give these homeless dogs and cats a good life, and ultimately a loving home. She always has a fundraiser of one kind or another going. I recently attended the affair at the Bait Shack. This must have taken weeks if not months to organize. She is always busy beyond any normal effort.

When I asked what we, as members of the community, could do for her to show our appreciation, she in true Katie form asked us to help get donations. Donations are the life blood for SHARK. Without them, SHARK would cease to exist. Here is a list of constant needs:

- Funds for medical bills.
- Blanket to keep the critters warm.
- Volunteers to socialize with them.
- Wet food.
- Litter.
- Cat and dog toys (cat nip is nice, too).
- Hot dogs as reward for being so good.
- Radios and CD players to help them relax.
- And mostly, a real home forever.

SHARK has real needs, constantly, but I don't want to forget all of the really nice folks that work so tirelessly for our furry friends.

Thanks to Katie and crew.
Herb Spencer
Marathon

Once again, a joke

Just as we'd gotten over the infamy of taint and corruption in the 2000 presidential election, Floridians have again become the laughingstock of the country.

We maneuvered and manipulated our influence to appear pivotal in the 2012 election outcome, but we ended up being irrelevant and looking like clowns and buffoons.

Those of us who took the time to participate in this most important process were shown, irrefutably, that Florida's more than 8 million votes didn't even count in the presidential election of the century. All of us bear the stain of the incapacity, indifference and ignorance that account for our state's colossal shortcoming in the election process.

The people who share the shame, but not the blame, are entitled to an explanation from those responsible for the Florida fiasco of 2012.

George F. Knox
Miami

Doctors: Above, beyond

We would like to celebrate the treasures that Marathon has in our Fire Rescue service and Fishermen's Community Hospital. Twice in the last three months, my husband lived because of their skills. Just last week they gave us seven precious extra days.

The professionalism of the staff is a given, but the compassion and kindness shown made us realize everyone really cared about both the patient and family. How fortunate we are to live here in Marathon and these wonderful people are our neighbors.

Special thanks and gratitude to Dr. Ron Samess, Dr. Harlan Pettit and Dr. Thomas Bouwkamp.

Becky Rhodes
Marathon

GUEST COLUMN

Hospice nurse helps 'complete life's work'

As I was sitting in the office gathering reports of new and referred patients on Monday morning, an additional request was made of me to write a tribute to National Hospice and Pallia-tive Care Month. While it came as a surprise, I have longed for such a venue to share my experiences of the past two years with Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys.

People don't smile when I tell them where I work; they tell me it is a tough job and ask me how hard it is to go to work every day. I wish people could see the magnificence and the courageousness of a person's choice to yield to death. The amount of life among that person with the life-limiting illness is beyond words. That life and that courage is why I am a hospice nurse.

I help people complete their life's work. I am proud of what I do. I am proud of who I work with and where I work. I am proud of my agency, its mission and what it represents.

I have come to learn that those who work with the dying are born; you do not choose to work in hospice care, it chooses you. All the training and books prepare you for the medical events, but it does not prepare you for the spiritual events you will experience and witness.

To try to package up the divine nature of hospice care is an almost impossible feat. You see, hospice patients are not trying to package up anything or make it nice and tidy. Their words are simple, straightforward, honest and the most real. It is their words that I would like to share with you.

Some of their words are about hospice care:

- "Now this is care, this is what care really is. I am so grateful."

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- "Freedom from physical pain allows one to concentrate on the spirit."

Most of their words are about dying:

- "Acceptance of death need not take away hope; preparation of death can promote the cause of life."
- "When you think you have nothing left to give and you lay down to die, every breath is a nice surprise."
- "I'm glad that I didn't lose my sense of humor!"
- "I can't wait to see my son, I dreamt about him last night."
- "Dying isn't so bad; it's not having lived that sucks!"
- "It must have been hard for the doctor to tell me I am dying. I felt so bad that he had to do that."

My patients give me incredible gifts through their words on a daily basis. Being a part of the most intimate moment in their lives is an incredible honor. That is why I am a hospice nurse.

The thought that receiving hospice care is giving up is an upsetting myth. If people knew of the great things that I see hospice care do for my patients, would they still wait until the last hours to request our services? I would hope not for their sake.

Hospice care brings quality of life and the ability to make the most of each and every day you have left. The earlier that a patient accepts hospice care, the more time we have to make him or her comfortable and to stabilize their condition, which allows the nurses, social workers, physicians, the rest of the hospice team, the patient and their families address other needs.

I believe that Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement, gives the best definition and description of my life's work:

"You matter because of who you are. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die."

So smile when you meet me, my coworkers at Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys, or another special person that works for a different agency providing hospice care. Smile because I am proud of what I do. I am proud of who I work with and where I work. I am proud of my agency, its mission and what it represents.

VNA/Hospice of the Florida Keys has been providing skilled home health, hospice and private-duty care from Ocean Reef to Key West since 1984. As a not-for-profit, it is the active support of the community leaders, donations, event sponsorships, and/or services as a volunteer that makes all the difference in the ability of VNA/Hospice to continue providing services to those that need us most.

To learn more about how you can help VNA/Hospice fulfill its mission, please call 294-8812, go to www.vna-hospicekeys.org or visit 1319 William St. in Key West or 92001 Overseas Highway in Tavernier.

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MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

District expanding its online archives

Meetings will be searchable through agendas

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The Monroe County School District has plans to catch up with its peers at the city of Key West and Monroe County by archiving video of public meetings on the Internet.

The Key West City Commission and the County Commission both maintain searchable video archives on their respective websites, **www.keywestcity.com** and **www.monroecounty-fl.gov**.

The district plans to use existing software to keep available a watchable record of School Board meetings through **www.keysschools.com**.

Joy Nulisch, a district information technology staffer, said the system should be up and running "after the first of the year. We will be able to post the videos online to be accessed by anyone with an Internet connection."

She said there would be some indexing features available, which tie a time queue on the video to a School Board agenda item, allowing the viewer to jump to items without having to fast forward or rewind to the appropriate point.

"There is no anticipated cost to get this off the ground," Nulisch said, adding that in the future, as the quantity of data grows, there could be cost associated with added storage.

Larry Murray, a former district Audit and Finance Committee member and unsuccessful candidate for the District 3 School Board seat won by Ed Davidson on Nov. 6, has pushed Superin-tendent Mark Porter and, before him his predecessor Jesus Jara, to integrate a video feature to make board meetings more accessible so anyone can watch them anytime.

Murray has also asked the board to consider adjustments to its meeting schedule, which hinges on Tuesday workshops starting at 3 p.m. and meetings starting at 5.

Murray suggests an occasional Saturday meeting and shifting workshops to 5 p.m. and meetings to 7. He said the current workshop meeting times "all but preclude attendance by the general public."

MARATHON

City lacking Boot Key money

18-month extension to be sought

By RYAN McCARTHY
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What continues to be a struggling economy is not cooperating with Marathon's longstanding vision to establish itself as a premier ecotourism destination.

For years, the city has planned to purchase Boot Key and package it with other local attractions such as Crane Point Hammock, the Dolphin Research Center and the Turtle Hospital to market it as an environmentally friendly vacation spot.

Lacking the money to do it, the city wants more time to find the cash with a Dec. 31 deadline looming.

The city was awarded $1.53 million in 2011 through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. The federal grant was meant to help the city purchase the island from its three private owners.

But the grant requires a 100 percent match from the city, which intended to pursue money from Florida Forever, a state land conservation program. Money for that program has dried up in recent years.

"We were trying to obtain money from the Florida Forever program and were not successful in doing that. The Florida Forever money continues to be extremely tight," City Manager Roger Hernstadt said.

The city was awarded the grant by NOAA but applied for it through the state Department of Environmental Protection. The City Council agreed Nov. 13 to have DEP request an 18-month extension of the Dec. 31 deadline so it could pursue the matching money another way.

"DEP can ask the federal government to give us an extension. That will allow us to look at local options to cobble some money together for the match," Hernstadt said. "For the cost of a stamp, I think it's appropriate to seek an extension so we have more time to work on this project."

If no extension is given, that $1.53 million is no longer coming Marathon's way.

New York resident Barry Yampol owns 99 percent of the island — 1,017 of 1,100 acres. Keys Radio Group owner Joe Nascone and Marathon Wireless Communications Inc. own small portions.

The city ranked sixth out of 42 applicants nationwide for the grant.

Business

THE WORKFORCE

Keys lead in jobs

Unemployment for Monroe is at 4.7 percent

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press

Florida's unemployed rate dipped to 8.5 percent in October, its lowest mark in nearly four years, the Department of Economic Opportunity reported Friday.

The figure — the first since President Obama's re-election — was an improvement from September's 8.7 percent unemployment in Florida, but remained six-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national average of 7.9 percent. Although it's the lowest unemployment rate in Florida since December 2008, there are still 790,000 eligible workers without a job.

Four Florida counties reported unemployment below 6 percent, with Monroe County — the Florida Keys — the lone county reporting unemployment below 5 percent, at 4.7 percent. Walton, Okaloosa and Wakulla counties in the Panhandle were the other three under 6 percent. All have high proportions of government jobs.

Hendry County in Southwest Florida reported the highest unemployment at 12.6 percent. Six Florida counties had double-digit unemployment rates in October.

Unemployment and job creation were a major part of the debate between Obama and his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney. It's also the hallmark of Florida Gov. Rick Scott, whose political future could hang in the balance on his 2010 campaign promise to create 700,000 new jobs in Florida in seven years.

CONSUMERS

Average credit card debt up

Also rising: Payments that are overdue

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Americans cranked up their use of credit cards in the third quarter, racking up more debt than a year ago, while also being less diligent about making payments on time, an analysis of consumer-credit data shows.

The average credit card debt per borrower in the U.S. grew 4.9 percent in the July-to-September period from a year earlier to $4,996, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Monday.

At the same time, the rate of credit card payments at least 90 days overdue hit 0.75 percent, up from 0.71 percent in the third quarter of last year, the firm said.

While higher, the late payment rate is rising from historically low levels. The lowest late payment rate on TransUnion records going back to the mid-1990s was 0.56 percent, set in the third quarter of 1994. More recently, it was at 0.60 percent in the second quarter of last year.

During the last recession, many Americans reined in spending in favor of paying off debt, particularly credit card balances. The housing downturn also prompted many homeowners to make paying their credit card accounts on time a priority at the expense of other financial obligations, such as their mortgage payments.

And there are no indications that trend has changed, even with the slight uptick in the late payment rate, said Ezra Becker, vice president at TransUnion's financial services business unit.

"We definitely see consumers being more conservative in their spending and making every effort to pay down the balances and maintain the health of those card relationships," he said.

Americans are also carrying higher card balances, though the third-quarter increase could be due to seasonal factors.

Cardholders tend to use their cards during the holidays at the end of the year and then pay down their balances in the spring. Similarly, many consumers will spend more in the summer and early fall on summer vacations and back-to-school shopping, Becker noted.

The pickup in credit card use also may reflect improved confidence in the economy on the part of consumers.

Consumer confidence increased steadily between July and September, as hiring improved, particularly in August and September. Employers added 171,000 jobs in October.

Another likely contributor to the rise in card balances is that banks have been issuing more cards to borrowers, including those with less-than-sterling credit.

Data on the number of new credit card accounts opened by consumers lags by a quarter, so the most recent figures that TransUnion reports are from the second quarter of this year.

The data show that the number of new cards issued by banks rose 3.1 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, with more than a quarter of the cards going to consumers with a nonprime credit score, according to the VantageScore credit scale.

RISING UP

Keynoter photo by LARRY KAHN

Dr. Doug Mader stands amid what will be the new Marathon Veterinary Hospital at the site of a former Boaters World around mile marker 50 oceanside. The hospital is now at 11187 Overseas Highway oceanside, across U.S. 1 from Burger King but it's too small to accommodate the practice. Mader hopes for a January opening of the new facility — which will include a small suite for monkeys and video conferencing that will allow pet owners who board at the hospital speak to their animals via Skype.

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BP Oil Spill Settlement Announced

The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) spearheading the litigation surrounding the 2010 BP Gulf Oil Spill recently announced that a settlement in principle has been reached with BP that will fully compensate hundreds of thousands of victims of the tragedy. The settlement is to be fully funded by BP, with no cap on the amount BP will pay. BP is obligated to fully satisfy all eligible claims under the terms of the Court supervised settlement, irrespective of the funds previously set aside.

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HOLIDAY PREP

Keys Energy Services' Mark Garcia gets a lift from a bucket truck to help deck the halls with seasonal decorations outside the Lower Keys and Key West utility's service building at 1001 James St., Key West.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL

Bug board salaries to remain

State singles out agency in report

By RYAN McCARTHY
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At least three of the five Florida Keys Mosquito Control Board commissioners say their $21,438 annual salary is not too high -- despite it being more than four times that of every other elected mosquito control board in the state.

Chairman Jack Bridges on Monday floated the idea of scaling back commissioners' salaries to the state average of $4,800 in response to a "special district review" of mosquito control districts statewide.

The report is part of Gov. Rick Scott's plan to review all of the roughly 1,600 special taxing districts statewide, and touches on the possibility -- albeit unlikely -- that the Keys district could be rolled into Monroe County operations.

The report says the district, one of 18 special mosquito control districts in Florida, is the only one to pay its commissioners more than $4,800 per year."Commissioner compensation is set at $4,800 per year, or below, unless a higher amount has been authorized by special act or general act of local application. The Florida Keys [Mosquito Control District] commissioners are the only exception at $21,438," it says.

Commissioner Bill Shaw defended the higher salaries Monday when asked whether it's appropriate for the board to set its own wage.

"I think we've been very responsible with setting our salaries. I have never in my life had anyone complain to me what I make. I have spent thousands and thousands of hours doing this job. I've always felt I got somewhere in the range of 75 cents per hour," he said.

Commissioner Steve Smith echoed that, pointing to "hundreds and hundreds" of hours he's spent learning the business of mosquito control.

"We've been very good at checks and balances," he said.

The report also outlines numerous reasons for the study, including "to determine if a special district is the most efficient and appropriate method of governance."

Commissioners were adamant Monday that the district remain independent with an elected board. Many county governments, such as Miami-Dade, oversee mosquito control."A lot of people believe the district should be consolidated into Monroe County. Personally, I think that would be a bad decision. Many times it costs less for a special district to do something than the county," Bridges said.

District Director Michael Doyle told the *Keynoter* he feels it's "unlikely" that Monroe County would ever assume control over mosquito control.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Bug board to go live online?

It looks to Hometown PAC for assistance

By RYAN McCARTHY
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It won't be quite as convenient as flipping on the television, but the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is looking into the possibility of live-streaming public meetings on its own or another website.

Commissioner Phil Goodman proposed the idea Monday after watching videos of Key West-based Hometown Political Action Committee's numerous candidate forums during this year's election season.

"I thought the quality was very good and maybe we can do something similar on a low-cost basis," he said.

Goodman told fellow commissioners he spoke to a company providing the service for Hometown PAC, and that it would cost the district roughly $35 per month to stream the meetings.

Fellow commissioners agreed to have Director Michael Doyle investigate. .

"If we wanted to try it one time, we could view it and see if it works. It's a pretty low-cost way to do it," Goodman said. "A second choice would be to have it the next day like we do with the audio. I don't know how many people watch it, but it's not our fault if it's out there."

The district only recently began archiving audio on its website. Up until last year, its meetings were recorded on cassette tape.

In other business Monday the board:

- Postponed a decision about reimbursing district biologist Catherine Pruszynski $42,000 over four years for the cost of obtaining her doctorate in entomology from the University of Florida.

The reason for the delay: Board members continue to have questions about the district's education assistance policy.

On Monday, the commission raised questions about paying for employees' educations and then having them go work elsewhere.

"I think it's really on [Doyle's] shoulders to approve this only if there is a position for this," Goodman said. "If everyone is a Ph.D., then we have Ph.D.s setting traps. I hope you'll use a lot of scrutiny on that."

The commission eventually approved a motion by Bridges to look into some type of guarantee the employee will stay on after the degree is completed. The commission is expected to take the item up again in December.

Change on FKAA

From Raschein, 1A

March 5. One she's considering is one she dismissed earlier this month — asking the Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott to let Keys voters decide if the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board should change from governor-appointed to elected.

In the Nov. 6 election, Monroe County voters overwhelmingly voted — 24,366 to 10,771 — to ask for the right to vote on the change. The decision has to be made on the state level since the Aqueduct Authority is a creation of the Legislature.

In saying earlier she wasn't inclined to file a bill asking for a vote, Raschein noted then-Rep. Ken Sorensen's failed 2005 bill proposing the same measure. Monday, she said she now feels obligated to pursue it.

"I don't want to speak for the governor, [but] in my past experience it passed the House and Senate and [then-Gov. Jeb Bush] ended up vetoing it. It does take away a bit of [the governor's] authority. The voters of the Keys did speak pretty resoundingly, so I think I'm going to have to take action," she said.

Meanwhile, she's busy setting up her new office.

"I thought, 'It's a new era,'" Raschein said. "I wanted a breath of fresh air. There's lots of memories and I had two great bosses."

She was an aide to her predecessor Ron Saunders and, before him, Sorensen.

Raschein said going from aide to lawmaker is "a bit surreal" and that it will take getting used to.

"People keep calling me 'representative,' " she said. "It's neat to be on this end of things and be in a position to get things done."

Raschein said she will maintain an Upper Keys office (Sorenson and Saunders each a Tavernier office). She said she plans to hold an open house when the Upper Keys office is open.

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KEY WEST SOCCER

Jensen Beach upends Conchs

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

The Key West High School girls soccer team opened a two-game trip with a 3-2 loss Monday night to Jensen Beach.

All five of the game's goals came in the first half, four of them in the first 16 minutes. Raquel Schoneck and Libby Isherwood scored for the Conchs, who dropped to 2-4.

It took less than two minutes for Jensen Beach to take a 1-0 lead, but the Conchs quickly responded when Schoneck, who had missed two games because of a concussion, scored off a corner kick by Adriana Garcia.

"I was very impressed that we answered so quickly," said coach Scott Paul. "I guess that's the benefit of giving up goals early in games — you have to play on."

The Conchs then took a 2-1 lead when Isherwood scored after a shot caromed off the Jensen Beach goalie. Three minutes later, Jensen Beach tied the game at 2-2 on a corner kick that went through keeper Angela Martin's hands.

With a minute left in the half, Jensen Beach scored on a breakaway to go ahead 3-2. A scoreless second half followed.

"We had to handle a great deal of speed and our younger players are getting valuable exposure to teams that really know how to move the ball," Paul said.

Martin was taken to a hospital after the game after being struck in the head while making a save.

The Conchs played late Tuesday at Boca Raton in a game completed too late for today's paper. They will play Mater Academy at 4 next Wednesday at Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium.

Boys travel

The Key West High boys soccer team will play at 8 p.m. Friday at Port Charlotte. The Conchs, coming off a 3-0 loss to Hollywood Chaminade-Madonna, are 0-3-1.

KEY WEST CROSS COUNTRY

Conchs break record

Runners slice 13 seconds off the 2004 mark

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

In the end, far from home, they sprawled on the grass, exhausted but elated, knowing that on their sport's most pertinent and picturesque stage, they had become the fastest cross-country team in Key West High School history.

The senior-less Conchs boys team achieved its goal at Saturday morning's 2A state meet at chilly Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee by finishing the 3.1-mile course (half grass, half dirt) in an average time of 17 minutes, 46 seconds — shattering by 13 seconds the old record of 17:59 set in 2004.

The team, though, fell short of its other goal of finishing 14th. The Conchs were 17th in the 24-team field, the same place they finished in 2011.

"We ran so fast," said coach Terence White. "But the quality of the other teams was so much better this year."

Leading the way for Key West, as they had all season, were sophomore Everett Wagner and junior Brock Guzman.

Sprinting the last quarter mile under towering ancient oak trees, Wagner finished 37th in 17:02, lowering his best time by 24 seconds and becoming the second-fastest runner in Conch history. He passed Zach Harden (17:04 in 2008) and trails only Zack Black, who ran 16:49 in '04.

Alex Pedraza of Naples Golden Gate won the race in 15:44, and the winning team was Jacksonville Bishop Kenney with an average time of 16:34. Thirty-two runners had times in the 16s, and Wagner was 25 seconds from finishing 15th and getting a medal.

Guzman, who lowered his best time by 17 seconds, finished 50th in 17:08 and moved up to fourth on the all-time Key West list.

Connor Chaney was 116th in 18:06, his best time by 14 seconds. It was 22 seconds faster than a Conch freshman had ever run. Junior Julian Ramirez was 125th in 18:13 and junior Tyler Hancock was 133rd in 18:23 — his personal best by two seconds.

Sophomore Matt Diaz (19:08) and freshman J.T. Keane (20:01) also ran for the Conchs.

"It was an electric atmosphere; they had bleachers and everyone was cheering," White said. "When you're on that start line in the biggest race, everyone knows you're a good runner."

White won't soon forget the scene at the end of Saturday's race: "They were so tired and so happy. A couple of them could barely stand."

The Conchs' success was a testament to a relentless training program that began immediately after last season. There were the daily runs, the spring races with the track team (Guzman is a second shy of the school mile record), then the summer runs and the countless body-sculpting push-ups and sit-ups.

"It's pretty amazing," White said. "And they're all coming back next season. They will get better."

FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

Sails are biting at the reef's edge

Snapper, macks also making for successful trips

Captain's **Column**

Chris Johnson

Sailfishing continues to be very good throughout the Keys, with many boats returning to the dock with many flags flying. Some catches have been in the teens.

Live ballyhoo is the bait of choice, as they have shown up on the reef edge again. A lot of the sails are being caught as they shower schools of their favorite bait fish.

If you don't see them spraying bait in the shallow reef areas, set yourself up off the reef edge anywhere from 100 to 150 feet, put out a spread of ballyhoo and wait for them to come to you.

Pilchards will also work right now, but ballyhoo is the best bait by far, as this is what the sailfish are targeting. Goggle eyes and small blue runners fished from kites will also get their attention.

The kingfish are making their presence known along with blackfin tuna in the 15-pound range and a fair number of dolphin.

Fishing for mutton snapper on the wrecks is very good, with live ballyhoo, pilchards or pinfish good choices.

The yellowtail bite remains consistent in the 30- to 60-foot depths on the reef, with a smattering of black and red grouper in the same areas.

Up on the patches, nice mangrove snapper over three pounds are a common occurrence. And plenty of cero mackerel, some kings and a few red grouper are attaching live baits. So while you're fishing for snapper with smaller baits, it pays to have a slightly larger bait on the bottom with heavier equipment to tangle with these delicious grouper.

Hawk Channel is beginning to come into its own with Spanish, cero and king mackerel plus snapper and grouper of all kinds showing on the coral heads. This fishery will get better and better with each passing cold front and makes a fine option for a windy day.

The Spanish mackerel are thick in eight to ten feet of water in the bay in the Middle Keys, and there are tons of mangrove snapper to go around, as well. Cobia and gag grouper are showing on the wrecks farther offshore in the Gulf.

The week's best

Art, Ann and their daughter Jessica from Washington, D.C., got away for the weekend and fished with Capt. Greg Poland. They loaded up on pilchards and had some great action around the bridges of Islamorada.

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CORAL SHORES BASKETBALL

Hopes high for Cane hoops

Team opens season with a defeat

By KEVIN WADLOW
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A lineup with size and experience raises expectations for Coral Shores High School's boys basketball Hurricanes this winter.

A solid front court features three returning starters, including 6-foot-8 senior center Will Ismer, a dominating scorer in the paint. At forward are 6-3 senior Terrell Taylor and 6-2 junior Alberto Anderson.

"We've got a roster that lets us go with a tall lineup or go heavy on the wings," said first-year head coach Bruce Teachey. "If we want to press on defense, we've got some good guards."

Senior Addison Duma-Kenny (6-0), the Hurricane football quarterback, takes over at point guard in his return to the basketball program.

And depending on the lineup, Teachey can call on program veterans Kalen Carter, Darren Govan and Demond Scott.

Newcomers expected to earn playing time include 6-7 senior transfer Erick Mokker and freshman guard Richard Jacobson, along with Matt Cavanah and Emmanuel Morales.

Teachey coached the Hurricane junior varsity last season, and now coaches the varsity in addition to the JV. Alvin Taylor, widely regarded as Coral Shores' best-ever basketball player, volunteers as an assistant coach.

The Hurricanes posted a 7-16 record under head coach Jay Sanderson last year.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Coral Shores senior center Will Ismer drives to the bucket in Monday's season-opening game against district rival Gulliver Prep. The visiting Raiders won, 81-40.

"We've got experience, size and exceptional speed on the wings," Teachey said. "I believe this year we will be competitive, very competitive."

"We may surprise a lot of people if everybody plays up to their potential."

The Canes opened the season Monday in an 81-40 loss to visiting Gulliver Prep, always a contender in District 16-4A. Highlights were pending at press time.

Coral Shores also must square off in 16-4A play against defending district champion Key West and runner-up St. Brendan in a tough circuit.

"Starting against Gulliver Prep is a hard way to get going but we'll see what we've got right off the bat," Teachey said.

Coral Shores returns from Thanksgiving break with a 7 p.m. Tuesday home game against Miami Country Day (JV at 5:30 p.m.).

A Lady Hurricane home game scheduled Monday against Gulliver Prep was postponed.

Living

KEY WEST

Harbor Walk of Lights shines tonight

Display kicks off the season at waterfront

Long before Flagler's railroad and the Overseas Highway, Key West's link to the outside world was Key West Harbor.

Now, the historic district dresses up for the holidays to show off its nautical roots. Evening events, music, a parade and other activities attract locals and visitors to the gussied-up boardwalks and promenades.

Key West's historic inns compete for bragging rights and the best holiday-themed decorations. The annual Schooner Wharf Lighted Boat Parade and a kid-themed Christmas parade are also on tap.

Tonight, the Key West Harbor Walk of Lights will flip the switch at 6 p.m. as participating merchants from Greene to Grinnell streets amp up the holiday cheer with displays, libations and seasonal celebrations.

There's more to see and do at the Bight over the next few weeks:

• On Dec. 7, the Key West Innkeepers Association has its Holiday Historic Inn Tour from 6 to 9 p.m. There's food and refreshments at each stop on the tour.

Tickets are $30) and the tour includes Villas Key West, 422 Fleming St.; Wicker Guesthouse, 913 Duval St.; Rose Lane Villas, 522-524 Rose Lane; Ocean Breeze Inn, 625 South St.; Avalon Bed & Breakfast, 1317 Duval St.; the Mermaid and the Alligator, 729 Truman Ave.; Simonton Court, 320 Simonton St.; and the Westwinds, 914 Eaton St.

To purchase tickets, go to **www.keywestinns.com.**

• The Key West Hometown Holiday Parade starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 on Truman Avenue at White Street. From Truman it proceeds down Duval Street, ending at Sloppy Joes Bar at Duval and Green streets (two blocks down Green Street from the Harbor Walk of Lights).

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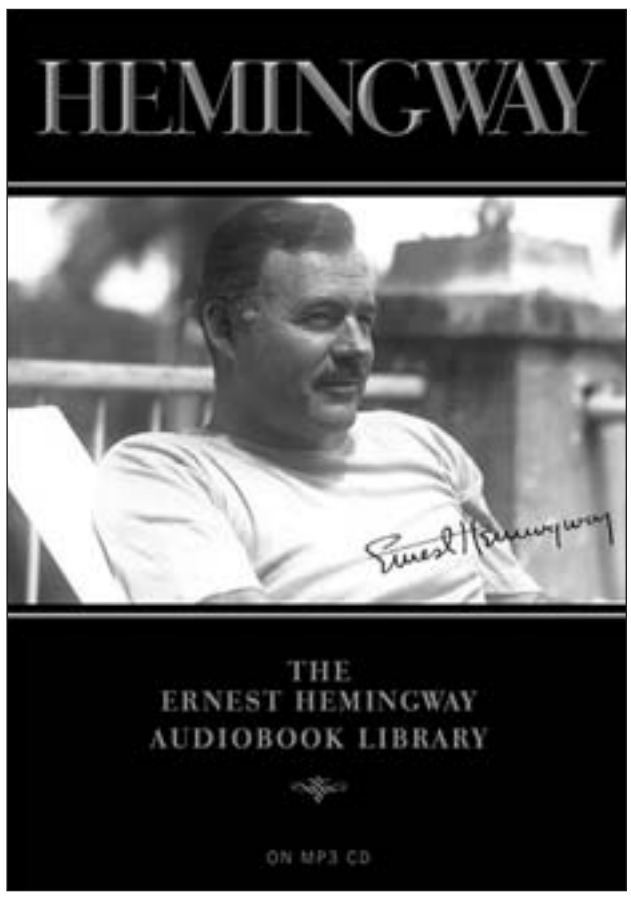

If you're a Hemingway fan, this collection has it all.

Simon & Schuster Audio on Tuesday released "The Ernest Hemingway Audiobook Library," a comprehensive collection that brings together all of Hemingway's novels, nonfiction and short stories.

Narrated by an all-star group of actors, the collection offers 133 hours of audio on 15 MP3 CDs and includes an intimate conversation with Hemingway's last surviving son, Patrick. Cost starts around $270.

The collection includes Donald Sutherland reading "The Old Man and the Sea," William Hurt reading "The Sun Also Rises," John Slattery reading "A Farewell to Arms" and "The Short Stories" read by Stacy Keach.

Other actors featured in the collection are Brian Dennehy, Boyd Gaines, Bruce Greenwood, John Bedford Lloyd, Josh Lucas, Will Patton, Campbell Scott, and Patrick Wilson.

The son, Patrick Hemingway, talks frankly about his childhood growing up in Key West and reflects on the life and legacy of his father, who lived in Key West in the 1930s.

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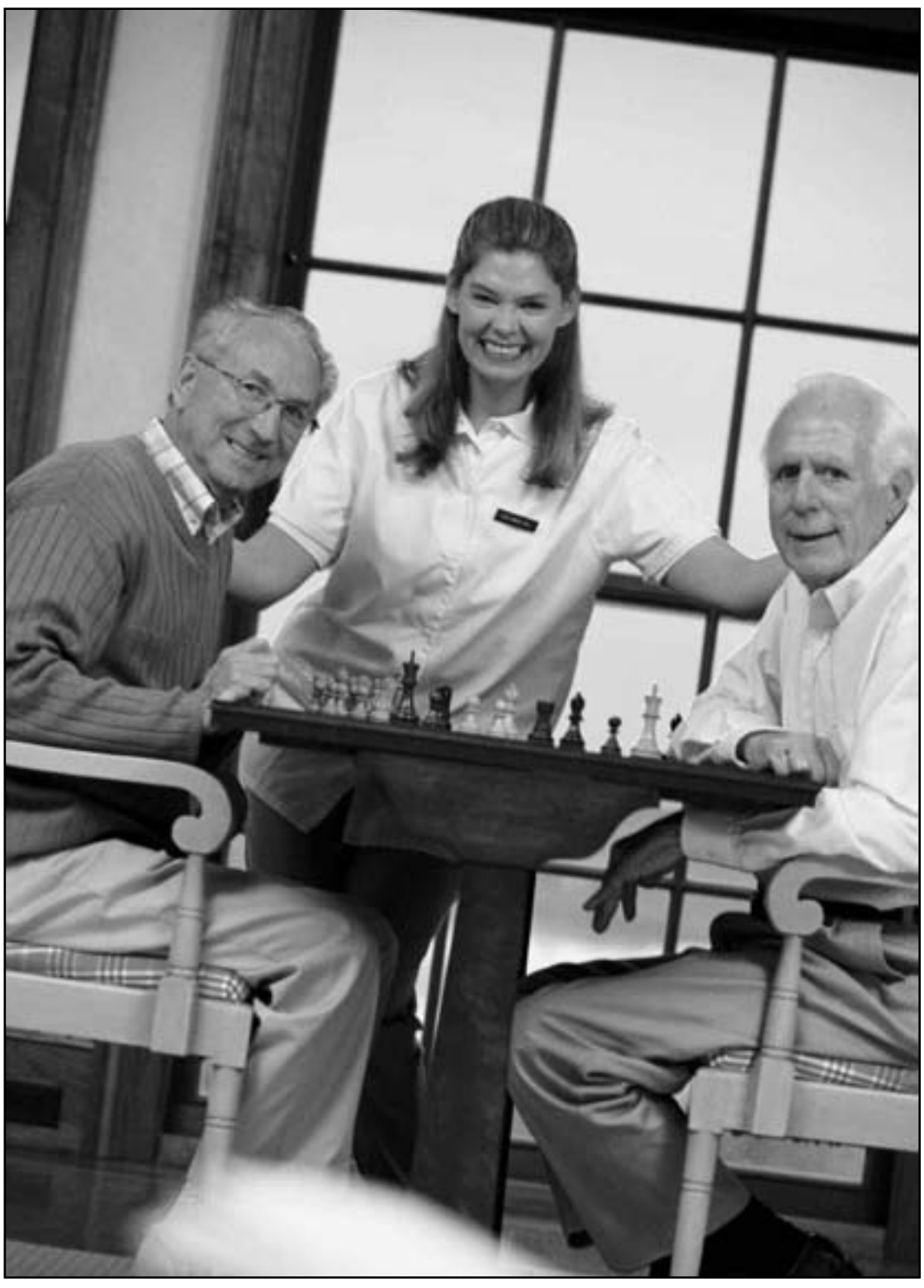

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BIG DONATION

The Lower Keys Women's Club' recent Racy but Tasty fundraiser raised $10,000 for Hospice of the Florida Keys/Visiting Nurse Association, which provides skilled home health, private-duty care and hospice services to residents and visitors of Monroe County. At the check presentation are (from left) Hospice Chief Executive Officer Jody Gross; Natalie Maddox, fundraising coordinator for Hospice/VNA; and Lower Keys Women's Club members Carol Callowhill, Loretta Baker and Abby Oglesbee.

ON THE ROAD

Red Cross offers travel tips

Roads, airports will fill up for Thanksgiving

With so many people traveling for Thanksgiving and the rest of the year for the holidays, the American Red Cross of Miami and the Keys is offering travel tips.

Some are basic, but others you might not have thought of:

• Make sure the vehicle is in good working order.

• Start out with a full tank of gas, check the tire air pressure and make sure the windshield fluid is full.

• Buckle up, slow down, don't drive impaired. Designate a driver who won't drink.

• Be well rested and alert.

• Use caution in work zones.

• Give one's full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones.

• Observe speed limits. Driving too fast or too slow can increase the chance of being in a collision.

• Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If the driver is tired, stop and get some rest.

• Be respectful of other motorists and follow the rules of the road.

• Don't follow another vehicle too closely.

• Clean the vehicle's headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows.

• Turn the headlights on as dusk approaches or if using windshield wipers due to inclement weather.

• If car trouble develops, pull off the road as far as possible.

• If possible, keep an emergency preparedness kit in the vehicle. Useful items include water, snacks, a flashlight, first aid kit, extra cash and blankets.

For people traveling by air, bus or train, the Red Cross says seasonal flu can occur as early as October. If people have come in contact with someone who is sick, perhaps the trip should be postponed as they may be contagious for a week before symptoms appear.

Other safety tips to avoid the flu while traveling include the following:

• Remember that everything someone touches has to be touched by someone else — luggage handlers, etc. Handle one's own belongings as much as possible. Wash hands often with soap and water.

• Carry hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes and use them to wash hands or wipe down surfaces such as armrests.

• Bring one's own pillows and blankets; they can act as a shield against the seat itself.

• If someone has to cough or sneeze, do so into a tissue or sleeve.

• Avoid touching the face or eyes.

BIG PINE KEY

Art festival is Saturday

Event includes musical acts, food and more

Santa might wear shorts in the Lower Keys and palm trees might outnumber Christmas trees, but the holiday spirit flourishes amid the area's balmy breezes and warm temperatures.

Visitors and Keys residents are invited to welcome the season and celebrate the creative arts at the Big Pine & Lower Keys Island Art Festival, themed "Art & Music in a Natural Key." The event is to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, mile marker 31 oceanside on Big Pine.

Scheduled highlights include exhibits and booths featuring handcrafted art, jewelry, pottery and more. Items are to be raffled throughout the day, providing additional opportunities to obtain examples of Keys art.

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Karen says, *"I am pleased to introduce Advanced Dermatology, Dr. Martin Schiff and PA Deborah Mendoza to the patients of Keys Dermatology. Medical records may be obtained or transferred by request at the Islamorada office 82245 Overseas Highway or call 664-0700."*

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ISLAMORADA

Snow coming to Founders

Although temperatures are forecast to be in the 70s, a 20-ton snow mountain is expected to delight moms, dads and kids during the annual Florida Keys Holiday Festival, set for Dec. 7 at Founders Park, mile marker 87 bayside.

From 4 to 10 p.m., the celebration features a crowd-pleasing centerpiece: A 35-foot-tall holiday tree with "snow" blowing from its branches. The tree is to be lighted at 6 p.m..

To commemorate the 12th month of 2012, the annual holiday parade is to be themed "Twelve Drummers Drumming." The parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Four-legged party animals can prance in their own Santa Paws Pet Parade, with prizes awaiting the best dressed and the pet that performs the best trick. All domestic animals are welcome and entry is free.

Musical and dance performances enliven the outdoor amphitheater's stage throughout the event.

Other attractions include contests to choose the best baked goodie, Little Miss Sugar Plum Fairy and Mr. Gingerbread Man. Shoppers can browse among a bazaar of gift items and baked goods. Wine enthusiasts can sample gourmet foods and fine wines at Vino Village, The event is organized by the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free but a $5 donation for parking is to be collected to help defray festival costs.

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Crossword solution

Solution to the Nov. 17 puzzle.

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LIVING BRIEFS

Marathon lights up Community Park

The city Marathon has its annual holiday-lights lighting set for 5:30 p.m. Nov. 25 at the city's Community Park, mile marker 49 oceanside.

Santa will be there, along with gifts, refreshments and music by Linda Byars.

Plan to munch cookies with Santa

Keys Federal Credit Union and Publix are joining together to host Cookies with Santa on Nov. 30 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Keys Federal Credit Union, mile marker 53 bayside in Marathon.

The family event is free. It includes a photo opportunity with Santa, a coloring contest and Plato the Publixaurus.

Diabetes support group is forming

Mariners Hospital at mile marker 91 in Tavernier is starting a diabetes support group that starts meeting Nov. 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The session will start with a diabetes-friendly "mocktail" hour, followed by a brief talk by the group's hosts, dietitian Susan Dukar and diabetes nurse educator Clair Hefner. They will discuss how to manage diabetes and ask for the group's input on content and guidelines for future meetings.

The diabetes support group is designed for people who recently received a diagnosis of diabetes or have had the disease for some time. The session is also open to spouses, relatives and friends of diabetics.

The meetings are free but reservations are required. To reserve a space, call 434-3400 and specify you are registering for the diabetes support group.

Boating class set for Marathon

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-2 of Marathon is offering as a boating skills and seamanship program running from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Dec. 4 through Dec. 20 at the Marathon Senior Center on 33rd Street bayside.

Topics will include equipment for your boat, nautical highway signs, boat handling, trailering, safety, charting and more.

Cost, which includes a textbook is $55, and $25 for a second family member sharing the textbook.

Registration materials can be picked up at the UPS Store in the Publix shopping center or West Marine, 2109 Overseas Highway. To find out more, call Dottie Mattern at 731-7148.

Marathon Elks planning bazaar

The Marathon Elks Lodge has a Christmas bazaar set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the lodge, 8239 Overseas Highway, across U.S. 1 from Florida Keys Marathon Airport.

Those who want to set up a table can do so for $15. Call Wendy at 896-0432.

Learn to manage your diabetes

The Florida Keys Area Health Education Center, in partnership with the Health Foundation of South Florida and the Healthy Aging Regional Collabor-ative, is sponsoring free six-week workshops that promote self-management of diabetes.

The program is specifically designed for people who have diabetes or a family history of diabetes and for those who are partners or care-takers of diabetics. A variety of subjects will be covered such as healthy eating, physical activity, meal planning, reading and understanding nutritional labels, relaxation, stress management, symptoms of low blood sugar, medication and foot care.

In Marathon, the program runs Thursday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. from Nov. 29 through Jan. 3 in the Gulfside Village shopping center. On Stock Island, it's at Florida Keys Community College Tuesdays from Jan. 22 to Feb. 26 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

To register, call 743-7111, Ext. 208.

Tree lighting set in Key Largo

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce hosts a free community appreciation day and Christmas tree lighting from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center, mile marker 102 bayside.

Featured are arts and crafts, holiday treats, ornament making, tree decorating, carolers and bands playing your favorite holiday songs. Santa will be on hand.

Sugarloaf sale for the holidays

Sugarloaf School has its 24th annual craft show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the school cafeteria, mile marker 19.5.

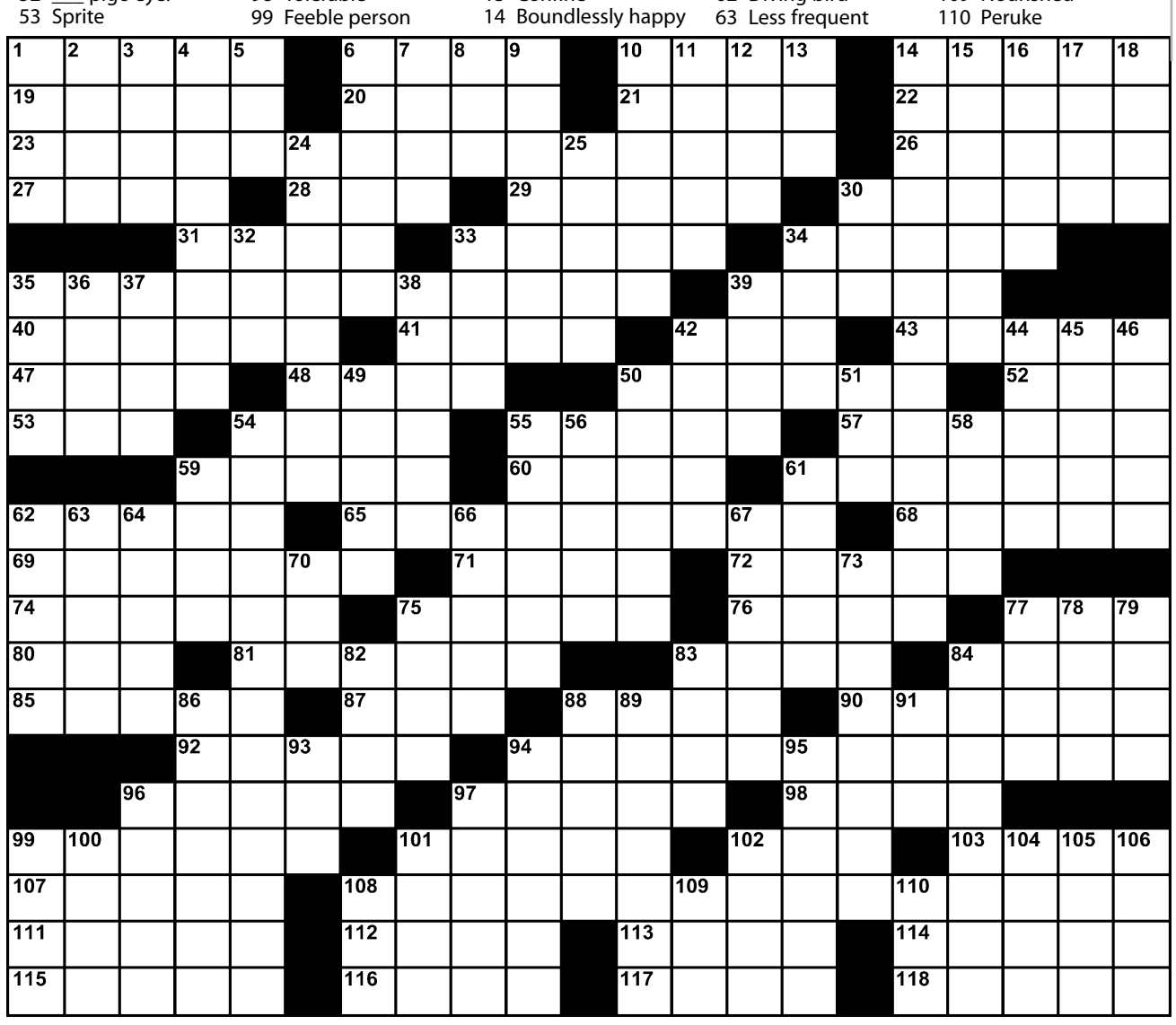
Proceeds of the holiday gifts, along with those from baked goods, grilled food and drinks, go to the school's student award program.

Observer crossword puzzle

"Outer Space" - *Solution in the Nov. 24 Keynoter*

ACROSS
1 Actor George C.
6 Staff
10 Porgy
14 Eastern country
19 Buckwheat
20 Pilaster
21 Spray
22 Consolidate
23 Elated
26 Aromatic herbs
27 Intend
28 God of the underworld
29 Jimmy
30 Predominant
31 Yemen's former capital
33 Temptress
34 "Wanted" poster word
35 Elated
39 Food fish
40 Indoctrinate
41 Clamp
42 Child's game
43 Access
47 Contended
48 Assist
50 Climax
52 ___ pig's eye!
53 Sprite
54 Road to Roma
55 Derides
57 Fan
59 Without interruption
60 Leftovers
61 Pilchard
62 Visual aid
65 Unrestrained joy
68 Kids
69 English explorer
71 Network
72 Liliaceous plants
74 ___ bragh
75 Hullabaloo
76 Wow the audience
77 Greet wordlessly
80 Pass the hat
81 Annoy
83 Surface protection
84 Dingy place
85 Sea flyers
87 Dander
88 ___ off (kill time)
90 Runs off
92 Foam
94 Ardently carefree
96 ___ facias
97 Underground dwellers
98 Tolerable
99 Feeble person
101 Man from Malaga
102 Chem. unit
103 Wrinkle
107 Giraffe's cousin
108 Successful
111 Aspect
112 "The ___ of the crowd"
113 Appear
114 Outcome
115 Fish traps
116 Piercing tools
117 Author Ferber
118 Victims

DOWN
1 Thumb through
2 Sugar or candy
3 Bones
4 Mailer's "___ and the Dead"
5 Sin's Hebrew alphabet follower
6 Dwindling
7 Colony group
8 Utmost degree
9 Showy flowers
10 Youngster
11 Assembly of witches
12 Employer
13 Confine
14 Boundlessly happy
15 Vitalize
16 Evergreens, in Spain
17 ABA members
18 Stack
24 Toothless
25 Eldritch
30 Eskimo knife
32 Uproar
33 Fit of pique
34 Jason's ship
35 Braided
36 Seed covering
37 Gladly
38 Exaggerate
39 Breaches
42 Upper sculpture
44 Small monkeys
45 Concerning
46 Biblical weeds
49 Court
50 Tie up
51 Friar's title
54 Excited
55 Wild cards
56 Muse of poetry
58 Keats' output
59 Accessible
61 Temporary condition
62 Diving bird
63 Less frequent
64 Straighten
66 Earthen pot
67 Become rigid
70 Tibetan gazelle
73 Playful
75 Travel money
77 Basketry palm
78 Above
79 News office unit
82 Icy coating
83 Dandies
84 Plaintive, in music
86 Fugitive
88 Lively dance
89 Industrious
91 ___ Cruces
93 Forage bean
94 Bridge holding
95 Respiratory problem
96 Heap
97 Refined ore
99 Take off
100 All right
101 "Let it ___..."
102 Solar deity
104 Major or Minor
105 Excess
106 Lemon or lime drinks
108 ___ pro nobis
109 Nourished
110 Peruke



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CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050
Phone: (305) 743-0033

INVITATION TO BID

All interested parties are hereby notified that the City of Marathon is accepting sealed bids for the **"CITY OF MARATHON – US 1 MEDIAN LANDSCAPE PROJECT, PHASE 2."**

The construction of this project consists of labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the installation of the following:

1. Landscape trees and ground cover within the medians on US 1 from Aviation Blvd to Coco Plum Drive.

Bid documents may be examined at City Hall, 9805 Overseas Highway Marathon, Florida 33050. Bid documents may also be examined and obtained online at **www.demandstar.com**. **All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes to the City Clerk on or before December 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM local time. Any bids received after 2:00 PM on said date will not be accepted.**

Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Bids submitted will be opened publicly and read aloud at this time in the City Hall Conference Room located at 9805 Overseas Highway on the same date. The City assumes no responsibility for bids not properly marked.

Prospective bidders shall not contact or otherwise communicate with City Staff or City Officials except as follows. Inquiries and clarifications of the Bidding Documents shall be made in writing to the City's Representative, Carlos Solis at least six (6) days prior to the date for the receipt of Bids, by fax (305) 289-4123, or by email to: **solisc@ci.marathon.fl.us**

BID DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN DEMANDSTAR MAY NOT BE ACCURATE OR COMPLETE, AND EACH BIDDER AND SUBCONTRACTOR ASSUMES ALL RISKS BY ITS RELIANCE ON SUCH DOCUMENTS. ANY BIDDER AND SUBCONTRACTOR WHO HAVE NOT OBTAINED BID DOCUMENTS FROM DEMANDSTAR WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ADDENDA ISSUED BY THE OWNER, WHICH COULD CONTAIN MATERIAL CHANGES THERETO (SUCH AS ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, EXTENSIONS OF TIME, ETC.)

Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Total Base Bid must accompany the Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or reduce the scope at the sole discretion of the City and to waive informalities, except timely submission of bids, in any bids received, to re-advertise for bids or to take any other such actions that may be deemed in the best interests of the City. As a matter of information to bidders, the City does not bind itself to accept the minimum specifications stated herein, but reserves the right to accept any bid, which in the judgment of the City Council will best serve the needs and interests of the City.

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CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050
Phone: (305) 743-0033

INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATIONS

All interested parties are hereby notified that the City of Marathon is accepting sealed proposals for the "**CITY OF MARATHON** Request for Qualifications for General Contracting Services" (the "RFQ").

The City of Marathon (the "City") is seeking qualified General and Specialty Contractors to provide electrical, heavy equipment, irrigation, landscaping, marine construction, mechanical, plumbing, sign and underground work on an "as needed" basis.

RFQ documents may be examined at City Hall, 9805 Overseas Highway Marathon, Florida and copies may be obtained for a non-refundable fee of $ n/a per set payable in Cash or Check to the City of Marathon. Proposal documents may also be examined online at www.demandstar.com. **All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes to the City Clerk on or before December 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM local time. Any proposals received after 3:00 PM on said date will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.** Proposals submitted will be opened publicly and read aloud at this time in the City Hall Conference Room located at 9805 Overseas Highway Marathon, Florida, on the same date. The City assumes no responsibility for proposals not properly marked.

Prospective Proposers shall not contact or otherwise communicate with City staff or City officials except as set forth in Paragraph 4.1 of the Instructions to Proposers.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on December 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Marathon Fire Station #14, located at 8900 Overseas Highway Marathon, Florida. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal Conference is to discuss the contents of this RFQ and Proposers' inquiries.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities in any proposals received, except timely submission of proposals, to re-advertise for proposals or to take any other such actions that may be deemed in the best interests of the City. As a matter of information to Proposers, the City does not bind itself to any of the information contained herein, but reserves the right to accept any proposal, which in the judgment of the City Council will best serve the needs and interests of the City.

The following schedule is anticipated for this selection process:

Event	Due Date
RFQ Release	November 19, 2012
Non Mandatory Pre Proposal Conference	December 5, 2012
Proposal/SOQ Submittal	December 19, 2012 3:00 P.M.
Firm Recommendation Selection	December 26, 2012
Council Award	January 8, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR MONROE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2012-CA-991-K

CRISTAL CLARK,
Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor,

v.

VINTAGES,
INCORPORATED,
Defendant/Judgment Debtor.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a Notice of Recording of Foreign Judgment entered by the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, Florida on the 10th day September, 2012, and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above styled cause on the 18th day of October, 2012, 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 26th day of December, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. at the Monroe County Courthouse, 500 Whitehead St., Key West, Florida, the interests of defendant VINTAGES, INCORPORATED in execution, in the following described property, subject to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments, or encumbrances whatsoever:

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Vintages, Inc.'s 51 percent membership interest in CC Distribution, LLC, as reflected in the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement for CC Distribution, LLC.

DATED this 19th day of November, 2012.

Robert P. Peryam, Sheriff
Monroe County, Florida

BY: Rachelle Gates,
Supervisor
Civil Process Division

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Ad# 282422

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **December 26, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

FREEMAN JUSTICE CENTER LOBBY EXPANSION KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 1-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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FICTITIOUS NAMES

Ad# 283238

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Bowtique** located at **4 Kyle Way W,** in the County of **Monroe**, in the city of **Marathon, Florida 33050** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Kayza Kuehn, owner

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **mo kiteboarding** located at **612 96th st. ocean,** in the County of **Monroe**, in the city of **Marathon, Florida 33050** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

JEANICE STONE INC.

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GRASSY KEY 3 BR, 1 BA home. Large wrap around deck, huge yard, W/D. Close to Dolphin Research Center. $1500/mo. 786-417-0844

MARATHON unfurn 1 BR house w/W/D hkup avail, big yard. $1125/mo + util & sec. Call Dee 305-289-0666 or 305-849-0466

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KEY COLONY BEACH Large 3/2 half duplex. Ground level. Dry lot. Laundry room, fenced backyard. $1600/mo. 305-731-4882

MARATHON 2/1 duplex. 501 B 22nd St. Ocean. C/A, W/D hkup, hurricane shutters, EC, must see! Yard, pet ok. $1300 /mo, F/sec 305-205-4285

MARATHON - 26th ST. Small efficiency with kitchen. Water incl. $575 mo. First / Last / $400 sec. 305-394-3923

MARATHON Clean, quiet 1 BR, 1 BA duplex on canal. Laundry facilities avail. F/L/S. $850/mo. + elect. Year lease. 989-980-6300

MARATHON Ground level 1BR 1BA $625 1BR 1BA $575 F/L/S. 6 mo minimum lease. 305-849-6236

CONDOS FOR RENT

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MARATHON 2/1 condo, 2nd floor, fully furn, heated pool. Free dockage to 38', Located at MM50. Year lease, $1200 mo + util F/L/S. 401-391-9514

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

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MARATHON 1BR 1BA mobile home with attached Fla room. On the water. F/L/S. $750/mo. 743-5623

MARATHON 3BR 2BA Nice mobile home, dry lot, fenced-in yard, W/D hookup. Quiet neighborhood. Call 305-797-9132

VACATION RENTALS

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Monroe County Sheriff's Office
The MCSO is seeking a candidate for **Assistant Finance Director.** The successful applicant will have extensive knowledge and supervisory experience in governmental accounting and finance. A Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or business is required. A CPA license is a definite plus. Responsibilities include preparation of financial statements, budgeting, internal audits, payroll management, grants reporting/management, and the supervision of a large staff. Salary range $50,989 - $90,062. Based on experience and qualifications. Candidates must complete the MCSO online pre-application at www.keysso.net. Submit resumes to Charles Slebodnick at cslebodnick@keysso.net or fax to (305) 292-7159. Contact HR at (305) 292-7044, for additional information. EOE/AAP

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BANKING & FINANCIAL

The Domestic Abuse Shelter in the Florida Keys is seeking a quality person to fill the position of

Director of Finance and Operations

The Domestic Abuse Shelter is the only certified center serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Monroe County.

Nature of Work:
Under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, oversees the administrative operations including finance, personnel and facilities. Works in conjunction with the shelter and outreach teams to provide confidential and comprehensive services to clients throughout Monroe County. Ensures victims using DAS services are not further victimized but rather empowered through their association with the organization. Must be committed to the agency's philosophy.

Illustrative Tasks:
The following examples are intended as illustrations of work performed in this position. The omission of specific duties does not necessarily exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.
- **With the Chief Executive Officer, prepares all budgets including contracts and operating budgets. Assists in the implementation of all budgets.**
- **Responsible for coding revenue and expenditures according to the chart of accounts and the corporate cost allocation plan. Keeps all financial records accurate and up-to-date.**
- **Assists accountant with the yearly compliance audit.**
- **Submits monthly (or as required) financial and program reports to contract funders in a timely and accurate manner. Maintains appropriate backup documentation supporting the reports.**
- **Responsible for accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, trial balance, maintaining the checkbook (including deposit entries and balancing the account), and all banking.**
- **Responsible for the agency's personnel functions, including updating records, completing biweekly payroll and payroll taxes, and other related personnel tasks.**
- **Conducts new employee orientations and exit interviews.**
- **Oversees the physical maintenance of the shelter, including any building repair or renovation.**
- **Participates as a member of the management team for the achievement of overall agency goals.**
- **Performs other duties as assigned.**

Training and Experience:
Bachelor's degree in Business or related field with experience in the non-profit field. An Associate's degree will be considered when accompanied with extensive business and/or financial experience in the non-profit field. Must be computer literate.

Interested candidates please send resume with cover letter to
Venita Garvin Valdez, CEO, Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., PO Box 522696, Marathon Shores, Florida 33052 or e-mail dasadm@aol.com. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Master's degree in nursing preferred. Bachelor's degree in nursing & licensed in Florida or a Master's degree in social work required. Deomonstrated ability to supervise & coordinate interdisciplinary professional staff. Minimum of three (3) years supervisory & administrative experience in a home health agency, hospice program, other community health setting or equivalent acute

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