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THE ENVIRONMENT

## Invasive lionfish diving deeper

And that means fewer chances to catch them

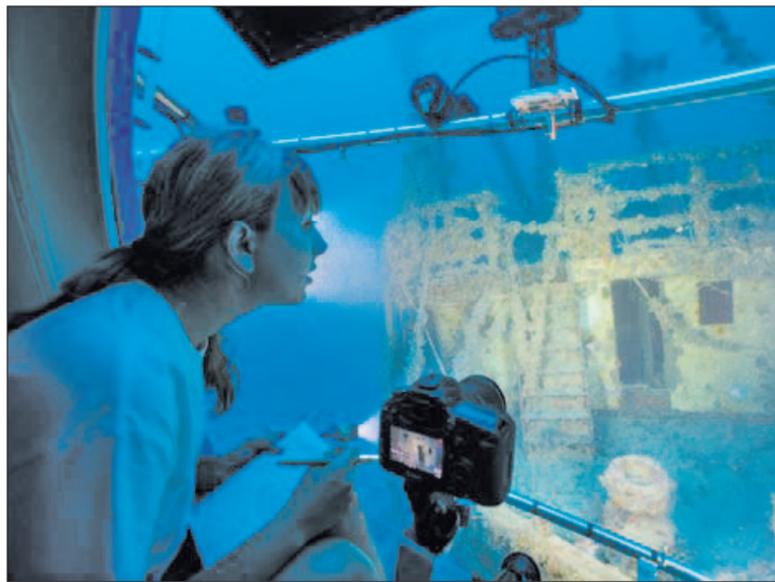
By JENNIFER KAY  
Associated Press

The invasive lionfish that crowds coral reefs and preys on native fish in the Atlantic's shallower waters — especially the Florida Keys — is such a problem that divers in Florida and the Caribbean are encouraged to capture and eat them whenever they can.

Lionfish, which have venomous spines, are a well-documented problem in Atlantic coral reefs, where the foot-long, 1-pound invaders from the tropical parts of the Pacific and Indian oceans live without predators and eat other fish voraciously.

Now what's slowly coming into view is how deep into the ocean their invasion has spread.

Researchers and wildlife officials worry that lionfish may undo conservation efforts aimed at rebuilding populations of native preda-



Associated Press photo by WILFREDO LEE

In this June 28, photo, Oregon State University lionfish expert Stephanie Green counts lionfish on the sunken freighter 'Bill Boyd' as she travels aboard the submersible Antipodes in about 250 feet under the surface about three miles off Fort Lauderdale. Seattle-based OceanGate Inc. offered scientists and wildlife officials a close-up look at the invasive lionfish deep in the waters off South Florida.

tors such as groupers and snappers. Lionfish gorge on the young of those species, as well as their prey.

"They can eat pretty

much anything that fits inside their mouths," Oregon State University lionfish expert Stephanie Green said.

Divers are encouraged to capture any lionfish they encounter to protect reefs

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LOBSTER MINI-SEASON

## Keys booked for lobster hunters

30,000 likely to jam islands July 24, 25

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The unofficial two-day summer holiday known as lobster mini-season arrives July 24, meaning Florida Keys motel rooms will be full, rental-boat slips empty and dive operators tired.

All nine rooms and five overnight RV spots at the Pelican Motel on Grassy Key "have been booked since last year," said front-desk manager Julie Gault. "And we've got a waiting list."

Similar stories of heavy advance reservations for the two lobster sport-diving days, July 24 and 25, are heard throughout the Florida Keys.

"Completely booked for mini-season, and we're nearly sold out Friday through mini-season," Tara Gadoury said of the Looe Key Reef Resort's 24 rooms on Ramrod Key. "People are maxing out on the occupancy, too. It's a crazy time."

All 16 boats from Capt.

Pip's Marina in Marathon have been reserved "for weeks," said a booking agent.

The Royal Hawaiian Motel and Hotel in Marathon specializes in rooms with adjacent dockage for boats. "There's one of those left and it won't last long," manager Phil Stott said.

Many Keys dive shops step up operations for the estimated crowd of 30,000 divers seeking their two-day limit of 12 lobster during mini-season.

"We're open 24 hours" during sport-diving days, said instructor Doug Grubb at Keys Dive in Islamorada. "A lot of people come down to enjoy mini-season and we want to be here to help them with whatever gear needs or problems they have."

The shop expects to pump air into "at least 1,000 tanks over those two days," Grubb said.

State fishery managers have estimated that in a typical year, more than half the 50,000 divers who chase lobster during the statewide mini-season head for the Keys. That amounts to approximately 30,000 divers.

Marine law-enforcement

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BIG PINE KEY

## Mosquito spraying halted

Feds: Protect imperiled butterflies

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A pair of potentially endangered butterfly species have Big Pine Key residents concerned about the prevalence of a different insect altogether.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the National Key Deer Refuge on Big Pine, put a halt to the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District spraying adulticide on the island in mid-June so it could monitor

dwindling Bartram's hairstreak and Florida leafwing population. Both are candidates for the Endangered Species List.

That means the district has been unable to use its spray trucks — familiar sites to most Keys residents — to patrol Big Pine neighborhoods since then. The adulticide is dispensed as a fog from the trucks.

"In past years, Mosquito Control has worked with us to get a special-use permit, and with the potential for listing these two species [as endangered], there was a request to do a conference opinion," refuge Manager Nancy Finley said. "It's

about determining how to minimize the adverse affect to the organism; that includes making sure its habitat aren't affected."

Part of that is determining how much, if any, adulticide drifts onto the croton plant on which both species depend for survival. Croton is a small, low-lying shrub.

"It's the sole source plant for these butterflies," Finley said.

Finley said Fish and Wildlife studies have determined that Bartram's hairstreaks, once common throughout the state, are only found on Big Pine and on Long Pine Key, a tiny island in Everglades

• See Halted, 2A

ROLLING OUT THE BINS



Photo courtesy ALYSON CREAM

The city of Key West received 13,000 new 65-gallon recycling carts this week that will be distributed citywide over the next week in the run-up to an overhaul of the city's waste pick-up schedule, set to take effect July 29. For all residents, collection of household waste, yard waste and recyclables will be done the same day, with the days staggered throughout the city.

KEY WEST

## Residents to see slightly higher tax bill for 2013-14

City's proposed budget stands at \$41.3 million

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Although the Key West City Commission is eyeing a slight decrease in the municipal property tax rate for fiscal year 2013-14, growth in city-wide property values will equate to a slight increase in

annual assessments.

Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan gave commissioners a first look at the spending plan for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 at all-day sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Commissioners set a tentative tax rate that can be lowered but not increased in the run-up to final budget approval scheduled for Sept. 5.

The current tax rate is \$2.9185 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For

the owner of a \$300,000 house, that equates to an \$875.55 city tax bill.

As Finigan pointed out, the citywide assessed property value grew year over year by 4.32 percent to \$5.3 billion based on estimates from the county's Value Adjustment Board.

For the owner of the \$300,000 home, that means the tax bill next year will be based on a proportionate increase in value to \$312,960.

Applying the proposed fis-

cal year 2013-14 millage rate of \$2.8815 per \$1,000 of assessed value comes to a \$901.79 city tax bill, a year-over-year increase of \$26.24.

That rate supports proposed spending of \$41,305,565 up from \$40,879,931 in the current fiscal year.

City reserves have grown from \$9,837,515 to a projected \$11,100,000.

It costs around \$111,000 per day to run the city, meaning that in the event all rev-

enues stop, the city could continue operations for 100 days.

Finigan also presented a 10-year look at the city's staffing levels, showing a reduction over the past decade of 24 full-time equivalent positions.

In 2003-04, the city employed 489 people, compared to the current 464.

Commissioners requested \$200,000 in new spending — \$150,000 to dredge the Sunrise Canal and the remainder for a new support staff

member in the legal department — that Finigan did not build in to the budget.

"Those expenditures will be covered by a scrub down of the general fund," he said, as opposed to an adjustment of the proposed millage rate.

Major revenue sources factored into budget projections include \$985,000 in federal, state and local grants; \$1.5 million in building fees; and a \$45,104 increase in cruise-ship disembarkation fees to about \$4.9 million.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Memorial service for paper's Ryan**

A memorial service for William J. "Bill" Ryan, a former *Keynoter* advertising salesman, will be held Saturday at Lazy Days South on 15th Street in Marathon.

Per Ryan's wishes, his ashes will be spread offshore. Family and friends will depart the Lazy Days dock aboard the Sirius at 2 p.m., returning in time for a 5 p.m. memorial at the restaurant and bar, which was his favorite watering hole.

Ryan's son Chris Ryan and granddaughter Katelyn, his nephew Lt. Col. Frank Ryan, sister-in-law Peggy Ryan and other family members are flying in from the New York, Virginia and Seattle areas for the memorial.

Ryan moved to the Florida Keys in 1997, working at Sombrero Country Club after previous stints at the Wailai Country Club in Honolulu, Woodstock Country Club in Woodstock, N.Y., and the Pelham Country Club in Pelham, N.Y.

He joined the *Keynoter* advertising sales staff in June 1997 and handled numerous retail accounts in Key West, Marathon and Islamorada.

Ryan died Dec. 28, 2012, after a long illness.

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**Deeper depths 'next frontier'**

**From Invasive, 1A**

and native marine life already burdened by pollution, over-fishing and the effects of climate change. And last month, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission waived the recreational license requirement for divers harvesting lionfish and excluded them from bag limits, allowing people to catch as many as they can.

But recreational divers max out around 130 feet deep. Researchers and wildlife officials rarely have the means to venture deeper than that, but they've realized the lionfish they can't see may be their biggest concern.

As Green discovered on a recent expedition aboard a submersible, there's little to disturb a lionfish living on a wreck 250 feet deep into the Atlantic. There are no predators and no divers.

Last month, Seattle-based OceanGate Inc. offered scientists and wildlife officials a close-up look at deep-water lionfish in dives aboard a submersible named Antipodes,

which left out of Broward County. In strong currents that might have tangled a tether connecting a remotely operated robot to a vessel at the surface, the Antipodes sank and rose as smoothly as an elevator. Maneuvered by a joystick, it crawled over the sand at a walking pace.

Green and other researchers who took the dives surfaced believing they had seen the frontier in their fight against lionfish. The next problem will be routinely making similar dives to study and perhaps capture lionfish.

They would seem to have a lot of water to cover — the deepest confirmed sighting of a lionfish was at 1,000 feet in the Bahamas.

"We are capable of doing a good job of controlling lionfish at diveable depths, in shallower areas. Divers and spearfishers can go in and remove the fish. But the lionfish are abundant in large numbers at these deeper habitats, and that's really where the next frontier of this battle is going to be, in those deep water areas," Green said.

Lionfish in the Atlantic

Ocean have similarities to the Burmese python, the large, ravenous snake that researchers say is decimating native mammal populations in Florida's Everglades. Both are fast-breeding invasive species likely introduced through the pet trade, with no natural predators to keep their numbers in check.

"We're going to have to figure out how we're going to get below the diver depths," said Dan Ellinor, a biological administrator with the FWC's marine fisheries division.

"The other problem is there's not a commercial market per se," he added. "It's very small, very minute, it's in the Keys, it's beyond the reef in about 200 feet of water and it's bycatch out of traps, lobster traps."

Officials have concluded that if you can't beat lionfish, you can at least eat them, even though commercial supplies and the market for them remain very small.

*Associated Press writers Ben Fox and David McFadden contributed to this report.*

**Maybe 'a couple of days'**

**From Halted, 1A**

National Park. Its population is estimated at 100 to 800 adults total.

The Florida leafwing population is thought to be "several hundred or fewer." It's found in the Everglades, sporadically in Miami-Dade County and "may be gone from Big Pine.

Mosquito Control Director Michael Doyle said larviciding makes up 90 percent of how the district kills mosquitoes. Adulticiding is a back-up plan, but a useful and important one, he said.

Larvicide kills mosquitoes to larvae in the water before they fly, while adulticide kills adult mosquitoes with a fine mist at

night or early in the morning. District aircraft disperse many tons of larvicide granules up and down the Keys.

"Over the Fourth of July weekend, we put out 17,000 pounds," Doyle said.

Doyle said adulticide used by the district is a "general low-level insecticide toxin" meant to kill mosquitoes and smaller insects. It's not meant to affect larger insects like butterflies.

"It's been approved by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] for use in mosquito control, but [Fish and Wildlife's] view is anything that could possibly affect these endangered species, they want to restrict," Doyle

said.

Finley said the district and Fish and Wildlife are working together to get Mosquito Control spray trucks running again. The district provided information Tuesday that Finley said would be analyzed in Vero Beach.

"They've done a great job getting information to us," she said. "They have hundreds of them to do, but based on the urgency and the community concerns, we'd want to expedite. Hopefully it could be a couple of days."

In the meantime, Doyle said the district has been ramping up larviciding on offshore islands that are fertile breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

**LOBSTER MINI-SEASON**

**Revive your Dive debuts**

**It's all about diver safety in mini-season**

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While law enforcement officers seek to keep lobster divers legal, two new programs want to help keep divers alive.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Revive Your Dive program comes to Key Largo to offer preparation and tips for the lobster sport-diving days July 24 and 25.

"We've had too many deaths in mini-season here," said Gary Mace, co-owner of Conch Republic Divers and the Scubaocity software company. "Maybe this will eliminate some of those."

Revive Your Dive is an event created by Reef Ministries founder Tec Clark of Fort Lauderdale, a former leader of the YMCA's national scuba program. Sessions include an in-pool scuba refresher, a dive-fitness consultation and an equipment inspection.

"Each year, numerous divers get injured or even die during the Florida lobster mini-season and first weeks of the regular season," says a program summary. "Medical conditions (mostly cardiac events), poor diving procedures and technique, and equipment problems are often factors in these needless accidents."

The Florida Keys Visitor Center at mile marker 106.2 bayside hosts the program this weekend. There is no cost; donations to Reef Ministries are welcome.

Registration through [www.ReviveYourDive.org](http://www.ReviveYourDive.org) is recommended. Some walk-in spaces may be available.

Revive Your Dive has been sponsored or endorsed by the Divers Alert Network, PADI, Divers Direct, Islamorada Dive Center and other groups.

Each day, sessions start hourly from 8 a.m. through

3 p.m. "The whole session may take two hours," Mace said, "but people are free to take as little as they want."

People who have a medical condition or habit of concern (namely, smoking) will be required to have a physician's waiver to take the pool refresher. All must have a dive certification card from a major agency.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to offer voluntary boating inspections. Dive professionals will check one piece of critical gear (regulator, buoyancy compensator or tank) per participant.

**Bahia Honda**

Conservation and response agencies join Bahia Honda State Park's second Sport Lobster Season Mini-Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The park is at mile marker 36.8.

Visitors can "get information about lobstering, fishing, diving and boating," according to a park spokesman.

A touch tank with spiny lobster will be set up by the state Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, with biologists able to answer crustacean questions.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary staff will show proper lobstering technique. Voluntary boating safety checks will be offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Participants can tour a Coast Guard boat and stop by booths from the Turtle Hospital, Department of Environmental Protection Emergency Response, FWC Law Enforcement, Marathon Wild Bird Center, Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, and the Dolphin Research Center.

Activities are free with regular park admission. A \$5 lunch special will be served by the park concessionaire. For more information, call the Bahia Honda Sand and Sea Nature Center at 872-9807.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Maria Theresa (Fenstad) Richardson**

**Maria Theresa (Fenstad) Richardson**, age 80 of Key Largo, Florida passed away June 24th, 2013 at her home after a brief illness. Maria was born in Ocean County, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, on August 27th, 1932. She was predeceased by her parents, Clelia Lo Duca and Hans Odin Lee Fenstad, Sr. and her husband Capt. E.W. Richardson. She is survived by her sister Pauline Schaller and brothers Lee Jr., Harry and Knute Fenstad as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Maria graduated from Dickinson High School in Jersey City, New Jersey and received a degree from Montclair State Teachers College in New Jersey. Maria lived in Miami, Florida from 1956 to 1966 and worked as a stewardess for Eastern Airlines for 10 years in the old glamorous days. In 1976 she moved to Key Largo with her husband. Maria worked for and retired from Tradewinds Investments, a Key Largo Real Estate Firm.

Ms. Richardson was active in the community and served as a role model to her many friends. A member of the former Hemlock Society, Maria left her body to science at the University of Miami.

Maria was a founding member and Past President of the Upper Keys Chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women). A strong Feminist, Maria marched on both Washington & Tallahassee for Women's Rights. She was also a long time BPW (Business and Professional Women) member. Maria was active with the Domestic Abuse Shelter where she served as a court observer and victims advocate. As a Silverliner, (Retired Eastern Airlines Stewardess) she was involved with the Keys Chapter's 28 year "Flight to the North Pole" where 600 local school children and disabled youth where treated in Key West to a party to meet Mr & Mrs. Santa Claus and receive presents.

Maria was a member of the Upper Keys AARP, Senior Moments and Friends of Key Largo Library. She also served as the Chair of the Monroe County Library Advisory Board. A long time Democrat, one of the highlights of her life was her work with the George Mc Govern Presidential Campaign.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Upper Keys NOW for the Maria Richardson Scholarship for an adult returning to school. Please make your check out to: Upper Keys NOW, and on the check note Maria Richardson Scholarship. Please mail to: Upper Keys NOW, c/o 188 Plantation Dr., Tavernier, FL 33070.

A celebration of Life will be held for Maria on Saturday, August 24th, 2013 from 2-4pm at the Key Largo Civic Club, 209 Ocean Bay Dr., Key Largo Florida 33037 (MM99.8 - Oceanside, across the street from the Lions Club, behind Capitol Bank).

CRIME FRONT

# Snorkeler tries to get lobster jump

He's discovered with 7 illegals at White Street

Keynoter Staff

A Key West man who tried getting an early jump on lobster mini-season Friday found out that doing so will land you with criminal charges.

Officer Jimmy Johnson from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission cited Mitchell Ryan, 53, after seeing Ryan in the water around 1 p.m. at the White Street Pier in Key West.

Johnson wrote in a report that he saw Ryan wearing fins, a mask and snorkel, and "in front of him was a yellow pole spear and a blue bag on the ocean sea floor." In the bag were seven



Photo courtesy FWC

These are the illegal lobster found with Mitchell Ryan in Key West.

lobster, all of which were undersized and speared —

both violations of the law. He was given citations for

possession of seven out-of-season lobster, seven

speared crawfish and seven undersize lobster.

A warning was issued for Ryan's failure to possess a valid saltwater fishing license.

Lobster mini-season runs from 12:01 a.m. July 24 to 11:59 p.m. July 25. The regular eight-month season opens Aug. 6.

**Illegal snapper**

A Miami man was jailed Monday for illegally taking fish under the south end of the Tavernier Creek Bridge.

Juan Nolasco, a 40-year-old bricklayer, is charged with having seven undersized gray snapper and one undersized schoolmaster snapper, and possession of gray snapper over the bag limit after FWC Officer Janette Costoya found him with the fish.

He's also charged with resisting arrest, and admitted

to driving with a suspended driver license.

FWC Officer Bobby Dube said Nolasco and two men with him are in the U.S. illegally from El Salvador. U.S. Customs and Border Protection have immigration holds on them.



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## Cops bolster ranks

From Lobster, 1A

officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Coast Guard will watch for conservation and boating-safety violations.

"We'll bring in additional officers from upstate, along with the lobster-sniffing dogs," said FWC Officer Bobby Dube.

The Lobster Information Booth, staffed by

FWC and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary personnel, sets up at mile marker 106 on Key Largo, beginning Friday afternoon.

Two dive-safety events have been scheduled (see related story) to curtail the number of people who die in pursuit of lobster. There was one Florida Keys fatality in the 2011 mini-season, after a rash of 12 deaths over the four seasons from 2005 to 2009. Divers will not see any

new lobstering rules this year but need to avoid no-harvest areas near shorelines on most Monroe County and municipal coasts from 12:01 a.m. July 24 to 11:59 p.m. July 25.

Keys-specific brochures giving all the rules are available at the Lobster Information Booth, and most Keys dive shops and marinas. You can also go to [www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/lobster](http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/lobster).

KEY WEST



Keynoter photo by SEAN KINNEY

This week the Key West City Commission decided to spend \$150,000 to clean up the Sunrise Canal, which intersects with the Riviera Canal in residential New Town near the intersection of Flagler Avenue and South Roosevelt Boulevard.

## Canal cleanup gets the OK

Now the issue is where to find funding for it

By SEAN KINNEY  
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As part of its ongoing budget discussion this week, the Key West City Commission directed city staff to set aside \$150,000 to clean up the Sunrise Canal in New Town.

It's possible a federal grant could cover the cost but Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan, who on Monday and Tuesday led commissioners through an annual budget overview, said the money hasn't been awarded so he can't include the amount in his calculations.

Commissioners told Finigan to find the money regardless of the grant. The residential canal intersects with the Riviera Canal at the intersection of Flagler Avenue and South Roosevelt Boulevard.

Commissioner Jimmy Weekley, a commissioner and mayor for nearly three decades combined, said the canal hasn't been cleaned since the late 1980s. He said television sets, shopping carts, bicycles, dead fish and "no telling what else" is floating and submerged in the canal.

"Part of the problem is people who live on the canal," he said. "They have a habit of throwing their palm fronds and yard waste in the canal."

Commissioner Tony Yaniz said the water in some places is only a foot deep and below the surface, "there's 30 years of silt. The canal has to be taken care of."

The five commissioners present at Monday's session (Mayor Craig Cates and Commissioner Mark Rossi were absent) unanimously agreed the canal needs to be cleaned but preferred a non-general-fund budget source like the grant.

Commissioner Billy Wardlow suggested dipping into the \$7.5 million

from the city's October sale of part of the Pier House Resort and Caribbean Spa on Duval Street.

"We only budget for things that have occurred," Finigan said. "If a requirement is going to be supported in part or in whole by a revenue source in the form of a grant, then we shouldn't bring it forward and put it in the budget."

"If we're doing this regardless of grant funding, I need to find another source. That's our problem."

City Manager Bob Vitas stressed the need for buy-in from canal-area residents.

"Anyone who lives on a canal knows if they see something floating, they need to pull it out," he said. "It's no different from debris on the right of way in front of your house."

"But they don't have the equipment to pull out television sets," Weekley said. "Or 30 years worth of silt," Yaniz added.

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## EDITORIAL

## Trail advertising will be intrusive

Let's hope the corporate sponsors respect the reasons for trails, which are maintaining green space

In case you missed it, the Florida Park Service opened the phones this week for potential corporate sponsors interested in advertising along portions of the state's greenways.

Picture, if you will, mini-billboards promoting consumer products or cellular phone service or miracle cures for lumbago as you hike the Nature Coast Trail along the Suwannee River.

Or how about a 16-square-foot sign at each trailhead promoting the latest diet pill or sleep aid along the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail?

Selling advertising space along Florida's heritage trails is an awful idea, but it's the will of the Florida Legislature, which passed a law last year forcing the sponsorship idea on a reluctant Park Service staff.

Samantha Browne, chief of the Department of Environmental Protection's Greenways and Trail Foundation, spoke for many this week: "People voiced their opinion strongly when this came out that they don't want this to be advertising and intrusive, and we're going to do everything we can to make it not be."

The corporate sponsorships involve all seven recognized trails in Florida, including the one in the Florida Keys. Interested sponsors had to participate in a DEP conference call on Monday. Fewer than 25 were on the line and some of those were government employees monitoring the discussion.

DEP said the deadline to submit proposals is Aug. 8. We can only hope safeguards in place will prevent the worst possible sort of visual pollution on what are supposed to be, after all, nature trails — not speedways designed to milk corporate cash cows.

Yet another example of a Legislature that's out of touch with constituents. At least the law limits the language on the signs to: "(logo) proudly sponsors the costs of maintaining the (name of greenway or trail)."

Other trails that will be impacted by the corporate sponsorships: Blackwater Heritage Trail, near Milton in the Panhandle; Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail, south of Tallahassee; Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail in north-central Florida; Nature Coast State Trail from Cross City to Chiefland, crossing the lower Suwannee River; Withlacoochee State Trail, south of Dunnellon; and the General James A. Van Fleet State Trail through Central Florida's Green Swamp.

## Tweet this — #@%&amp;\*\*\*

While looking askance at the latest folly in Tallahassee, we didn't want to ignore this notice from Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

The state-backed insurer of last resort has opened a Twitter account, touting proudly that it has "joined the online world of social media."

That's all we need — tweets from the outfit that keeps raising windstorm rates at the same time it gives away millions to start-up insurance companies who contributed big donations to the governor and other "right thinking" politicians.

Maybe an appropriate hash tag would be #you'vegotto-bekiddingright?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Too much government

A city of Marathon ham-handed ordinance creates problems and expenses for businessmen, consumers and taxpayers alike. Take a look at the current state of affairs that is an offshoot of Marathon's distance requirements for package stores.

We now have potential lawsuits to go along with accusations of possible bribery, accusations of Planning Commission members using their positions to protect their business interests and city officials being sued, which will

require taxpayer funds for litigation. All for what?

What the distance requirement for package stores provides is protectionism for established businesses. Why should government be concerned how close to each other or how many package stores will operate in town? In a free market with unfettered competition, economic realities do the best job of regulation. Competition will give consumers the best prices and consumer demand will provide the optimum number and location of competing businesses.

Package stores should share the same economic conditions as other businesses. Is government going to limit by distance how many fast-food restaurants or banks they will allow? I was at the City Council meeting when this ordinance passed, and remember Realtor Brian Schmitt asking if real estate offices would be limited by some future ordinance. I think he is still waiting for an answer.

Jack Berrigan  
Marathon



The terminal at the Marathon airport will soon house a U.S. Customs and Border Protection office. The airport hasn't had much luck with supporting commercial air service over the years.

## Say no to Customs

Shame on the Monroe County commissioners, again. Bringing in U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Florida Keys Marathon Airport and eliminating the possibility of commercial air service is totally sinful.

It is almost criminal to squander an asset paid for by the taxpayers and dispose of a valuable feature and eliminate potential future service to Keys homeowners and consumers. Local political pressure that facilitates favors their check-in return from out-of-country trips is a deceitful, devious ploy harmful to the property owners of this community.

The tourism horse the Keys have been riding for years is getting very tired except for Key West. We cannot imagine the Realtors and chambers of commerce of the Middle and Upper Keys endorsing and supporting this venture as these areas, other the Key West, are becoming second-homeowner buyers for their getaways.

Second homes are the future lifestyle of people who purchase Middle and Upper Keys homes and become snowbirds in the winter season and stay north in hurricane season except for an occasional trip down for some good fishing and boating.

These are the people who could use the commercial air service and not for the occasional persons checking in and out for an out-of-country trip. Plus, wasn't Marathon asserting this community as a vacation destination? Right, without future insight and commercial air service, Marathon will continue to be the "don't stop, don't look" hurry-up area to Key West.

It is past time for the government to downsize and keep its hands out

of the taxpayers' pocket. We elected the decision makes to use good judgment when deciding issues. But some decisions and choices they have been making lately do not pass the common-sense litmus test. Several issues such as the old Seven Mile Bridge and zip line at Crane Point should be decided by taxpayer referendum.

Sometimes projects need to stand on their own foundation and not look to the government via the taxpayer to bail them out.

David, Shirley Stonerock  
Grassy Key

## Actions warrant felony

This is in reference to the article on KeysNet.com, "Tampa man busted in Key West for scaring plane passengers."

I am a retired airline captain, the husband of a retired flight attendant and the father and father-in-law of airline pilots. If the report of his actions is correct (the passenger was charged with disturbing the peace), he committed a federal crime and should be charged accordingly:

"9-63.110: Interference with Flight Crew Members and Attendants:

"Section 46504 of Title 49, United States Code (formerly section 1472(j) of Title 49 Appendix) sets forth the offense of interference with a flight crew member or flight attendant within the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, which is defined in 49 U.S.C. § 46501(2).

"The statute applies to any individual on an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States who, by assaulting or intimidating a flight crew member or flight attendant of the aircraft, interferes with the performance of the duties of the member or

attendant or lessens the ability of the member or attendant to perform those duties."

"The statute provides for up to 20 years imprisonment, and further provides for imprisonment for any term of years or life if a dangerous weapon is used.

"Interference with a flight crew member or attendant is a general intent crime, and does not require a specific intent either to intimidate the flight crew member or attendant or to interfere with the performance of his or her duties. United States v. Grossman, 131 F.3d 1449 (11th Cir. 1997)."

Kenneth J. Korshin  
Key Largo

*Editor's note: The letter writer is a former American Airlines pilot.*

## Foundation comes through

Just a note of gratitude to Matt Helmerich and the family of the Helmerich Foundation (Oklahoma) for their recent donation that made it Christmas in July for the Monroe County Domestic Abuse Shelter families.

The generous donation from Matt and his four brothers at the Helmerich Foundation allowed the shelter to provide a bounty of goods and furnishings that were needed for the shelter.

Venita R. Garvin, CEO  
Domestic Abuse Shelter  
Monroe County

## Punishment too lenient

Re: the story: "Fisherman gets jail for 781 pounds of illegal yellowtail."

Did Judge Wayne Miller really let this guy go for the price of the fish sold at market? If he did, that's lame.

The guy should have lost fishing rights for a year plus pay a fine, plus the fuel for the patrol boat for the day. The next guy will think twice. That guy stole everyone's fish.

Time to read about the environment, Judge Miller.

Carlton Adams  
Doylestown, Pa.  
Key Largo

*Editor's note: Miller also ordered the fisherman to serve 45 days in jail and six months of probation.*

## Letters to the Editor

Letters of local interest are welcome, but subject to editing and condensing. There is a 400-word limit. Letters thanking an individual are welcome. Space does not permit publication of thank-you letters consisting of lists. Letters must be signed. Anonymous letters will not be published. Include a daytime phone number (which will not be published) where you may be reached if there are questions about your correspondence. Mail: Editor, Keynoter, P.O. Box 500158, Marathon, FL 33050 E-mail: keynoter@keynoter.com Fax: 743-6397

## MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Mixed comments for Porter

By SEAN KINNEY  
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The Monroe County School Board has given Superintendent Mark Porter what amounts to a B-minus in his first 11 months heading Keys public schools.

Board members conducted their evaluations in June and Porter made them public Monday.

The evaluation form asks 52 specific questions — many of which board members didn't answer based on what they say is lack of information — pegged to a five-point scale of 1, not acceptable; 2, developing; 3, proficient; 4, accomplished; and 5, distinguished.

The board members gave Porter an average score of 3.51. The individual marks:

- Chairman Andy Griffiths, 3.58.
- Vice Chairman Ron Martin, 3.65.
- Ed Davidson, 3.33.

- Robin Smith-Martin, 3.46.
- John Dick, 3.55.

In addition to scoring Porter the lowest, Davidson's evaluation contained the most critical comments, particularly regarding Porter's ongoing strategic planning process, which Davidson contends is "largely in-house personnel dominated and old-guard sponsored."

He wrote that Porter "failed to reach many elements of [the] non-school community who pay taxes."

Griffiths only gave numerical scores for 12 of the 52 questions, by far the lowest response rate on the board. He noted on the form that in many cases associated with specific performance measures, it's "too early" to judge.

For instance, on the specific goal of Monroe County remaining "an A-rated school district," Griffiths wrote that it's "too early to know the results" because the state Department of

Education has not yet released its latest letter grades for schools.

Griffith praised Porter's human resources and writing skills.

Martin, who gave the highest marks, made few comments on his evaluation, mainly pointing out that Porter has a strong "work ethic" and needs to fill "key positions" in the district administration.

Smith-Martin had no comments on his evaluation form. Dick criticized the whole concept of evaluating based on unknowns, writing that "the process is ongoing and until it's completed this evaluation is not an accurate judgment."

Porter graded himself a 2.51 on a three-point scale, saying he doesn't believe he has had time to become accomplished or distinguished in any specific area since his hiring to the \$150,000-per-year job in August. He's on a three-year contract.

## KEY WEST

## Nonprofits are getting cut

## It's 1st year of a 4-year rollback

By SEAN KINNEY  
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The Key West City Commission, meeting for an all-day budget workshop on Monday, began its first phased cuts to social-service funding.

The city has long provided taxpayer dollars to AARP in the Lower Keys, the Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Keys and the Guidance Care Center.

In the 2012-13 fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, \$42,955 is budgeted for those organizations.

In budget discussions last year, Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan presented a plan, subsequently agreed to by commissioners, that would reduce the funding by 25 percent over four successive years until the earmark is gone.

For the 2013-14 fiscal year, that means there's \$32,216 to help fund the programs.

Commissioner Tony Yaniz gave city staff a warning that "I won't cut back on Boys and Girls Club again next year." He said the program is essentially for families that work in the service and tourism industries.

The commission also agreed to fund the Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter and mobile outreach program at the same level as this budget year, \$444,118.

KOTS, adjacent to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office headquarters on Stock Island, is a 140-bed homeless center that's open from sundown to sunrise. It's managed in partnership by St. Mary Star of the Sea Outreach Mission, the Guidance Care Center and Samuel's House.

That same consortium operates the mobile outreach program, essentially a specially equipped recreational vehicle that sets up at homeless hangouts and provides things such as rudimentary medical services, help getting state-issued identification, referrals for substance-abuse and mental-health issues, job referrals and access to transitional housing.

## Business

### NEW ROTARY OFFICERS



The Key Largo Rotary Club installs its 2013-14 board of directors in a Sunday banquet at the Bayside Grille. They are (from left) Bill Andersen, Sara Hamilton, Mike Shipley, President Jennifer Miller, Ted Dreaver, outgoing President Katrina Lavene, Dave Andrews, President-elect Nancy Alvarez, Cheryl Powers, Jim Boilini and Secretary Cris Beaty. Treasurer Amy Pierson is not shown. Dreaver was named Key Largo's Rotarian of the Year and Donny Fanelli the top first-year member.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Realtors hosting insurance forum

Members of the grass-roots group Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe will give an update on windstorm insurance issues during a public forum set for Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Key Colony Inn in Key Colony Beach.

The host is the Marathon & Lower Keys Association of Realtors, which is also kicking off a fundraising drive to help support FIRM.

Information regarding wind and flood policies will be available. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

#### Credit union offers assistance

Keys Federal Credit Union has put in place a program to help federal employees in the Keys who must take unpaid furlough days as part of the federal budget sequester.

If you're a member of the credit union, you can skip one payment on an existing loan for no additional fee; withdraw funds from your share certificate without penalty; and borrow up to \$5,000 at 1 percent interest for 36 months, with your payment deferred until Sept. 1.

To find out more, call 294-6622.

### TECHNOLOGY

# T-Mobile to allow frequent upgrades

By ANICK JESDANUN  
Associated Press

Ever worry about buying a new phone, only to see a better one come out just two weeks later?

Phone companies normally make you wait two years before upgrading to a new device. T-Mobile will now let you upgrade twice a year for just \$10 a month.

T-Mobile US Inc. had already broken industry convention by ditching two-year service agreements and selling phones on installment plans. But T-Mobile's installment plans typically ran two years, as well, so customers had to wait that long for a cost-effective upgrade.

With the new Jump plan, T-Mobile customers will be able to have those remaining payments waived. The plan includes insurance to cover lost or stolen phones, as well as damage. Think of the new Jump plan as extending the

insurance to cover phone envy when something better comes out.

"We're going to attack what I believe is the single and most offensive wireless practice head on," T-Mobile CEO John Legere said. "Two years is too long to be locked into phones."

T-Mobile, the No. 4 U.S. cell-phone carrier, has been trying to differentiate itself from bigger rivals by shattering longstanding industry practices.

In March, it dropped conventional two-year service contracts in favor of selling phones with installment plans. It has made the change a centerpiece of its marketing, calling itself the "Un-carrier."

T-Mobile said the new Jump plan is part of Phase 2 of Un-carrier. T-Mobile has also introduced new family plans without credit checks, so households without good credit ratings won't be charged more.

The Jump plan became available Sunday and will cost only a few dollars more a month than typical phone insurance plans, T-Mobile said. But under Jump, customers will still have to pay a deductible ranging from \$20 to \$170 if a phone is lost, doesn't work, has water damage or has a cracked screen.

In addition, customers who replace phones that aren't lost or damaged will still have to pay the usual price for the device, typically \$100 up front and \$20 a month for two years for high-end phones such as the iPhone 5 and the Galaxy S4.

What Jump does is waive any remaining payments when someone decides to upgrade because a newer phone with better features is out. The customer does not get a refund on what was already paid.

The new plan isn't for everyone.

Let's say you decide to

upgrade after 18 months instead of two

years. Without Jump, you'd have six months of payments to still make, or \$120.

Jump would have cost you \$180 during those 18 months. You break even if you replace the phone at 16 months — you have \$160 left of

payments, and you pay \$160 for Jump. The cost is on your side if you update more frequently, but keep in mind you would still have to pay \$100 up



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T-Mobile's strategy is to differentiate itself from other companies.

front for each new phone, on top of the monthly payments. So if you upgrade twice a year, that's three extra phones over those two years. The fourth is the one you would have gotten anyway when the two years are up. That works out to \$540.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

# DEADLINE TO FILE BP CLAIM IS APRIL 22, 2014

Things you need to know about your rights under the BP Oil Spill Settlement:

- This is a Court authorized and Court supervised settlement which BP entered into voluntarily, that in part, limits BP's liability for past and future damages resulting from the spill.
- BP has agreed in Court documents that Monroe County was in fact affected by the spill and that there may be future effects of the spill felt in the Keys.
- BP has agreed that Monroe County residents do not need to prove that the spill caused any loss - it is presumed for businesses and individuals meeting the financial criteria.
- You are included as a member in this settlement unless you opted out or were specifically excluded; most Monroe County residents and businesses are included.
- As a member of the settlement, you must make your claim by April 22, 2014.
- You cannot simply "wait and see". If you do not make a claim by April 22, 2014, your claim will forever be lost and you will release BP from any claim you may have had for both past and future damages.
- There is no cost to you to determine if you are a member of the settlement and entitled to compensation. We do not charge upfront costs or fees and if you do not recover - you do not pay anything.
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## Poll, troll zone shrinks

Snake Bight change remains until Oct. 31

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Now through October, boaters headed to Snake Bight near Flamingo can motor through an additional quarter-mile of the Jimmy's Lake access area.

Summer raises water depths at the Snake Bight Pole and Troll Zone near Flamingo, so Everglades National Park managers extend the one mile of idle-speed access through Jimmy's Lake to 1.25 miles.

The seasonal extension opened Monday and remains open through Oct. 31.

Park Superintendent Dan

Kimball said the opening shows the value of "adaptive management" that allows regulations to change according to conditions.

The modification to the Snake Bight Pole and Troll Zone serves as "a great example of how knowledgeable park users and park managers can work together for the protection and enjoyment of Everglades National Park," Kimball said in a prepared statement.

"We have been able to identify a way to provide additional access," Kimball said, "while also ensuring that the natural and wilderness resources in the area remain protected."

The no-motor zone in Snake Bight, a shallow 9,400-acre water body, was created in January 2011 after Florida Keys fishing guides and anglers urged the park to enact

a prototype for other shallow areas in Florida Bay considered for motor restrictions.

Birds and fish have increased in Snake Bight, managers and anglers agree.

However, the areas where boats are not allowed to use combustion engines remain controversial. Boaters are required to raise their outboards and move by using paddles, push poles or small electric trolling motors.

The lengthened Jimmy's Lake access area, 1,000 feet wide, runs north off Tin Chan Channel.

The area is marked by signs at the end of the current northern boundary of Jimmy's Lake and three buoys at the end of the idle-speed extension area.

For project information, go to [www.nps.gov/ever/parkmgmt/poleandtroll.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ever/parkmgmt/poleandtroll.htm).

## MARATHON

## LuLu's wins liquor appeal

Board rules man's appeal not allowed

By RYAN MCCARTHY  
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It looks like the uproar over a license to sell liquor at LuLu's Garden Grille in Marathon was for naught.

The city's advisory Planning Commission dismissed an appeal Monday by resident Michael Dolan, whom the commission ruled doesn't have standing to appeal the restaurant's right to sell hard liquor. The restaurant is at 75th Street and U.S. 1.

Dolan said he's lived on 75th Street for seven years. He rents and doesn't live within the required 300-foot distance from LuLu's to appeal.

He provided the city proof he has a purchase contract on a separate building within 300 feet, but the commission ruled that under city code, only property owners can appeal such an application.

"If we're going to proceed on this basis, we have a serious problem," said Bob Miller, attorney for property owner Claude Halioua and restaurant operator Sheila Lawyer.

By all accounts, the appeal would have meant little to the outcome of the hearing, anyway.

City staff recommended LuLu's so-called use permit be approved "with no conditions," while Dolan said he and other neighbors only wanted to address concerns about parking, hours of operation and live music.

Miller says the outcome of the hearing is secondary to "procedural issues" he feels the city didn't follow.

"There was no standing for this guy to have the hearing, and despite our objections, [the city] persisted," he said.

Miller even objected on Monday to Planning Commissioner Ralph Lucignano voting on the motion to dismiss.

The Marathon Liquor & Deli owner and several other city officials are named in a

lawsuit Miller said he planned to file in federal court Monday — but didn't — alleging a widespread conspiracy to monopolize the sale of hard liquor at package stores and protect the business interests of Lucignano and Mayor Mike Cinque.

Both Lucignano and Cinque balked at the accusations made in the lawsuit.

Lucignano recused himself from Monday's vote despite a Florida Commission on Ethics opinion stating he has the right to vote on items involving alcohol sales. But he said had he voted, he would have voted in favor of LuLu's.

City Planning Director George Garrett said with Dolan's appeal dismissed, LuLu's can begin selling liquor immediately. It needs only finalize an application with the state Department of Business and Professional Regulation, he said.

There are no plans to open a package store at LuLu's "right now," Halioua said. Liquors sales will be for on-premises consumption.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

## Cost for vacant land: \$317M

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With a looming shortfall of more than \$317 million needed to buy vacant land, Monroe County commissioners will be asked Thursday to think about new ways of raising a lot of money.

Those concepts could range from a U.S. 1 toll to higher tourist taxes or even higher property taxes.

County staff will seek "direction on policy and funding strategies to address the potential future build-out challenges facing the Florida Keys" during a 10 a.m. special meeting at the Harvey Government Center on Truman Avenue in Key West.

At current spending levels for acquiring vacant Keys property set aside for conservation or because building permits have not been issued for them, a county staff report says, "It would take approximately 272 years to generate the funds" needed to buy vacant parcels in

municipalities and the unincorporated county at the tax-assessed value.

The problem is, Monroe County may have only a decade to do it before running out of building permit allocations under existing Area of Critical State Concern laws.

No final decisions are expected Thursday but commissioners will be asked to rate potential solutions so staff can focus their efforts.

Monroe County and local municipalities must be able to show a 24-hour Keyswide evacuation time before a hurricane strike.

An agreement signed last year with the state says a revised hurricane evacuation plan will allow the Florida Keys to issue 3,550 new-unit building permit allocations over the next 10 years and still be able to maintain the 24 hours.

However, permit allocations could be halted in 2023 if there are too many residents to evacuate safely. The local government may face

expensive "taking" lawsuits for denying owners use of private property.

By 2023, Monroe County and the municipalities are calculated to have 7,814 undeveloped parcels. At an estimated cost of \$40,664 per parcel (assuming no significant value increase), that says \$317,748,496 would be needed to acquire the land.

The calculations discount state contributions since "the state [is] discontinuing its aggressive land acquisition in the Florida Keys."

The Thursday meeting also will consider direction for an incidental take permit and associated Habitat Conservation Plan for the Key deer and other protected species on Big Pine Key and No Name Key.

A closed session to discuss an active lawsuit also is scheduled.

The County Commission holds its regular monthly meeting today, also at the Harvey Government Center. It starts at 9 a.m.

## MARATHON

## Zip-line variance upheld

By RYAN MCCARTHY  
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After a lot of technical and some not-so-technical arguments, the Marathon Planning Commission agreed on Monday that it's within Planning Director George Garrett's purview to issue a height variance for Crane Point Hammock's proposed zip-line course, and upheld his decision to do so.

That decision came after a long debate about whether residents were properly told of the variance.

The estimated \$1.1 million attraction has numerous opponents, many of whom live in

the subdivision surrounding the 63-acre nature center and museum at mile marker 50.

Four such detractors appealed to the Planning Commission, arguing first that residents were not properly told of the proposed variance for up to four of the nine zip-line towers, and that granting it goes against city rules.

Beverly Welber and James Platt III of Marathon, Joan Borel of Summerland Key and Deb Curlee of Cudjoe Key appealed the variance. Monday, they were represented by attorney Henry Morgenstern.

They argued that city code requires both written and post-

ed notice for an administrative variance. Surrounding neighbors were mailed such notice but no notice was posted on the Crane Point property.

Garrett claimed only written notice is necessary, but Morgenstern did reveal conflicting language in the code.

"If you look in the printed code, it only requires written notice within 100 feet and we sent it to 300 feet [along with notice for Crane Point's] conditional use [permit]. There's a table in another portion of the code that says posted and written," Garrett said. For more on this story, go to [www.keysnet.com](http://www.keysnet.com)



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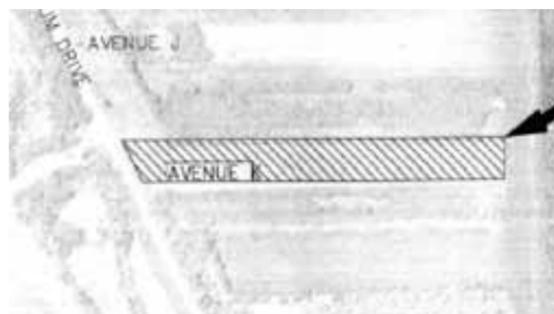
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Marathon, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the existing special assessments for roadway improvements against certain parcels of property located within the Avenue K assessment area within the city and approve the special assessment roll. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on August 13, 2013 at the Marathon Government Center, EOC Room, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessments and their collection on the tax bill. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 City at (305)289-5020, at least seven days prior to the public hearing. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City within 20 days of this notice. If a person wishes to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

The Assessments were originally imposed in 2009 to fund construction of roadway improvements in the Avenue K assessment area. The assessment for each parcel of property is based on the number of lots attributable to such parcel. Unless prepaid, the annual assessment will include your share of the principal, interest and collection cost. The maximum annual assessment is estimated to be \$1,402 per lot. A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution adopted by the City Council on June 9, 2009. Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, the plans and specifications for the roadway improvements, and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the offices of the City Manager, located at 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. The City Council intends to collect the assessments in not to exceed ten (10) annual assessments, the first of which was included on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November 2009. Future annual assessments may be prepaid at the option of the property owner.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Services at (305)289-5005.

CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



### What a dive

We all know the Florida Keys have some of the most unique events anywhere, from the World's Longest Parade to Fantasy Fest to the Seven Mile Bridge Run and Jewfish Creek Bridge Run. Now, TripAdvisor says the Underwater Music Festival is among the 10 wackiest anywhere. Story, **3B**

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## KEY WEST BASEBALL

# Henriquez back in the fold

### Baseball coach returning for his 3rd stint

By **DICK WAGNER**  
Keynoter Contributor

Three days after being named baseball coach at Key West High School (for the third time), Ralph Henriquez was doing what he always does — teaching kids to play the game.

“Attaboy, Mikey, way to pick it,” he said to 12-year-old aspiring first baseman Michael Mayor inside a batting cage Monday afternoon in a boatyard near the Garrison Bight Bridge. “You make a play like that, you win the game — at any level.”

A sturdy 55-year-old, Henriquez wore a green shirt and gray shorts, and was still basking in the outpouring of congratulations he has received since being named to the position on Friday.

“Wow, I was humbled,” he said. “People I don’t even know have called me. That tells me that people are paying attention, and that this is really important.”

One of five applicants, Henriquez was selected by Principal Amber Bosco after being interviewed by

a committee composed of Athletic Director Neda Preston, trainer Richard Fuentes, student activities director Jessy Archer, assistant football coach David Van Loon and accountant Jack Niles Jr.

“I have a very strong resume,” said Henriquez, a 1975 Key West graduate who succeeds Miguel Menendez, who retired in the spring after eight seasons and a 120-94 record.

Henriquez’s resume includes leading the Conchs to three state titles — two in the 1990s and one, at the end of his second stint, in 2005 (the school’s 11th and most recent). He stepped down after that season, and went on to be a coach and catching instructor for the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees organizations.

He coached one season at Belen Jesuit Prep in Miami, after which he was named coach of the year by the Miami Herald. He brought Belen to Key West that year and defeated the Conchs.

In all, he has coached Key West baseball for eight seasons.

“Between 220 and 240,” he said when asked how many Conch victories he has. During one stretch in the ‘90s, the



Photo by BERT BUDEE

Newly named Key West High baseball coach Ralph Henriquez takes a break inside a batting cage at a boatyard Monday off Eisenhower Drive.

team won 72 of 79 games and was ranked first in the country. He never had a season with fewer than 20 victories.

He said he has sent 70 players to college and has

developed 30 players currently in the Major Leagues.

The other day, over the phone, Henriquez recalled the electric atmosphere of Rex

Weech Field during his eight seasons: “Conch baseball, when it’s clicking, makes this community come alive. Nothing compares to the environment of Key West High baseball when we’re winning.”

That environment, for the most part, was missing in recent years.

“Things are going to change,” Henriquez said, promising that, in his no-nonsense style, fundamentals will be stressed and discipline demanded. “There is no easy way — it’s teach, prepare and win.”

“I don’t run a high school program like a high school program,” he said. “I run it like a college program with high standards.”

At the batting cage on Monday, as traffic whizzed by, the old catcher talked eagerly about getting the Conchs ready for summer games and camps, but quickly turned his attention back to the young kids he was tutoring.

He was doing what he does best — coaching baseball players.

## KEY WEST

# Coaching ranks fill

By **DICK WAGNER**  
Keynoter Contributor

In addition to naming Ralph Henriquez as baseball coach, Key West High School has filled two other varsity coaching vacancies.

Tony McDowell is the new boys basketball coach and Ashley James is the new softball coach.

Last season, McDowell, 38, who works for the city of Key West, was the girls basketball coach, leading the team to a 5-6 record and making academics a priority. It was his first season as a head coach, although he has long been a Conch fixture helping coach both girls and boys basketball teams.

He succeeds Anton Lopez, who was not retained after two seasons and a 26-11 record.

“Tony brings a tremendous amount of dedication to the basketball program,” said Athletic Director Neda Preston.

James, a former softball player at Key West High and at Florida A&M University, was an assistant coach under Steve Wells on this spring’s Conchs team. Wells retired after five seasons and a 54-62 record.

James, 27, is coach of the under-14 Key West girls softball team.

## FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

# It’s pretty sporadic offshore the Keys

### Try the reef for best chance at finding fish

Offshore fishing is experiencing its typical mid-summer ups and downs.

The dolphin bite is sporadic, but the blackfin tuna has become consistent around the humps off the Middle and Upper Keys.

As usual this time of year, it’s best to get out in the early morning or late afternoon, as the fish bite sluggishly in midday due to the intensity of the sun.

The better bite right now is on the reef for yellowtail, mangrove and mutton snapper. All three are found together generally in the 40- to 80-foot areas.

The mangroves and muttons are more likely to take a larger offering than what you’d use for the yellowtails. We like larger pieces of ballyhoo or, even better,

live ballyhoo should they show up in your chum slick.

Present one of these baits on the bottom and you should be rewarded with a tasty snapper dinner. Small pinfish are also working. For the yellowtail, the usual assortment of baits will do the trick.

On another front, time flies when you’re having bugs. Yep, it’s lobster mini-season again next Wednesday and Thursday. While being cautious and courteous to your fellow boaters, be mindful of the rules and regulations for lobstering.

Be sure to have a legal-size dive flag (20 inches by 24 inches) flying from the highest point on your boat and visible for 360 degrees. Display your dive flag at all times when you have divers in the water and take it down when they’re back in the boat.

At the same time, when you see a boat anchored but no dive flag, it’s safe to assume there are folks in the water and the boat owner forgot to display the flag.

Keeper size lobster must have at least a 3-inch carapace (the distance from the point behind the eyes to the

end of the torso where the tail section begins). The limit is six legal-size lobster per person per day.

Pick up a copy of the full regulations at any dive or tackle shop.

### The week’s best

The *SeaSquared* crew spent most of the week shallow-water catch-and-release shark fishing with families from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin, with upward of 15 to 20 lemon and bull sharks released on each trip.

A trip to the bay for the Kohler family, from Coral Springs, netted mangrove snapper and sea trout. And the Rodgers group, from Pittsburgh, had a productive day on the reef with nearly a limit of large mangrove snappers.

Capt. Moe Mottice, of Moe’s Custom Charters in Key West, reports the tarpon fishing in Key West Harbor was fantastic, with lots of hookups and plenty of catches. Mixed in were yellowtails, Spanish mackerel and large sharks.

Offshore, he found enough dinner-size dolphin to make the trip worthwhile. On one trip, they even fed a



Don Rodgers, from Pittsburgh and Grassy Key, treats his daughter and her friends to a trip to the reef. They got tasty mangrove snapper to show for their efforts.

live, legal-size dolphin to a 250-pound blue marlin, only to lose it to a chafed leader.

### Casting contest

Capt. Spider’s Casting for Charity returns Thursday to the 7 Mile Marina/Salty’s Waterfront Grill at mile marker 47 bayside in

Marathon. The contest runs from 7 to 9 p.m. (new summer hours) and will benefit the Marathon High School Maritime Scholarship Fund.

Capt. Chris Johnson is a member of the Yamaha National Fishing Team and specializes in offshore,

gulf/bay, reef/wreck, shark and tarpon fishing with *SeaSquared Charters* out of *Captain Pip’s Marina and Hideaway Marathon*. You can reach him at 743-5305, <http://SeaSquaredCharters.com> and <http://Facebook.com/MarathonFishing>.



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## Living

## THE DINING TABLE

# Magazine fights child obesity 1 recipe at a time

By MICHELE KAYAL  
Associated Press

For years, cookbook writer Sally Sampson had wanted to write for children. No one was interested.

But by 2010, the time was right. Alarm over rising rates of childhood obesity was reaching new heights, as was awareness of the importance of cooking and eating real foods, not just for children, but for whole families and communities. Sampson seized the moment, launching ChopChop, a cooking magazine for children.

And in the three years since, she has transformed a simple idea — that getting children cooking is good for them — into an award-winning quarterly that reaches some 2 million families.

The concept is straightforward — the magazine portrays real children eating real food that they can cook themselves with little or no help from an adult. The recipes are nutritious, ethnically diverse and inexpensive. Most of its circulation comes from free distribution by doctors during well child visits. It also is available by subscription, and in Spanish.

“We think about kids as beginner cooks,” Sampson says, noting that her target audience is 5- to 12-year-olds. “We don’t do ‘kids’ food.’ We do simple dishes. If you had a 20-year-old who didn’t know how to cook, you’d teach them the same thing.”

The idea is that children who know how to cook and feed themselves will not have to rely on fast food and processed meals. And that families who cook and eat together have healthier lifestyles overall.

Since its launch, ChopChop, which is based in Watertown, Mass., has



Associated Press photo by ELISE AMENDOLA

ChopChop founder and President Sally Sampson shows her publication Watertown, Mass. Sampson never set out to be the editor of an award-winning cooking magazine for kids.

become an industry darling. Renowned physicians stack its board of directors. The magazine relies on sponsorships, not advertisements, and receives its largest chunk of funding from footwear company New Balance, which has given more than \$1 million. And in May the James Beard Foundation named ChopChop “publication of the year.”

This year, Sampson returns to her cookbook roots. Sporting more than 100 recipes, “ChopChop: The Kids’ Guide to Cooking Real Food with Your Family,” will be published in August by Simon and Schuster.

“This is like a magnet for

kids,” says Barry Zuckerman, professor of pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine and a member of Sampson’s board of directors.

#### Loud message

Zuckerman says that 20 years ago he saw maybe two obese children a week in his practice. Today, he sees two to four a day. A founder of Reach Out and Read, a 24-year-old program that promotes literacy by giving books to children during doctor’s visits, Zuckerman responded immediately to Sampson’s model.

“Advice is cheap,” he says. “Giving a one- or two-minute lecture about healthy foods is nice, but when we

give ChopChop, it really amplifies the message in a way that words just don’t.”

Nothing in Sampson’s public background would suggest that she was a nut for children’s health. Many of her cookbooks tackled single subjects, including party dips, ice cream, cookies and burgers. But her views had been formed while tending to her daughter, who was ill through much of childhood. (Her daughter, now 20, is fine, Sampson says.)

Her “ah-ha” moment came seven years ago, when she read a newspaper article by Harvard pediatrician and medical school professor Donald Berwick that took the nation’s medical system to task.

“It was like I was reading for the first time about somebody who cared about what I cared about,” Sampson said. “I wrote an email to him and said, ‘If I could work for you I would never write another cookbook again.’”

Berwick wrote back.

After dabbling in various health-related work, Sampson began approaching pediatricians with an idea to prescribe cooking during appointments. The enthusiasm was fierce and immediate, she says. She received more than 140 requests from pediatricians for the as-yet unborn magazine. She began raising money, collecting enough from companies such as Stonyfield Farm, Oxo and children’s hospitals to print 150,000 copies of her first issue. She parked her car on the street and kept 8,000 copies in her garage.

#### Quick growth

After that first issue, Sampson says, requests poured in from afterschool programs, YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Indian reservations, food banks and more.

## LIVING BRIEFS

#### Stuff the Bus gets under way

IberiaBank branches throughout the Keys are accepting donations of school supplies for the United Way of the Florida Keys’ annual Stuff the Bus school-supply campaign.

Through July 31, the offices will accept crayons, pencils, erasers, markers, glue sticks, lined notebook paper, composition notebooks, student scissors, two-pocket folders, index cards, highlighters, ballpoint pens, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, rulers, calculators and backpacks.

They will be distributed to children within the Monroe County School District who might not otherwise have access to new school supplies to start classes in the fall. Last year, 18 schools in the county benefited from the United Way drive.

Donations can be dropped off at IberiaBank at 12640 Overseas Highway, Marathon; 5601 Overseas Highway, Marathon; 1075 Duval St., Key West; and 1000 Kennedy Drive, Key West.

#### City party takes place Saturday

Nothing says summer like a community party.

The Key West Police Department Police Athletic League is teaming with the Monroe County State Attorney’s Office and others to throw a bash Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at Nelson English Park, 300 Catherine St.

The free party will feature games, food, bounce houses, a basketball tournament and more. There will be pool activities.

#### Fest applications are now available

The theme of Fantasy Fest 2013 is “Super Heroes, Villains and Beyond,” and organizers of the event’s parade want potential participants to

start thinking creatively.

The parade is set for 7 p.m. Oct. 26 down Duval Street in Key West. Applications are available for download at [www.FantasyFest.com](http://www.FantasyFest.com) and are due no later than the close of business Aug. 16, 2013. Rules and requirements are included on the form.

A float-building workshop is set for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Pier House Resort and Caribbean Spa. Float drivers and a team representative from each approved entry will be required to attend a safety briefing Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Pier House.

To find out more, call 296-1817.

#### Griffin discusses Darwin’s theory

Bob Griffin from Inference Ministries in North Carolina guest lectures at 7 p.m. tonight at the First Baptist Church of Marathon at 200 62nd St., Marathon.

The topic is “Should Christians Believe in Evolution?” Griffin is a deacon at the Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. To find out more, call 743-5134.

#### Health fair today at Key Largo hotel

The Upper Keys Century Business and Women’s Club is holding a community health fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Key Largo Holiday Inn, mile marker 100. Partners include the Area Health Education Center and Mariners Hospital.

Speakers are Kimberly LaValle, community health coordinator for the Area Health Education Center; and Dana Hartley, a dietitian from Mariners.

Free services include screenings for osteoporosis, skin cancer, blood glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and body mass. There will also be information on quitting smoking and clinical breast exams.



#### CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

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### NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SERVICE AREAS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7 (Including Little Venice)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Marathon, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the existing wastewater assessments against certain parcels of property located in the city and approve the special assessment roll for service areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (including Little Venice). The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on August 13, 2013 at the Marathon Government Center, EOC Room, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the assessments and their collection on the tax bill. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 City at (305)289-5020, at least seven days prior to the public hearing. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City within 20 days of this notice. If a person wishes to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

The Assessments were originally imposed in 2008, 2009, and 2011 to fund construction of wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The assessment for each parcel of property is based, in part, on the number of equivalent dwelling units attributable to such parcel, and, in part, on the number of connections attributable to such parcel. Unless prepaid, the annual assessment will include your share of the principal, interest and collection cost. The maximum annual assessment is estimated to be \$415 per EDU and \$93 per Connection for Service Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, and Little Venice is levied at \$308.82 per connection. A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution adopted by the City Council on June 24, 2008 and June 9, 2009. Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution, the plans and specifications for the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the offices of the City Manager, located at 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. The City Council intends to collect the assessments in not to exceed twenty (20) annual assessments, the first of which was included on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November 2009. Future annual assessments may be prepaid at the option of the property owner.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wastewater Utility at (305) 289-5005.

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The assessments have been proposed to fund the on-going maintenance of stormwater collection and treatment facilities. The assessment for each parcel of property will be based, in part, on the number of equivalent residential units attributable to such parcel. The maximum annual assessment is estimated to be \$120.00 per ERU. A more specific description is set forth in the Preliminary Assessment Resolution adopted by the City Council on July 27, 2010. Copies of the Preliminary Assessment Resolution and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the offices of the City Manager, located at 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the non-ad valorem tax bill, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. If you have any questions, please contact Stormwater Utility at (305)289-5005.

CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

LOWER KEYS

# Keys fest among nation's 'wackiest'

## Others include bugs, lentils

**PRNewswire**

US1 Radio held its 29th annual Underwater Music Festival at Looe Key Saturday morning.

The event might not seem so odd to us anymore, but outside the Keys is another thing.

Last Wednesday, the travel website TripAdvisor named the Underwater Music Festival among its "10 wacky summer events in the U.S.," as chosen by TripAdvisor editors.

"Now in its 29th year, hundreds of aquatic aficionados show up to dive and rock out under the waves at this submerged songfest," they wrote.

"Music is broadcast into the ocean from Lubell Laboratory speakers suspended beneath boats. With 'Salute to the Rolling Stone Crabs' as the theme, divers dressed in the likes of 'Mick Jawfish' and 'Keith Pilchard' dip under the water to perform hits including 'HonkyConch Woman' and other marine melodies such as the Beatles' 'Yellow Submarine.'"

The other nine:

- Wayne Chicken Show, July 12 to 14, Wayne, Neb.

"Travelers are encouraged to fly the coop and make their way to this fowl-festival where they can enjoy feather-filled fun. Those looking to test their cluck can enter a range of competitions including an egg drop where contestants attempt to catch an egg without

cracking it, the chicken legs competition, a hard-boiled egg eating contest, and the national cluck-off in which contestants have 15 seconds to ruffle the judges' feathers with their best chicken impersonation."

- Pierogi Fest, July 26 to 28, Whiting, Ind.

"Located 20 miles south of Chicago, the annual Pierogi Fest recognizes the Eastern European lineage of many Whiting residents as more than 200,000 visitors gather each year to sample the culture's delicious dumplings. The festivities begin with the International Polka Parade featuring the Twirling Babushka Brigade...."

- World Championship Cardboard Boat Races, July 27, Heber Springs, Ark.

"Since 1987, buoyant builders have gathered on the shores of Sandy Beach to try their best to stay afloat. Using corrugated cardboard, individuals and teams launch their vessels into the 200-meter course, all vying for the coveted Pride of the Fleet given to the greatest engineering marvel, or the Captain's Award, presented to the most creative."

- Rain Day Festival, July 29, Waynesburg, Pa.

"Dating back to 1874 when a local farmer claimed it always rained on his birthday, folks have gathered in Waynesburg on that day every year to wish for a washout. Since then, this day has developed quite a following and has even received bets from the likes of Muhammad Ali, Fred Rogers and Jay Leno. Now in its 139th year ... Rain Day attractions



Mike Limerick and mermaid Sarah Brunner entertain at Looe Key on Saturday. They were among the people who went out with Strike Zone Charters.

include live entertainment, dozens of craft and food vendors, games for children, and a series of competitions including a sponge bucket relay and an umbrella decorating contest."

- Cheeseburger in Caseville, Aug. 9 to 18, Caseville, Mich.

Inspired by Jimmy Buffet's hit song "Cheeseburger in Paradise," this summer celebration "offers a complete set list of well-done fun including the anticipated Parade of Fools and multiple stages featuring Buffet tribute bands. Travelers can chow down on both classic and creative cheese-topped patties and later waste away the day with ice-cold margaritas."

- Weird Contest Week, Aug. 12 to 16, Ocean City, N.J.

"Aspiring Michel ange-los can partake in a variety of sculpting contests where a multitude of materials are used including French fries, paper clips and saltwater taffy."

- National Lentil Festival, Aug. 16 to 17, Pullman, Wash.

Known for its robust lentil production, the Palouse region celebrates its protein-packed produce with this annual celebration now in its 25th year. Legume lovers visiting the two-day soiree can enjoy a scoop of the world's largest bowl of lentil chili served from a 350-gallon stainless-steel vat...."

- Walker Art Center's Internet Cat Video Festival, Aug. 28, Saint Paul, Minn.

"Now in its second year, the cat's out of the bag when it comes to this

frisky festival that highlights the Internet's best cat videos. Crowds will be treated to a collaboration of films and live music as winners will be announced in several cat-egories, all leading up to the crowning of the coveted people's choice for the Golden Kitty Award."

- BugFest, Sept. 21, Raleigh, N.C.

"Entomology enthusiasts will bug out at the variety of entertainment offered at this pest-ful party hosted by the Museum of Natural Sciences. Travelers can learn about the creepy-crawly creatures through displays around the museum, stump the experts by bringing in an unusual bug to identify, or have their face painted to resemble a stag beetle during the insectival."

LIVING BRIEFS

### Senior driving class offered

An AARP driver safety class for motorists older than 50 is planned for July 22 in the Upper Keys.

The refresher course is designed to teach drivers how to accommodate their driving styles to account for the aging process. There is no test or driving required; membership in AARP is not necessary.

The class is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office 50 High Point (mile marker 88.7 bayside), Plantation Key. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multi-year discount to AARP graduates. Cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for others. The fee includes a workbook.

To find out more, call 852-1620.

### Sheriff's Office schedules cleanups

Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay has scheduled community cleanups for later this month on Stock Island and in Marathon, and invites anyone who wants to help to participate.

They're set for July 27 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. between Murray Marine and the Key Haven boat ramp on Stock Island (call Capt. Gene Thompson at 745-3184) and the same day and same hours at the Crane Point Museum and Nature Center, mile marker 50 (contact Sgt. Dennis Coleman at 289-2430).

ON THE ROAD

## New car too pricey? Used-car prices dropping

### It's good time to hit dealers

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

Is that new set of wheels out of your price range? Used cars have gotten more affordable, especially if you're looking for a small car or a hybrid.

Used car prices have been falling since 2011, and they're expected to decline gradually for the remainder of this year. That's good news for those joining or re-entering the workforce, or anyone else who might find a payment on a new car too steep.

There is some volatility. Prices for used cars are typically higher at the start of the year, when dealers buy cars at auctions in advance of the spring selling season. They decline as the year goes on. The price of a 3-year-old car fell 4 percent between April and June, estimates Alex Gutierrez of car-pricing company Kelley Blue Book.

Used-car dealers get many of their cars from auctions run by companies like Manheim, a division of Cox Enterprises of Atlanta. The average price for a used car at auction was \$11,031 in June, down 6 percent from its peak in May 2011, Manheim reported this week. The 2011 peak was the highest price Manheim had seen since 1995, when it began collecting data.

At Manheim-run auctions, banks and auto company financing operations sell cars that have come back after leases expire. Rental car companies and car dealers also sell cars there. Dealers buy the cars, mark them up and sell them for a profit.

Auction values also help set prices for individuals who want to sell their cars at the market rate.

In 2009, new vehicle sales fell to a 30-year low of

10.4 million. Two years later, used cars were in short supply and prices got so high that it made sense for consumers to buy new.

Things have turned around. New car sales picked up starting in 2010 and now there are far more



Associated Press photo by RON CAMPBELL

Used cars have gotten more affordable, especially if you're looking for a small car or a hybrid.

used cars in the pipeline. Buyers shopping for a 3-year-old used car can expect to pay 25 or 30 percent less than the manufacturer's suggested retail price for a current new model.

The average retail price of a used car fell by \$1,000 per car in the last half of 2012. Gutierrez expects a similar decline in the second half of this year. Keep in mind that used car prices vary widely based on the age of the car and the miles it has been driven.

The price declines will be gradual. While more inventory is helping to lower prices, demand is rising as more people get jobs and need vehicles for work.

Gutierrez estimates that a 3-year-old car cost an average \$19,000 in June. By comparison, a new car averaged \$31,663 last month. That's up \$307 - or around 1 percent - from April.

Used cars are big business. Every year around 40 million are sold in the U.S.,

compared with 14 or 15 million new cars.

If you're looking for a used car, check prices online and then decide whether you want to go through a dealer or through an individual. Private sellers will often give you a

and Hyundai Sonata have been hurt by the arrival of several new or redesigned models that hit the market in the last year, including the Ford Fusion, Honda Accord and Nissan Altima. Prices for used midsize cars are down 6.9 percent to \$14,503.

- Luxury cars.

Luxury cars held steady, with used-car prices falling just 1 percent to \$28,692. But Gutierrez expects a steeper drop in July, when luxury vehicle values tend to fall as owners anticipate new models coming in the fall.

- Small and midsize SUVs.

Prices of hot-selling midsize SUVs like the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ford Explorer are down just 4 percent, to an average of \$20,581. Small SUVs like the Ford Escape and Honda CR-V are down 7 percent to an average of \$17,548.

- Trucks.

Pickup trucks are in demand, as small businesses replace older trucks. Prices for used full-size pickups like the Chevrolet Silverado stayed flat between April and June, at \$21,854. Prices of small pickups like the Toyota Tacoma are down 1 percent to \$17,119.

- Small cars.

Prices on the smallest and most fuel-efficient used vehicles fell rapidly between April and June as gas prices moderated and carmakers enticed buyers with deals on new models. The price of a 2010 Toyota Prius fell 15 percent over the last three months, from \$18,600 to \$15,800. Prices of small cars like the Honda Civic and Ford Focus are down 8.5 percent. The average price of a 3-year-old small car was \$13,000 in June.

- Midsize cars.

The value of midsize cars like the Toyota Camry

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# Study: Later retirement may avoid dementia

Continuing to work keeps brain sharper

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**  
Associated Press

New research boosts the "use it or lose it" theory about brainpower and staying mentally sharp. People who delay retirement have less risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia, a study of nearly half a million people in France found.

It's by far the largest study to look at this, and researchers say the conclusion makes sense. Working tends to keep people physically active, socially connected and mentally challenged — all things known to help prevent mental decline.

"For each additional year of work, the risk of getting dementia is reduced by 3.2 percent," said Carole Dufouil, a scientist at INSERM, the French government's health research agency.

She led the study and gave results Monday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Boston.

About 35 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common type. In the U.S., about 5 million have Alzheimer's — one in nine — people age 65 and over. What causes the mind-robbing disease isn't known

and there is no cure or any treatments that slow its progression.

France has had some of the best Alzheimer's research in the world, partly because its former president, Nicolas Sarkozy, made it a priority. The country also has detailed health records on self-employed people who pay into a Medicare-like health system.

Researchers used these records on more than 429,000 workers, most of whom were shopkeepers or craftsmen such as bakers and woodworkers. They were 74 on average and had been retired for an average of 12 years.

Nearly 3 percent had developed dementia but the risk of this was lower for each year of age at retirement. Someone who retired at 65 had about a 15 percent lower risk of developing dementia compared to someone retiring at 60, after other factors that affect those odds were taken into account, Dufouil said.

To rule out the possibility that mental decline may have led people to retire earlier, researchers did analyses that eliminated people who developed dementia within 5 years of retirement, and within 10 years of it.

"The trend is exactly the same," suggesting that work was having an effect on cognition, not the other way around, Dufouil said.

France mandates retirement in various jobs - civil servants must retire by 65, she said. The new study sug-

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More than 100 people gathered at Bahia Honda State Park Saturday morning to send Chelsea, a loggerhead sea turtle, back to the ocean. Chelsea was found floating off Big Pine Key in mid-May. She had a stomach impaction and since then had responded well to treatment and a healthy diet of squid and fish.

gests "people should work as long as they want" because it may have health benefits, she said.

June Springer, who just turned 90, thinks it does. She was hired as a full-time receptionist at Caffi Plumbing & Heating in Alexandria, Va., eight years ago.

"I'd like to give credit to the company for hiring me at that age," she said. "It's a joy to work, being with people and keeping up with current events. I love doing what I do. As long as God grants me the brain to use I'll take it every day."

Heather Snyder, director of medical and scientific

operations for the Alzheimer's Association, said the study results don't mean everyone needs to delay retirement.

"It's more staying cognitively active, staying socially active, continue to be engaged in whatever it is that's enjoyable to you" that's important, she said.

"My parents are retired but they're busier than ever. They're taking classes at their local university, they're continuing to attend lectures and they're continuing to stay cognitively engaged and socially engaged in their lives."

### Crossword solution

Solution to the July 13 puzzle.

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## Observer crossword puzzle

"On the Marquee" - Solution in the July 20 Keynoter

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 57 Female hormone                | 101 Billing for Lucille     | 29 Nomads of Balochistan           | 71 Lounges                  |
| 1 Small amount                | 59 Beach parties, Hawaiian style | 103 Editor's takeout        | 32 Done in                         | 72 Jolly Roger symbol       |
| 5 Hoard                       | 60 Seat of power                 | 104 Walking aids            | 33 Boutros Boutros-_____ of the UN | 75 Explosive effect         |
| 10 Master, in Madras          | 61 Native Americans              | 105 Ansel or Abigail        | 34 Contradict                      | 77 Fencer                   |
| 15 Nondescript                | 62 Encircles                     | 106 Related                 | 35 Compile                         | 79 Rome's famous fountain   |
| 19 Illustriousness            | 63 Charlie or Martin             | 107 Sleeping                | 36 Billing for George C.           | 80 Deadlock                 |
| 20 Winterwear                 | 64 Lab burner                    | 108 Skirt around            | 37 Jailbird                        | 81 Hit squarely             |
| 21 Macedonian marketplace     | 66 Home of the Heat              | 109 Williams' Aladdin role  | 38 Diva Beverly                    | 82 Cheap hotel              |
| 22 Responsive, nautically     | 67 Dearth                        | 110 NJ cagers               | 39 Billing for Jack                | 83 Pipe type                |
| 23 Billing for Errol          | 70 "The Lady ____"               |                             | 40 Red Sea nation                  | 85 Softened                 |
| 25 Billing for Tom            | 71 Billing for Alan              | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 42 Takes risks                     | 87 Cessation                |
| 27 Dry goods                  | 73 Classic lead-in               | 1 Loony                     | 43 Roman jurist                    | 89 Spread seeds             |
| 28 Home ____                  | 74 Former record co.             | 2 Dominate                  | 44 Livy's language                 | 90 Actor's Studio           |
| 30 Poky gastropods            | 75 Role for Daniel Craig         | 3 Horselike antelope        | 45 Trait transmitter               | 91 Cabinet dept.            |
| 31 Count (on)                 | 76 Thrill                        | 4 Larders                   | 47 Early believer                  | 92 Vanuatu, formerly: abbr. |
| 32 Mall unit                  | 77 Criticism, informally         | 5 Tanker disasters          | 51 Browbeaten                      | 93 Very strong breeze       |
| 33 Hits the road              | 78 Bring up the rear             | 6 Fifth Chief Justice Roger | 52 Homer work                      | 94 Japanese writing system  |
| 34 ABCs                       | 79 Plant life                    | 7 Clumsy crafts             | 53 Finnish runner                  | 95 Spanish sweet treat      |
| 37 Posthaste                  | 80 Quench                        | 8 Take a T-bar              | 54 Livy's language                 | 96 Food fish                |
| 41 Roast host                 | 83 Quench                        | 9 Jazz's Lionel             | 55 "____ Eagles Dare"              | 97 Discharge                |
| 42 Billing for James          | 84 Scare stiff                   | 10 Desertlike               | 56 Lode contents                   | 98 Lairs                    |
| 44 Med. scan                  | 86 French director Louis         | 11 Semiprecious stone       | 58 Wine choice                     | 100 Indonesian isl.         |
| 46 Landlocked Asian nation    | 87 Nonsense talk                 | 12 Sharpen                  | 60 Show appreciation               | 102 After stock or block    |
| 47 Language of Buddhist texts | 88 Dame Myra                     | 13 Get one's goat           | 62 Lightheaded                     |                             |
| 48 "____ Well that Ends Well" | 89 Sales pitch                   | 14 Woodwinds                | 63 Off the wall                    |                             |
| 49 Mrs., in Marseille         | 90 Tight closure                 | 15 Crowned head             | 64 Spin logs                       |                             |
| 50 Follower: suffix           | 91 Region of North Quebec        | 16 Physicist I.I.           | 65 Open jars                       |                             |
| 51 Billing for Leslie         | 94 Eucalyptus eater              | 17 Seed cover               | 66 Divination suffix               |                             |
| 55 Daughters of Eve           | 95 Hungry as a bear              | 18 Asks for alms            | 67 Actress Talia                   |                             |
|                               | 99 Billing for Robert            | 24 Sibling's daughter       | 68 Poke fun at                     |                             |
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CASE NO. 44-2009-CA-01442K

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.

Plaintiff,

vs.

PATRICIA REED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA REED; CHARLES SCHWAB BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

#### RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 14, 2013, and entered in Case No. 44-2009-CA-01442K, of the Circuit Court of the 16th Judicial Circuit in and for MONROE County, Florida. ONEWEST BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. is Plaintiff and PATRICIA REED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA REED; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CHARLES SCHWAB BANK, N.A.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LESTER BUILDING, at 500 WHITEHEAD STREET, KEY WEST in MONROE County, FLORIDA 33040, at 11:00 A.M., on the 30th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

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By Shonta McLeod  
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Tom Neville  
Chairman of the Duck Key Security Advisory Board

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