

NO NAME KEY

PSC: Electricity OK for No Name

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Some legal battles remain but road is heading toward grid connections

Moments after recognizing itself as having jurisdiction over the decision, the state Public Service Commission on Tuesday voted unanimously to allow No Name Key property owners to have commercial electricity.

The long-awaited decision likely means that a decades-long battle over the issue is nearing an end — with victory for the pro-popper residents on the 43-home island.

“Assuming no appeals or delays in the processing of amendments, we project February 2014 as the date that [Monroe] County may issue permits,” Assistant County Planning Director Mayte Santamaria said.

“The big hangup for all

the commissioners is circumventing the process,” Mayor George Neugent said. “We know what we’re doing; are we going to punish these people for another 18 months? I wonder if the courts could weigh in on this and demand that the county issue the permits based upon things that have happened and where the commission appears to be headed.”

The No Name Key Property Owners Association paid approximately \$650,000 last summer to have Keys Energy Services install power poles and lines on the island. The homes are now powered by solar or generators.

“We are very pleased with the outcome, especially on

the unanimous votes on each staff recommendation. We’re looking forward to getting our permits and [Keys Energy Services] is ready to connect us,” association President Kathy Brown said.

Filed in March 2012 by No Name Key residents Bob and Julianne Reynolds, the PSC complaint argued that the PSC, not Monroe County, has jurisdiction over electrifying the island.

At Tuesday’s hearing, PSC commissioners heard from attorneys representing Reynolds, Monroe County and the No Name Key Property Association, as well as residents Mary Frances Bakke, Jim Newton, Ruth Newton and Alicia Putney.

The main sticking point was a 1991 territorial agreement the PSC made with Keys Energy and the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, which serves the Middle and Upper Keys.

The Reynolds’ attorney, Bart Smith, argued that state law “has expressly preempted local governments” from controlling which residents receive commercial electricity. He cited a Third District Court of Appeal ruling saying jurisdiction lies with the PSC.

“The statutory authority granted to the PSC would be eviscerated if initially subject to local governmental regulation and Circuit Court injunctions of the kind sought by Monroe County in the case at hand,” the court wrote.

Tallahassee attorney Scheff

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KEY LARGO



Photo by STEPHEN FRINK

Since it went down 11 years ago, the ‘Spiegel Grove’ has attracted more than 200 species of fish — and thousands of divers.

11 years later, ‘Grove’ paid off

Artificial reef has become among best dive sites

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cost about \$1.4 million, including an unexpected bill of more than \$250,000 when the vessel capsized — but remained partially afloat — several hours before the planned sinking. A salvage company was hired to settle the massive ship on its side so it could be visited by divers.

The *Spiegel Grove* is free and clear after a decade plus a year.

A payment made last week closed the books on a loan taken out by the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce to finance the sinking of the mothballed U.S. Navy ship *Spiegel Grove*, now one of the diving world’s best-known shipwreck reefs.

“We’re excited to have that behind us,” chamber board Chairwoman Dawn DeBrule said Tuesday. “The *Spiegel Grove* has been a very successful project, and we’re very proud to have played a part in it.”

Sinking the 510-foot ship in June 2002 after eight years of planning and permitting

Then a remarkable thing happened: Hurricane Dennis came along in 2005 and its winds stirred the sea so much that the *Spiegel Grove* was righted on the bottom — making it a perfect dive.

The Monroe County Tourist Development Council provided about half the sinking cost; the chamber took out a loan to cover the balance.

A program to sell \$10 annual shipwreck medallions to divers who want to visit an Upper Keys artificial reef has provided much of the money needed to repay the loan.

“Nobody balks at buying a medallion,” said Connie Boykin, operations manager

• See ‘Grove’, 2A

ON U.S. 1



Photo by DAVID GOODHUE

Islamorada Fire-Rescue crews and police work the scene of Monday’s crash.

Keys see 11th traffic death

Witness says pair switched seats in car

Keynoter Staff

A young Miami woman died Monday afternoon in Islamorada after the car in which she was riding fled a hit-and-run crash, then collided head-on with a taxi, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Troopers said Didier Kichner Miles, 24, of Miami was driving the 2007 Honda Element on U.S. 1 around 5:20 p.m. when it crashed head-on into a 2004 Dodge Caravan at mile marker 89. The Caravan was driven by

Charles Akullian, 71, of Tavernier, who sustained serious injuries and was taken to Mariners Hospital.

Passenger Kristine Marie Rivera, 22, of Miami, was flown to Ryder Trauma Center, where she died. State troopers said alcohol was in both Miles’ and Rivera’s systems.

Before the head-on, the Element rear-ended a car a few miles south, and “fled the scene [northbound] and subsequently crashed into another vehicle while leaving the scene. [They] continued in the left-turn-only lane at the 89 mile marker” and hit the taxi head-on in the southbound right lane. The Element then struck a utility pole.

According to a witness

who did not want to be identified, Rivera was driving when the Element rear-ended his car in the first crash. When he approached her to get her insurance information, she asked if he would instead accept money for the damage done to his car.

The witness declined and turned around to get something out of his car. In that time, Rivera switched seats with Miles, who then drove off and collided with the taxi. Rivera’s death was the 11th traffic fatality in the Keys this year.

Meanwhile, U.S. 1 was closed in both directions for about five hours.

Key West fatal

Meanwhile, Key West

police continue investigating a May 1 scooter crash that claimed the life of New York tourist Ronald Valentine, 47, around 3:30 a.m. in the 3800 block of North Roosevelt Boulevard.

Police spokeswoman Alyson Crean said Valentine was heading west away from the intersection of North Roosevelt and U.S. 1. “He apparently hit a sign post, possibly after feeling into gravel on the left side of the road.”

The inbound lanes of North Roosevelt, on the waterside of the road, are closed and under construction while inbound traffic flows one way in the two

• See Crashes, 2A

KEY WEST

Assisted-living deal seems falling apart

Lease terms, other issues outstanding

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The decade-long quest to build an assisted- and independent-living facility on the Truman Waterfront in Key West could come to an end if a June 28 deadline is not met — and it looks like it won’t be.

That’s the date city staff has required the Florida Keys Assisted Care Coalition to have a lease with a developer willing to build the 110-unit complex on part of the city-owned 33-acre property at the end of Southard Street.

The same deadline came and went on Dec. 31 but the City Commission granted an extension, something it vowed to not do again. And it

appears that might be that. The “city is getting a bad rap but I don’t think we’re going to budge,” Commissioner Teri Johnston said. “We have to get some sort of remuneration for this valuable piece of property.”

Commissioner Tony Yaniz agreed that another extension isn’t in the cards.

The latest version of the plan calls for 60 assisted living units and 50 independent living units with a variety of configurations and price points. Wendover Housing Partners is the developer.

Documents submitted to the city last week show a total cost of \$14.6 million, with \$12.1 million derived from tax credit financing.

Throughout lease negotiations, city staff has focused on financial items such as proposed developer fees, dura-

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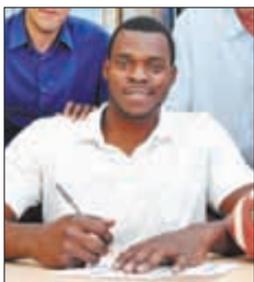
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Turtle crime

For the second time in fewer than two months, an arrest is made in connection with the death of a federally protected sea turtle. Story, 6A



NEWS BRIEFS

Beach areas might close temporarily

Through May 31, seaweed removal, sand renourishment and turtle-nest surveys at Coco Plum Beach and Sombbrero Beach in Marathon will result in some areas of the beaches being closed.

The city says the damage was caused by Hurricane Isaac, which swiped the Keys as a tropical storm last Aug. 26 and 27. Sustained winds were 55 to 50 mph and damage was minimal.

"Various portions (including the Coco Plum Beach parking area) of the beaches will be closed for the public's protection during restoration," the city said in a prepared statement.

KEYS WEATHER

PREDICTED TEMPERATURES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
WED.	85	74
THURS.	86	76
FRI.	88	77
SAT.	88	77

Forecast: Expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers.

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BEACH ADVISORIES

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Crashes muddy Monroe roads

From Crashes, 1A

business-side lanes.

Crean said, "Every aspect is under investigation," including whether drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Valentine was pronounced dead at Lower Keys Medical Center on Stock Island.

Victim critical

A Middle Keys man struck by a car last week while attempting to cross U.S. 1 in his wheelchair remained in critical condition at Ryder Trauma Center in Miami on Monday, troopers said.

They said Pennsylvania resident Brent McDougall, 51, was driving a 2013

Chrysler northbound on U.S. 1 near 39th Street when Frank Studley, 62, tried to cross U.S. 1 in his wheelchair. Studley is known to hang out at the Fairway Market on 39th, wheeling himself there nearly daily from the area around Key RV Resort.

Troopers said Studley "failed to yield the right of way" and wheeled directly into the path of McDougall's car.

The northbound lanes were closed for about 90 minutes following the accident. Studley was transported via air ambulance to Ryder Trauma.

Reporter staff contributed to this report.

ISLAMORADA

Probe ongoing into flats-guide crash

Johnson dies when boat runs up mangroves

Keynoter Staff

State marine officers continue trying to piece together what happened to an Islamorada flats fishing guide who was found dead Sunday night after he apparently crashed his boat 50 feet up into mangroves.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says Brent Allan Johnson, 41, was found when another person called the FWC around 8:15 p.m. to report the boat, a 23-foot 2006 Pathfinder flats boat, in mangroves in an area known as Robbie's Wheel Ditch off mile marker 79 bayside.

FWC spokesman Bobby Dube says the boat was found about 50 feet up in the mangroves with the motor still running and no one aboard. Crews with the FWC and U.S. Coast Guard

Station Islamorada found Johnson's body submerged on the bottom in the shallow creek near the accident scene.

Johnson's body was turned over to the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office. The vessel was salvaged from the mangroves and seized as evidence until the investigation is complete.

"I have not heard anything [new about the investigation] and we probably won't for awhile, doing toxicology tests and stuff," Dube said.

Johnson's website says he is "a native Floridian who grew up fishing Mosquito Lagoon and the many lakes of Central Florida. After graduating from the University of Central Florida with a history degree, he began a career as an airline pilot and moved from Central Florida to South Florida."

"Finally, after 11 years of flying and spending the majority of his days off fishing, he left flying to pole the flats of Islamorada

and the Florida Keys."

His case is reminiscent of one from Feb. 11 in Key Largo — except the boater in that case survived.

In that case, Coconut Grove resident Daniel McBride, 39, was operating his 36-foot Concept vessel — powered by three 300 horsepower engines — around 10:30 p.m. when he missed South Sound Creek in John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park waters, crossed Airport Flat and went up on the mangrove island — 250 feet into trees — just south of South Sound Creek.

McBride was knocked unconscious and came to when his dog began licking the lacerations to the back of his head and forehead. McBride didn't report the crash until the following morning, when he notified Sea Tow Key Largo for help.

McBride reportedly had his GPS setting too wide for the area and had the incorrect background lighting selected.

'Grove' a huge attraction

From 'Grove', 1A

for Ocean Divers, which has sold more medallions over the past decade than anyone.

"The Spiegel Grove has done a lot" for the Key Largo diving community, Boykin said.

"People came from all over the world to see it," Boykin said. "Then many of them came back when it rolled upright. And it's such a big ship, you can't see it all in a couple dives."

During the busiest dive months, Ocean Divers typically runs at least four trips a week to the Spiegel Grove. Other dive shops report similar schedules.

Chamber officers estimated at the Spiegel Grove's 10-year anniversary in 2012 that the wreck has attracted an estimated \$25 million in vacationers' spending on boat trips, motel rooms and restaurants since it went down.

Getting it down was no easy feat. The ship, commissioned in 1956 to launch landing craft and carry troops, capsized in May 2002 when compartments flooded more quickly than calculated.

The stern landed on the ocean floor 130 feet down

with the bow protruding above the surface like a metallic iceberg adrift in the subtropics.

"It could have been a catastrophe but it turned into an opportunity," said Andy Newman, the county's public-relations consultant. "A sinking would have been a one-day story; this went on for weeks."

The shipwreck reef has attracted more than 200 species of fish, and thousands of divers who otherwise would be putting people

pressure on the coral reef.

Dive shops and the chamber will continue to sell Upper Keys Artificial Reef Association medallions to help finance regular maintenance of Spiegel Grove features like donor plaques and mooring buoys.

Most of the mooring buoy costs have been covered by grants through the National Marine Sanctuaries Program but government cutbacks could mean a new funding source is needed, DeBrule said.

Lease deal looks to be dead end

From Truman, 1A

tion of construction, annual rent and an up-front payment for use of the property.

The Assisted Care Coalition wants a lease with the city for \$1 per year for 99 years.

City voters approved the concept of an assisted-living facility in a 2007 referendum but there's lingering disagreement on the spirit of that vote.

"The claim that the voters

believed the agreement was to be a dollar a year for 99 years is simply false," City Attorney Sean Smith said.

"What was put to the voters contained no representation that the lease would be for a dollar a year," he said. "City staff has been vigilant in ensuring that a fair lease is developed. This includes making sure that a piece of taxpayer property is not given away for little or no value so that a private party can make a substantial profit."

Assisted Care Coalition board member Joan Higgs took up the lease rate, among other things, in a letter to the Keynoter.

"The understanding of the FKACC, the voters who supported the referendum and even the vocal minority who opposed the project had always been that the land would be provided pursuant to a 99-year lease at virtually no cost."

"Nevertheless, the city has now taken the position that the city should receive additional revenues, such as a substantial upfront payment and monthly payments for the life of the lease."

The next step for the proposal is a May 20 review by the Truman Waterfront Advisory Board, beginning at 6 p.m. in Old City Hall. In the meantime, Smith and city staff continue lease negotiations.

Smith said the coalition's posture on the financials is an attempt "to influence public sentiment with misleading and inaccurate statements."

Coalition board members Sandy Higgs and Sheldon Davidson declined comment.

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FISCH
Cheryl Diane Stiefel Fisch
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Cheryl was originally from Bucyrus, OH. She was a graduate of Ohio State University, where she met her devoted husband and best friend, Roland Fisch. They began their life together as Mennonite missionaries in Manitoba, Canada, and relocated to the Florida Keys in 1976. They moved to Marathon in 1980 and extended their passion for teaching to the community for over 20 years. She loved children's literature and art, and exuded kindness, patience, guidance, and unconditional love in her classroom. She was involved with the creation of the summer recreation program which allowed children to continue exploring arts & science utilizing inspiring activities during summer months.

She is survived by her husband Roland Fisch who now lives in Bronson, FL; sister Kaye (Don) Hawkins of Lowell, IN; brother Tom (Lore) Stiefel of Ramrod Key, FL; daughter Charlott (Pete) Cadiz and their children Keegan, 11 & Mallory, 9 of the Orlando, FL area; son J.R. (Robyn) Fisch and their children Connor, 4 & Lily, 1 of Gainesville, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memories be recorded on her facebook page: Cheryl Stiefel Fisch.

MONTGOMERY
Charles F. Montgomery, age 89, passed away at Fishermens Hospital on April 30th 2013. He was born in Owosso, Michigan on September 20th 1923. Charles had been a resident of Marathon, FL since 1961. He served in the Army Air Forces from February 1943 to November 1945, and received 4 Bronze Battle Stars. Charles worked for BellSouth for over 30 years. He had been a member of the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department in the 1960's, as well as belonging to numerous clubs and organizations throughout Marathon. Charles and his late wife, Sylvia, enjoyed spending time with friends at the Marathon Yacht Club and taking cruises around the world. He also enjoyed boating, fishing, and diving. Charles is preceded in death by his wife Sylvia. He is survived by his two sons, Thomas and Daniel, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and his first wife Bertha. It was at Charles request that there be no service. Memorial donations may be made to: Marathon Yacht Club, 825 33rd Street, Gulf, Marathon, FL 33050.



DUCK KEY

Sewer sites become thorny issue

Homeowners beautifying lift stations

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A fuss over flowers festooning Duck Key's visible sewer stations should be resolved peaceably today, a community leader says.

"Those lift stations are not the prettiest things," said David Williamson, president of the Duck Key Property Owners Association. "We're just trying to screen them to soften the view."

Monroe County commissioners, meeting today at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center in Key Largo, will hear a 10 a.m. appeal of a county administrative ruling that denied an after-the-fact permit for native plants and hibiscus installed to brighten the eight lift stations.

The county owns the



Landscaping planted to brighten the appearance at Duck Key wastewater stations has run afoul of Monroe County rules, but residents hope a pledge to maintain the sites may keep the plants flowering.

rights of way along Duck Key streets where the stations were built.

There are reasons why county policy, since August 2010, prohibits landscaping on rights of way, Judy Clarke of the county Engineering Department wrote in a report. "Landscaping was [previously] permitted but it was determined that over time,

some homeowners neglected to maintain and trim landscaping, which could potentially create hazards on county roads," she said. "In some areas, landscaping prevented use of the right of way for its primary functions of providing off-street parking, off-street walking areas and drainage."

Homeowners association members spoke with staff at

the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, the county's designated wastewater agency, Williamson said. The FKAA agreed the landscaping would not affect sewer operations.

Overlooking needed approval from Monroe County "was an error on our part," Williamson said. "It was a misunderstanding. We've always had a good working relationship with the county."

Since the association contracted with a landscaping firm to maintain the lift-station sites in a "clean and tidy appearance," Williamson said he is optimistic the county will allow the plantings to remain.

The lift stations are located on small streetside plots with ground-level manhole covers and an elevated metal box for gauges and controls. Lift stations in a wastewater system move sewage through pipes toward the main line, particularly in areas where water must lift to a higher elevation.

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Power appears imminent

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Wright, an outside counsel for Monroe, argued the opposite. He said the territorial agreement doesn't apply to electricity on No Name.

"The county fully respects the commission's right to regulate territorial disputes," he said.

The county has repeatedly blocked attempts to bring electricity to No Name because its land-use plan contains a law "prohibiting" utilities in federal Coastal Barrier Resource System areas, of which a portion of No Name Key — not the entire island — is included.

Congress enacted the Coastal Barrier Resources Act in 1982 to protect coastal habitats, while in 2001 the county created a coastal barrier overlay district prohibiting utilities in such areas.

"All the county wants to

do here is carry out its duties under its [comprehensive] plan. Our regulation of the CBR, of growth management, does not conflict with your authority with respect to utilities," Wright told the PSC.

Commissioners were clear they believe jurisdiction over electrifying the island lies with them, and voted unanimously on that issue. It was also apparent how several commissioners felt regarding electrifying the island during Putney's comments to the board.

Putney has been the most vocal against commercial electricity, and is in the minority in that regard. She told the PSC she lives comfortably on solar power and argued "the uniqueness of No Name Key should continue to be respected."

Commissioner Eduardo Balbis noted that Putney has

the right to "remain off the grid." He also raised concerns about the environmental impacts of all the batteries, generators and diesel fuel being used to power many homes on the island.

Putney responded that bringing electricity changes the character of the island.

"You can't say with a sense of pride that you live in a solar home," she said. "I don't live with the pollution that is being described. Using a diesel generator is something they're doing by choice. For far less money, you could live in a solar only home like I do and be comfortable."

Commissioner Art Graham noted that whether or not there are utilities now, residents had no "knowledge it would always be off the grid."

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EDITORIAL

Lawmakers get some things right

Now the devil's in details for how to implement some of the legislation fairly

State lawmakers fumbled the Miami Dolphins' quest for public money to renovate Sun Life Stadium, along with other worthy issues. But lawmakers did score in other areas. The play by play:

- High-school students will be able to choose from two types of diplomas to pursue, one for college-bound teens and another for those seeking the skills to land successfully in the job market after high-school graduation.

In a perfect world, every student would have a clear and unwavering vision of his or her professional life, choose their diplomas accordingly, graduate and live happily ever after. But let's get real. It's now up to school districts to ensure that the two-track diplomas not become a way to automatically divert low-income and minority kids from an academic pursuit. It has happened before.

Plus, there must be flexibility — how many students really know what they want to do with their lives in their sophomore year?

- Presumably embarrassed into action, lawmakers expanded the restrictive number of early-voting sites and mandated eight days of early voting for eight hours each day.

The legislation allows counties to expand early voting to 14 days for 12 hours each day, including the Sunday before election. The legislation's flexibility is a welcome addition. The vulnerability to local political manipulation, however, is not.

With the majority of elections supervisors in the state elected into office, there remains the chance that any one of them could decide to open — or not open — early-voting sites in certain areas of town in order to skew the election results. We've seen this before, and voting-rights advocates will have to be vigilant.

- Texting while driving just got even more ill advised.

Lawmakers are cracking down on an irresponsible and dangerous activity. Their legislation makes texting while driving a secondary offense. This means that a law-enforcement officer has to see another violation, like speeding or an expired tag, in order to stop a driver for typing or reading text messages. The driver then gets two tickets, one for the original offense and one for texting.

Though this is a step in the right direction, lawmakers didn't see fit to ban drivers under 18 from talking or texting on cell phones and other wireless devices.

- And why didn't lawmakers have the decency and sense of duty to better protect vulnerable residents in assisted-living facilities? They rejected — again — stronger oversight measures. They gave in to the ALF lobby at the expense of frail seniors. Shameful.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decisions already made

I would like the elected Marathon City Council members to remember what is one of the first lines at the city's website: "Our city government's commitment is to protect our natural treasures...."

Crane Point Hammock and Nature Center is a 63-acre area that was deemed protected in 1974. A zip line on this parcel is not up for discussion or a vote; it is protected.

What a slap in the face it was at the May 6 Planning Commission meeting to see how plans for a zip line are all tied up in a bow. Many people came to that meeting in hopes to be heard as to why this is a ludicrous idea.

I say that the City Council is out of order and should not be able to vote on this if in fact the members have already decided to vote yes on this issue.

Karen Nielsen
Marathon

Editor's note: The City Council on Tuesday was expected to vote whether to give Crane Point a conditional-use permit and height variance for the zip line.

Stop the distortions

Ever notice how the mainstream press calls for and directs organized cheering for the Obama Administration? The cheerleader does so by deliberately choosing its words to convey support, present government policies positively and enhance the administration's public stature with the intent to influence popular opinion.

Yes, any good public relations firm would do the same; is this what we expect from a free press that is supposed to be our watchdog? The First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press...." Pardon me for believing the press should know this. So why are they abridging so freely?

It is a mission that started 100 years ago with the presidencies of Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, FDR, Lyndon Johnson, Jimmy Carter and culminating with Barack Obama. We have been indoctrinated for so long and so

slowly with socialistic beliefs, we now believe that is what our country is about.

Is it any wonder there is little public outrage over a budget-less government, out-of-control spending, crippling debt, erosion of personal freedom and liberty, a bureaucracy that makes laws through regulations without congressional oversight, and the coup d'etat, Obamacare. "We have to pass the bill so we that can find out what is in it," Nancy Pelosi said.

Words have meaning. They are tools. Why else would the Democratic Party and its supporters choose words like progressive, tolerance, correctness, liberal, pro-choice, tax loophole, government investment, assault weapon, racism and marriage as a gay right, just to name a few? They desire to reframe the discussion. I get it. What I don't get is why our press and Republican representatives allow them to get away with the distortion.

Why is it when a company takes an allowable deduction for a corporate jet, it's a tax loophole and a tax deduction when a homeowner deducts mortgage interest? Why is pro-choice perceived as freedom even though it is the taking of another's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? When the government spends money, it's called an investment even though it is the taxpayer (from whom the money has been confiscated) who takes all the risk?

Why is tolerance desired even when many act and behave in intolerable ways that need to be called out for what it is? Why does PC presume any other view is incorrect even when it is a euphemistic BS? "Assault" weapon: Really?

It is time to demand straight talk without the hyperbole.

Jim Pettorini
Key Colony Beach

More shenanigans

Well, another month, another revelation within the Key Largo Volunteer Fire-Rescue Department.

Regarding the purchase of the new fire trucks and equipment, Chief Sergio Garcia sent an e-mail to the builder for \$10,000 of additional, over-budget changes, unapproved by the Key Largo

Fire-Rescue and Emergency Medical Services District, which by statute must approve all funding.

In another request, he ordered \$2,600 more than had been approved on a separate purchase order. The rules are very clear. Expenditures can't exceed \$2,500 without district approval. The change order, with two invoices of \$1,302 each, designed to circumvent the district, was dated and signed April 2, after the vote for terminating the department and in a period when the district was supposed to go to mediation to correct these types of problems.

Are we supposed to agree to more promises from someone behaving like this?

Let me make one thing clear. The combat firefighters at the department are some of the best you will find. They do an outstanding job. We all know that. The community knows that. This is not about them.

Also, I cannot express enough my admiration for my fellow commissioners that have voted with me for no-cause termination. They are not posturing for a future election or attempting to curry political favor — just the opposite, they are following a course they know is right and if that's political suicide, so be it. Their courage to stand up against the tyranny of a lack of ethics and morality is exactly what the firefighters, the community and the taxpayers need.

The shame should be on those that want to continue with this abject failure of department leadership. The juvenile dialogue, the threats and intimidations from their leaders are where the shame lies. Our community deserves better.

There are more than two dozen applicants for this new chapter in the continuing tradition of the Key Largo Volunteer Fire-Rescue Department. We look forward to working with all of these fine men and women with uninterrupted service in a better department, a better place to work.

To borrow a quote: If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

Bob Thomas
Fire commissioner
Key Largo

GUEST COLUMN

Too little, too late from SHARK board

In light of the events of this past month, I have a few things to say. I could not have been more proud to be part of Safe Harbor Animal Rescue of the Keys.

This was not only because of the board of directors that leant their names to this organization, but mainly for the animals that were brought into my life and the community I was fortunate enough to live in.

I posted only one comment this past month on the SHARK Facebook page and it was only to state that the animals have always had top-notch veterinary care. I didn't post anything negative under my name or that of an alias. I had not one unkind word to say about anyone involved with this group. The comments that are posted are from concerned citizens — adopters, community members and friends.

I am humbled by the outpouring of support shown by former employees, adopters and community members. I hold no ill feelings for the board deciding they did not want me as part of their group. I only hold ill feelings at the way it was brought on, a bit underhandedly in my opinion. I also hold ill feelings for the publicity that they are putting out there in regards to the state of the Marathon animal shelter.



BENTLEY

That shelter never received one unkind word about its cleanliness for as long as SHARK has held the contract, however the animals' welfare and socialization was always more important than the trimming of a tree. I hold the most ill feelings not for any of these things or because of the people involved, but because as always, it's about the animals and I was given no time or opportunity by this board to say goodbye to the animals that I've loved as my own.

I do have to add one negative thing about this board of directors and this will be my one and only negative comment. In the almost two years that SHARK held the contract, I never had one of them inside the shelter doors doing any sort of cleaning, and now it's the lot of them "chipping in"? They showed up almost two years later, bringing false accusations that they didn't even take the time to investigate.

I founded this nonprofit, handled the paperwork for all permitting, licensing and insurance requirements, and never had any interest shown by them in

helping with the day-to-day operations.

I would like all of these people to keep in mind that from the last part of 2010 through part of 2011, I was doing the work that their entire employee base and board are doing now, and I did it on a daily basis on my own. That includes animal control 24/7, cleaning and sanitizing the shelter, vaccinations, IV fluids and testing.

Most days I left in tears out of complete exhaustion only to arrive home to work on the paperwork for a new 501(c)3. Each day I left thinking I could not possibly go on, but each morning I woke up and did it again because of the animals.

Of course, over this past month, the saying that everything happens for a reason has come up on many occasions. Each day I search for that reason, for I am left without the one thing I love more than anything else and that is to help animals in need.

Katie Bentley is the former director of Safe Harbor Animal Rescue of the Keys, which operates the Marathon animal shelter. In April, the SHARK board gave her the opportunity to resign or be fired; she resigned.

Letters to the Editor

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Coastal rule change?

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A rule change could allow residents of some environmentally sensitive areas to connect to utility systems, a consultant reports to the Monroe County Commission today in Key Largo.

The report by Keith and Schnars on county rules covering lands within the federal Coastal Barrier Resource System suggests that the vast majority of affected property is designated as Tier 1 (environmentally sensitive), which "has proved to be effective in limiting development."

Given that, consultants conclude, language in the county land-use plan could be changed from "prohibiting" some permits in Coastal Barrier areas to "discouraging" them.

The change would allow a handful of residents in places like North Key Largo to connect

to a sewer system, "which provides a benefit to the natural environment without inducing development," the report says.

A rule change also could affect No Name Key residents seeking to link to the commercial power grid (story, 1A).

In general, utilities can use public rights of way to install a central system or power lines. But in Coastal Barrier areas, the county currently prohibits itself from issuing permits in such areas.

The protective Tier 1 designation applies to 98.4 percent of the 3,492 privately owned undeveloped acres in the unincorporated county's Coastal Barrier system, the consultants note.

County Growth Management staff recommends adopting a phased plan recommended by Keith and Schnars to make the rule changes. The discussion is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center at

mile marker 102.

In other items on today's agenda, commissioners:

- Proclaim Friday as Domingo Rosillo del Toro Day, honoring the 100th anniversary of the pioneer aviator's flight from Key West to Havana, then the longest airplane trip ever made over open water. A bronze bust of Rosillo del Toro will be unveiled Friday at Key West International Airport.

- Hear a 10:15 a.m. report from a marine scientist with the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust on the economic value of the recreational flats fishery to Monroe County.

- Hold the first hearing on sewage-connection costs for homes and businesses in the Cudjoe Regional system. Upfront costs will be \$4,500. Residents in the various Cudjoe Regional networks also can pay varying annual costs with their tax bill over 20 years to finance the fee.

KEYS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Salary report: Gueverra No. 27

He and Scales say it's not a big deal

By SEAN KINNEY
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The president of Florida Keys Community College receives the second-lowest salary among the state's 28 community college presidents but he and a college board member say don't read too much into it.

Monday, the Florida Office of the Chief Inspector General released a report detailing the presidential salaries, a report requested by Gov. Rick Scott. FKCC President Jonathan Gueverra comes in at \$198,492, including benefits.

FKCC has the lowest enrollment in the state — 900 students in fall 2012 — according to the detailed report.

The lowest salary goes to

North Florida Community College President John Grosskopf, who earns \$143,866; he leads an institution with 907 full-time students. The highest salary goes to Miami-Dade College President Eduardo Padron, who earns \$630,157 annually for overseeing the largest college network in the country with more than 58,000 full-time students.

"If you go just by size your always not attracting the best talent," Gueverra said. "I would argue that, in fact, at a smaller institution the president is more overworked than the one at the larger institution because you don't have multiple levels beneath you to help with some of the day-to-day stuff that has to happen. If Florida wants to remain a leader in education, we're going to have to compete at a national level for talent."

Gueverra took over from then-President Larry Tyree last July 1. He had been chief

executive officer of the Community College of the District of Columbia.

College trustee Ed Scales, a Key West attorney, said that when the board was contemplating Gueverra's contract, it decided against tying pay to performance goals like growing enrollment and fundraising.

"One problem identified with specific direct contractual incentives was the fear that identifying specific goals would cause those goals to overshadow other college priorities," Scales said.

"Another problem with direct contractual incentives has to do with the size of FKCC's overall budget. We simply would not have had the funds to pay a bonus."

"Performance pay just doesn't translate to education," Gueverra agreed. "Every institution is different. We're always fighting an uphill battle ... to motivate our students so that they're successful."

Business

REAL ESTATE

Pier House Resort sells for \$90 million

Dallas firms buy, manage Key West resort

By SEAN KINNEY
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After months of speculation, the owners of the Pier House Resort and Caribbean Spa in Key West say they're selling the resort at 1 Duval St. for \$90 million to Ashford Hospitality Trust of Dallas, Texas.

In turn, Ashford has retained Remington Lodging, also based in Dallas, to manage the 142-room resort, according to a statement from Pier House Joint Venture, the Cleveland, Ohio, company that is sell-

ing the six-acre property.

In Key West, Ashford also owns the 170-room Crowne Plaza La Concha, 430 Duval St., which Remington manages. Remington also manages the Southernmost House at 1400 Duval and the Inn at Key West, 3420 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

Monday, the property's restaurant and bars were closed for inventory and set to reopen Tuesday, according to staff members.

Judson Smith, president of Pier House Joint Venture, said he's "delighted" with the agreement, calling Ashford a "high-quality, hospitality-focused buyer, which will result in the Pier House continuing as a premier resort destination."

The Pier House has a private pool, beach, spa, fitness

center and convention space, all on six acres of prime Old Town real estate. It's actually made up of four separate properties, three used for parking.

Overall, the tax assessment is \$21 million, but real estate almost always is assessed far lower than its market value. The resort was renovated in 2008 at a cost of about \$12 million. Given the sale price and number of rooms, the payment equates to \$634,000 per room.

According to a statement from Ashford, the Pier House in 2012 had an occupancy rate of 83 percent with an average daily rate of \$333.

Ashford chairman and Chief Executive Officer Monty Bennett identified Monroe County's and Key West's elaborate rate-of-

growth ordinances, which tie development and redevelopment to hurricane evacuation clearance times, as making Key West a difficult market to enter.

"Key West has not seen any new competitive supply in the last 17 years given that the rate-of-growth ordinance presently sets extremely high barriers to any new hotel development in Monroe County," Bennett said.

Entrepreneur David Wolowsky built the hotel in 1968.

CRUISE DONATION



Officers and crew from Royal Caribbean's 'Majesty of the Sea' tour the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's residential facilities during a recent port call, visiting with individuals and families recovering from homelessness. The crew presented the coalition, represented here by President Stephen Braddock, a \$3,000 check, continuing a donation roll begun 10 years ago.

AGRICULTURE

Disease ravaging Florida citrus groves

Growers say real threat to \$9B industry

By LIZETTE ALVAREZ
New York Times

Florida's citrus industry is grappling with the most serious threat in its history: A bacterial disease with no cure that has infected all 32 of the state's citrus-growing counties.

Although the disease, citrus greening, was first spotted in Florida in 2005, this year's losses from it are by far the most extensive. While the bacteria, which causes fruit to turn bitter and drop from the trees when still unripe, affects all citrus fruits, it has been most devastating to oranges, the largest crop.

So many have been affected that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has downgraded its crop estimates five months in a row, an extraordinary move, analysts said.

With the harvest not yet over, orange production has already decreased 10 percent from the initial estimate, a major swing, they said.

"The long and short of it is that the industry that made Florida, that is synonymous with Florida, that is a staple on every American breakfast table, is totally threatened," said Sen. Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat who helped obtain \$11 million in federal money for research to fight the disease. "If we don't find a cure, it will eliminate

the citrus industry."

The relentless migration of the disease from South Florida to North Florida — and beyond — has deepened concerns this year among orange juice processors, investors, growers and lawmakers. Florida is the second-largest producer of orange juice in the world, behind Brazil, and the state's \$9 billion citrus industry is a major economic force, contributing 76,000 jobs.

The industry, lashed over the years by canker disease, hard freezes and multiple hurricanes, is no stranger to hardship. But citrus greening is by far the most worrisome.

The disease, which can lie dormant for two to five years, is spread by an insect no larger than the head of a pin, the Asian citrus psyllid. It snags on citrus trees, depositing bacteria that gradually starves trees of nutrients. Psyllids fly from tree to tree, leaving a trail of infection.

Concerted efforts by growers and millions of dollars spent on research to fight the disease have so far failed, growers and scientists said. The situation was worsened this season by an unusual weather pattern, including a dry winter, growers said.

'Biggest threat'

"We have got a real big problem," said Vic Story, a lifelong citrus grower and the head of The Story Companies, which owns 2,000 acres of groves in Central Florida and manages an additional 3,000 acres, all of which are affected

at varying levels. "It's definitely the biggest threat in my lifetime, and I'm 68. This is a tree killer."

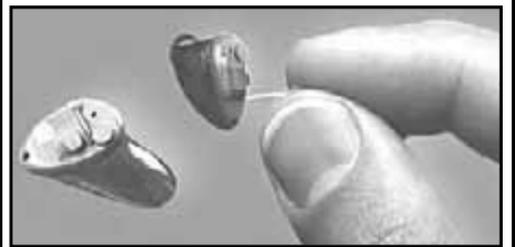
Before this year, the losses and increased costs of fighting the disease had already taken a toll on Florida's citrus industry, which has been in decline for 15 years. In a 2012 report, University of Florida agricultural analysts concluded that between 2006 and 2012, citrus greening cost Florida's economy \$4.5 billion and 8,000 jobs.

Some orange packers and small and midsize growers have sold their groves, razed them for development, or simply abandoned them. Others have postponed replanting lost trees, which take five years to mature, until they know whether a cure will be found. Many more, including the largest growers, are doing what they can to survive; they say they are optimistic they can hold on long enough for researchers to find a treatment.

"This year was a real kick in the gut," said Adam Putnam, Florida's agriculture commissioner whose family owns citrus groves. "It is now everywhere, and it's just as bad as the doomsayers said it would be."

But there was good news this week, too. Coca-Cola announced it would spend \$2 billion to plant 25,000 acres of new orange groves. The company, which owns Minute Maid and the Simply juice brands, will buy fruit from two growers in Florida — one local and the other a Brazilian company that has invested in the state.

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COMMERCIAL FISHING

A welcome goodbye to stone-crab season

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The closure of stone-crab season today may be barely noticed by the Florida Keys commercial fleet.

With costs of making a trip to pull traps often higher than the value of claws harvested, many Monroe County stone-crabbers gave up on the poor season months ago.

The seven-month season was only weeks old when Gary Graves of Marathon's Keys Fisheries described a harvest "as bad as I can remember during my 45 years in the business.... It's just bleak."

It never improved, Rick Hill of Key Largo Fisheries said Tuesday.

Fishermen count on cold weather to lure stone crabs into traps, Hill said.

"But we never had a winter," he said. "It went from

fall to summer. The first cold front didn't hit until March."

For unknown reasons, it has been a banner season for octopus, a predator of stone crabs in the Keys and all along the state's Gulf of Mexico coast. "When the octopus season went ballistic, the crabs either got attacked or dug themselves in," Hill said.

Last season, Monroe County produced about 1.1 million pounds of legal-size claws, accounting for a large portion of Florida's total 2.67 million-pound harvest worth an estimated \$23.6 million to the commercial fleet.

Harvest numbers were largely similar in 2011. Final numbers for the season ending today will not be known for several weeks.

About 1,000 people statewide are licensed to fish traps for stone crabs. Only the claws are kept.

CRIME FRONT

Turtle taking lands man in jail

Keynoter Staff

A Miami man faces felony charges for allegedly killing a green sea turtle Saturday at Curry Hammock State Park near Marathon.

Witnesses told Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Lt. David McDaniel they saw Victor Martin Alvarez, 49, pick up the small turtle from the beach and place it in his cooler about 1:45 p.m. The witnesses said the turtle was alive when Alvarez put it in his cooler.

McDaniel found Alvarez in the oceanside park sitting by the shoreline next to the cooler. Alvarez admitted he killed the turtle, said Officer Robert Dube, an FWC spokesman. Dube said he did not know how old the turtle was.

McDaniel arrested Alvarez and seized his cooler and the turtle as evidence. Alvarez was taken to the Key West jail on \$50,000 bond.

Sea turtles are federally protected under the Marine Turtle Protection Act.

This is the second time in a less than two months a protected sea turtle was killed and an arrest made in the Keys.

On March 22, two men were charged with butchering a loggerhead sea turtle off



Photo by DAVID GROSS



Photo courtesy FWC

Above is the turtle Victor Alvarez reportedly snatched from the beach while it was alive. In contrast to the people arrested for harvesting federally protected sea turtles, FWC Officer Scott LaRosa (left) on May 7 lifts a struggling 125-pound loggerhead from water off Islamorada.

Key West.

FWC Officer Jimmy Johnson and Lt. Roy Payne discovered the gruesome catch while conducting a plainclothes operation in the area of the Stock Island Lobster Co.

Charged with felony possession of a marine sea turtle are Alejandro Alvarez, 63, of Miami, and Israel Bonochea Ruiz, 29, of Key West.

The two cases stand in contrast to two recent turtle rescues.

On May 7, FWC Officer Scott LaRosa rescued a 125-

pound loggerhead turtle oceanside of Snake Creek in Islamorada at mile marker 86. The turtle couldn't dive under water or go sub-surface for any length of time and was called in to the FWC by a concerned boater. The animal was brought to shore and transported to the Turtle Hospital in Marathon.

The same day, a tagged juvenile loggerhead that traveled some 2,000 miles on ocean currents was expected to make a full recovery after being rescued off the Keys.

Charley had been nurtured

from a hatchling as part of a sea turtle headstart program between Jorge Tadeo Lozano University in Colombia and Mundo Marino Aquarium in Argentina. He was released June 8 off Santa Marta, Colombia.

A fisherman found him floating in sargasso weed off the Middle Keys with a ball of barnacles trailing from him.

"We rescue two and they take two," Dube said.

This report was supplemented by material from the Associated Press.

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KEY LARGO

Residents fight sewer clause

By **DAVID GOODHUE**
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Residents of the Coral Coast subdivision in Key Largo are angry they are being asked to sign a contract indemnifying the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District from liability resulting from a proposed on-site sewage system.

The district informed the

owners of the neighborhood's 15 units that it was going to build a low-pressure wastewater collection system on the subdivision's right of way last year. Then, in January, the district brought forward a new agreement that includes a so-called hold-harmless clause.

That prompted neighborhood residents to hire an attorney, Nicholas Mulick, to

try to persuade the district to remove the clause.

The district wants to install the system, which includes grinder pumps on individual properties, because the mile marker 97 neighborhood is too far away from a vacuum pump connecting to the main system.

The alternative would be for the neighborhood to build its own treatment system, which would cost residents much more money. Building their own treatment system would be so expensive for residents that District General Manager Margaret Blank called the grinder pumps "a gift."

Rate-payers with grinder pumps are assessed about \$9,000 — about \$3,000 more than regular rate-payers. But paying to build their own system could cost them anywhere from \$15,000 to \$35,000 each.

If the district paid for the system and grinder pumps, Blank and the district's lawyer, Ray Giglio, said other Key Largo rate-payers would be subsidizing Coral Coast residents and owners of the other nearly 140 "special properties" in Key Largo that cannot

connect to the main system.

Therefore, Blank and Giglio said it should not be considered unreasonable for the district to seek assurance against being sued.

"When we give you something, don't bite the hand that feeds you," Giglio said.

Blank said she got a second opinion from Douglas Manson, a Tampa attorney who counsels the district on certain matters. She said Manson told her that since the system will be built on Coral Coast's easement, "you absolutely have to have a hold-harmless agreement."

Giglio tried to assure Coral Coast residents that if workers damage something on their property, the district or the company contracted to do the work would pay for repairs. But Mulick said the district is asking too much from the special property owners.

"What is so wrong with saying I am responsible for my own actions, and you are responsible for your own actions," Mulick asked the commissioners.

The issue will be discussed again at the commissioners' next meeting on May 27.

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6:30-8:00 33 Years Duo
8:00-9:30 Megan Conner, Brian White, Ben Caver, Karyn Williams

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6:30-8:00 Jer Gregg, Stephen Salyers, Melody Guy
8:00-9:30 Gary Phillips, Jim Halfpenny, JJ Crowne
9:30-11:00 Saints of Havana

Cactus Jack's - MM 104 Bayside
6:30-8:00 Megan Conner, Brian White, Ben Caver, Karyn Williams
8:00-9:30 Jer Gregg, Stephen Salyers, Melody Guy
9:30-11:00 The Sandbox - Late Night Jam Session; Various Musicians

Saturday, May 18

Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill - MM 104.1 Bayside
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2:00-4:00 Melody Guy, Stephen Salyers, Jer Gregg

Senior Frijoles - MM 104 Bayside
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5:00-6:30 Stephen Salyers, Jer Gregg, Dave Feder
6:30-8:00 Jim Halfpenny, Gary Phillips, Taylor Moore
8:00-9:30 Scott Youngberg, Melody Guy, Allan Truesdell, JJ Crowne

Sundowners Restaurant - MM 104 Bayside
2:00-3:30 Tim Dee & Jim Hill, Dennis Garrett
3:30-5:00 Jim Halfpenny, Gary Phillips, Taylor Moore, Allan Truesdell
5:00-6:30 Billy Davidson, Scott Youngberg, Melody Guy
6:30-8:00 Megan Conner, Brian White, Ben Caver, Karyn Williams, Dave Feder
8:00-9:30 Cecilia Lauren and the Ocoee River Band
9:30-11:00 Saints of Havana

Cactus Jack's - MM 104 Bayside
6:30-8:00 Jess Atkins
8:00-9:30 Stephen Salyers, Jer Gregg
9:30-11:00 The Sandbox - Late Night Jam Session Various Musicians

Sunday, May 19

Snapper's Restaurant & Raw Bar - MM 94.5 Oceanside
3:30-4:30 Jim Halfpenny, JJ Crowne, Taylor Moore, Adrienne
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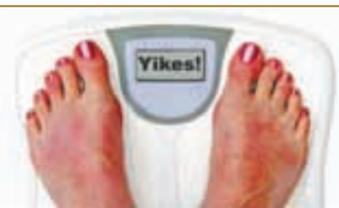
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KEY WEST FOOTBALL

Doc helps on road to college

Loeffler rebuilds injured player for future

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

Roberto Val, a four-year starting defensive end on the Key West High School football team, has been awarded a scholarship to play at George Military College, a junior college in Milledgeville, Ga.

And so on Friday afternoon, a little signing ceremony was planned for Val — not at the high school, where such events are usually held, with the athlete surrounded by administrators as photos are snapped — but at the Professional Building on 12th Street, in the suite of Key West orthopedic surgeon Robert Loeffler.

“He got him back on his feet,” former Conchs coach Jerry Hughes, who coached Val for three seasons, said of Loeffler. Loeffler repaired Val’s knee — he had torn his anterior cruciate ligament — and his shoulder, which was on the verge of dislocation —

within a few months in 2011.

Hughes, in his customary red shirt, and Loeffler, a sturdy man with an athletic bearing, were standing with Conchs trainer Richard Fuentes in a small examining room where soft drinks and sandwiches sat on a table. Val had yet to arrive.

Loeffler is often on the sideline at Conch football games, sometimes watching players on whom he has operated. Those who come to him scared come to rely on him, and bonds beyond doctor-patient relationships are forged.

“I can become their buddy,” he said. “These kids are so appreciative — and they come back to see me. I see a normal patient and I’ll do surgery but I don’t get to later see them playing softball.”

Val, who had delayed a weightlifting session, suddenly appeared with his mother, Marie Therese Val. He wore dark pants and white shirt that matched his smile and accentuated his 220-pound physique. He went straight to Loeffler and shook his hand before turning to say, “I thought my life was over. He got me back.



Photo by BERT BUDDÉ

Flanked by his mother, Marie Therese Val, and former coach Jerry Hughes, Key West High football player Roberto Val signs a letter of intent to attend Georgia Military College. In back are trainer Richard Fuentes and Dr. Robert Loeffler.

He is a very generous man.”

Of Fuentes, his overseer during many grueling rehabilitative honors, he said with a laugh, “He’s my dog.”

Born in Haiti (he and his mother happily chatted with each other in Creole), Val came to Key West when he was 12. “I fell in love with football,” he said.

When he entered his freshman year, he had “the best work ethic of a kid his

age I have ever seen — he was always in the weight room,” Hughes said.

Georgia Military is signing Val on the recommendation of University of Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez, a friend of Hughes who met Val a couple of years ago when he was recruiting Clive Georges, now a player at Arizona. Val hopes to make it to a Division 1 school, but Arizona does not have exclu-

sive rights to him.

Hughes believes Val could be an inside linebacker in college if he gains 10 or more pounds. “PB and Js,” Val said, revealing that he eats up to six peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches a day.

Loeffler said Val is “close to 100 percent,” and he appeared that way during the winter wrestling season, when he went all the way to the state tournament,

Asked if he plans to soon visit the Georgia school, where he will be reunited with former Conch St. Pierre Anilus, Val said that could be too expensive. But Hughes quickly said, “I’m going to take him up.”

How will he cope with being away from home? “I’m grown,” the 18-year-old said. “I’ll be OK.”

“Can you do your own laundry?” Fuentes asked.

“I do everything at home,” answered Val, who, as the man of his household, helps care for his 2 1/2-year-old sister and two brothers who are at KWHS.

Loeffler’s nurses had arrived, and everyone gathered for photos. Hughes turned nostalgic.

“This is my last in more than 30 years as a head coach” he said, thinking of all the players he has sent to college. “I owe this to him. I told him if he stayed straight, I would do what I could for him.”

Following the last photo, the group filed out of the surgeon’s office. As Val, eager to pump more iron, left toward his new world, Loeffler called after him: “Keep in touch. Call me anytime.”

FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS



The tarpon were jumping at Bahia Honda on Monday for the ‘SeaSquared’ crew. They had three tarpon trips and landed a total of 11 tarpon out of 16 hookups.

LOWER KEYS FISHING

Big tourney starts Friday

Dolphin are the targets this weekend

One of the largest dolphin tournaments in the Florida Keys kicks off Friday in the Lower Keys.

Anglers can compete for more than \$35,000 in cash and prizes during the 20th annual Original Big Pine & Lower Keys Dolphin Tournament presented by the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce.

Rick Murphy, host of the Sun Sports television show “Florida Insider Fishing Report,” is to be the guest celebrity host. Murphy plans to fish as well as speak at scheduled functions.

Tournament events are headquartered at the Sugarloaf Key KOA marina, off U.S. 1 at mile marker 20 oceanside.

The angler who catches the tournament’s largest dolphin can take home a guar-

anteed first prize of \$7,500 cash and a trophy. The winning dolphin weighing more than 50 pounds wins an additional \$20,000 for a total of \$27,500.

Second- and third-place winners and the top female angler are to receive cash awards and trophies. Prizes of rods and reels await entrants who catch the heaviest wahoo and tuna.

Awards in the youth division, for anglers age 15 and under, include fishing rods, reels and trophies through third place.

The tournament is set to kick off at 5 p.m. Friday with a welcome from Murphy and a registration party featuring hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar at the Sugarloaf KOA. A mandatory captains meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m.

Angling action commences at 8 a.m. the next two days.

To find out more, call the chamber at 872-2411.

Dolphin in the spotlight now

Yellowtails also providing great action

The dolphin run is in full force.

Typical for May, we’re seeing fewer fish but larger fish, primarily gaffers and slammers. The onslaught of schoolies will begin in a couple of weeks.

Many anglers fishing for dolphin have encountered sailfish, with more than one biting rigged ballyhoo.

The grouper bite on the reef remains very good, with plenty of blacks coming off the deeper edge in 70 to 100 feet of water. There is good action on gags and reds on the patches and the shallow, 35- to 40-foot, areas on the main reef line.

Fishing for yellowtail snapper is excellent. It’s as easy as ... well, just go to your favorite yellowtail spot, use plenty of chum, small hooks and lighter leaders and you should be into a fresh yellowtail dinner in no time at all.

There have been some nice mutton snapper mixed among the yellowtails, and we’re starting to hear of large mangrove snapper in the same areas. To catch the muttons and mangroves, you’ll need slightly heavier tackle and larger hooks and baits than

you’d use for yellowtails.

The wrecks are holding good numbers of permit, amberjack, muttons and large grouper. Use crabs for the permit and live baits for the others.

Tarpon season is at its peak at the bridges and passes. Baits range from mullet to crabs to pinfish. Ask your local tackle shop what’s working in the venue you’re fishing. Mornings and evenings are generally most productive, although you can fish all day long in some places.

The week’s best

Islamorada’s Capt. Greg Poland reports fly fishing on the oceanside has been great. His clients have been fishing 10- to 12-weight rods and a wide variety of flies to catch tarpon in four to six feet of water.

Jim and Margaret, from Ohio, fished with Capt. T.J. Yzenas of Island Lure Charters out of Captain Hook’s in Marathon, with Jim catching his biggest fish ever — a 25-inch yellowtail — followed by a nice-size cobia and even larger amberjack.

Repeat client Fred from Minnesota caught his limit of yellowtails, a kingfish, big AJ, almaco jack, black grouper and released a five-foot spinner shark all in a half day.

Fishing on the *Blue Magic* out of Keys Fisheries in Marathon, Capt. Larry Bell and

mate Alex Bell put Lisa and John Kuhar, from Sebastian, on a dozen dolphin. Plus, they jumped off two sailfish.

Lots of dolphin and tuna came back to the dock at Captain Pip’s Marina in Marathon. Capt. Howard Kelley, Capt. Chris Klimas and mate Donnie Roberts led groups from Annapolis, Md., Atlanta and Rumson, N.J., to some great catches.

The boats out of the 7 Mile Marina in Marathon are also on the dolphin.

Capt. Bob Brown of Sundance Sportfishing had the Freeman family, from Alabama, out and they caught 30 dolphin, with one topping 20 pounds, along with blackfin tuna and they finished off the day trolling up grouper on the shallow reef.

FinnzUp Charters, with Capt. Skip Bradshaw and mate Neil Apley, fished anglers from Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia. They caught dolphin, yellowtail and mangrove snapper and grouper.

Speaking of Klimas, he’s joined the crew of the *SeaSquared*.

We had a few trips to the reef with good catches of grouper, mangrove and yellowtail snapper. But we spent a lot of the week tarpon fishing at Bahia Honda, with at least one landing on each trip. The Sullivan group, from New York and Florida,

set the *SeaSquared* record by landing eight of the nine tarpon they hooked.

Capt. Moe Mottice, of Moe’s Custom Charters in Key West, reports epic dolphin fishing in the blue water. His crew trolled ballyhoo and looked for debris and birds working. Mixed in were wahoo and king mackerel. Inshore, the tarpon continue to eat shrimp trash and live pinfish, with snappers, mackerel and sharks also keeping their anglers busy. And the gulf wrecks are giving up snappers and very large sharks.

Casting contest

Capt. Spider’s Casting for Charity returns Thursday to the 7 Mile Marina/Salty’s Waterfront Grill at mile marker 47 bayside in Marathon. The contest runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and benefits the Marathon High School Maritime Scholarship.

Capt. Chris Johnson is a member of the Yamaha National Fishing Team and specializes in offshore, gulf/bay, reef/wreck, shark and tarpon fishing with SeaSquared Charters out of Captain Pip’s Marina and Hideaway Marathon. You can reach him at 743-5305, http://SeaSquaredCharters.com and http://Facebook.com/MarathonFishing.

ON THE WATER

You gotta regatta

Build a boat, hope it floats during a race

If it’s May, it’s time for the 22nd annual Schooner Wharf Bar Minimal Regatta, set for May 26 in the Key West Bight.

The idea is pretty simple: Build a boat, then race it. But therein lies some trouble.

Each team (up to six members) must build a boat seaworthy enough to stay afloat for the entire race. The catch — the boats are made of plywood, fasteners, duct tape and 2-by-4s.

Following is what you need to know:

- One sheet of plywood 4 feet by 8 feet by a quarter inch.
- Two 2-by-4s 8 feet long.

- One pound of fasteners.
- One roll of 2-inch-by-60-yard duct tape.
- No caulking or adhesives — epoxy paint is permitted.
- Painting of boats is optional.

Oars or paddles must be made out of these materials.

Construction kits can be bought at Manley de Boer Lumber, 1109 Eaton St.

There are two race categories, kayak/canoe design and open design. Competitors will win prizes in each design group for fastest, most creative, best paint job, best costumed entry, sportsmanship and “sinker.”

Each team will receive five commemorative T-shirts and one Corona or Corona Light per team member. Cost to enter is \$20 per team.

To find out more, go to www.SchoonerWharf.com.

ON THE WATER

Re-up on your boating skills

Safety Week a good time for refreshers

National Safe Boating Week starts Saturday, and is groups ranging from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Sea Tow Foundation say it's a perfect time to refresh your skills so you don't get hurt out on the water.

The goal is to raise public awareness about the importance of following safe boating practices while on the water, including life-jacket use.

Following are just some of the precautions to take:

- While children under age 13 are required to wear life jackets while boating, everyone is better protected when wearing one. New options such as inflatable belt packs and lightweight vests are cooler and more comfortable than life jackets of the past.

- Although many boaters rely on cell phones, cover-



This is a U.S. Coast Guard boat. Obviously, the conditions they're in aren't the best way to stay safe but if they're out in this, it likely means they're off to a rescue.

age can be spotty or nonexistent on the water. A VHF radio allows boaters to broadcast a call for help to the Coast Guard and anyone else in the area monitoring Channel 16.

Before taking your boat

out, perform a radio check to make sure your VHF is operational.

- Boater education classes offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary offer something for everyone, even experienced boaters.

With safety requirements changing frequently, these courses can help ensure you are up to date.

Plus, boaters who complete a boating safety class may be eligible for a discount on their boat owner's insurance. In the Keys, there are several auxiliary chapters.

- The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons offer free vessel safety checks to help get boaters ready. They provide a checklist of everything you need to have on board, from an anchor to a fire extinguisher, to be safe and legal on the water.

- Designate a sober skipper.

Boat operators need to be clear-headed and able to make quick decisions when operating a vessel. Drinking alcohol or taking drugs — even some prescription and over-the-counter medicines — decreases reaction time and the ability to think clearly.

CAR SHOW SUNDAY



The Florida Keys Southernmost Car Club holds its next monthly car show Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sugarloaf Lodge, mile marker 17. It's for lovers of classic, custom and street rod automobiles of all years and makes. Admission is free. Food is available at the tiki bar.

JUST MARRIED



Lauren Michele Miller and Ryan Travis Hooper of Orlando married Nov. 3 at Sunset Park in Key Colony Beach. The bride is the daughter of Charles and Leslie Miller of Marathon. The groom is the son of James Hooper of Sykesville and Martha Hooper of Goose Creek, S.C. The bride graduated Marathon High School and the University of Florida and works for Marriott International. The groom attended the University of Maryland and works for Club Corp.

BIG PINE KEY

'Biggest Loser' gets Keys take

The program includes prizes for most lost

Big Pine Key resident Susan Knowles, a wellness coach, has launched her version of "The Biggest Loser" with the Big Pine Key Area Weight Loss Challenge.

The 12-week nonprofit course offers tips on nutrition and exercise, along with the flair of competition. Participants will weigh in each week, and the three with the highest percentage of weight loss at the end of the program will split most of the participant fees collected. It's based on percentage, which makes it an equal competition for men and women.

Participants can use any weight-loss program they'd

like, whether it's Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers, Herbalife or a customized plan.

Cost is \$35 for the 12 weeks. Of that, \$25 will go to the three winners and the other \$10 will be donated to the Big Pine Academy charter school. Failure to weigh in during any given week costs you \$2. There's also a dollar-a-pound fee for weight gained in any given week. Those fees will be added to the cash payout.

The Big Pine Key Area Weight Loss Challenge begins Thursday at 7 p.m. at St Peter Catholic Church on Big Pine Key. To register or for more information, call Knowles at 240-2483.

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BIG SWEEP



Twenty-two volunteers managed a massive cleanup drive on Earth Day, with the results seen in bags of trash ready to be hauled away. Carrie Babich, director of sales and marketing at the Southernmost Hotel Collection, said the Key West effort engaged staff from the Southernmost group, joined by volunteers from the Casa Marina, Avalon House and Reef Relief. The cleanup covered from the Southernmost Point to the Casa Marina and Duval Street to Truman Avenue.

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Take Stock graduates 52

Ceremony scheduled for June 1

Florida Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett will be the speaker at the 13th annual Take Stock in Children graduation ceremony on June 1. Fifty-two graduates of the mentoring and scholarship program will be honored. They've completed contracts signed in seventh grade that in exchange for maintaining good grads, staying drug- and alcohol-free and participating in community service, they get full

four-year college scholarships. John Padget, president of the Monroe County Education Foundation, said that "collectively, members of the Class of 2013 are receiving four year tuition- and fee-paid scholarships worth \$1,716,000 at today's prices." Take Stock graduates from across Monroe County will come together to celebrate their accomplishments in a single ceremony June 1 at Marathon High School. The procession- al begins at 11:30 a.m. and a reception follows. There are 250 active Take Stock students in 12 different schools.

LIVING BRIEFS

Child-seat safety on tap Saturday

The Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition on Saturday stages a workshop where parents of young children can learn how to properly use child safety seats. The coalition says more than 1 million children die each year from injuries that could have been prevented. Millions more suffer injuries that can affect them for the rest of their life. Saturday's session runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gato Building on Simonton Street in Key West. Child passenger safety technicians will be available to help parents properly install children's car seats, inspect previously installed seats and answer child passenger safety questions. If you need a car seat, an appointment takes about 30 minutes and help is avail-

able on a first-come, first-serve basis. New car seats will be available for Keys families as needed with a \$25 donation. To find out more, call 293-8424.

Literacy tutors get free training

The Literacy Volunteers of America-Monroe County has training for volunteer tutors in its English as a Second Language program set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the group's Key West office, 1400 United St. Building 100. You don't need to know another language to be a tutor and training is free. Each new tutor gets to choose his or her students or students. The textbook "I Speak English" should be picked up prior to the training. To register or for more information call 304-0578 or send an e-mail to info@lva-monroe.org.

Switlik: Please donate books

Stanley Switlik Elementary School in Marathon is looking for "gently used" children's books to be donated to the school Media Center, where they will be recycled and put out for students to select from during the last weeks of school. Call Sarah Morton at 289-2490, Ext. 59360 to find out more.

Shelter fashion show is Friday

The Monroe County Domestic Abuse Shelter hosts Peace, Love and Palm Trees, a fundraising fashion show, at 6 p.m. Friday at the Islander Resort Conference Center in Islamorada. It's emceed by Capt. Skip Bradeen with music by Freddy Perez. Tickets are \$20; VIP tickets for \$75

include preferred seating and two drinks. To get tickets, call the shelter at 743-5452 or go to Domestic Dignity on Facebook. Clothes being modeled come from the Blue Boutique and Tommy Bahama at Cheeca Lodge. In the last fiscal year, the shelter served 850 clients from Key Largo to Key West. Services include emergency stays, counseling, a 24-hour hotline and the development of safety plans.

Elks lodge hosts Thursday dinner

Marathon Elks Lodge 2139 will host a gourmet dinner prepared by students in the Marathon High School Culinary Program starting at 6 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the lodge, 82nd Street ocean. For more information, call Rose at 289-0417.

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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IN RE: ESTATE OF **MARTHA ANN WOISCHWILL** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **MARTHA ANN WOISCHWILL**, deceased, whose date of death was **February 13, 2013**, and whose social security number is **xxx-xx-6338**, 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 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 15, 2013.

Personal Representative: **JAMES CRAIG WOISCHWILL 8660 S.W. 161 Terrace Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157**

Attorney for Personal Representative: **DAVID MANGIERO, ESQ. E-Mail Address: david@ppmpalaw.com Florida Bar No. 818119 PALMER, PALMER & MANGIERO 12790 S. Dixie Highway Miami, Florida 33156 Telephone: (305) 378-0011**

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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR18 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR18, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 Plaintiff,

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vs.

JESUS A. RUIDIAZ; CARIDAD RUIDIAZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.; REGIONS BANK; ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B.; UNKNOW 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 5 2013, and entered in Case No. 44-2009-CA-000856-p, of the Circuit Court of the 16th Judicial Circuit in and for MONROE County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR18 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR18, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 is Plaintiff and JESUS A. RUIDIAZ; CARIDAD RUIDIAZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B.; REGIONS BANK; ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B.; 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 33040, at 11:00 a.m., on the 30th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5 BLOCK 1, BLUE WATER TRAILER VILLAGE SECTION I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 AT PAGE 104 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND SITUATED THERETO, UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE CASE NO. 44-2009-CA-000856-P

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 11th day of March, 2013.

AMY HEAVILIN As Clerk of said Court

By LAURA VORHES As Deputy Clerk

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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 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com File No. 09-22621 OWB

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