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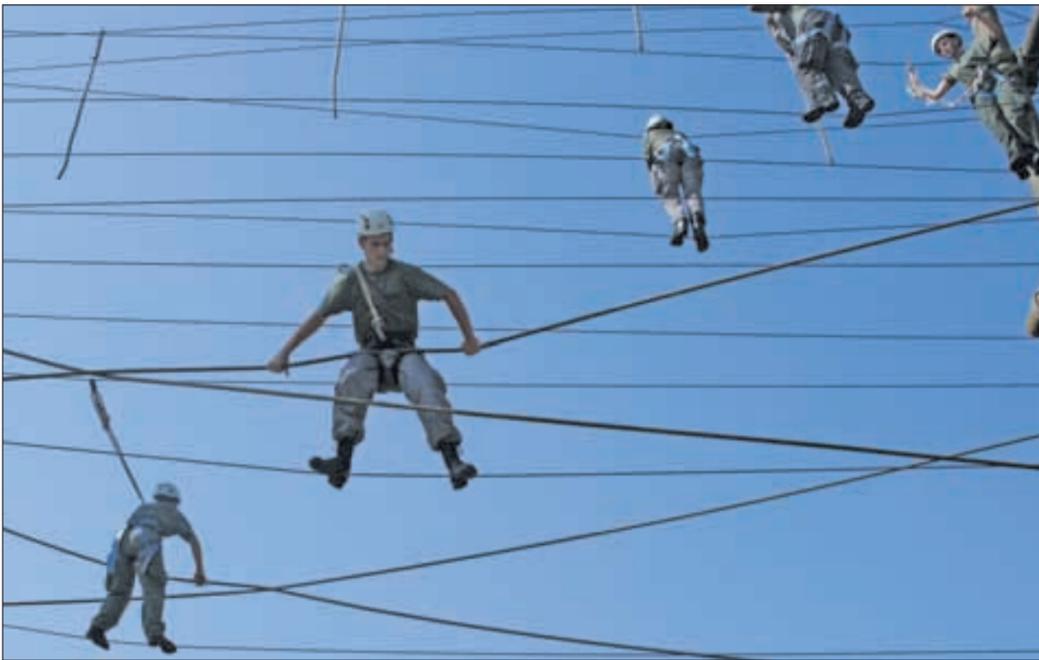


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Explorers with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and their advisors go through one of their drills during a recent boot camp in Ocala, where Florida sheriff's explorers go to train. The Sheriff's Office says boot camp is 'intense, physical and [teaches] teamwork and military precision.' For information about to how join the Explorers, call 292-7000.

**KEYS ENVIRONMENT**

# State to relax lionfish rules

The goal is more reduction in population

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A temporary state rule declaring open season on lionfish may become permanent as a measure to keep the invasive species from becoming permanent Florida residents.

"We applaud the state for this effort," said Lad Akins, one of Florida's most experienced lionfish catchers.

"It makes it easier for people to go out and take part in lionfish removals, so it's definitely a step in the right direction," Akins, special projects director at the Reef Environmental Education Foundation in Key Largo, said this week.

When the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation



Lionfish are considered the super villains of the reef because of their voracious appetites and because they have no known predators.

Commission meets Tuesday through Thursday in Lakeland, the state's fishery managers are expected to take a final vote on "eliminating the requirement for a

recreational fishing license when targeting the nonnative, invasive lionfish with certain [dive] gear, and not imposing recreational or commercial limits on har-

vesting." An executive order allowing divers and snorkelers to use catch

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**ENVIRONMENT**

# Sanctuary updates near completion

Proposed rules up for final look this week

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Two of three panels working on updating rules for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary aim to finish their proposals at open meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.

Members of the Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection Working Group and the Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration Working Group seek to complete their reports for presentation at the July 9 meeting of full Sanctuary Advisory Council.

The Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection panel meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Marathon Garden Club to go over its 61-page draft report on potential zone changes at nearshore islands, channels and fishing grounds.

"Nothing that's been said, done or drawn on a map is not

on the [sanctuary] website," working group leader Jack Curlett said Tuesday. "The beautiful thing about this whole process has been the transparency."

The initial habitat-protection report, subject to change, notes some flats near existing management areas, like Rodriguez Key and Tavernier Key, have turned into "party zones" for boaters. "The 'social gathering' issue needs to be addressed," says a summary. "A 'no-anchoring' or 'no getting out of the vessel' policy would help."

Two dozen sites have been proposed as new management areas, ranging from no access to protect threatened bird species, to idle-speed-only spots to lessen effects on fish stocks.

Horseshoe-Asheby Key, near Lignumvitae Key, "is the most important island in the area for roosting frigate birds, brown pelicans and double-crested cormorants," says the draft report. "It is in a heavy use area and gets a lot of

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**MARATHON**

# Worthington again running for council

He toyed with running for commissioner

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After a year off the dais and flirting with the idea to pursue another office, former Mayor Pete Worthington says he'll seek a return to the Marathon City Council in November.

Worthington was termed out in November 2012 after three consecutive two-year terms. The city charter requires sitting out for at least one year before running for election again.

"I filed about three weeks ago," Worthington said. "I got my petitions in and my account opened up and I'm just waiting

for qualifying in August."

Two-term incumbent Richard Keating said he's likely to run but hasn't committed yet.

"I have a few things I need to get worked out as far as personal issues, but I think it's going to work out and I'll be able to do it. I'm fairly confident, but I don't know if I will," Keating said.

Worthington said he'd considered a possible Monroe County Commission run but decided to seek a return to the council.

"I was kicking around maybe getting involved in some other aspect of politics, but I think I'll take a shot at getting back on the council. I'm happy living in Marathon. There's pros and cons to each

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**KEY WEST**

# State gives city new building permit allocations

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For the first time in two decades, Key West has been given the go-ahead to allow the construction of more housing that isn't restricted to income-driven affordable units.

The city made the announcement Friday that the state Department of Economic Opportunity,

which oversees most development in Monroe County through the Keys' designation as an Area of Critical State Concern, has granted the city 91 building permit allocations annually for the next 10 years.

Of those, 40 percent, or 36 for each of the next three years, can go to market-rate homes. The rest must go toward affordable housing.

For the following seven

years, half must go for affordable housing, 40 percent for market-rate homes and 10 percent for transient housing such as hotels.

The city hasn't had any market-rate allocations since 1983.

"These allocations will enable new construction in Key West," city spokeswoman Alyson Crean said, outlining a public hearing process that will start with

the Planning Board on June 20 and from there go to the City Commission.

Units would be awarded through an existing application process administered by the Planning Department.

Other requirements to receive an allocation include having the unit comply with the Florida Green Building Code's "bronze sustainability

level" or being LEED-certified through the U.S. Green Building Council; being 1.5 feet above the flood level; and having 25 percent of the roof area capturing runoff for landscape watering.

The first public hearing is planned for 6 p.m. June 20 in Old City Hall on Greene Street.

The unit award is the result of an August 2012 memorandum of under-

standing between the DEO and Key West, Monroe County, Layton, Islamorada, Marathon and Key Colony Beach.

It's essentially a reward for all the local governments, except Key Colony Beach, having "adopted state-mandated comprehensive plans and land development regulations which have been approved by the state."

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Lawmaker: Raise 'Glades funding

State Senate Appropriations Chairman Joe Negron (R-Stuart) says the state needs to bring funding for Everglades restoration up to \$100 million from the \$70 million approved in the 2013-14 state budget, according to the News Service of Florida.

At a Wednesday forum on issues facing the Indian River Lagoon along the Treasure Coast, Negron said, "Let's go to \$100 million, what do you think?"

The News Service cited Scripps Howard newspapers as the source.

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DEEP WATER HORIZON DISASTER

Neugent: 'We sit in waiting'

Commissioner testifies to Senate panel

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The two big unknowns of the Deepwater Horizon aftermath — ultimate effects on the Gulf of Mexico, and when restoration money will be in the bank — were cited by Monroe County Mayor George Neugent in his Thursday testimony before a U.S. Senate committee

Thursday in Washington, D.C.

"Our economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment," said Neugent, speaking for the Florida Gulf Consortium at a hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation chaired by Florida Sen. Bill Nelson.

Nelson also said he fears "the long-term effects" not only of known damage from the massive spill but future problems caused by "all that oil still sloshing around out there, maybe 5,000 feet down."

Neugent and six other

invited witnesses spoke to the Senate committee during the hearing titled "Gulf Restoration: A Progress Report Three Years after the Deepwater Horizon Disaster."

The April 2010 explosion aboard the oil-drilling platform killed 11 people and resulted in an 86-day spill that stained the Gulf of Mexico with more than 200 gallons of oil, the largest spill in U.S. history.

"Those who cut corners to save a bunch of money must be held responsible," Neugent said, calling the Deepwater Horizon disaster "tragic and avoidable."

BP, which was leasing the Deepwater Horizon, is expected to pay anywhere from \$5.4 billion to \$21 billion just for violations of the Clean Water Act.

Those fines are separate from civil settlements reached with Gulf Coast residents and businesses in five Gulf of Mexico states directly harmed by the Deepwater Horizon.

In Florida, 23 coastal counties formed the Gulf Consortium to administer a portion of the BP money

generated under the Restore Act. Neugent serves on the consortium's executive board. He told senators that counties need money to plan projects designed to benefit the environment and economy.

"It never seems to flow quickly enough. We sit in waiting," Neugent said in answering a question from Nelson. "We're presently funding it out of our own pockets and it's getting expensive."

He noted that Florida officials including Gov. Rick Scott recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the consortium to outline how decisions will be made within the state once the larger amounts of Restore Act money are available.

As it stands, the U.S. Treasury is expected to hold the Restore Act money, then reimburse states and communities. State and local officials expressed concern Thursday about how well that will work.

Louisiana U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu and Nelson both issued a caution to federal government staff to follow the intent and specifics of the Restore Act passed by Congress. The Restore Act redirects the pollution fines to specific areas rather than going into the bowels of the

federal treasury.

"It might not be perfect but I think we got the balance correct," Landrieu said. "I hope the implementers follow that direction."

"The intent of the law will be carried out," Nelson said. "I don't want somebody suddenly going off and deciding they're going to do what they want. This was a balance of interests to restore the Gulf."

Monroe County's projected share of the Restore Act funding, as determined by a specific formula, ranges from \$5 million to more than \$20 million, depending on the final settlement of the Clear Water Act fines. That case is now in federal court.

No Deepwater Horizon oil is known to have reached Florida Keys waters but the threat of the spill kept tourists away for months.

Other money from the settlement will go to states and to a gulfwide restoration program.

A much smaller portion will go to "centers of excellence," scientific foundations that can help answer questions about the uncertain state of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. Nelson cited the Florida Institute of Oceanography as a prime example.

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Keating likely to run

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position," he said. Worthington's issues haven't changed much in the year he's been off the council. He says he'd like to see resort redevelopments get on track

and lauded the current council for moving forward with a new City Hall.

"Redeveloping some of these resorts is key to getting our town back up and running. They're dealing with those 100 units right now; I'm

not seeing a lot of forward progress," Worthington said, referring to 100 new hotel room allocations awarded by the state Cabinet last year.

The city handed out 65 of the 100 units on Jan. 22, but only Tranquility Bay Resort owner Pritam Singh has begun construction. He's adding 16 one-bedroom units to the 87-room resort.

"If they're not going to move forward, maybe we need to go back and see who wants to do a project," he said.

Worthington said he'd also like to work to ensure the city receives state sewer funding. A second \$50 million installment of the \$200 million, so-called Mayfield grant for Keys sewer projects was not approved a year after the first one was.

Marathon, whose sewer system is all but complete, received none of that funding. It went to Monroe County and Islamorada to jump-start their respective projects.

"I personally talked to [Gov. Rick Scott] and told him about meeting the [2015 state-mandated deadline to complete sewers], which meant taking on debt," Worthington said.

Worthington also said he's happy to see a plan in place for a new City Hall. He's been outspoken against it being located in rented trailers between 98th and 99th streets.

"We've been rolling the dice and we're rolling them this year and probably next year," he said.

Cycling off the council in November will be Mayor Mike Cinque, who's in the last year of his third consecutive term.

It's likely that anyone considering a run for council would declare by noon on July 9, the deadline to submit 59 petitions to the Monroe County Supervisor of Elections Office. Otherwise, candidates must pay a \$720 fee during the qualifying period from noon Aug. 6 to noon Aug. 13. The election is Nov. 5.

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**FRYAR**  
Sandy (Ford) Fryar, 73, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on Sunday June 2, 2013 at her home in Key Largo, FL. She leaves behind a son, Christopher Hartford, her brother, Glenn Wilson, and her ex-husband, Jerry Fryar. Services are to be held at Fletcher Funeral Home in Westminster, MD. Condolences can be made online or with flowers at [www.fletcherfuneralhome.net](http://www.fletcherfuneralhome.net)

**PHALICE**  
Phalice James-Hunter passed away on May 28, 2013 in Orlando, FL after a long illness. Phalice was born in Miami, FL on Dec 13, 1972. Phalice grew up in Marathon. She attended Stanley Switlik Elem. and is a 1990 graduate of Marathon High School, where she was very active as a cheerleader, involved in sports and made high marks in class. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, and FIU in Miami. Later she met and married Simroy Hunter and the couple moved to Orlando, FL. Her love and strong dedication to God, and our Lord Jesus Christ has kept her through these difficult years. And she has shown us, her family and friends, how to trust in God. Phalice leaves to mourn: her 2 sons, Alonzo Brown and Troyce Hunter, husband, Simroy Hunter, Mother and Father, Debrah King and William Neloms II, Grand Aunt Rose McKnight, 3 brothers, Clifton, Charles, and William III, 4 sisters, Ellasandra, Regina, Antown and D. Shawn, Uncle and Aunt Walter & Rose Kitchen of Marathon, and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and close friends. Services will be June 8, 2013 at 11:00 am at West Orlando Christian Center COGIC, 1301E. Bay St., Winter Garden, FL. Hayes Brothers funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may visit [www.hayesbrofunerals.com](http://www.hayesbrofunerals.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Ms. Debrah King at 3178 Camino Way, Orlando, FL 32808.

**STRAUSS**  
Jeffrey Simon Strauss born in Milwaukee, WI and longtime Florida Keys resident found peace on May 27th, 2013. He was a loving father, brother and husband. He is survived by his son, his pride & joy, Michael of Long Beach, CA, Brothers Ron (Suzy) of Chicago, IL and Bob (Sue) of Milwaukee, WI and his special friend of 20 years and former wife, Frances of Marathon, FL and family and friends. Jeff served during the Vietnam war from 1964-1966 with the US Army. When Jeff returned to the states he attended Whitewater University & Milwaukee Institute of Technology where he earned two degrees, Hotel and Restaurant Management and Business & Economics where he won the State Ice Carving Contest in 1971 & 1972 and winning virtually every major restaurant award throughout his career as a Chef. He used both degrees successfully being owner/operator of the beautiful resort known as "The Point Comfort Resort" on Okauchee Lake in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. In 1984, having had enough of the cold and snow, Jeff moved himself & his son Michael to Boca Raton, FL where he soon became the Chef @ Streb's Seafood House and Executive Chef at Jan McArt's Royal Palm Dinner Theatre. In 1994 Jeff & his wife (Frances) moved to Marathon where shortly after his arrival he accepted a job with Cheney Brothers Food Service (CBI) where he was District Sales Manager Keys wide. Jeff was very instrumental in the establishment and growth of Cheney Brothers Food Service in the Keys. Jeff was a person you could always count on for a helping hand when in need. Jeff was a truly generous, caring & loving man who will be greatly missed by his friends and mostly by his family. The family asked in lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Diabetes Association in his name.

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Hundreds of locals and visitors crowd into Hangar A-936 at Boca Chica Field to watch the ceremonial change of command while celebrating the service of Patrick LaFere, who retired after 27 years.

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# Lefere gets a big sendoff

## NAS chief transfers base at retirement

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Traffic going into Naval Air Station Key West's Boca Chica Field was backed up to U.S. 1 for the Thursday retirement of NAS Cmdr. Capt. Patrick LaFere and the handoff of the station's command to Capt. Steven McAlearney.

LaFere, nicknamed Sparky, logged more than 3,990 flight hours in his 27-year career as a naval aviator.

On hand for the formal ceremony held in a crowded Hangar A-936 were LaFere's wife Wendy, four children and his nine siblings.

Rear Admiral J.C. Scorby Jr., commander of Navy Region Southeast, looked back on the career of his longtime friend LaFere, keeping his comments light.

"Spark truly believes St. Patrick's Day is in his honor," he said. "There is one area I hear Sparky hasn't improved: It's his golf game. If you grew potatoes, they'd come up sliced."

On a serious note, he lauded LaFere's three-year tenure in the Southernmost City, during which NAS Key West ran some 195,000 flight operations supported

by about 3,000 sailors and civilian employees.

"You made a difference in this community," Scorby said. "In 27 years, he has gotten progressively more difficult assignments and there has been one comment element. He has excelled at every job he has ever had."

One highlight of LaFere's tenure was the September 2012 UNITAS exercise that saw NAS Key West host warships from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and the United Kingdom at the Outer Mole Pier.

The 53rd reprisal of the international exercise named after the Latin word for unity, UNITAS was a two-week drill designed to prepare cooperating nations to respond to military and humanitarian situations.

"The relationship between this city and the Navy is historic," LaFere said, noting NAS Key West would celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2017 and that the Navy has a presence in the Southernmost City for 190 years.

"I've been to many communities over 27 years but I've never been to one more supportive of the military than Key West and Monroe County," he said.

In fact, LaFere plans to stay in the Keys and already has a job lined up. He'll serve as the Monroe County School District's director of

operations beginning July 1 under a two year contract worth \$116,381 per year.

"Thank you for the opportunity," LaFere told Superintendent Mark Porter. "I'm very much looking forward to this transition."

McAlearney comes to Key West from his former post in the Washington, D.C., office of the deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics and global threats.

He's a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, received his aviator's wings in September 1991 and has logged more than 3,600 flight hours and 850 carrier landings.

McAlearney has served in a variety of flight-based assignments and as nuclear operations officer at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He earned a master's degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Eisenhower School) in June 2012.

After thanking LaFere for "letting me take over for you," he discussed NAS Key West's primary goal of supporting mission readiness.

"That is why we're here," he said to the crowd, including hundreds of sailors in crisp, white dress uniforms standing at rapt attention. "By supporting each other, sharing our experience and knowledge ... we can achieve new heights."

# Akins: Ease the rules more

From Lionfish, 1A

bags, hand nets and spears, all without a fishing license, to catch or kill lionfish was issued last August for a one-year trial. An approval during Tuesday's consent agenda would make the rule permanent.

"Lionfish are extremely disruptive to native ecosystems, damaging reefs by preying upon fish important to the health of corals, and preying upon and competing with commercially important reef fish," an FWC staff report says.

Not requiring divers to have a saltwater fishing license "facilitates the removal of lionfish from the state waters off Florida."

Hook-and-line anglers and commercial fishermen can take lionfish at any time with no limit, but need standard fishing licenses.

Lionfish, a Pacific species that has adapted well to the Atlantic, first were found off the Florida Keys in January 2009. They are considered environmental super villains because they are prolific breeders with a voracious appetite for native fish.

They have no known natural predators in the Atlantic, and the lionfish's array of 18 venomous spines is a big reason why. They can survive in waters a few inches deep or more than 1,000 feet deep.

Akins said the Florida Keys campaign against lionfish has reached a "good news, bad news" state.

"The good news is that when you go to a popular reef site like Molasses Reef or Looe Key, it's not very likely that you're going to see a lionfish," Akins said. "That's

because divers and our dive-boat crews have been actively removing them on a regular basis, which keeps the numbers down."

Matt Hamas, an instructor at Quiescence Diving of Key Largo, said, "Our divers know that if they see a lionfish, they should note the specific location and tell us."

"Then our captains and crew will go find them. Since the lionfish are territorial, they really don't move around much," Hamas said.

Akins said the situation "at reefs off the beaten path" is more worrisome.

"We had a team at a small patch reef in Hawk Channel off Key Largo on Tuesday, and they got 16 lionfish," he said. "The lionfish numbers are still going up throughout much of the Caribbean, and the sizes are getting bigger."

Akins said in Florida, additional rule changes could help the lionfish eradication effort.

"Right now it's still illegal to spearfish within 100 yards of shoreline, and there are a lot of lionfish hanging out under bridges in that zone," he said.

Spearfishermen also are banned from taking any fish, including lionfish, while using a diving rebreather that does not create exhaust bubbles.

"We're going in the right direction but we believe more can be done," Akins said.

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary created a special permit that allows divers who attend a training class to use hand nets and catch bags to take lionfish from Sanctuary Preservation Areas, where nearly all other type of fish harvest is banned.

Professional divers with certified Blue Star operations can use spears inside the SPA zones. The sanctuary's ecological reserves remain off-limits to most lionfishing efforts.

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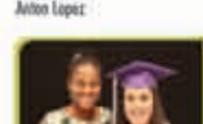
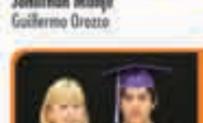
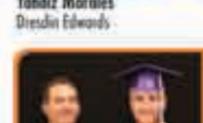
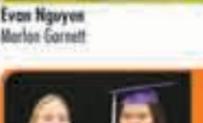
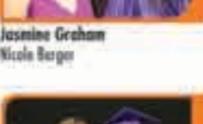
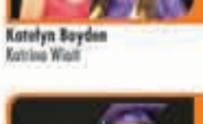
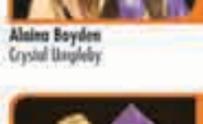
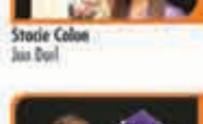
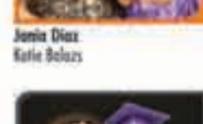
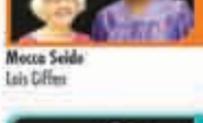
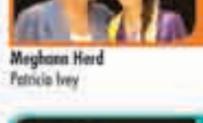
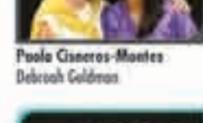
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# No fraud found in Keys ballot requests

Congressman fires aide during probe

By KEVIN WADLOW  
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No sign of fraudulent requests for absentee ballots turned up in Monroe County, State Attorney Catherine Vogel said Thursday.

U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia, a first-term Democrat who represents south Miami-Dade County and Monroe County in District 26, fired chief of staff Jeff Garcia on May 31 after an investigation into falsified requests made for Miami-Dade absentee ballots before the August primary election.

Jeff Garcia, not related to Joe Garcia, admitted to the congressman that he directed the campaign to submit fake ballot requests, the *Miami Herald* reported.

The attempted fraud apparently was limited to Miami-Dade.

"We don't have any evidence of fraudulent absentee-ballots requests like they did in Miami-Dade," Vogel said. "There's no evidence the scandal from that election extended down here."

The State Attorney's Office worked with Monroe County Supervisor of

Elections Joyce Griffin on a "little investigation" to see if any Internet protocol address, specific to individual computers, made a request for "an inordinate amount of absentee ballots," Vogel said.

One local computer had requested 57 absentee ballots in the names of individual voters. Another IP address requested 10 absentees.

The larger request came from a local hospital "where hospital employees had indeed requested ballots" for themselves or family, Vogel said.

"Joyce recognized most of the [10] names on the other one as school teachers or their family members, and said the computer probably was at the school," Vogel said. "It was."

The number of dubious ballot requests, about 500 in District 26, would not have affected the outcome of the August 2012 primary. Joe Garcia topped his closest challenger in the Democratic race by 5,900 votes, then beat Republican David Rivera in the general election.

Florida election law says that using a voter's personal information to make a fraudulent ballot request can be prosecuted as a first-degree felony.

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MARATHON

# Romeo takes shelter's reins

And quarantine halting adoptions has been lifted

By RYAN MCCARTHY  
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Things are all but back to normal at Safe Harbor Animal Rescue of the Keys, operator of the Marathon animal shelter.

Fewer than two months after its former director resigned and a bout of kennel cough closed the shelter doors for roughly six weeks, the nonprofit's board of directors has named a replacement and lifted a quarantine, enabling dogs to find "forever homes" again.

Nycole Romeo, who worked for the shelter under previous Director Katie Bentley and also as a veterinary technician at Keys Animal Hospital, began work at the shelter on Monday.

She said she was working at an emergency and critical-care animal hospital in Fort Lauderdale when she learned of the director position opening.

"It kind of just happened. The shelter needed help and I felt that I could make a difference. Dr. Dunn called me and asked me if I wanted to interview for the job," she said, referring Keys Animal Hospital owner Mike Dunn, a non-voting member of Safe Harbor's board.

It's been a quick transition back to the Keys, but Romeo said she's accom-

plished a lot in her first week.

"I think there will be a lot of new and upcoming things that we can share with the public. We've got some awesome staff here, so it should be great," she said.

Romeo was one of more than 25 applicants for the job, which was advertised locally and on www.AnimalSheltering.org, a site run by the Humane Society of the United States.

"Nycole was the strongest candidate. She had lived and worked in the Keys before. We're really pleased we were able to offer her the job," board member Mary Stella, who headed the search committee, said.

Bentley was forced to resign April 12 in the wake of the kennel cough outbreak. She's maintained that negative impressions left by some volunteers and a former employee led to her leaving the shelter.

Kennel cough is essentially the canine equivalent of whooping cough. The shelter is home to roughly 36 dogs, all of which had to be symptom-free before it could reopen for business.

Stella said the shelter could now get back to the business of caring for and adopting animals in the Middle and Lower Keys.

"The quarantine has been lifted, maybe a couple of weeks now. There are some really great animals looking for new forever homes," she said.

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Monroe County Circuit Court judges, elected officials and others gather Friday morning to unveil a dedication plaque for the newly refurbished courthouse in Marathon. The \$1.3 million project began on Aug. 1, 2011, but experienced a pair of major delays. The County Commission deemed it Judge Ruth Becker Day for the long-serving Middle Keys judge (center) and named the courthouse's judge chambers in her honor.

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## KEY WEST

## City plans parking garage

It'll join long list of construction

By **SEAN KINNEY**  
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The Key West City Commission on Tuesday jumped at the opportunity to add to a long list of multimillion-dollar developments with a new parking garage on Simonton Street.

The three-story parking deck will go on the city's lot at Simonton and Angela streets, formerly the location of city hall. Already in the pipeline for that site is a \$5 million new fire station. The parking deck would be next to the BellSouth building at Simonton and Southard streets.

"We've proceeded to go ahead with a fire station and the bidding process is well under way," City Manager Bob Vitas told the commission Tuesday.

He said there's already a plan for parking that totals 86 spots, 60 of those for regular automobiles and the rest for electric cars and mopeds that,

if completed and then changed to accommodate the garage, "would basically have been done in vain. We don't want to throw good money away."

The garage would have about 140 spots.

"I think it's critical that we have additional parking down there," Commissioner Teri Johnston said. "We've got the site, we've got preliminary plans and we're already doing construction down there."

District 1 Commissioner Jimmy Weekley agreed, saying the goal is "to get some of the cars out of the neighborhoods. If we can do it now while this other is going on, then we need to move forward with all of it."

When he was elected in 2009, Commissioner Billy Wardlow, a former fire chief, immediately began championing a new fire station for Old Town.

"I don't have any problems with a multi-level parking garage," he said Tuesday, "as long as it doesn't interfere with the construction of the fire station."

"We will make sure, Commissioner Wardlow," Vitas responded, "that the fire station will proceed on track,

on time and on budget."

The proposed parking garage, still in the preliminary discussion phase, is expected to cost between \$2 million and \$3 million. It joins a full slate of pending public construction, including:

- Conversion of the 33-acre Truman Waterfront into a "destination park" for up to \$50 million.

- A \$20 million-plus retrofit of Glynn Archer Elementary School into a city hall and meeting complex.

- A new transportation depot, where the city would primarily store and service its municipal fleet, off College Road on Stock Island. Estimated cost is \$5 million.

- Between \$1 million and \$2 million to restore the failing Frederick Douglass Community Center and gymnasium on Olivia Street in Bahama Village.

- Also in Bahama Village, a \$1 million renovation of Nelson English Park on Thomas Street.

Commissioner Mark Rossi is tasked with coming up with a fixed-price contract for an outside project manager to oversee all of the capital improvements.

## MARATHON

## City to choose beach cleaner

Airport update, budget planning also on agenda

Keynoter Staff

The Marathon City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Marathon Government Center. Agenda items include:

- A resolution accepting staff rankings for proposals to perform beach-cleaning services at Sombrero and Coco Plum beaches.

W.D. Thompson Inc., doing business as Beach

Raker, was the top-ranked bidder at \$87,326 per year.

The existing \$79,000 annual beach-cleaning contract with Universal Beach Service Corp. expires on Sept. 30 and there is no extension.

Beach Raker (Pompano Beach) and Universal (Delray Beach) were the only two companies to submit requests for proposals to the city. They were opened May 17.

- A meet-and-greet with new Florida Keys Marathon Airport Director Don DeGraw, who started work this week at the Monroe County-owned airfield.

County Airports Director Peter Horton is also slated to give the council an update on airport operations, in particular planning for a U.S. Customs and Border Protection office in the Marathon terminal.

- Setting a schedule for this summer's fiscal year 2013-14 budget year hearings.

The first is tentatively slated for July 18 at 5 p.m. at the fire station at Florida Keys Marathon Airport. The council would adopt a proposed property tax rate and select dates, times and places for future hearings.

# 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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MARATHON

# New airfield chief jumps right in

## DeGraw looking at Customs, runway issues

BY RYAN MCCARTHY  
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Florida Keys Marathon Airport Director Don DeGraw says he's spending his first week on the job boning up on a pair of potentially major changes looming at the Middle Keys airfield.

"The two big issues is the U.S. Customs [office], so I'm taking a look at the engineering drawings and how all that's going, and the other one is the runway separation issue. I'm trying to get a firm understanding. It's either move the runway, move the taxiway or do nothing," he said.

The proposed \$1.1 million Customs digs appear more pressing, with the county on May 31 submitting "85 percent complete" plans to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for review.

County Engineering Division Director Kevin Wilson said it's typical to submit plans for review when they're 35, 85 and 100 percent complete. He said Homeland Security has "fairly stringent requirements" for its buildings.

"We're right on the schedule we set so we'll hopefully ... go to the com-

mission, go out to bid and have it on its way later this year," Wilson said. "The scope remains the same as it was before. What they review at this point are specifications for walls and interview rooms."

Meanwhile, runway issues at the airport have been going on for at least 10 years.

Local officials have long objected, but the Federal Aviation Administration has insisted on a roughly \$6 million renovation to the airport's taxiway and runway centerlines.

FAA regulations require 240 feet between the centerlines of the runways and parallel taxiway. It's 200 feet in Marathon. The airport has had a longstanding waiver to operate, but the FAA has pushed to bring all airports up to the current standard.

There was fear the FAA would insist on moving the runway 40 feet to the north, which would have meant cutting out swaths of rare hardwood hammock along Aviation Boulevard. The road runs parallel to the airport and the hammock serves as a noise buffer for a large residential area.

The alternative involves decreasing the 50-foot-wide



New Florida Keys Marathon Airport Director Don DeGraw and his administrative assistant Julie Thomson take in the Middle Keys airfield. DeGraw was hired in March and started work Monday.

Keynoter photo by RYAN MCCARTHY

taxiway to 35 feet and moving the centerline 40 feet toward U.S. 1. Doing so would mean losing a few hangars and ramp space, but be far less costly.

DeGraw came to the Keys from New York, where he was aeronautical services manager at John F. Kennedy International Airport for the past year. He's the potential successor to long-time airports Director Peter Horton, who's set to retire in January 2015.

Aside from learning the ins and outs of the airport, DeGraw said he's been busy acquainting himself with his staff of three employees. That's far fewer than the 50 to 75 he oversaw in New York.

"It's good because you get a much more personal relationship than when you have 50 or 75 employees. Here I have three under me, so it's good. And I'm getting to know people on the airfield," he said.

KEY WEST

# Hangups remain for assisted-living center

## Several issues unresolved as deadline looms

By SEAN KINNEY  
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In the coming weeks, Key West city staff plans to spell out sticking points in lease negotiations with the would-be developer of an assisted/independent living facility at the Truman Waterfront.

Decade-old plans to build the senior housing center on 3.5 acres of the waterfront could disappear come June 28, the city-imposed deadline for a development plan from the Florida Keys Assisted Care Coalition, which is working with Wendover Housing to build the facility.

The city and the coalition have been in a stalemate on several financial issues.

City Attorney Shawn

Smith and Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan agreed to circulate a summary of the issues prior to the June 18 City Commission meeting, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in Old City Hall.

At Tuesday's commission meeting, Smith summarized the "open items" as the amount of rent the city would receive; changes to that figure based on annual adjustments; the source of building permit allocations for the proposed 110 units; the length of a guarantee from the developer that fees will be paid; and the developer's fee, right now around \$900,000.

"Staff has taken it as far as we can," Smith said, describing the sticking points as "policy issues that I think this board would have to take up."

Finigan reiterated that: "Provided [the City Commission] give us some very succinct direction ... there can be some conclu-

sion. Absent that direction, staff will be floundering."

He spoke to an ongoing debate between the city and coalition over the intent of a 2007 voter-approved referendum that authorized the concept of a public lease.

The coalition contends the lease intent was for the land to cost \$1 per year. Smith and Finigan regard the waterfront-adjacent property, ceded in 2002 to the city by the U.S. Navy, as a potential revenue source far exceeding a dollar annually.

"Our responsibility to the commission and to the community is to drive the best economic deal possible," Finigan said. "That may be in conflict with what is best for the project but we haven't been given direction to do anything but that."

He said it would be up to commissioners to decide if there is a "social need greater than the economic need."

KEYS FISHERIES

# Tarpon, bones, snook up for debate

## More protection for game fish likely to occur

By KEVIN WADLOW  
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Florida fishery managers could move to ease a harvest ban on snook but tighten rules on taking bonefish and tarpon Wednesday.

The state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission takes up a proposal at its Lakeland meeting to "make tarpon and bonefish catch-and-release-only."

"Recreational fishing for tarpon and bonefish is an important part of Florida's cultural heritage and its reputation as the fishing capital of the world," says an FWC staff report. "These species are highly valued in Florida as catch-and-release fisheries but have low value as food fish."

A recommended change on bonefish would eliminate an exception for contestants in approved fishing tournaments to allow a bonefish in a live well to a dockside weigh station before release.

If approved, the new ver-

sion would require all bonefish be released at the boat.

Tarpon can now be harvested as long as the angler has pre-purchased a \$50 tag. Proposed rule changes could limit use of a tarpon tag to a fish "harvested in pursuit of an [International Game Fish Association] record."

Anglers would be allowed to buy only one tarpon tag per year. Charter captains could buy multiple tags but be allowed to transfer just one tag each year to a specific fisherman.

Tarpon could be possessed temporarily for photos, measurements and scientific work before being released "in the immediate area where caught."

Small tarpon could be lifted from the water. Those more than 40 inches in fork length must remain in the water for pictures and measuring, the rule proposes.

Tarpon and bonefish rules are covered by state statutes so any revisions approved by the FWC board would be subject to additional action by the Florida Legislature next spring.

Harvesting a snook in Florida Keys and Gulf of Mexico has been closed since shortly after the record cold snap of January 2010

killed untold numbers of the snook population.

That could change in September if the FWC agrees with a staff suggestion to reopen snook for harvest.

For Atlantic waters north of Monroe County, the daily bag limit of one legal-size snook per day was reopened in September 2011. The Keys and Gulf stayed closed due "significant" losses of snook in January 2010.

FWC staff now recommends that the closure be allowed to end as currently scheduled Aug. 31. Historic snook closures in December and January, and during the summer spawning season, would resume.

"The stock is likely well above the biological threshold and fishing mortality is low for this stock even when the season is open," a staff report says. "The current slot limit will protect juveniles that were affected in 2010, as well as the largest individuals in the population."

Many Florida Keys guides require that a snook caught by a client be released.

The FWC's Tuesday-through-Thursday meeting takes place at the Hilton Garden Inn of Lakeland.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**  
Audit Committee Meeting 10:00 A.M.

The purpose of the Audit Committee Meeting is for the Authority's Internal Compliance Auditor to make presentation and discussion regarding the ongoing Annual Audit for Year Ending September 30, 2013 and for the Audit Committee to evaluate RFPs for Professional Auditing Services. The agenda and backup for the workshop can be viewed on our web site @ www.fkaa.com., or a copy of the Agenda, or any backup, is available upon request from FCAA, Elvira Sawyer, Executive Office Coordinator, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 295-2203, esawyer@fkaa.com.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**  
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The purpose of the Budget Workshop is to receive presentation and discussion regarding the Authority's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 including the Capital Improvement Plan of the Authority.

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

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**UNION NEGOTIATION SESSION**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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1100 Kennedy Drive  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
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The purpose of the Negotiation Session is to discuss issues relative to collective bargaining and the negotiation of a revised contract for Communication Workers of America, Local 3177. For additional information contact Karen M. Rodriguez, Manager of Human Resources, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, 305-295-2210 or e-mail: krodriquez@fkaa.com .

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public a proposed change to FCAA Rules and Regulations Chapter 48-105.005 providing for a reduced period of time from three (3) years to one (1) year to allow the Customer to receive a Good Credit Refund of their deposit and makes the refund automatic and increases the amount of deposit if the Customer has multiple turn-offs based on delinquencies, Chapter 48-208.002 providing for a revision of this section to be renumbered as part of Chapter 48-105.005 and Chapter 48-105.009 providing for a one in five year program to allow a customer to obtain an abatement for any excessive consumption. Final Rule Adoption is June 26, 2013 at our Regular Board Meeting at the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, Board Room, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, Florida. Information is available upon request from FCAA, Elvira Sawyer, Executive Office Coordinator, P.O. Box 1239, Key West, FL 33040, 305-295-2203 or e-mail sawyer@fkaa.com or on the FCAA website at www.fkaa.com.

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## EDITORIAL

## More shenanigans from the election

## Prosecutors have to root out the apparent corruption that plagued District 26 campaign

U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia says he's angry — and was clueless — that his chief of staff was involved in a cockamamie absentee-ballot scheme during last year's Democratic Party primary in congressional District 26, which stretches from Key West north to Kendall.

His chief of staff, Jeffrey Garcia (no relation to the congressman) has resigned, and a Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office investigation continues. Prosecutors should pursue the truth purposefully and with due diligence. No dilly-dallying.

Voters whose choice in 2012 was between two political enemies — Garcia, the former head of the Miami-Dade Democratic Party, and former U.S. Rep. David Rivera, a Republican who has his own troubles with campaign and tax laws — deserve to know exactly what went down in this race and to hold their elected representative accountable if it is found he played a role in this scheme.

It should be noted that dozens of absentee ballots were checked by Keys State Attorney Catherine Vogel and Elections Supervisor Joyce Griffin, and no problems were found in Monroe (story, 5A).

A *Miami Herald* investigation in February found that mystery computer hackers asking the elections office for absentee ballots were not solely from overseas computer addresses, as a grand jury had reported, but also from Internet protocol addresses in Miami. That finding prompted prosecutors to get serious about pursuing this electoral fraud attempt.

State law considers it a third-degree felony for a ballot request to be filled out by someone other than a voter or his or her immediate family. But using voters' personal information that is required in the ballot request forms can be considered a first-degree felony.

The stakes are high and may cover many more races than Garcia's. In fact, of the 2,552 fraudulent online requests, about 500 involved the District 26 Democratic primary where Garcia was competing against three other candidates, including one, Justin Lamar Sternad who is involved in a separate federal corruption case involving former Rep. Rivera.

Sternad pleaded guilty to accepting \$81,486 in illegal payments from unnamed co-conspirators. Investigators are looking into whether Rivera put up the stealth candidate in the Democratic primary to take votes from Garcia. Rivera and a Republican operative who was working for Sternad's campaign, Ana Sol Alliegro, deny wrongdoing.

Garcia, for his part, stresses that the fraudulent online requests for absentee ballots never went anywhere because the county elections office flagged a problem and didn't deliver the ballots. True, but the bigger issue here is a culture of political conceit that crosses the line into fraud.

Prosecutors must find the culprits wherever the evidence leads in all races. The statute of limitations clock is ticking.

— *Miami Herald*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tests unfair to some

Re: Eduardo Padron's May 19 Other Views article in the *Miami Herald*, "Pell grants for poor students can change lives so let's fix the system, not dynamite it." Padron, the president of Miami-Dade College, takes issue with a report that the National Center on Education and the Economy recently issued.

The evidence we gathered in our study showed that community-college instructors expect very little from incoming freshmen. This is because most high school graduates going on to community colleges have weak writing skills, cannot read with comprehension above the eighth- or ninth-grade level and have only a shaky understanding of middle-school mathematics.

But what are community colleges doing to make sure that their graduates are writing a lot and writing well, that they are reading at least the 12th-grade level with comprehension and have a firm command of middle-school math and of the more advanced math that they need to be successful in the occupations

for which they are training?

Nowhere does the report say that students don't need remedial courses. What we said was that most colleges use placement tests to decide who must take remedial courses. The mathematics portion of the most widely used tests are based on the algebra I, geometry, algebra II, pre-calculus, calculus sequence.

But only a tiny proportion of community-college graduates will need calculus in their work. So, many students are not able to take credit-bearing courses in their community colleges because they cannot show a command of mathematics that they will never need.

We think this is unfair and a waste of time and money. This is not a comment about Miami-Dade College in particular, but about all community colleges that use these placement tests to screen their applicants.

Marc Tucker, president  
National Center  
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Washington, D.C.

## Driver shows concern

I would like to thank Sheila Conroy of Key West Transit for her most caring, considerate ways of caring for my granddaughter, Kai, when she takes her bus from Key West to Marathon.

She never left her alone at the bus stop if I was even a minute late. I remember one time I forgot Kai wasn't taken the bus and I was waiting at the bus stop. When Sheila saw me waiting, she came running to my car to see where Kai was. I had to get on the phone with my daughter to confirm for Sheila that Kai was with her mom and I had forgot.

Sheila has kept my daughter Tressa and myself at peace when we know she is under Sheila's caring protection. She is a true asset to her company. Thanks again to Sheila for her caring and kindness. Look forward to seeing her again in August.

Sharon L. Hamilton  
Marathon

## CELEBRATING OUR PAST



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Key deer are all over Big Pine Key and other Lower Keys islands, but this little guy, 22 inches tall, somehow made it to Tavernier in 1957. On the left is wildlife officer Jack Watson and with him is Mr. Alley. Watson, a Big Pine resident, was the first manager of the National Key Deer Refuge and started his career as the federal agent in charge of the South Florida Wildlife Refuge, which encompassed everything from the Everglades to the Marquesas.

## GUEST COLUMN

## Support the Water and Land Legacy Campaign

Florida's Water and Land Legacy Campaign, a grassroots coalition, is collecting 683,149 valid signatures needed to place the Water and Land Conservation Amendment on the November 2014 ballot.



DEBLOIS

This initiative would set aside one third of the excise on documentary stamp tax (doc stamps) for the purposes of conservation, restoration, acquisition and management of Florida's water, land, beaches, shores, parks and wildlife habitat. These funds would also be used for restoring and protecting such national treasures as the Florida Everglades.

This dedicated funding source, established for the above purposes, could not be absorbed into the general state revenue. The amendment has a 20-year lifespan and would sunset in 2035.

The Legacy Campaign is a coalition of more than 300 groups statewide including the Sierra Club, Audubon Florida, League of Women Voters of Florida, Florida Native Plant Society, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and many more. Together with more than 3,000 volunteers, this coalition is hard at work gathering signatures and informing the public about this groundbreaking amendment.

"In a very short time, thousands of people have taken a stand," said Legacy Campaign Field Director Alik

Moncrief. "We've seen a groundswell of Floridians volunteer to protect what we love about Florida — our springs, rivers, beaches and wildlife. It's inspiring to see so many people take action for our environment."

The doc stamp tax, paid whenever real estate is bought or sold, is an existing funding source that for the past 20 years has been used for conservation programs such as Florida Forever and, before that, Preservation 2000. Both programs received resounding support from Republicans and Democrats alike.

But since 2009, funding for these programs has been slashed by 97.5 percent. And of the \$75 million in conservation funding proposed by Gov. Rick Scott, \$50 million of that would come from the sale of existing state lands.

"There is no 'R' or 'D' on Florida's water and natural lands," said former Sen. Bob Graham. "Conserving our water resources, beaches and shores, forests, and wetlands must return to the top of our state's priority list because it represents a sacred trust that has been loaned to us by our children and grandchildren. We want to take this issue directly to Florida voters through a constitutional amendment to create a dedicated source of funding to secure significant funding for land and water conservation, management and restoration."

With more than 100,000 signatures collected through volunteer efforts alone, the Water and Land Conservation Amendment has already triggered the

state Supreme Court review of the amendment language; the campaign expects to receive approval in the next 60 days.

Despite the commendable progress, the Legacy Campaign still needs the help of citizens statewide. With an approaching deadline of Nov. 30, they ask that Floridians answer the call to action and help collect signatures for this cause.

The campaign will provide volunteers with the necessary training and all of the materials they will need. The grassroots effort of this campaign is essential to sending a message to the legislature and lawmakers of Florida that Floridians care about their environment and are willing to work hard to protect it.

"We are all Florida," said Legacy Campaign Manager Pegeen Hanrahan. "Floridians understand that protecting our water and land is important to our economy and quality of life. This will be the most significant environmental issue put in front of Florida in our lifetimes. We want to let the people decide if clean water and natural land are a legacy we want to safeguard for future generations."

Jessie DeBlois is the South Florida field organizer with the Tallahassee-based Florida's Water and Land Legacy, coordinating volunteer efforts in Monroe, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. For more, go to [www.FloridaWaterLandLegacy.org](http://www.FloridaWaterLandLegacy.org).

## Letters to the Editor

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## Plans firm up

## From Sanctuary, 1A

unnecessary boating and fishing pressure. Fishing line and hooks are very frequently left in the mangroves, entangling birds."

Said Curlett, "All this is based on recommendations from working stakeholders and interested parties. It's been a very good working group."

The Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration Working Group, headed by Ken Nedimyer, convenes at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, also at the Marathon Garden Club. The group has prepared a draft three-report, identifying issues to be considered in locating coral-replanting projects.

Possible changes in protected areas at the reef are being considered by the working group on Ecological Reserves, Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection, which meets Thursday 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Marathon Garden Club. That group, chaired by Chris Bergh, plans two more meetings in July to prepare for its August report to the full Advisory Council.

The July 9 meeting of the Advisory Council takes place at the Islander Resort in Islamorada.

For meeting dates and draft proposals from the working groups, go to [www.floridakeys.noaa.gov/review/workgroups.html](http://www.floridakeys.noaa.gov/review/workgroups.html).

## MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Keys students exceed state average

## State releases latest round of test scores

By SEAN KINNEY  
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With some exceptions, Monroe County students tracked along with their statewide peers on various standardized tests, according to scores released Friday by the Florida Department of Education.

State officials published a myriad of comparative testing data based on end-of-course assessments and the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. The full

list of scores, broken down by grade level, is available through [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org).

End of course assessments are graded on a numerical scale, not akin to the familiar letter grade system, ranging from 325 to 475, with a score above 395 considered passing.

In algebra, 673 Keys students in grades six through 11 earned a mean score of 410, a 71 percent pass rate compared to 64 percent statewide.

In geometry, 593 students in grades eight through 12 scored a mean of 418, an 84 percent pass rate compared to 60 percent statewide.

In biology, 599 students

in grades eight through 12 earned a mean score of 410, a 75 percent pass rate compared to 67 percent statewide.

FCAT 2.0 scores are based on a complicated mathematical model that varies from grade level and subject area. Generally, a score of 3 out of 5 total constitutes passing.

For 567 local 10th-graders taking the reading exam, there was a mean score of 248 with a 57 percent pass rate compared to a statewide 54 percent.

The 579 eighth-graders taking the science exam earned a mean score of 203, a 55 percent pass rate compared to a statewide 47 per-

cent.

In 10th-grade writing, which is graded on a different scale, the mean score was 3.5 out of 5, with an 85 percent pass rate compared to a statewide 81 percent.

Florida Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett, who was in Marathon June 1 for a Take Stock in Children program graduation, lauded the scores.

"These results show that where we put our focus is where we see our progress," he said of the statewide scores. "While there are gains to celebrate today, we have a lot of work to do and it is not time to lower our expectations for success."

Business

THE WORKPLACE

# Moms inching up as top earners

One in four are now main breadwinner

By HOPE YEN  
Associated Press

America's working mothers are now the primary breadwinners in a record 40 percent of households with children — a milestone in the changing face of modern families, up from just 11 percent in 1960.

The findings by the Pew Research Center, released Wednesday, highlight the growing influence of breadwinner moms who keep their families afloat financially. While most are headed by single mothers, a growing number are families with married mothers who bring in more income than their husbands.

Demographers say the change is all but irreversible and is likely to bring added attention to child-care policies as well as government safety nets for vulnerable families. Still, the general public is not at all sure that having more working mothers is a good thing.

While roughly 79 percent of Americans reject the notion that women should return to their traditional roles, only 21 percent of those polled said the trend of more mothers of young children working outside the home is a good thing for society, according to the Pew survey.

Roughly three in four adults said the increasing number of women working for pay has made it harder for parents to raise children.

"This change is just another milestone in the dramatic transformation we have seen in family structure and family dynamics over the past 50 years or so," said Kim Parker, associate director with the Pew Social & Demographic Trends Project. "Women's roles have changed, marriage rates have declined - the family looks a lot different than it used to. The rise of breadwinner moms highlights the fact that, not only are more mothers balancing work and family these days, but the economic contributions mothers are making to their households have grown immensely."

The trend is being driven mostly by long-term demographic changes, including higher rates of education and labor force participation dating back to the 1960s women's movement. Today, more women than men hold bachelor's degrees, and they make up nearly half — 47 percent — of the American workforce.

But recent changes in the economy, too, have played a part. Big job losses in manufacturing and construction, fields that used to provide high pay to a mostly male workforce, have lifted the relative earnings of married women, even among those in mid-level posi-



tions such as teachers, nurses or administrators.

The jump in working women has been especially prominent among those who are mothers — from 37 percent in 1968 to 65 percent in 2011 — reflecting in part increases for those who went looking for jobs to lift sagging family income after the recent recession.

### The single factor

At the same time, marriage rates have fallen to record lows. Forty percent of births now occur out of wedlock, leading to a rise in single-mother households. Many of these mothers are low-income with low education, and more likely to be black or Hispanic.

In all, 13.7 million U.S. households with children under age 18 now include mothers who are the main breadwinners. Of those, 5.1 million, or 37 percent, are married, while 8.6 million, or 63 percent, are single. The income gap between the families is large - \$80,000 in median family income for married couples vs. \$23,000 for single mothers.

Both groups of breadwinner moms - married and unmarried - have grown sharply.

Among all U.S. households with children, the share of married breadwinner moms has jumped from 4 percent in 1960 to 15 percent in 2011. For single mothers, the share has increased from 7 percent to 25 percent.

Andrew Cherlin, a professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University, said that to his surprise public attitudes toward working mothers have changed very little over the years. He predicts the growing numbers will lead to a growing constituency among women in favor of family-friendly work poli-

cies such as paid family leave, as well as safety net policies such as food stamps or child care support for single mothers.

"Many of our workplaces and schools still follow a male-breadwinner model, assuming that the wives are at home to take care of child care needs," he said. "Until we realize that the breadwinner-homemaker marriage will never again be the norm, we won't provide working parents with the support they need."

Other findings:

- There is a gender gap on attitudes.

About 45 percent of women say children are better off if their mother is at home, and 38 percent say children are just as well off if the mother works. Among men, 57 percent say children are better off if their mother is at home, while 29 percent say they are just as well off if she works.

- The share of married couples in which the wife is more educated than the husband is rising, from 7 percent in 1960 to 23 percent in 2011. Still, the vast majority of couples include spouses with similar educational backgrounds, at 61 percent.

- The number of working wives who make more than their husbands has been increasing more rapidly in recent years. Among recently married couples, including those without children, the share of "breadwinner wives" is roughly 30 percent, compared with 24 percent of all married couples.

The Pew study is based on an analysis of census data as of 2011, the latest available, as well as interviews with 1,003 adults by cell phone or landline from April 25 to 28. The Pew poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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HERON-PEACOCK SUPPORTED LIVING would like to thank the all of those who participated in and helped us to make the 2013 Dragon Boat Races a successful fundraising event for our organization.

As Heron-Peacock's largest annual fundraising event, we appreciate the support of this community. In particular, we would like to recognize and thank Dave Condra, Melissa Grady, Centennial Bank, Mandy Bowers, all our paddlers, donors, employees & volunteers....

Heron-Peacock Supported Living is a local non-profit organization providing supported housing for mentally ill adults in Monroe County. The Heron, established in 1988, is an Assisted Living Facility in Marathon for chronically mentally ill adults.

We continue to seek donations and volunteers from the community. Should you want to learn more about our organization and its programs, please call Rick Casey (305) 743-5624.

MARKETPLACE Recent Real Estate Sales						SALES vs. LAST YEAR: 124 percent
Based on information from the Florida Keys Board of REALTORS®, Inc. (alternatively, from the Florida Keys MLS, Inc.) for the period <b>May 26 - June 1, 2013.</b>						
Key Address	Price Listed	Price Sold	Days Listed	Listing Office, Listing Agent	Selling Office, Selling Agent	
<b>Big Pine Key</b>						
1083 Gordon Dr.	\$449,000	\$400,000	358	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/R. Lively, L. Ferrigno	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Agent unknown	
1083 Gordon Dr.	\$449,000	\$400,000	358	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/L. Ferrigno, R. Lively	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Christina Parker	
31136 Atlantic Dr.	\$299,000	\$295,000	123	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Dave Wiley	RE/MAX Marathon Vac. R.E./Jo Ann Cook	
<b>Cudjoe Key</b>						
130 Cutlass Ln.	\$397,000	\$376,000	492	Florida Keys Rlty./Dyne Vaughn	RE/MAX Marathon Vac. R.E./Joyce Thomas	
179 Le Grand Ln.	\$367,000	\$350,000	311	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Beata, Jim Sharpe	Shoreline Prop.Sue Mooney	
22922 Blackbeard Ln.	\$399,000	\$380,000	283	American Caribbean R.E./Sandra Tuttle	Action Keys Rlty./Cheryl Moses	
701 Spanish Main	\$119,000	\$90,000	172	Waterfront Keys Rlty./Trish Brummer	Waterfront Keys Rlty./Trish Brummer	
701 Spanish Main	\$99,000	\$85,000	92	Exit Realty Fl. Keys/Barbara Harrison	Waterfront Keys Rlty./Trish Brummer	
1154 De Lussan Ln.	\$385,000	\$385,000	53	Dolberry Rlty./Deirdre Praught	Dolberry Rlty./Deirdre Praught	
<b>Duck Key</b>						
7039 Harbor Village Dr.	\$339,000	\$309,000	710	Hawks Cay Resort/Margaret Crowley	Hawks Cay Resort/L. Cordova, M. Crowley	
96 Antigua St.	\$335,000	\$335,000	0	American Caribbean/Kathryn Rummery	American Caribbean/Kathryn Rummery	
<b>Key Colony Beach</b>						
200-210 11th St.	\$569,000	\$490,000	70	RE/MAX Keys to the Key/Team Wilkinson	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Team Stevens	
1041 Adams Dr.	\$795,500	\$775,000	72	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Brian Schmitt	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Gidget Jackson	
261 5th St.	\$274,900	\$260,000	56	American Caribbean R.E./Bill Paulson	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Samuel Williams	
<b>Key Haven</b>						
15 Driftwood Dr. (*)	\$299,000	\$257,500	905	Truman & Co./Terri Spottswood	Realty Executives Fl. Keys/Dina Schoneck	
<b>Key Largo</b>						
817 Ruby Dr.	\$249,000	\$218,000	547	Century 21 Schwartz/Francis Clay	Weichert, Realtors NuStar Assoc./Joe Vigo	
1041 Adams Dr. (*)	\$295,000	\$250,000	304	American Caribbean/L. Miller, B. Belian	Tropical Rlty. of the Fl. Keys/Wasmund, Ives	
843 Brown St.	\$445,000	\$415,000	300	Marr Properties/S. Holer, A. Butler	Marr Properties/A. Butler, Susan Holler	
115 Starfish Ln.	\$298,000	\$298,000	254	RE/MAX Keys Prop./Jim Signor	Outside of MLS	
2 North Dr.	\$875,000	\$775,000	251	Island Equity R.E./Holly Hight	Island Equity R.E./Holly Hight	
104 Sable Palm Ln.	\$239,000	\$233,000	167	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Sally Stribling	Outside of MLS	
325 Galusa St.	\$129,000	\$115,000	130	American Caribbean R.E./Paul Labossiere	Weichert, Realtors NuStar Assoc./Joe Vigo	
109 Sanctuary Dr.	\$449,000	\$396,250	124	Realty World - Freewheeler/Lisa Frins	Century 21 Schwartz Rlty./Laura Roberts	
281 Lance Ln.	\$197,500	\$186,000	112	Realty World - Freewheeler/Amy Lindback	American Caribbean R.E./Joel Young	
1006 Adams Dr.	\$242,000	\$255,000	57	Century 21 Schwartz/Robert Valenzuela	Century 21 Schwartz/Wiebek Westedt	
137 1st Ct. (*)	\$119,000	\$113,000	30	Century 21 Schwartz/Charity Rebl	Century 21 Schwartz Rlty./Charity Rebl	
Bonita Avenue (*)	\$40,000	\$35,000	17	Realty World - Freewheeler/Gary Lobato	Realty World - Freewheeler/Gary Lobato	
<b>Key West</b>						
3314 Northside Dr.	\$150,200	\$150,200	663	Island Group Rlty./Margarita Villoch	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Roger Gillis	
626 Fleming St.	\$399,950	\$380,000	183	Doug Mayberry R.E./Douglas Mayberry	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	
1424 White St.	\$1,225,000	\$1,170,000	607	Prudential Knight & Gardner/Lisa Lennon	Compass Rlty./J. Michael Caron	
421 Catherine St.	\$699,000	\$670,000	272	Doug Mayberry R.E./Bobby Ciulla	Truman & Co./Melissa Krabill	
1442 Kennedy Dr. (1)	\$599,000	\$565,000	253	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Curtis Skomp	Location 3 R.E. of KW/Joyce Unke	
1207 Virginia St.	\$199,000	\$185,000	201	Schwartz Property Sales/Jimmy Lane	Pru. Knight & Gardner/Brenda Donnelly	
1012 Whitehead St.	\$585,000	\$560,000	128	Truman & Co./William Brown	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/B. Crespo, R. Lively	
115 Front St.	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000	129	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	
101 Front St.	\$749,000	\$700,000	119	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	
3624 Duck Ave.	\$350,000	\$350,000	106	Prudential Knight & Gardner/Walter Lee	Pru. Knight & Gardner/Joanne Tarantino	
3323 Donald Ave.	\$349,000	\$330,000	107	Key West Prop./Mike Sullivan	Preferred Properties/Laura Mcchesney	
3407 Eagle Ave.	\$375,000	\$360,000	94	Preferred Prop./R. Elkins, W. Quinlan	Preferred Properties/R. Elkins, C. Toler	
2012 Patterson Ave.	\$349,000	\$335,000	92	Engel & Voelkers Fl. Keys/Michael Petro	Beach Club Brokers/Dawn Thornburgh	
1117 Watson St.	\$499,000	\$499,000	74	Marquis Prop. Rlty./Rudy Molinet	Preferred Properties/Teresa Wilson	
1112 Virginia St.	\$425,000	\$410,000	64	Ocean Sotheby's Interntn'l/Laura Kennedy	Richard Padron & Assoc./Michael Spirkac	
92 Golf Club Dr.	\$349,000	\$330,000	55	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/R. Lively, B. Crespo	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Lisa Ferrigno	
1626 Sirugo Ave.	\$1,200,000	\$1,075,000	53	Engel & Voelkers Fl. Keys/John Parce	Engel & Voelkers Fl. Keys/Ellen Gvili	
403 Emma St.	\$929,000	\$850,000	49	Compass Rlty./H. Berry, M. Behmke	Compass Rlty./Megan Behmke	
1012 Truman Ave. (1)	\$119,000	\$119,000	37	Bascom Grooms R.E./Bascom Grooms	Schwartz Prop. Sales/Jimmy Lane	
<b>Little Torch Key</b>						
28572 Maracaibo Rd.	\$427,000	\$395,000	139	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Banks Prevatt	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Diane Corliss	
<b>Lower Matecumbe Key</b>						
75140 Overseas Hwy.	\$3,850,000	\$3,325,000	134	American Caribbean R.E./Joy Martin	Moorings Realty/Debra Mott	
<b>Marathon</b>						
1501 Copa D'oro	\$799,000	\$625,000	675	Island Breeze Rlty./David Grego	Island Breeze Rlty./David Grego	
1500 Bluefin Dr.	\$1,195,000	\$1,050,000	395	American Caribbean R.E./Brenda Torrella	American Caribbean R.E./Lynn Lucas	
1115 Sombrero Blvd.	\$259,900	\$243,900	119	RE/MAX Marathon Vac. R.E./Kim Show	Exit Rlty. Fl. Keys/James Chaplin	
<b>Ocean Reef</b>						
1 Linderman Key	\$1,995,000	\$750,000	380	Esslinger Wooten Maxwell/Timothy Heatley	Esslinger Wooten Maxwell/T. Heatley	
<b>Other</b>						
2821 100th Ave.	\$299,900	\$305,000	118	American Caribbean R.E./Mykael Marinelli	American Caribbean R.E./Mykael Marinelli	
<b>Plantation Key</b>						
209 Airport Rd.	\$486,000	\$550,000	547	Century 21 Schwartz/Charity Rebl	Moorings Rlty./James Mooney Jr.	
149 Harbor Dr.	\$890,000	\$850,000	467	American Caribbean R.E./Carolyn Ambler	Realty World - Freewheeler/Lisa Frins	
144 Coral Ave.	\$295,000	\$280,000	77	American Caribbean R.E./Joel Young	American Caribbean R.E./John Vlad	
86560 Overseas Hwy. (1)	\$500,000	\$500,000	38	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Jamie Engel	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Jamie Engel	
<b>Ramrod Key</b>						
321 Indies Dr.	\$425,500	\$400,000	29	Keyisle Rlty./Debbie Halama	Keyisle Rlty./Debbie Halama	
<b>Sugarloaf Key</b>						
961 Buttonwood Dr.	\$1,149,000	\$1,084,500	53	Anchor Line Rlty./David Austin	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Ruth Pasquale	
<b>Summerland Key</b>						
24925 Center St.	\$295,000	\$265,000	129	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Patti Nickless	Paradise R.E. in KW/Barbara Anderson	
<b>Upper Matecumbe Key</b>						
79901 Overseas Hwy.	\$625,000	\$445,000	59	Moorings Rlty./A. Lindmar, S. Ashmore	Moorings Rlty./S. Wampler, S. Ewald	
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## Record catch

An angler lands what could be a world-record mako but not everyone is happy. Story, **3B**



## Stuffed jalapenos

Jalapenos — stuffed with cheese and sausage — will make Dad happy on Father's Day. Recipe, **2B**

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### FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

# No shortage of dolphin tournaments

Now's the time when angling action heats up

In the Keys the most difficult fishing challenge is choosing what kind of fishing to do. During summer, the deep water yields dolphin, a tasty staple on many Keys menus.

This fish attracts novice competitors and world-class anglers who want to enjoy the fun and camaraderie that go along with an open fishing tournament. Summer-time is full of fishing challenges with prizes that range from fine art to trophies and cash awards. Highlights include:

- June 21 to 22: Poor Girls Dolphin Tournament, Islamorada.

This regional charity competition is intended to draw anglers looking for a fun, affordable and philanthropic fishing event. Monday raised benefits Upper Keys charities. Call Sharon at 393-6174 or visit [www.castingforcats.org](http://www.castingforcats.org).

- June 21 to 23: Key West Gator Club Dolphin Derby, Key West.

A grand prize of \$5,000 awaits the boat team with the largest aggregate weight of dolphin during the derby's two fishing days. Teams are allowed to enter one qualifying fish per day. The event is a scholarship fundraiser for area high school graduates attending the University of Florida. For information, visit



Maxwell Potter, 13, gives dad Kevin a hand to hoist some of the big dolphin reeled in May 13 while the Long Key family was fishing with Capt. Joe Saba on the 'Dirty Boa' out of Robbie's Marina in Islamorada. The Keys offer plenty of opportunities to land big dolphin, including tournaments.

[www.keywest.gatorclub.com/Event.htm](http://www.keywest.gatorclub.com/Event.htm).

- June 28 to 29: University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Dolphin Tournament, Islamorada.

Hosted by former Baltimore Raven Ray Lewis, the third annual event offers participants the chance to fish with some of their favorite former Hurricane all-stars. Cash prizes are awarded for the heaviest dolphin and more. Headquartered at the Postcard Inn Resort & Marina, the event benefits Upper Keys Habitat for Humanity, the Hall of Fame, and the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Call K.C. Jones at (305)

925-3660 or send an e-mail to [greg@bartonsmithpl.com](mailto:greg@bartonsmithpl.com).

- June 29: Mercury Marine Ladies Dolphin Tournament, Key West.

Female anglers have seven ways to win in this challenge that offers \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Awards include a \$3,000 prize for the heaviest single dolphin and a \$2,500 boat prize for the heaviest aggregate weight of two dolphin. Proceeds benefit the Jose Wejbe Memorial Foundation. Call Lee Murray at 305-296-0364 or send an e-mail to [Lee@murraymarine.com](mailto:Lee@murraymarine.com).

- June 29-30: Dolphin & Blackfin Tuna Fun Fishing Tournament, Marathon.

In its 13th year, this fam-

ily-friendly competition awards \$700, \$500 and \$200 to the top three adult anglers with the heaviest dolphin. Other cash awards and prizes are slated for junior anglers. Call Brenda Duff at 743-5317 or send an e-mail to [burdineswaterfront@gmail.com](mailto:burdineswaterfront@gmail.com).

- July 7: Islamorada Fishing Club Junior Dolphin Tournament, Islamorada.

Just like the big boys, junior anglers up to age 18 can compete in this team event. The heaviest combined weight of three fish wins. Call the IFC at 664-4735 or send an e-mail to [fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com](mailto:fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com).

### KEY WEST

## Conchs down 10 coaches

Soccer, hoops, volleyball among slots vacant

By **DICK WAGNER**  
Keynoter Contributor

With the resignation this week of baseball coach Miguel Menendez, Key West High School is entering the summer needing to fill 10 coaching positions.

In addition to baseball, the school is searching for varsity coaches in softball, boys soccer, boys basketball and volleyball. JV coaches are also needed for volleyball, softball, boys soccer, boys basketball and cheerleading.

"I did not anticipate this many openings," said athletic director Neda Preston. "As of now, there is one applicant for varsity volleyball and one for boys soccer. I hope to have all the jobs filled by the beginning of the school year."

Preston said volleyball is the first priority because it is the only fall sport without a coach and tryouts and practices begin Aug. 5. Jesse Archer, who was the varsity coach for six seasons, decided not to return after last season, just before she gave birth to a girl in December. The JV coach, Elise Filbrandt, has decided to leave coaching.

Varsity and JV coaches are needed in softball

because Steve Wells and Bubba Osterhoudt have decided not to return.

The boys soccer team has been without a head coach since early April, when Rob Eggers, who had been the coach for two seasons, was told that he wasn't being rehired.

Anton Lopez, who had coached the boys basketball team for two seasons, also was recently told that he would not return.

Applicants for coaching positions, according to Preston, must, among other things, "demonstrate professional expertise and sportsmanship, have positive behavior with players, parents, administration and fans ... and be responsible

for creating a budget and [organizing] fundraising efforts."

Returning to run varsity programs for the 2013-14 school year will be swimming coach Lori Bosco (the school's longest-tenured coach), golf coach John Moeller (who also coaches the boys tennis team), football coach Johnny Hughes, cross-country coach Terence White, girls soccer coach Scott Paul, girls basketball coach Tony McDowell, wrestling coach Chaz Jimenez, track coaches Rick Ridenour and Dave Perkins, and girls tennis coach Bill Butler.

Most varsity coaches receive a stipend of about \$3,300 annually.

### ISLAMORADA FISHING

## Dolphin Tournament is in fifth year

Guaranteed cash prizes to be awarded

Anglers yearning for some mid-summer fishing fun can find it at the fifth annual Islamorada Dolphin Tournament. The boat tournament is set for July 12 to 14, with a characteristically flexible format for simply catching fish.

A minimum of \$10,000

in prize money is to be divided among the top three boat teams based on each team's aggregate weight of three dolphin fish. A \$1,000 cash prize sponsored by Yamaha and Caribee Boat Sales goes to the angler who scores the largest fish caught on a Yamaha-powered boat from Caribee.

An unlimited number of anglers per boat can participate in the challenge, and all anglers in a boat do not have to fish the same day. Some

can fish on day one and others on day two. Two fish can be weighed per day, although the three biggest fish will secure a win.

Prizes also are to be awarded for the largest dolphin, largest blackfin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bonito, wahoo and kingfish.

Kickoff and final angler registration is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. July 12 at tournament headquarters at the Smugglers Cove Bar, Restaurant, Resort &

Marina, mile marker 85.5 bayside. Fishing days are July 13 and 14, and an awards ceremony follows the 5 p.m. weigh-in Sunday.

Entry fee is \$150 per angler or \$650 per boat with an unlimited number of anglers. After June 22, entry fees increase to \$175 per angler and \$700 per boat.

To register go to [www.islamoradacharterboatassociation.org](http://www.islamoradacharterboatassociation.org), call 852-2102 or send an e-mail to [ditournaments@aol.com](mailto:ditournaments@aol.com).

### HEALTHY LIVING

## Be part of the green solution

Increasingly, more people pay attention

Looking around my neighborhood recently, I see little changes that show me that instead of being part of the problem, some residents are choosing to be part of the solution.

For example, at the Winn-Dixie on Big Pine Key, I notice more lone male shoppers walk into the store with their stash of reusable bags. It really makes my heart swell.

My husband takes his own bag into the grocery store. It's a large, strong, orange Home Depot bag with molded handles that clip onto the insides of the cart. He throws all his shopping into the bag, unclips it from the cart and throws the mesh straps over his shoulder. He likes the fact that it is big and strong and he doesn't have to mess with a bunch of small bags.

My road has embraced recycling, judging from the number of recycling crates put out Thursday mornings. Even homes that are vacation rentals have recycling crates out by the road. Kudos to the homeowner or property manager who encourages the renters to recycle.

I know there can be confusion as to what can be recycled. One of those con-



Photo by SHIRLEY GUN

These painted rain barrels were auctioned in a silent auction at the Artists in Paradise Gallery on Big Pine Key.

fusions is plastic grocery bags. They can be recycled but not in the recycling crate. If you have them and you can't repurpose them as a doggie poop bag or wet waste bag, then return them to a bag recycling point at Winn-Dixie or Publix.

They should not be placed in the recycling crate, the contents of which are transported to a recycling facility in Broward County. At the facility, the metal arms sorting the recyclables get jammed up with plastic bags and cause costly and time-wasting shutdowns. They really don't want plastic bags in the recycling crates.

I am always surprised by the number of people I talk to who grow their own vegetables. Some have herbs on their porch, some grow tomatoes, some have more ambitious raised bed plots and grow collards, eggplants, squash (which really

See Solution, **3B**

### SUMMER CAMP

## Camps still registering kids

Wide variety of offerings are available

Add the Big Pine Academy to the list of those providing summer camp for kids in the Keys.

The charter school is offering Art Camp from June 17 through June 22 for kids in kindergarten through third grade from 9 to 11 a.m., and for kids in fourth grade and up from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$50 per student and includes all materials.

There will be a different activity each day • drawing, painting, collage, printmaking or found-object sculpture. Connie Hauk will conduct the sessions. For more information or to register, call 872-1266.

- The Big Pine United Methodist church, 280 Key Deer Blvd., has planned its vacation Bible camp for June 24 to 28, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

It's for kids in grades four through eight, free and themed "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together."

Activities include interactive Bible fun, music, science projects, crafts, hands-on-mission work, global games and more. To register, call 872-

2470.

- The Studios of Key West is enrolling students ages 7 to 15 in its summer art classes, dubbed Art is Cool! It runs Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon in June and gives budding artists a chance to learn different techniques from some of the island's best artists.

A second program in July, Painting Boot Camp for Kids, guides children through painting a new Key West scene each session with artist Rick Worth on Mondays and Tuesdays in July from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning July 9.

The Studios has also partnered with the Key West Art & Historical Society to offer Artcamp 2013, a three-week program at the Fort East Martello Museum. Sessions run June 10 to 14, June 17 to 21 and June 24 to 28.

To find out more, call the Studios of Key West 296-0458.

- For children age 8 and older, Pigeon Key in the Middle Keys hosts marine science camps. Sessions are set for July 1 to 5, 8 to 12 and 15 to 19, and Aug. 5 to 9, with a choice of day camp or, for kids 10 and older, overnight camp.

Camp includes daily workshops that feature topics such as marine mammals, reef fish, coral reef systems and inverte-

See Camp, **2B**

## THE DINING TABLE

## Every dad deserves jalapenos

Try these stuffed ones on for size

By ALISON LADMAN  
Associated Press

Spicy, cheesy and porky. You really can't go wrong with stuffed jalapeno peppers for Father's Day, which is June 16.

They work perfectly as a precursor to a grilled entree or on a platter of other savory munchies while watching the game. Use whatever sausage you (or Dad) prefer. We like the zip of a hot sausage, but a sweet sausage works well, too. If you're looking for even less heat, you can substitute baby bell peppers in place of the jalapenos.

What you need:

- Four ounces cream

cheese, softened.

- Half a cup grated sharp cheddar cheese.
- Half a teaspoon ground cumin.
- Half a teaspoon chili powder.
- Half a teaspoon garlic powder.
- Four ounces sausage, cooked and crumbled.
- Two scallions, green and white parts, chopped.
- Six jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise, seeds removed.
- Two tablespoons butter, melted.
- Half a teaspoon smoked paprika.
- Half a cup panko bread-crumbs.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Spray a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, stir together the cream cheese, cheddar, cumin, chili powder,

garlic powder, sausage and scallions. Spoon the mixture into the jalapeno halves, then arrange them on the prepared baking sheet.

In a small bowl, stir together the butter, smoked paprika and panko. Spoon the panko mixture onto the filling in the jalapenos. Bake for 15 minutes, or until bubbly and golden.

Nutrition information per serving: 230 calories; 180 calories from fat (78 percent of total calories); 20 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 55



Photo courtesy ASSOCIATED PRESS

These cheesy sausage-stuffed jalapeno peppers look pretty great.

mg cholesterol; 7 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 7 g protein; 270 mg sodium.

Start to finish: 30 minutes. Servings: Six.

## TO YOUR HEALTH

## Sunscreen slows skin aging if used often

New study confirms what was believed

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press

If worry about skin cancer doesn't make you slather on sunscreen, maybe vanity will: New research provides some of the strongest evidence to date that near-daily sunscreen use can slow the aging of your skin.

Ultraviolet rays that spur wrinkles and other signs of aging can quietly build up damage pretty much anytime you're in the sun — a lunchtime stroll, school recess, walking the dog — and they even penetrate car windows.

Researchers in sunny Australia used a unique study to measure whether sunscreens really help amid that onslaught. Participants had casts made of the top of their hands to measure fine lines and wrinkles that signal sun-caused aging. The research found that even if you're already middle-aged, it's not too late to start rubbing some sunscreen on — and not just at the beach or pool. The study of 900 people under 55 compared those randomly assigned to use sunscreen daily to those who used it when they deemed it necessary.

Daily sunscreen use was tough — participants did cheat a little. But after 4.5 years, those who used sunscreen regularly had younger-looking hands, with 24 percent less skin aging than those who used sunscreen only some of the time.

Both young adults and the middle-aged experienced skin-saving effects, concluded the study, financed by Australia's government and published Monday in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"These are meaningful cosmetic benefits," lead scientist Dr. Adele Green of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research said. More importantly, she added, less sun-caused aging

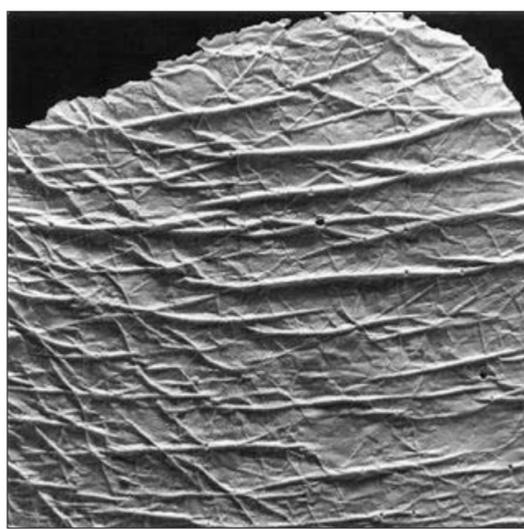


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This photo provided by the Queensland Institute of Medical Research is of a skin cast showing a high level of sun-caused skin aging. If worry about skin cancer doesn't make you slop on sunscreen, maybe vanity will: New research provides some of the strongest evidence to date that near-daily sunscreen use can slow the aging of your skin.

decreases the risk of skin cancer in the long term.

Dermatologists have long urged year-round sunscreen use — especially for constantly exposed skin on the face, hands and women's neck and upper chest — but say too few people heed that advice. Women may have better luck, as increasingly the cosmetics industry has added sunscreen to makeup and moisturizers. Skin experts hope the new study draws attention to the issue.

"Regular use of sunscreen had an unquestionable protective effect," said Dr. Richard Glogau, a clinical professor of dermatology at the University of California, San Francisco, who has long studied sun's skin effects. He wasn't involved with the Australian research.

## Two for one

The consumer message: "They can get a two-for-one with sunscreen. They can do something that will keep them healthier and also keep them better-looking," Glogau said.

In his clinic near Philadelphia, Dr. Eric Bernstein lectures patients who insist they're not in the sunshine enough for it to be

causing their wrinkles, brown spots and dilated blood vessels. Even 15 minutes every day adds up over many years, he tells them — and if they're using one bottle of sunscreen a year, they're probably not using enough.

"No one thinks they're in the sun, and they're in the sun all the time," said Bernstein, also a clinical professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "I say, 'How did you get here — did you tunnel here?'"

The news comes just as tougher Food and Drug Administration rules for U.S. sunscreens are taking effect. For the first time, they ensure that sunscreens labeled "broad-spectrum" protect against both the ultraviolet-B rays that cause sunburn and those deeper-penetrating ultraviolet-A rays that are linked to premature wrinkles and skin cancers.

Sunburns, especially in childhood, have been linked to a greater risk for melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer. But overall UV exposure plays a role both in melanoma and in other skin cancers that usually are curable but can be disfiguring if not caught early.

Green's team dug back through old study files to examine what's called photoaging, using those casts that had been made of some participants' hands.

Skin stretches and recoils thanks to elastic fibers supporting it. UV rays damage that elasticity, something scientists previously have measured using biopsies of the tissue just under the skin's top layer. With enough damage, the skin on top starts to sag and wrinkle.

Young people have very fine, barely visible lines on their skin. Sun-damaged fibers correlate with increasingly visible lines, in a sort of cross-hatch pattern. Hand casts allowed the Australian researchers to grade that amount of damage.

## Checking use

The researchers figured out who really used sunscreen by periodically weighing the bottles donated by a sunscreen maker. Green's team calculated that three-quarters of the people assigned to daily sunscreen use actually applied it at least three to four days a week. Only a third of the comparison group said they used sunscreen that often.

The study also tested whether a dietary supplement, beta carotene, might slow photoaging, and found no evidence that it helped.

Sunscreens aren't perfect, so don't forget dermatologists' other advice: Limit exposure during the peak UV hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and wear a hat, sunglasses and protective clothing when possible.

UCSF's Glogau noted that today's sunscreens are superior to those used two decades ago when the study started — meaning people who regularly use it now might see more benefit.

"I'm fond of telling people that if they start using sunscreen on a regular basis and don't do anything else, over a period of time they'll see an improvement in the appearance of their skin," Glogau said. "It's never too late."

## LIVING BRIEFS

## Fishermen give five scholarships

The Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association has awarded \$1,000 in scholarships to five students from Key Largo to Key West.

The money was raised from the January Florida Keys Seafood Festival in Key West and the continued sale of the cookbook "Ocean Flavors and More."

The scholarship winners are Catherine Guninovart from Coral Shores High School, Ariel Jesus Rodriguez and Sean Roussin from Marathon High, and Kayla Geide and William DeSantis Jr. from Key West High.

## College plans two open houses

Florida Keys Community College is hosting two open houses for prospective students.

They're both set for June 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Stock Island campus and Upper Keys center at Coral Shores High School in Tavernier. The \$30 application fee will be waived for those who submit an application during either event.

Prospective students can meet faculty, staff and current students who will provide information about academic and career training programs; financial aid and scholarship opportunities; learning support resources; and student clubs and activities.

Anyone interested in attending either open house should RSVP to 809-3271 or send an e-mail to studentoutreach@fkcc.edu.

## Tour planned at botanical garden

The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden on Stock Island opens its nursery gates at 1 p.m. June 15 for a tour and information about successfully growing threatened and endangered native plants.

Adult and student volunteers have succeeded in nurturing rare native flora to the point of having excess plants for planting. Susie Reutling, a master gardener who cultivates the nursery program, will lead the tour.

The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is on College Road near U.S. 1. The is free to members and students, and \$5 for others.

## Hazardous waste training is set

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is hosting what's called Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, or HAZWOPER, training this and next month.

It's set for June 15 at the Harvey Government Center in Key West from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a break for lunch. You don't need to bring anything unless you want pen and paper to take notes. All other materials will be provided.

Another class is set for Aug. 15 at the History of Diving Museum in Islamorada.

To find out more, call Phil Goodman at (305) 600-8441.

## Library sponsors reading program

Do kids in Marathon have what it takes to read 12.5 hours this summer? Staff at the Marathon library plans to find out.

The library at mile marker 48.5 has launched its second annual Summer Read-a-thon elementary-aged students, who are challenged to read 750 minutes over the summer. Those who meet the challenge will win prizes.

For younger children who are not yet independent readers, the library is sponsoring a Junior Read-a-thon, challenging kids in prekindergarten through first grade to read 25 picture books (with help).

Go by the library any time to pick up your reading folder and get started. To find out more, call 743-5156.

## Monument history revealed

The Historical Preservation Society of the Upper Keys President Jerry Wilkinson presents a detailed electronic slide show on June 10 of the Nov. 14, 1937, dedication of the Florida Keys Memorial, known locally as the Hurricane Monument.

The program starts at 7 p.m. in the Key Largo library's community room in the Trade Winds Plaza at mile marker 101.4.

The Miami Harvey Seeds American Legion Post No. 29 took the lead and collected \$2,000 toward building the monument. The location was provided by the Monroe County Board of Public Instruction, which had traded Hugh Matheson the present site of the Islamorada library and the memorial for the former oceanfront school site where part of Cheeca Lodge is now located.

## Marathon BPW has scholarship

The Marathon Business and Professional Women's Club is accepting applications for its adult scholarship.

Applicants must have been out of high school for at least one year, lived for at least one year from Big Torch Key to Long Key, and demonstrate a financial need. Applications must be postmarked by June 30.

To get an application, call Paula Haines at 731-0511.

## Fantasy Fest hopefuls gather

Can you picture yourself wearing a cape, a crown, carrying a royal scepter and drinking from a royal chalice while riding the royal float in the 2013 Fantasy Fest parade?

If so, then AIDS Help wants you as a candidate in the campaign for king and queen of Fantasy Fest 2013. A meeting is set for June 13 at the Southernmost Hotel Conference Room, 1319 Duval St., at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in becoming a candidate.

The candidates who raised the most money for AIDS Help through October are crowned king and queen. For further information, call Pam DeMala at 296-6196.

## Diving Museum hosts archaeologist

The History of Diving Museum at mile marker 83 continues its "Immerse Yourself!" series on June 19 at 7 p.m. with what's called "Shipwrecks of the Keys and Underwater Archaeology" presented by Corey Malcolm, director of archaeology for the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West.

The Havana-based pirate ship wrecked in 1827 on a reef near the Florida Keys with 561 African captives aboard. The story of the *Guerrero* includes a tale of ruthless, absconded pirates who rose up against their rescuers, hijacked them and continued their voyage to Cuba.

To find out more, call 664-9737.

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brates as well as hard and soft corals found in Florida and Caribbean waters. There is also an overnight camp.

For information, visit [www.pigeonkey.net](http://www.pigeonkey.net) or send an e-mail to Ananda Ellis, Pigeon Key education director, at pigeonkeyed@gmail.com.

• Reef Relief of Key West launches its annual Coral Camp June 10.

It's for kids ages 6 to 12 to explore and learn about our marine environment through educational activities at the Reef Relief Environmental Center in Key West.

Each day, campers experience hands-on-learning, interactive games, group activities and state-of-the-art videos of life at the reef. There are also field trips to Fort Zachary Taylor State Park for snorkel school, and reef trips with Fury Water Adventures and Sebago Watersports.

For more information, call 294-3100 or send an e-mail to reefrelief@gmail.com.

• The Marathon Parks and Recreation Department is registering children for both its Camp Adventure (ages 6 to 13). Camp Adventure includes daily activities and field trips.

Camp Adventure is a 10-



Camp Adventure counselors in Marathon are (from left) Miguel Valencia, Laura Obneal, Tavaris Grubbs and Erin Mendez.

week program that meets five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$80

per week. For more information, call the park office at 743-6598.

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Photos by CLAUDIA MILLER



Norman Van Aken and his son, Justin, will join forces for a Father's Day dinner at M.E.A.T in Islamorada. Chef George Patti is the chef/owner at M.E.A.T. Eatery and Taproom.

## Chefs combine talents for Father's Day challenge

Father-son duos met in Islamorada

By CLAUDIA MILLER  
L'Attitudes Contributor

Father-and-son chef team, Norman and Justin Van Aken, have joined forces with Keys chef, George Patti, to host a Father's Day dinner at M.E.A.T. Eatery and Taproom in Islamorada.

The creative menu will include alternating courses from each chef starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 16. Plans call for a tented beer garden with live music to accommodate the brace of chefs and patrons.

The Van Aken met Patti when they dined at M.E.A.T., and both said they bonded over a love of making chorizo from scratch. They were soon coming up with different ways to collaborate, and Father's Day seemed a perfect fit.

"We really enjoy George's gutsy, hip, pub fare," said Justin Van Aken. "He and I are both first-time fathers, and we'll have our dads in the house as well. The event is really going to be something special."

Norman Van Aken is known internationally as the "founding father of New World Cuisine." Currently, he is the chef and director of restaurants at the Miami Culinary Institute in Downtown Miami, and he is the chef-owner at NORMAN'S at the Ritz-Carlton in Orlando. He is the only Floridian inducted into the prestigious James Beard list of "Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America."

Recently he co-wrote "My Key West Kitchen" with son Justin. Written as an homage to the multicultural cuisine in the Florida Keys, the cookbook features recipes inspired by some of their favorite people and eateries in Key West past and present.

At the Father's Day event, the duo will whip up

several dishes from the cookbook such as Shrimp Po' Boy with hot sauce vinaigrette, fashioned after the dish at Half Shell Raw Bar in Key West.

"Like many things in the book, we eat something somewhere—like the Po' Boy at Half Shell or the pork chops at El Siboney—but we don't ask for a recipe," Norman Van Aken said. "We go home and try to recreate it somewhat faithfully and somewhat with the Van Aken spin."

Patti, the chef/owner at M.E.A.T. and Tasters Grille and Market in Tavernier, will serve some of his specialties like lobster empanadas and homemade chorizo sliders. He will also put a spin on chicken and waffles by doing a Chicken Fried Quail and Waffles with a maple syrup gastrique.

Known for its "gourmet fast food" concept, M.E.A.T. has gained a loyal following, especially for savory items like bacon and porchetta that Patti cooks up in his cherry wood smokers. The restaurant has been garnering media accolades such as being named one of the top five best new restaurants in the Keys on tripsmarter.com and highlighted in Florida Travel and Life Magazine for their duck fat-fried French fries.

Beer expert, Rich Abrams from MicroMan distributing, will pair each course with an array of five craft beers.

"We'll be using regular craft beers, as well as seasonal drafts," said Patti. Nutella-and-Guinness Adult Milkshake Shooters by Patti and a Georgia Peach and Pecan crisp with Sour Cream-Vanilla Ice Cream by Justin Van Akin will top off the meal.

M.E.A.T. Eatery and Taproom is located at mile marker 88 Oceanside in Islamorada. The event is \$80 per person. Limited seating is available, so reservations are required. Call 305-852-3833 for more information.

# L'Attitudes

Keys Arts and Entertainment this week

KEY WEST



Shackles used to secure slaves on the Henrietta Marie, which sank just west of Key West in 1700.

Photos courtesy Mel Fisher Maritime Museum Foundation

## African heritage, culture take center stage

Key West hosts Africana Fest June 13-16

L'Attitudes Staff

A visit to Key West's African Cemetery at Higgs Beach will be among the opening events for the Key West Africana Festival, which runs June 13-16.

With a focus on culture, wellness, panel discussions and workshops, the festival will include prominent African-American scholars, authors and personalities.

Michael Eric Dyson, a professor at Georgetown University and frequent guest on television talk shows, is the keynoter speaker at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, at the San Carlos Museum, 516 Duval St.

James Peterson, director of Africana Studies at Pennsylvania's Lehigh University, will follow with a panel discussion that includes Dyson, Florida Sen. Dwight Bullard and Peterson.

After lunch, Key West's Conch Train will take guests

to visit the African Cemetery at Higgs Beach.

Later that same day, at 5:30 p.m., attendees will gather at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St., for a program, film and exhibit tour focusing on the shipwrecked Henrietta Marie.

The vessel sank 35 miles west of Key West in 1700 after unloading 190 enslaved Africans in Jamaica. The museum's director of archaeology, Corey Malcom, will chronicle the wreck's discovery and excavation more than 270 years later.

A private tour of the ship exhibit follows.

An Afro Cuban Drum-Dance performance and workshop is scheduled at the San Carlos Friday night, starting at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, June 15, a 10 a.m. panel will explore relationships, led by Tiesha Taylor, managing partner of The Elderly Care law firm and Sonjia Kenya, assistant professor of family medicine and community health at University of Miami Medical School.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, event



Bow view of the Henrietta Marie as Mel Fisher crews take measurements underwater.

organizers have planned a documentary film screening and discussion with producers and members of the crew on "Sunken Stories," an episode of the PBS series "Changing Seas."

That episode deals with the discovery of the Guerrero, a Spanish slave ship that wrecked in 1827 on a reef near the Florida Keys with 561 Africans aboard.

Forty-one of the slaves drowned. Many of the remaining survivors were taken to Cuba and sold as slaves.

The Key West Africana Festival begins with registration and 7 p.m. reception Thursday, June 13, at the Southernmost House Historic Inn, 1400 Duval St.

To register, visit [www.keywestafricanafestival.eventbrite.com](http://www.keywestafricanafestival.eventbrite.com). Registration is \$100 per person and special room rates are available at the host hotel, Crowne Plaza La Concha, 430 Duval St.

For more information, visit [www.keywest-africanafestival.com](http://www.keywest-africanafestival.com).

FILM

## Pheromones emanating in this film not from fear

Weak acting, dumb story doom Jaden

"After Earth," rated PG-13, 100 min. Now playing nationwide.

Vanity press, where authors pay to have their own book published, has been around for a long time. And vanity plates for vehicles are available in

nearly every state. Now there's a new outlet for narcissism - vanity film.

Movie stars like to get their kids into the family business too. So, if you have enough money, why not make him or her the star of their very own



Will Smith's son, Jaden, plays cadet Kitai in 'After Earth.'

big-budget Hollywood movie?

To be fair, there's a long history of nepotism in Hollywood - Alan Hale, Ed Begley, Kirk Douglas, Gary Marshall, Ron Howard, Bruce Willis and many others got a little

help from the family name. But the big difference is that most of those Hollywood relatives showed some semblance of acting talent while, unfortunately, in this film, Jaden Smith does not. "After Earth" isn't quite

as bad as most reviews would have you believe, with some critics calling it a flop and comparing it to John Travolta's disastrous "Battlefield Earth." But the film is another in a

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MUSIC

# Aussie blues artist plays Key Largo June 15

## Anni Piper takes the stage at Bayside Grille

On June 10, Australian blues musician Anni Piper hits the Rockstar Lounge in Lake City, Fl. on the start of a whirlwind tour of the Sunshine State that brings her to Key Largo.

Dubbed "Australia's First Lady of the Blues," Piper will play the Bayside Grille, 99530 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo, on Saturday, June 15. She takes the stage at 7 p.m.

In all, she'll perform in a dozen Florida cities before heading west for a four-day stand at the Apache Hotel

Casino in Lawton, Ok and then more Midwest and Canadian stops.

With guitar and vocals, Piper won "Best New Talent" in 2005 at the Australian Blues Music Awards.

Black Market Music wrote this about her:

"Anni is one of the young, exciting new Blues talents emerging in Australia... (and) is one of the premier Australian Blues songwriters, able to capture the economy of language and wit of the Blues in her lyrics."

She began playing electric guitar at age 12, but switched to bass at 14. In 2004, she released her first album, "Jailbait." That was

followed by "Texas Hold 'Em," in 2007, "Chasin' Tail" in 2010 and her newest release, "Split Second" by Blues Leaf Records.

Piper's Key Largo concert marks his first U.S.-Canadian tour.

Her collaboration with Nicole Hart on "Split Second" was a recent "Pick to Click" on SiriusXM's popular "Bluesville" show.

Dr. Blues writes: "When two hot mama blues divas get it together, you can assure that fireworks are in store. Piper and Hart lead and follow, harmonize and highlight each other like sisters from another mother, while the band provides all the heat needed to keep things at a boil. "For infor-



Anni Piper

mation, call the Bayside at 451-3380 or check out [www.facebook.com/pages/Bayside-Grille/100800600598](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bayside-Grille/100800600598).

MARATHON

# 'TahDANCE' show June 14-15 at Marathon theater

Marathon Community Theatre's 5th Annual "tahDANCE Showcase" will be staged at 8 p.m. June 14-15.

This year's show, "Camp Marathona," features numbers reminiscent of the traditional summer camp talent show, including some Bad Boys.

For the past five years, MCT has marked the end of the theatre season with the "tahDANCE Showcase." MCT members perform dance steps and choreography learned throughout the year.

Kristeen Teague and Devin Clarke direct "Camp Marathona" in a show produced by Jennifer Powell. Choreographers include

Jackie O'Neil, Cheryl Wilcox, Devin Clarke, Stacey Venzel, Dianna/Donna Nussenblatt, Kristeen Teague.

Tickets cost \$12, plus a food donation for KAIR, a local non-profit organization that serves individuals and families in crisis. Call 743-0994 or stop by the MCT box office, mile marker 49.5, oceanside (next door to the Plaza Grill).

MCT offers free dance classes to theater members. Membership fees are \$15 for individual, \$25 for families and a special \$10 student rate (under age 18).

Membership forms can be found at [www.marathontheater.org](http://www.marathontheater.org).

# Plot holes, silly dialog and passable special effects

From Film, 4B

long string of disappointments from once-promising director, M. Night Shyamalan.

The film's premise: 1,000 years after Earth was evacuated due to environmental disaster, mankind now lives on another planet. Will Smith is a legendary soldier, Cypher Raige, and his son, cadet Kitai, is played by Smith's real-life son, Jaden.

In an attempt at father-son bonding, Cypher and Kitai travel together on a

mission into space to dispose of a horrifying beast called an Ursa. But the ship hits a meteor shower and crash lands on Earth, now a hostile planet where "everything has evolved to kill humans".

All of the crew except the General and his son are killed and the remainder of the film involves an injured Cypher guiding Kitai to a distant rescue beacon, while the youngster tries to avoid being killed by a succession of CGI creatures.

As a result of the crash, the deadly Ursa is set free

on the planet. It is especially good at hunting humans and it tracks them through the pheromones given off when they're afraid. Cypher has perfected the method for killing the beast by controlling his fear, but Kitai is afraid of everything and soon the Ursa is hot on his trail.

Plot holes are big enough to fly the starship Enterprise through, the dialog is silly and the special effects are only passable. But the worst things about "After Earth" are the two Smiths, with Will

being the biggest letdown. He plays General Raige as a dull, wooden drill instructor who seems dead even before the crash landing. And after the crash, 'zombie' would be a more appropriate term for his portrayal of Cypher.

As for Kitai, well, Jaden is simply not a strong enough actor to carry the part. The script runs him through a range of emotions but he is just not convincing in any of them.

Written and produced by the Smith family (Will,

his wife, Jada and her brother, Caleeb), "After Earth" took in an estimated \$27 million during its opening weekend, coming in third behind "Fast & Furious 6" and "Now You See Me." That's not a terrible gross. But taking into account the popularity of Will Smith, the figure has not impressed Hollywood.

However, looking on the bright side, "Battlefield Earth" only grossed \$21 million in its entire theatrical run, so the Smiths are already ahead of the game. And,

hey, if Steven Seagal can be a movie star, why can't Jaden Smith?

MUSIC



Aaron Copland

# 'American in Paris' concert June 19

## Tennessee Williams performance by Blue Door Quartet

The South Florida Symphony Orchestra's Blue Door String Quartet brings an "American in Paris" concert program to the Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Theater June 19.

The Blue Door Quartet features violinists Whitney LaGrange and Benjamin Breen, Amy Kimball on viola and Arthur Cook on cello.

Works by three well-known composers, Aaron Copland, Reynaldo Hahn and Maurice Ravel, will be performed, including Copland's "Movement for String Quartet."

Copland, considered an American classical composer, has been credited with bridging a difficult balance between modern music and American folk styles.

Ravel, a 20th century French composer, has roots in Spain's Basque country, which colored his works

with Spanish rhythms. Among his most famous pieces, "Bolero," which he composed for Russian ballerina Ida Rubenstein. It premiered in 1928 at the Paris Opera.

For Key West's June 19 concert, the Blue Door Quartet will perform Ravel's "String Quartet."

Of the three composers featured, Hahn may be the least familiar to American audiences. Born in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1874, Hahn went to Paris as a child and studied at the Paris Conservatoire under Jules Massenet. He later made his name as music critic of La Figaro from 1934 to 1945, and then became director of the Paris Opera.

The group will perform his "String Quartet" at the concert, which begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$25 for general seating; \$35 for reserved seating closer to the stage. Tickets are available at [keystix.com](http://keystix.com) or contact the Tennessee Williams box office at 305-295-7676.

KEY WEST

# Fairies and pixie dust on call again

## Midsummer's Night Dream sponsors looking for volunteers

Sponsors and volunteers are sought to help produce and stage the 7th

Annual Midsummer's Night Dream & Spectacle, a night of artistic expression, music, feasting, dancing and theatrical antics scheduled Saturday, June 22.

Created by Java Studios' Michael Shields, the festival is billed as "celebrating

the art and artists of the Keys."

It all takes place at Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden on Stock Island.

For more information, or to volunteer your talents, call Misha McRAE at 305-296-1504.

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- **Fast and furious 6** (PG-13): 1:00, 4:05, 7:15 and 10:25 p.m.
- **The Hangover Part III** (R): 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 and 10:40 p.m.
- **After Earth** (PG-13): 1:05, 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.
- **Now You See Me** (PG-13): 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 and 10:20 p.m.
- **Star Trek into Darkness** (PG-13): 4:10 p.m.
- **Epic** (PG): 4:30 and 10:00 p.m.
- **Epic in 3D** (PG): 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- **Star Trek Into Darkness 3D** (PG-13): 1:10p.m.
- **Swan Lake Mariinsky Live 3D** (??): 6:30 p.m.

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- **Mud** (PG-13): 4:00 p.m.
- **The Great Gatsby in 3D** (PG-13): 2:00, 5:30 and 8:20 p.m.
- **The Iceman** (R): 9:00 p.m.
- **Renoir** (R): 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.,
- **Tiger Eyes** (PG-13): 1:45, 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
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- **Simon Killer** (NR): 2:15 and 6:20 p.m.

Marathon Community Cinema

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- **Cruds** (PG): Friday: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 2:00 p.m.

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- **The Internship** (PG-13): 1:30, 4:10, 7:05 and 9:55 p.m.
- **Now You See Me** (PG-13): 1:45, 4:25, 7:10 and 9:45 p.m.
- **After Earth** (PG): 2:00, 4:35, 7:25 and 9:55, p.m.
- **Fast & Furious 6** (PG-13): 1:25, 4:15, 7:05 and 9:55 p.m.
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ADRIANA GONZALEZ, his  
wife, ET AL  
Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a Deficiency Judgment entered by the Circuit Court in and for Hardee County, Florida on the 12th day February, 2013, and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued in the above styled cause on the 25th day of March, 2013, I, Richard A. Ramsay, 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 11th day of July, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at the Monroe County Courthouse, 500 Whitehead St., Key West, Florida, the interests of defendants RIDOBEL GONZALEZ and ADRIANA GONZALEZ, his wife, ET AL, in execution, in the following described property, subject to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments, or encumbrances whatsoever:

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Plaintiff,

vs.

NORMA JEAN ZAHNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NORMA JEAN ZAHNER; IMPAC FUNDING CORPORATION; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. CAK121213, of the Circuit Court of the 16th Judicial Circuit in and for MONROE County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOLDERS OF IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-3 is Plaintiff and NORMA JEAN ZAHNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NORMA JEAN ZAHNER; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; IMPAC FUNDING CORPORATION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MONROE COUNTY

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COURTHOUSE, LESTER BUILDING, AT 500 WHITEHEAD STREET, KEY WEST IN MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA 33040, at 11:00 A.M., on the 17th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 37, RAMROD SHORES THIRD ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 108 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 14th day of May, 2013.

AMY HEAVILIN  
As Clerk of said Court

By: Shonta McLeod  
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Cheryl Alfonso, 302 Fleming Street, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 292-3423, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711.

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. 12-02883 BOA

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Ad # 516079

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
KEY WEST DIVISION  
CASE NO. 4:13-cv-10066-JEM

In the matter of the Complaint of SUNSET ISLAND PARTY OPERATING CORP., as owner of a 1998 M/Y "REEF BOUND", for exoneration from or limitation of liability,

Petitioner.

#### NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS OF COMPLAINT FOR EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

NOTICE is given that Petitioner, SUNSET ISLAND PARTY OPERATING CORP., as owner of a 1998 M/Y "REEF BOUND", has filed a Complaint for exoneration from or limitation of liability for all claims for loss, damage or injury arising out of an alleged collision involving its vessel on or about October 5, 2012, as more fully described in Petitioner's Complaint.

All persons having any claims must file their respective claims, as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of this Court at the United States Courthouse, Southern District of Florida, in Key West, Florida, and serve a copy thereof on counsel for Petitioner, Allan R. Kelley, Esq., FOWLER WHITE BURNETT, P.A., Espirito Santo Plaza, 14th Floor, 1395 Brickell Avenue, Miami, Florida 33131, on or before June 28, 2013, or be defaulted.

If any Claimant desires to contest either the right to exoneration from or limitation of liability, it shall file and serve on the counsel for Petitioner an answer to the Complaint on or before the aforesaid date unless its claim has been included in an answer, so designated, or be defaulted.

Dated: May 20, 2013.

CLERK UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

By: Alex Rodriguez  
Deputy Clerk

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Ad # 518374

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 11 CA 486 P

Ocean Reef Community Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

James J. Clare III and Vivian A. Clare, husband and wife; and Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust Company,

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE (PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 9, 2013, in Case No. 11 CA 486 P of the Circuit Court in and for Monroe County, Florida wherein Ocean Reef Community Association, Inc. is Plaintiff, and James J. Clare III and Vivian A. Clare, husband and wife; and Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust Company, are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at: the Front Door of the Monroe County Courthouse, Lester Building, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the prescribed date: on June 25, 2013, the following described property set forth in the order of Final Judgment

Lot 40, Block 3, of HARBOR COURSE SECTION FOUR, OCEAN REEF PLAT NO. 13, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 7, at Page 8, of the Public records of Monroe County, Florida,

Property Address: 40 South Bridge Lane, Key Largo, Florida 33037.

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

Dated this 8 day of May, 2013.

AMY HEAVILIN, CPA  
CLERK OF COURT

BY: Gwen Douglass  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared by:  
Sydney E. Scheinman, Esq.  
Eisinger, Brown, Lewis, Frankel & Chaiet, P.A.  
Presidential Circle  
4000 Hollywood Boulevard  
Suite 265 South  
Hollywood, FL 33021  
(954) 894-8000  
E-mail address:  
Eisingerlitigation@gmail.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Monroe County Courthouse within two working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770.

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Ad# 523404

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.  
44-2012-CA-000100P

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES E. DIRCKS;  
SARAH E. DIRCKS;  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK,

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F.S.B.: UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

CHARLES E. DIRCKS  
9475 S 550TH  
W. WINAMAC, IN 46996

SARAH E. DIRCKS  
9475 S 550TH  
W. WINAMAC, IN 46996

who is evading service of process and the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the defendant(s), who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
**PARCEL 6C MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN "PARCEL" OF PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 61 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, WHICH "PARCEL" WAS DEEDED TO WILLIAM HEMPEL BY RUTH M. HEMPEL ON JUNE 21, 1950, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK G-48, PAGE 360 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA. FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT ON SAID "PARCEL", (WHICH BORDERS ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 4A), THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 225 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 25 FEET TO A POINT, WHICH POINT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DEED IS ESTABLISHED AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 175 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER LINE OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN; THENCE AT ABOUT RIGHT ANGLES AND MEANDERING ALONG SAID WATER LINE IN NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 80 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT (WHICH SAID POINT IS 25 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE MOST EASTERLY POINT OF THE "PARCEL" ABOVE DESCRIBED AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK G-48 AT PAGE 360 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA); THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 175 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION, SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO BE ON THE 25 FEET NORTHEAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE "PARCEL" ABOVE DESCRIBED.**

**a/k/a 98525 B OVERSEAS HIGHWAY, KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037-**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 on or before June 28, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the FLORIDA KEYS KEYNOTER and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain

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assistance. Please contact Cheryl Alfonso, 302 Fleming Street, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 292-3423, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22 day of May, 2013.

AMY HEAVILIN, CPA  
As Clerk of the Court

By Gwen Douglass

As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:  
Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000  
Plantation, FL 33324  
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Ad # 524300

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, AMY HEAVILIN, Clerk Ad-Interim Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, Florida, will, on the 17th day of June 2013 at 11 o'clock a.m., at 500 Whitehead Street Monroe County, in the City of Key West, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for CASH the Following described property situated in Monroe County, Florida, to wit:

**Lot 55, Sugarloaf Shores Section C, Plat No. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 53, Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.**

**Address: 17260 Pine Tree Lane, Summerland Key, FL 33042**

Pursuant to FINAL DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered in a case pending in said Court, the Style of which is:

GQ HOLDINGS 1329, LLC

Plaintiff

VS.

ANAYANSI B. PEREZ, et al

Defendant

And the Docket Number of which is Number  
**44-2011-CA-897-K**

WITNESS my hand and the Official Seal of Said Court, this 28th day of May, 2013

Amy Heavilin,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Monroe County, Florida

(Circuit Court Seal)

By: Shonta McLeod  
Deputy Clerk

Florida Statute 45-031: Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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Ad # 524446

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

File No. 13CP62P

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JAMES M HIGHTOWER,

Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES M. HIGHTOWER, deceased, whose date of death was March 19, 2013, 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

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representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 1, 2013.

Personal Representatives:

**CHRISTOPHER HIGHTOWER**  
5337 N.W. 89th Drive  
Coral Springs, Florida 33067

**LAURA MORELAND**  
238 Navajo Street  
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Attorney for Personal Representatives:

CARL SCHUSTER, ESQ.  
Florida Bar Number: 071490  
GREENSPOON MARDER, PA  
100 W. Cypress Creek Road,  
Suite 700  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 491-1120  
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carl.schuster@gmlaw.com  
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Ad# 528543

**Scott Bros Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien** and intent to sell these vehicles on **06/19/2013 9:00:00 AM at 5345 5th Avenue, Key West, FL 33040** pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Scott Bros Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. All sales are as-is and final.

2B4GP44G4XR212941  
1999 DODGE

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Ad# 530108

#### LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Monroe County Local Coordinating Board will be holding its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on Friday, June 21st, 2013 at the Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Highway Marathon, FL 33050 at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Inquiries concerning this meeting should be directed to the Health Council of South Florida, Inc. at (305) 592-1452.

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Ad# 531393

#### NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 194.035(1) of the Florida Statutes, the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board is now accepting applications from individuals who are willing and qualified to serve as Special Magistrate for the purpose of taking testimony and making recommendations to the Board.

"A special magistrate appointed to hear issues of exemptions and classifications shall be a member of The Florida Bar with no less than 5 years' experience in the area of ad valorem taxation. A special

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magistrate appointed to hear issues regarding the valuation of real estate shall be a state certified real estate appraiser with not less than 5 years' experience in real property valuation. A special magistrate appointed to hear issues regarding the valuation of tangible personal property shall be a designated member of a nationally recognized appraiser's organization with not less than 5 years' experience in tangible personal property valuation."

All applicants must complete the Florida Department of Revenue's Value Adjustment Board Training to qualify for serve.

Please forward resume to:

Amy Heavilin, CPA  
Clerk to the Value Adjustment Board  
PO Box 1980  
Key West FL 33041-1980

**\*Deadline for submission is June 28, 2013**

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Ad# 531447

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**ANCHOR TOWING** gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on **06/21/2013, 08:00 am at 189 US HIGHWAY 1 KEY WEST, FL 33040-5476**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. ANCHOR TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1C3EL56R42N234474  
2002 CHRYSLER

5YFBU4EE2DP167853  
2013 TOYOTA

L5YTCKPA381228619  
2008 ZHNG

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Ad# 531462

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The vehicle(s) listed below will be sold at public auction for cash at **Florida Keys Towing Inc., 1620 Overseas Hwy, Marathon FL 33050 at 8:00 AM on JULY 5, 2013** in accordance to Florida Statute Section 713.78 for unpaid towing & storage. Florida Keys Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. All vehicles/ vessels are sold as is.

1. 2000 DODGE  
VIN: 1B7GG22N9YS729323

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Ad# 531466

**Alex's Auto Wrecking & Parts** gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on **06/19/2013 9:00:00 AM at 111 US Highway 1 #107 Key West, FL 33040** pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Alex's Auto Wrecking & Parts reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. All sales are as-is and final.

1N4AL11D35N428082  
2005 NISSA ALTIMA S/SL

4T1SK12E2RU331911  
1994 TOYOTA CAMRY LE

JT2SK11E8N0028499  
1992 TOYT CAMRY DELUXE

1G6DW6984F9721179  
1985 CADI FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM

1YVHP80C575M15295  
2007 MAZD MAZDA6I

1GNDU23E13D229283  
2003 CHEV VENTURE ECONOMY

JW6AAE1H7YL006939  
2000 MITS FE639

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Ad# 531468

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

CASE NO.: 44-2012-CA-000668K

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL SKOGLUND, et al

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY**

TO:  
AUBREY C. CARR ,  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN  
BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN  
ADDRESS IS:  
RR 1 BOX 764,  
Big Pine, FL 33043

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Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in MONROE County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5 AND LOT 6, SQUARE 20, SANDS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH MOBILE HOME VIN CY3G1172 TITLE 17106030

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 31465 AVENUE B, BIG PINE KEY, FL 33043

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such as Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33634 on or before July 12, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 24 day of May, 2013.

AMY HEAVILIN, Clerk  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Shonta McLeon  
Deputy Clerk

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Cheryl Alfonso, 302 Fleming Street, Key West, Florida, 33040, (305) 292-3423, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days: if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711.

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Ad# 533100

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 2013-CP-73-K**  
**JUDGE: TEGAN SLATON**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN RUROEDE, deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of **CAROL JEAN RUROEDE**, also known as **CAROL J. RUROEDE**, also known as **CAROL N. RUROEDE**, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2013, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-2247, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Monroe County Courthouse, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040. The decedent died testate, leaving a Last Will and Testament dated August 18, 1990. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA

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PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JUNE 8, 2013.

Co-Personal Representative: Deirdre Praught  
P.O. Box 420464  
Summerland Key, FL 33042

Co-Personal Representative: Karen Wiltshire  
317 Ridgeland Road  
Eastonolee, GA 30538

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: LINDA B. WHEELER, ESQ.  
Florida Bar No. 513288  
1213 White Street  
Key West, Florida 33040  
Telephone: (305) 294 0683  
Email: lwheeleraal@earthlink.net

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Ad# 533183

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. CAP121156

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,

vs.

RAPHAEL TOLEDO, et al  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: CHARLES TOLEDO

RESIDENT: Unknown

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 2801 SALZEDO STREET, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

TO: ELIZABETH IWANIEC, JOHN IWANIEC  
RESIDENT: Unknown

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 510 GEIGER CIRCLE, KEY LARGO, FL 33037

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in MONROE County, Florida: Lot 1, Block 11, of KEY LARGO BEACH ADDITION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 22, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan, PLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before July 8, 2013 or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Keynoter.

DATED: May 29, 2013

AMY HEAVILIN, Clerk, CPA  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By Gwen Douglass  
Deputy Clerk of the Court

Copies furnished to: Phelan Hallinan, PLC  
2727 West Cypress Creek Road  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

**Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Cheryl Alfonso, 302 Fleming Street, Key West, Florida, 33040, (305) 292-3423, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days: if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

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Ad# 533567

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

CASE NO.: 44-2011-CA-001048K

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS

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SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROGELIO HERNANDEZ; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 16, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 44-2011-CA-001048K of the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Monroe County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 17 day of June, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Monroe County Courthouse, Lester Building, 530 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 24 OF RAMROD SHORES THIRD ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6 AT PAGE 108 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

**ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Cheryl Alfonso 302 Fleming Street Key West, FL 33040 Phone: (305) 292-3423**

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**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS THAT the Monroe County School District will be receiving bids for the following:

**ITB 518 BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM LABOR & MONITORING**

**BID 518 OPENING** will be held on – June 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

**RFP 519 PHARMACY BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION SERVICE**

**BID 519 OPENING** will be held on – June 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Location for Bid Openings: MCSD Administration Bldg, 241 Trumbo Road, Key West

Bid Documents may be requested from Demandstar by calling 1-800-711-1712 or by going to the website [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) or by going to [www.keyschools.com/rfp](http://www.keyschools.com/rfp). The public record document is available at the Purchasing Department, 241 Trumbo Road, Key West, FL 33040.

All bids must be received on or before dates specified in the bid documents. The Monroe County School District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities when it is in the best interest of the Board to do so.

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Part-Time

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## Wahoo finishes off a perfect trip

Four buddies find success in Tortugas

Jerry Begue from Ohio, Werner Dominik from Florida, Jurgen Dominik from California and Doug Marohn from South Carolina gather together every year in Key West with one thing on their mind: Fishing.

The center of their fishing universe in Key West is the Dry Tortugas portion of the tour. Positioned nearly 70 nautical miles west and a little north of Cayo Hueso is the stage for the magical mix of the South Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico at the very end of the chain of islands. The convergence of these two great bodies of water over the last blast of coral rock mixes a potion of pelagics and bottom fish that will twist your mind.

On this particular trip, the harvest was moving along fairly quickly and by the third morning, little room was left in the allocated fish box for more additions. Mutton snapper, scamp grouper, red grouper, black grouper, yelloweye snapper and yellowtail snapper, along with a few blackfin tuna, had already filled the voids and tired the arms of the crew during the last two days, fulfilling all the fishing desires of the four.

It was time for the bonus round. Leaving at a calm coffee-sipping and picture-taking pace, our Dry Tortugas-permitted vessel the *Premium Time* was due south. After hitting the perimeter of Dry Tortugas National Park, baits were deployed. The run to the deeper ledges was only eight miles and higher-speed trolling would get us there in less than an hour.

Two feathers way back at half a spool of line and two lipped plugs with good tuning



Marlin Scott

was the makeup of the spread. In fewer than 10 minutes, the first blackfin tuna ate a feather and slowed us to a snail's pace as the crew worked the fish onto the deck and into the box. A few more and the box would be filled.

Fort Jefferson and the Loggerhead Key Lighthouse were slowly sinking in the background as we moved away. Another blackfin pummeled a feather for a replay of the same situation. In the crowded box it went.

The third time the spread was set, it was a doozie. We were pushing the limit of the fish box with the last tuna, so room was limited, for sure. With a full drag, the 50-wide outfit bent and the reel sounded, ready to explode due to the speed of the hooked fish. It had to be a wahoo.

Werner was next up on the rod and eagerly navigated his 70-year-old body to the transom as mate Austin Hopp pried the bent rod out of the holder. Handing off the rod firmly set Werner's knees against the fish box with a thud. Now we were engaged.

Werner worked the wahoo with grace and diligence, cheered on by the other three and me. As the fish came to the transom, Austin reached with the gaff and sealed the deal. We were now officially over the personal boat limit set by years of experience and the need to limit the take.

Just because you can doesn't mean you should is the basic philosophy behind the



Capt. Marlin Scott, Werner Dominik and mate Austin Hopp are all smiles after nabbing the wahoo.

one-box rule on the *Premium Time*. Well, time to violate the rule.

After the pictures were taken and the celebration subsided, Werner was granted his own box to carry the fish of a lifetime back after the trip of a lifetime. The Dry Tortugas continues the legendary status at least for these four.

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The basic spread used for higher speed trolling on any one of our charter boats is set basically the same. Here are the details:

Outriggers: 30-pound trolling outfit with tuna feathers (Tuna Killers, Billy Baits, Bullet Head Smokers).

- Set out a half-empty spool of line or, in other words, so far back you can't see 'em far. Stagger your lines a bit in case you take a harder turn to avoid crossing and tangling. Use blue/white and black/red combinations with pink/white and green/yellow waiting in the wings. I rarely use the other colors but have on occasion.
- Flat lines: 50-pound trolling outfit with

lipped plugs (Rap X).

Set these baits back closer to the transom staggered by counting in seconds, 10 seconds at 8 knots for one and 15 seconds for the other. An important note is to have one person count the baits to their position. People count at different speeds; one person's 10 count may be another person's 15 count, resulting in a minor catastrophe.

Wire with four feet of 131-pound of brown wire. Wahoo come in packs and at times work in collusion to ruin your day on a lost fish.

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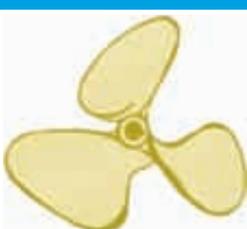
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