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Many homeless shun city shelter

Volunteers count city homeless

By SEAN KINNEY
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"It's sad, isn't it?" Joe Pais, a volunteer in the annual point-in-time count of homeless people in Monroe County, asked rhetorically as he walked along the Atlantic side of Key West on Tuesday.

He was looking down a boardwalk, the sun and surf in the background, and a man curled up on the slats, sleeping wrapped in rags with a pair of worn out crutches within arm's reach.

Each year on Jan. 28, social service organizations

around the country mobilize to physically count homeless people, using the data to inform grant applications for federal and state aid.

The Florida Keys count is managed by the Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care umbrella organization.

Pais, a former member of the Key West City Commission, and his volunteer partner Lynne Sobel-Ragusea, an AIDS Help property manager, went from South Beach around to Higgs Beach, then on down Atlantic Boulevard, successfully completing eight surveys.

The first man they encountered, walking near Louie's Backyard with his



Keynoter photo by SEAN KINNEY

Many homeless are attracted to the Florida Keys for the near year-round sunny and relatively warm weather, which allows for sleeping outdoors. Local social service organizations conduct an annual count of homeless people on Jan. 28.

belongings in a backpack, identified himself as Michael, a native of Germany living in the Keys for 12 years.

Asked where he slept last night, Michael said, "I stayed up all night — no sleeping. I'm a bit unusual in so far as I stay up all night and rest on the beach during the day."

He said he would never avail himself of the city's emergency indigent housing, the Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter on Stock Island.

"No way! I'm a loner, and I try to stay away from people. I'm interested in astronomy and science. I spend the days studying. I don't like those people," who use KOTS.

Michael, 48, said he is occasionally "bothered" by the local police department, which employees four full-time "quality-of-life officers" focused on enforcing local ordinances against things like trespassing, panhandling, public intoxication and camping.

"It's always the same," he continued. "I think the stop and check should end. I have the right to be left alone if I'm not breaking the law. I became homeless by choice. Yes, there are people who choose it. I just don't like to work. I get along."

"About 11 p.m. when the businesses start to close, they'll put food out on the newspaper racks.

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TOURISM

Commission to consider Navy lease

Move seeks to raise fees

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Tonight the Key West City Commission will consider approving a so-called "break-even" lease with the U.S. Navy that, if adopted, will allow cruise ships to continue calling on the Outer Mole Pier.

In fiscal year 2012-13, the Outer Mole, also used by the Navy (to host the guided missile destroyer USS Cole last week, for instance), hosted 74 cruise ships carrying 173,191 passengers.

The city's current lease, agreed to in 2007, expired June 30 but was extended until Jan. 31. It gives the Navy 40 percent of the \$10.63 per head cruise ship disembarkation fee levied by the city. Since 2007, the lease has generated around \$10 million for infrastructure improvements to the pier.

Terms of the new deal laid out by Robert McDowell, the real estate product line coordinator for Naval Facilities

Engineering Command Southeast in Jacksonville, dictate \$3.75-per-passenger payment to the Navy for the first 200,000 passengers. It's \$3.50 per passenger thereafter but not less than \$225,000 per year.

With a passenger projection at the Outer Mole for fiscal year 2013-14 of 141,000, the city expects to lose about \$10,000 on the deal.

The lease discussion starts at 6 p.m. in Old City Hall on Greene Street.

An eye on offsetting that cost, City Manager Bob Vitas, in a meeting with the commission last week, broached the subject of raising the city's disembarkation fee.

He said the first step is to "check out the legality of establishing impact fees. The plan is to re-evaluate, reassess, the current disembarkation fee, which was established in January 2004. So it has been 10 years."

Jolly Benson is a local lighting technician and the public face of the Committee for

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Passengers from the Carnival Ecstasy, seen in port on Tuesday, are each charged a \$10.63 disembarkation fee, which city officials could raise.

KEY COLONY BEACH



Photo courtesy of Jim Glunz

Cabana Breezes staff and construction workers gather while preparing to open the tiki bar, recently purchased by the Glunz family of Chicago.

Chicago family continues buying up East Ocean Drive

Cabana Breezes is the latest purchase

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The Chicago-based Glunz family is cornering the market on East Ocean Drive commercial property on Key Colony Beach.

The well-known family — whose fortune was made in beer and wine wholesale and distribution — purchased the Ocean Beach Club hotel on East Ocean roughly three years ago.

Two weeks ago, the Glunz family purchased the popular adjacent Cabana Breezes tiki bar from owner Cole Tracy. The Tracy family retained ownership of the Cabana Club, a private swim club next to the bar.

The bar is closed for renovation that's being over-

seen by Jim Glunz, who most recently operated the Glunz Bavaria Haus, a German bar and restaurant, in Chicago.

Glunz told the Keynoter that purchasing the waterfront bar and restaurant allows the hotel to live up to its new Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel and Resort name.

"One thing we wanted to make it was a resort-type thing," he said. "That was a little foreshadowing because we weren't a resort at first."

Glunz said the family plans to offer room service and breakfast options to its hotel patrons, and is constructing a high-end eatery that he said will be separate from the existing tiki bar.

"Our family, coming down for years, we thought we needed to upscale the menu. We're keeping the Cabana tiki bar and a bar menu," he said, insisting that the changeover would

not push local patrons away.

"We felt they were the key to the success to keep this place going while we didn't own it. It's been fun to see the locals come over and wonder what we're doing. They've been really wonderful," he said.

For now, Glunz said only that the high-end restaurant would take up the inside dining portion of the property, as well as the outdoor terrace area adjacent to the tiki bar.

Glunz called it a "fresh food restaurant" that will feature a smaller menu and "upscale beer and wine list."

The family has yet to decide on a name or a date that the property would reopen.

"We're shooting for next week some time," Glunz said on Jan. 23. "We're going to be open as fast as humanly possible."

Glunz said the goal is to

maintain the tiki bar's original character, but that there would be some changes. That includes a family recipe thin-crust pizza being added to the menu.

The resort has also purchased a stretch eight-seat golf cart that Glunz said would pick up and drop off resort guests anywhere on Key Colony, as well as deliver food from its eateries. The service will be complimentary.

"Our policy is that if anybody would like to be a guest of the resort form Key Colony, we'll come pick you up to bring you," he said. "While they're here they validate the free rides."

In addition, hotel guests will be able to hitch rides to the island's other bar and restaurants.

"We'll shuttle our guests to and from Key Colony Inn, Tarpon Creek or Sparky's," he said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student chefs hosting fundraiser

Marathon High School culinary arts students will prepare a sunset dinner with a "southern menu" at 8 p.m. on Friday at the school's Dolphin Bistro. The public is invited. For \$20, guests can choose between grilled pork chops with roasted apples, buttermilk fried chicken or blackened catfish, along with several sides, desserts and sweet tea. Proceeds help support the school's culinary arts program. The students will host a barbecue on Feb. 14. Tickets are \$15.

KEYS WEATHER

PREDICTED TEMPERATURES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
WED.	80	68
THURS.	78	64
FRI.	73	68
SAT.	80	73

Forecast: Expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of rain on Wednesday and Thursday.

For the extended forecast visit KeysInfoNet.com/weather.

BEACH ADVISORIES

The Monroe County Health Department tests Keys beaches every two weeks for the presence of enteric bacteria. There currently are no beaches with health advisories against swimming.

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Some choose to be homeless

From Homeless, 1A

They say beggars can't be choosers but I can."

KOTS

The commission for years has been kicking around moving KOTS, which costs about \$400,000 per year to run the 150 beds, although a new location hasn't been identified.

KOTS was established in October 2004 after the city passed an ordinance banning camping in mangrove areas, leading to visible homeless encampments along South Roosevelt Boulevard.

Another factor in play is the 1998 settlement of a federal lawsuit known as the Pottinger case, in which a judge found the city of Miami couldn't arrest homeless people simply for sleeping, bathing, dressing and the like in public unless they are offered shelter and refuse.

Michael's aversion to sleeping in the bunk-style shelter isn't unique among area homeless.

Another homeless man surveyed on Tuesday identified himself as a 35-year-old military veteran who works at a local bar as a bouncer.

He told Pais that he was sharing a trailer on Stock Island for \$600 per month when his truck needed repairs costing \$680.

"I picked the truck,"



Keynoter photo by SEAN KINNEY

Green-shirted volunteer Joe Pais talk with Michael, who says he is homeless by choice, on Tuesday as part of the annual point-in-time count of area homeless people organized by the Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care.

he said. "I can stretch out in the back. Rent here is atrocious. I work, but I'm not going to give everything I make to someone else and have nothing."

Of KOTS: "It's nasty out there. I'm much happier in my truck."

As Michael said, "I wish the next hurricane gets KOTS so I could legally sleep on the beach."

Many of those surveyed by Pais and his group around Higgs were living in vehicles.

Volunteer Sandra Harvey, a snowbird who splits time between Key

West and Kennebunkport, Maine, surveyed another van-dweller, Shahdaroba Rodd, who this month was fined more than \$500 for violating the city's lodging in vehicles ordinance.

"It was a great experience," Harvey said. Rodd "was so happy to be counted today. These people, I want to go build them a parking lot for their vans."

This is Harvey's first time participating in the point-in-time.

"I would certainly do it again," she said. "It's very important work."

COUNTY COMMISSION

Long agenda planned Friday

By KEVIN WADLOW
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Issues running the gamut from grinders to guns have turned Friday's special meeting of the Monroe County Commission into an all-day affair.

Originally the Key West meeting was called to consider costs of switching planned sewer systems at about 1,000 Lower Keys homes from grinder-pump connections to gravity.

Now the agenda has expanded to include union contract negotiations, a formal hearing on a wide concrete driveway on Rockland Key, and three declarations needed to proceed with buying the Rowell's Marina property as a new Key Largo park.

County Attorney Bob Shillinger also will ask commissioners if they want to seek a Florida attorney general's opinion "regarding the county's authority to regulate shooting ranges on residential properties."

Commissioners were surprised this month when they learned that state law apparently bans local government from doing much to curtail gun-range shooting on private property, even in a residential neighborhood.

News reports about a Big Pine Key man's weekly target practice in his back yard caused the situation to make national news.

County Commissioners start the meeting, at the Harvey Government Center on Truman Avenue, at 8 a.m. for closed sessions on the status of two ongoing lawsuits.

A formal hearing for the

Rockland Key driveway begins at 9 a.m. County staff denied an after-the-fact permit, saying the driveway on Rockland Key's Calle Uno is 38 feet wide. County code limits residential driveways to a 24-foot width. An attorney for the property owner says in a letter that the paved area includes two separate driveways.

County staff also will ask commissioners to approve a resolution designating Keys underwater coral-nursery areas established by non-profit organizations as "zoological parks," a definition recently upheld by the Florida attorney general.

County Administrator Roman Gastesi will seek three declarations on the eight-acre Rowell's property, which could result in a formal acquisition as soon as Friday afternoon.

At about 1:30 p.m., the county will hear reports from the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and county staff on estimated costs of changing 1,059 additional homes in the Cudjoe Regional System to gravity-based sewers rather than grinder pumps.

Changing all would increase the overall cost of the Lower Keys sewer system by \$25.3 million, say staff reports.

In October, commissioners agreed to switch 1,061 Lower Keys properties from grinder to gravity at an estimated cost of \$10.1 million. That cost has now increased to \$11.8 million, reports show.

Staff noted that of the new areas requesting a change, 121 sites on Big Pine Key and 80 on Cudjoe Key could be switched at approximately

the same per-unit cost as those approved in October. Others would be significantly more expensive.

Planning meet today

A dispute over a senior-housing development near Key Largo's Winn-Dixie store at mile marker 105.3 and the Stillwright Point subdivision goes to a special meeting of the Monroe County Planning Commission today at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center on Key Largo.

Stillwright Point homeowners hired an attorney to fight against a minor-conditional use permit for the three-acre site, zoned Urban Commercial.

The Paradise Point Senior Housing project, a three-story structure with a total of 47 apartments, would cause traffic problems at the intersection of U.S. 1 and Blackwater Lane, neighbors contend.

Traffic studies submitted to the county say effects on traffic would be acceptable. County staff recommends the project with conditions.

The 10 a.m. Planning Commission meeting also hears proposed code revisions that would tighten the use of residential property used as a base for mobile-vendor businesses.

Current ordinances do not fully cover situations where a residence with a home-occupation license to serve as the office of a mobile business conducts activity that "changes the essential residential character of the dwelling units," says a report.

KEY WEST

Sensitivity required for homeless count

Surveys show homelessness declining in KW

By SEAN KINNEY
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About 100 volunteers on Tuesday scoured parking lots, public buildings, alleys and mangroves in an effort to physically count the homeless men, women and children living in Monroe County.

The annual point-in-time count, held every Jan. 28 in communities around the country, is used as the basis for federal and state grant applications. It's organized locally by the Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care.

Stephanie Kaple, a Continuum of Care board member and director of supportive services for the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, has led training session countywide and completed the last on Monday in Key West with a group of 20.

The survey is a two-page questionnaire asking for broad demographic data, plus questions including: "Where did you sleep last night; how long have you been in the Keys; what lead you to homelessness, etc...?"

Kaple stressed to the volunteers: "Homelessness can be a sensitive subject. There's a fear around it."

"We're working to figure out what we can do to help them. Let them tell their story. Get that information. Some of these questions can change people's lives."

Based on historical point-in-time data, the population of the Keys homeless hit a high in 2002 of 2,151 people countywide. By 2007, the number was down to 1,122. In 2010, the figure was 1,040 and by 2013, down to 658 countywide.

Kaple said the results of the count would be available in about seven or 10 days followed by a final report in about a month.

CENTENNIAL BANK

Walker in charge of branch operations

She will oversee Islamorada, Key Largo

Keynoter Staff



WALKER

Vicki Walker will now oversee branch operations for both Upper Keys offices of Centennial Bank — in Key Largo and Islamorada.

"Vicki's work in opening the new branch location and growing our Islamorada market has been significant," said Stephanie Scuderi, vice president and director of sales for Centennial Bank's South Florida region. "We are excited for the opportunities looking at the market as a whole and congratulate Vicki on her contributions to the bank in the short time she's been with us."

Walker joined Centennial Bank in 2012 with more than 34 years of banking experience. Originally from Virginia, her experience includes work with Harbor Bank in Virginia and Capital Bank here in the Keys.

In the community,

Walker recently earned the Good Health Clinic's Big Kahuna award for raising almost

\$16,000 for the organization and was subsequently named the clinic's Unsung Hero. She served on the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2005-2009, including serving as president in 2007-08.

Walker is currently a Chamber Ambassador. A graduate of Leadership Monroe County Class XVI, Walker has been a member of Upper Keys BPW since 2004, serving on the board in 2006-08.

She was Runner Up for the Peoples' Choice Woman of the Year six years running, from 2005-2010. In addition to her work with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Walker is a lifetime member of Mariners Auxiliary and a three-time Take Stock in Children mentor whose student recently graduated.

OUTAGE

500 customers lose water Tuesday

Corrosion in 12-inch pipe to blame

By RYAN MCCARTHY
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Corrosion in the main water supply to Marathon's Sombrero area causes more than 500 customers to be without water on Tuesday afternoon.

Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Director of Operations Roy Coley told the Keynoter that the line shut down at 1 p.m. Tuesday and that service was returning at around 4 p.m.

"We have a 12-inch water line there" along Sombrero Beach Road, Coley said. "We thought we could repair it under pressure, but it was determined the best way was to turn it off."

Coley said the Aqueduct decided to wait until Marathon High School was finished serving lunch to its students before shutting the line down.

The corroded portion of the line was along Sombrero Beach Road, in between the high school and U.S. 1. Crews were working on the line all day, Coley said.

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ROAD CRASHES



Photo by David Goodhue

A Florida Highway Patrol trooper hooks a tow truck chain to the bottom of a GMC Envoy SUV that flipped over in the northbound lane of U.S. 1 at mile marker 93.

Separate motorcycle accidents kill two people last weekend

No one hurt in rollover in Tavernier

Keynoter Staff

A motorcyclist was killed Sunday afternoon after crashing on the Miami-Dade County side of Card Sound Road. No other vehicles were involved in the accident, which happened at around 2:30 p.m., said Deputy Becky Herrin, Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

investigators closed the road down from 2:45 p.m. until 7:34 p.m.

Motorcycle collides with bike

A 61-year-old man died on Stock Island Saturday after he was struck by a motorcycle while riding his bicycle, says the Florida Highway Patrol.

Troopers said about 6:40 p.m., they responded to a private, abandoned road in the area of 5th Street and 12th Avenue. That's where a Yamaha motorcycle, driven by Brian Cabrera, 16, of Stock

Island was traveling west in the woods off 12th Avenue.

The bicyclist, whom troopers didn't name because his identification is pending, was riding east on the same road. He died when he and Cabrera collided head-on.

Cabrera was flown to Ryder Trauma Center in Miami via the Sheriff's Office TraumaStar air ambulance and was listed in critical condition.

Cabrera and the bicycle rider were not wearing helmets, and neither had lights on their vehicles. The road where the crash happened is closed to the public and

blocked by a metal gate, which is kept locked.

Upper Keys rollover

A rollover crash in front of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church slowed traffic in both directions at mile marker 93 Monday afternoon.

It did not appear that there were any serious injuries despite the condition of the vehicle, and it was not immediately clear what caused the GMC Envoy SUV to flip onto its left side.

The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

CRIME

Key Largo man arrested after making knife threat

Keynoter Staff

A Key Largo man reportedly tired of "illegal immigrants" was jailed last Friday for threatening a man with a knife after asking a group of people for "their papers," the Monroe County Sheriff's Office says.



FORD

The 50-year-old man that Dean Ford, 53, allegedly pulled the knife on is from Miami and was born in the United States, the agency says.

Deputy Becky Herrin said that about 1 p.m., Ford told Deputy Dave Campbell, who had been called to Ocean Way Drive in Rock Harbor after Ford pulled the knife, that he is "tired of all these illegal immigrants living and working in the area" and said he "was going to deal with it."

Campbell he was working on a house on Ocean Way Drive when Ford "burst in the door" a n d

demanded to see immigration papers. Ford, after cutting window screens on the house, reportedly hit the man on his hand with the knife when the victim went to get his phone to call police.

Neighbors recognized witness descriptions of Ford, who lives in an apartment on Buttonwood Circle. That's where he was arrested on felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and burglary, and misdemeanor counts of battery and criminal mischief. Bond was set at \$114,000.

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Key West mulls pier lease

From Cruises, 1A

Responsible Tourism, which last year worked to defeat a referendum asking whether the city should pursue a study looking at widening the main shipping channel to accommodate larger cruise ships.

That question was soundly defeated.

In a letter to commissioners, Benson said: "While the city is losing money now, we stand to lose a lot more if the Outer Mole is put out to bid and we lose it to a private entity."

"I urge you all to vote to renew the lease...I would then urge you, before the ink is dry on the contract, to begin the process of raising disembarkation fees for cruise ships."

He suggests using the new revenue as a financial driver for development and maintenance of the 33-acre Truman Waterfront park.

Arlo Haskell, another vocal opponent of the dredging referendum, pushed for the city to retain control of the Outer Mole through the lease lest it "go the way of Pier B," owned by the Walsh family and leased to the city for cruise ship berthing in a deal that gives the city just 25 percent of the revenue.

"Once you have accepted the lease, I believe you have an obligation to begin a serious and concerted effort to stop hemorrhaging city resources for the benefit of the cruise ship industry."

He outlines "two tasks: 1. raise the current disembarkation fee; and 2. renegotiate the terms of the agreement (expiring January 2015) that grant 75 percent of Pier B disembarkation fees to a private corporation."

Passenger fees

As Key West leaders discuss hiking the city's \$10.63 per head disembarkation fee for cruise ship passengers, here's a look at how that income is divided up between the city's Mallory Square berthing, the U.S. Navy's Navy's Outer Mole and the private owners of Pier B.

According to data from fiscal year 2012-13 ending on Sept. 30, 813,713 cruise ship passengers arrived in Key West over 327 port calls in the 12-month period.

At publicly-owned Mallory, the city gets 100 percent of the disembarkation fees, which totaled \$296,322 from 27,876 passengers.

At Pier B, owned by the Walsh family who also control the adjacent Westin resort, they keep 75 percent of the disembarkation fee while the city gets the remainder.

In fiscal year 2012-13, the city earned \$1,531,615 from the 612,646 passengers arriving at Pier B.

For the Outer Mole, the total disembarkation fees were \$1,841,020 from 173,191 passengers.

The terms of the city's lease with the Navy for use of the Outer Mole dictate that 40 percent of that, \$736,408, goes to the Navy for maintenance and improvements to the pier, while it costs the city another \$3.55 per person to use private trolleys to transport passengers off Navy property.

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EDITORIAL

Silence on state pension reform is deafening

Efforts to bring more equity to retirement benefits gain little traction

Have you considered a career in local or state politics? If you succeed in the profession, you may find a pot of gold waiting for you at the finish line.

"Elected official" is a pretty good gig in Florida ... especially if, after years of service as a state lawmaker or county commissioner you are able to parlay your political experience into a full-time constitutional position (sheriff, property appraiser, tax collector, elections supervisor, clerk of courts, schools superintendent).

The compensation is excellent, with salaries in excess of \$100,000 a year, and the benefits ... oh, the benefits!

Five Treasure Coast constitutional officers — and a former one — beefed up their pension compensation after serving previously in elected positions that paid lower salaries (and correspondingly lower pension benefits).

The member of this group most familiar to readers is St. Lucie County Property Appraiser Ken Pruitt, former president of the Florida Senate. After 19 years of service in the part-time state House and Senate, Pruitt was entitled to state pension payments of less than \$20,000 a year. However, when Pruitt completes his second term as property appraiser in 2016, his pension payments will rise to more than \$98,000 a year.

How is this possible? The answer lies in a little known pension-funding formula — one established by elected officials to benefit elected officials.

The key factors in determining a public official's annual pension payments under the state system are: 1) an average of the official's five highest-paid years; 2) total years of service; and 3) a multiplier based on number of years worked and highest salary.

The multiplier for Supreme Court justices, district court of appeal judges, and circuit and county court judges is 3.33 percent. It is 3 percent for other elected officials, but a mere 1.6 percent for most state employees. The higher the multiplier, the quicker the accrual rate and the higher the final pension calculations.

The 3 percent multiplier for elected officials is particularly noxious. Why should elected officials receive this overly generous benefit? It defies logic.

The short answer is, "because they can."

State legislators make the rules — and the rules clearly benefit them.

In 2011, former Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, introduced a bill that would have brought greater equity to the calculation of retirement benefits. Fasano proposed reducing the multiplier to 2 percent of the average compensation for all elected officials.

The bill gained little traction in Tallahassee.

The truth is, past members of the Florida Legislature established a pension system that is extremely beneficial to themselves — a system current members appear to be eager to protect (or, at the very least, reluctant to change).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The burned-out boats floated across the harbor after catching fire. The restaurant, destroyed, is in the background.

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Town uplifts in tragedy

We thank the community of Marathon, Pastor Dustin Sediak from Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church and Conch Records for the outpouring of care and concern for all of the 7 Mile Marina family.

We purchased the marina in 2004. We saw a piece of Marathon that we knew could be one of the best locations in town. Since then, we have tirelessly worked to improve the facilities and secure the best tenants we could find to fill our marina.

We are all so devastated by the fire and complete destruction of this place built on hopes and dreams. This loss has affected so many people, families, businesses and property.

Two captains lost their vessels and other boats were damaged. Dan and Kate Rudacille lost the opportunity to have their own business known as Salty's, which they worked tirelessly

for years to get going. They have lost the home for their restaurant.

Many of the boats were damaged and the captains lost things like dock boxes, supplies and freezers. Our Jet Ski tenant lost everything in the office on site, including all of his vests. There will be insurance deductibles these people need to pay that hopefully this fundraiser will help take care of. The need for help for these people is great.

We lost all of our personal property that was at Salty's and the 7 Mile Marina — all of the equipment, the furnishings, the restaurant building, the marina and restaurant offices, and the tikis.

We have not collected rent from the restaurant or offices since 2010. After the BP oil spill, we gave everyone free rent. We did all we could to ensure our tenants' businesses succeeded.

Over the years, we gave back to the community through fundraising events at the marina like sharkathons, grouper

tournaments, a Key lime smack-down and celebrity bartending that were subsidized by us. Our insurance coverage will not be enough to even come close to covering our losses.

The immediate outreach from our amazing community means more than you can imagine. We appreciate it so much. We are aware of the benefit that will be held for the marina families that have suffered. While not involved in the event, we are so thankful for the overwhelming support.

We have a long process in front of us and it helps knowing that people care.

Paul and Peggy Bielik
Owners, 7 Mile Marina
Marathon

Editor's note: A fundraiser for the restaurant and marina employees is planned for 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Kirk of the Keys, 8877 Overseas Highway in Marathon.



Photo by MICHELE TELLER

This is the latest instance of Sheriff's Office cars blocking the residential street. It happened around 6 p.m. Jan. 24.

To cops: Don't block road

Law enforcement has been blocking the egress of my street regularly and this is causing an unsafe condition, as my neighbors and myself worry about getting rear-ended or sideswiped from U.S. 1 traffic in the challenge of maneuvering around the law enforcement vehicles.

I have been asked to drive through areas containing broken glass from fill and construction storage, and I've been directed to drive over sidewalk curbs to go around law enforcement vehicles. I feel that this is harassing, especially when law enforcement vehicles could park on the side of the street instead of directly sideways across, blocking the egress. They refuse to move.

The most recent incident required

calling a supervisor to the scene. The law enforcement supervisor told law enforcement to move their vehicles.

I see this as a regular abuse of power, and I would like the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to address this issue with its staff to prevent further issues.

Michele A. Teller
Marathon

Designate nudity zone

Re: Key West looking over nudity laws for Fantasy Fest.

While the Florida Nudist Association supports public nudity in a place set aside and designated for that purpose, we do not support people extending that activity into the public square for the purpose of shock and

awe fueled by alcohol.

In the 1990s, we participated in a dialogue that Key West held on the issue and we recommended the "zone principle" and, for guidance, submitted a copy of an ordinance the city of Largo had adopted on the nudity issue. We don't need another law on public nudity; there are sufficient laws on the books and there are court decisions that define those laws. The issue is always behavior.

It is each citizen's responsibility to speak up when offended by nudity in an area outside the zone or the restaurant owner within the zone.

What Key West needs is to hire a group of ambassadors, properly trained and attired, to inform visitors when they are behaving or attired inappropriately.

An unpainted female nipple isn't going to destroy the island and it may reverse the downward trend into irrelevance. Don't impose a police-state atmosphere on Fantasy Fest because a few don't know how to behave in public.

Richard Mason, president
South Florida Free Beaches
Florida Naturists
Miami

Philbin needs to go

Is it really enough for the Miami Dolphins organization to rid the team of only Mike Sherman and Jeff Ireland?

While watching the coaching staff during the Seahawks and Saints game, I could see the fire and passion in the coaches' mannerisms on the sidelines. This has to spill over to the players. I'm so sick of watching coach Joe Philbin explain why and how we lost another game.

Denny Dodgen
Key Largo

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Rezoning snags bug district move

Building the facility could cost \$3.4M

By RYAN MCCARTHY
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Moving Lower Keys operations onto a new Big Coppitt Key parcel won't be anywhere near as easy as the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District was hoping.

District Director Michael Doyle said at Monday's regular meeting in Key West that petitioning Monroe County to rezone the property from Suburban Commercial to Industrial would take much longer than the 90 days it asked for from the seller.

"When we originally expressed interest in the

property, we said we could get an answer from the county within 90 days on zoning and make a decision on buying. After going through the process, we realized it's going to take a lot longer than 90 days," he told the Keynoter.

The 1.25-acre vacant waterfront lot is on the gulfside near mile marker 10, between a Habitat for Humanity affordable housing project and the Key West Auto Web used car lot. Doyle was authorized to spend a maximum of \$779,000, the listing price for the property.

The Mosquito board held a lengthy discussion on the potential move at its Monday regular meeting in Key West. A number of issues remained undecided, not the least of which was how much it would

cost to construct a new building.

Doyle told the board that it would preliminarily range from 7,400 to 9,400 square feet and cost \$2.6 million to \$3.4 million.

Commissioner Phil Goodman pointed out the price is much higher than previously discussed, but Doyle said it included a number of options that could be left out.

"You could see from the discussion that some of the commissioners want to keep administration down there and there was talk of a board room. There was not a consensus," he said.

The district has put out a request for qualifications for architects to design the building. Responses are due back by Feb. 7, Doyle said.

The best case scenario would then be for the dis-

trict to hire an architect by Feb. 19, have the board decide on whether the property is "the right fit" by March and go before the county's Development Review Committee on April 29.

By the end of May, the property could be rezoned and the board could then make a final decision on purchase.

Comptroller Bruce Holden performed a cost-benefit analysis of the new location based on where various inspectors would be driving to and from during working hours in district vehicles.

He estimated the move would cost the district \$11,000 per year in additional fuel costs, a figure Chairman Bill Shaw called "negligible." Fellow board members agreed.

CRIME

Knife-wielding man threatens sailors

Keynoter Staff

People aboard a sailboat in Boca Chica Basin were threatened by a knife-wielding man aboard a dinghy, who circled their vessel while shouting threats, marine officers reported Monday.

Ronald M. Haidinger, 46, of Key West was arrested by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers after they found him on Stock Island.

Haidinger, who remained in county jail at press time Tuesday, was booked on a felony count of using a weapon to make a threat.

"Basically, he was upset that the sailboat took his mooring ball," said FWC Officer Bobby Dube, an agency spokesman.

According to a report filed by FWC Officer

Mitchell Robb and Lt. Josh Peters, the sailors said they tied off to a mooring buoy in Boca Chica Basin.

Around 3:30 p.m. Monday, Haidinger and an older man arrived on a dinghy. Haidinger began shouting at the sailors while circling their boat.

"He was wielding a knife while threatening to cut their dinghy, cut their lines and cut them," Dube related.

Using a photograph taken by the sailors, Robb and Mitchell identified Haidinger when they saw him ashore. The suspect became "belligerent" when questioned, according to the FWC.

Misdemeanor counts of boating under the influence and disturbing the peace also were lodged.

Haidinger's companion was ticketed for boating-safety violations.

Business

A NEW DAY

U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia (right) joins Matt Strunk Friday during the official grand opening of the Stock Island Marina Village on Shrimp Road; Strunk is a principal in the project. When complete, the complex — which the state Department of Environmental Protection has certified as 'green' for its business practices — will consist of, among other things, 128 floating docks, a community garden, laundry rooms, bathrooms with showers, a bar and restaurant, pool, retail fish house and an 80-room 'boutique fish camp.'



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THE WORKFORCE

Keys have lowest jobless rate in state

The trend has been steady the past year

By JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

Gov. Rick Scott, whose re-election is expected to hinge in part on employment numbers due to his focus on jobs and the economy, received favorable campaign material Friday as Florida's jobless rate dropped to its lowest mark since June 2008. The statewide unemployment mark fell to 6.2 percent in December, down

from 6.4 percent in November, according to the state Department of Economic Opportunity. Out of a workforce of 9.4 million, there were an estimated 584,000 jobless people in December, 18,000 fewer than in November. Among Florida's 67 counties, Monroe County, which includes the Keys, continues to have the lowest jobless numbers, down to 3.5 percent in December, a drop from 3.8 percent in November and 4.6 percent a year earlier. Among the Keys' largest employers are the military, government and schools. The next lowest rates for

December were found in Walton, Okaloosa, Alachua and St. Johns counties, each at or below 4.7 percent. Hendry County, impacted by long-term cuts in state government jobs, continues to hold the highest jobless mark, with a 10.2 percent in December, down from 11.3 percent a month earlier. Hendry has been the only county to crack the double-digit mark the past four months. A year ago, four counties recorded unemployment higher than 10 percent. While the monthly rate will garner most of the attention, the numbers don't fully reflect a growth in new jobs

— the latest state figures show the workforce decreased by 9,000 over the past year. Between December 2012 and December 2013, the estimated number of people listed as unemployed shrunk by 161,000, while in the same period the ranks of the employed grew by 152,000, according to the Department of Economic Opportunity. A Dec. 17 report by the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research said that 59.3 percent of the state's drop in unemployment is due to people dropping out of the labor force or delaying entry.

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OUR SCHOOLS

HOB legal battle intensifies

Documents at center of row

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The legal battle over public records between the Monroe County School District and Coastal Construction escalated last week with the builder filing a countersuit against the schools system.

Coastal built the \$38-million new Horace O'Bryant Middle School in Key West, and the district has hired Chicago-based auditing firm McGladrey LLP to conduct a post-construction audit in an effort to recoup costs associated with contractor error.

Coastal has refused to

turn over documents to McGladrey claiming the company already gave the documents to Steve Pribramsky, whose firm last year completed an attestation of the project finding no faults with Coastal.

The district filed its suit on Jan. 21, asking the Monroe County Circuit Court to make Coastal hand over the documents, considered by the district to be public records.

The next day Coastal asked the court for "declaratory relief," claiming the company fulfilled the terms of its contract with the district.

Construction on the school started in 2009 after then-Superintendent Joe Burke secured a low-interest federal loan.

CRIME

'Historic' cocaine haul worth \$37M

British Navy vessel helped Coast Guard

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The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sitkinak pulled into the Miami Beach Coast Guard station Tuesday morning showing off what it called a "historic" cocaine haul made possible through joint operations with the British Royal Fleet.

Several officers unloaded 2,500 pounds of cocaine, worth an estimated street value of more than \$37 million. The drugs were seized just south of the Dominican Republic in the early morning hours of Jan. 22.

According to U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Somma, officers aboard the 110-foot island class cutter spotted a 25-foot go-fast boat with two outboard engines — and "very visible

packages on the deck" — then notified the British vessel Wave Knight.

As the alleged smugglers began to dump the 45 prepackaged bricks containing the cocaine into the ocean, a Coast Guard helicopter was launched from the deck of the Wave Knight, warning shots were fired, and the drugs were recovered.

Four men were taken into custody and handed over to federal law enforcement officials. Coast Guard Lt. Junior Grade Officer Meaghan Gies said the U.S. and the British fleet have been undergoing joint operations in the region for several years, but the Jan. 22 seizure marked the first time a U.S. helicopter was launched from a British ship.

The contraband was originally stored aboard the Wave Knight, then transferred to the Sitkinak at sea. The alleged smugglers were brought ashore and transferred to federal agents.



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The U.S. Coast Guard offloads 2,500 pounds of cocaine, worth an estimated \$37 million, at the Coast Guard Base in Miami Beach on Tuesday

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MOSQUITO CONTROL

Board district pay rates reconsidered

Disagreement arises from cost of living

By **RYAN MCCARTHY**
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The Florida Keys Mosquito Control Board took the first step on Monday toward establishing new minimum and maximum pay rates for district employees.

Comptroller Bruce Holden put together a lengthy report comparing Mosquito Control salaries with other Florida districts, as well as local governments and private businesses. He presented it during a workshop in Key West.

"A big reason for us to do this is to remain competitive

with other entities in the area. To do that we have to look at pay ranges and see how we compare to other agencies in the area," he said.

According to Holden's report, the following objectives were considered, among others:

- Updating salary ranges to be competitive "with reasonably similar positions in the labor market" while "considering the economic conditions within Monroe County and the surrounding counties."

- Establish pay structures that "assist in reducing turnover costs while promoting careers within the district."

Holden's study used results of his salary survey to "design appropriate salary ranges for all positions cov-

ered." It assumed the Keys are 2.96 percent above average costs statewide, according to the 2012 Florida Price Level Index prepared the University of Florida.

The board showed little faith in the 2.96 percent figure, arguing that percentage would be far higher in the Keys. Commissioner Bill Shaw noted a trailer in the Keys could "easily cost \$200,000," while Chairman Steve Smith noted a similar price could buy a "really nice house in St. Augustine."

Holden's proposed salary ranges, when compared with existing pay scales, include small increases in both minimum and maximum salaries for most positions.

Commissioner Jill Cranney-Gage told staff that she would like to see salary

ranges "tightened up" a bit before the board makes a decision. She used the example of Information Systems Coordinator, which ranges from \$62,000 to \$100,900 on Holden's scale.

Shaw suggested tightening starting salary ranges, but argued that experience is valuable to the district.

"If it's a good employee, their years of experience are worth a lot of money to the district," he said.

Staff said it would work on a new proposed pay scale that includes a benefits comparison with other Florida districts, and Keys governments and private businesses. Several commissioners noted that would provide a better comparison to how the district stacks up now.

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BASKETBALL

Canes topple Conchs in hoop rematch

Shaka Smith scores 37 for Coral Shores

By KEVIN WADLOW
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Taking an outlet pass as the first-half ticked toward halftime, Coral Shores freshman guard Shaka Smith raced downcourt and launched a long ball.

The buzzer sounded as the ball swished through, a 3-pointer that set the tone for the Hurricanes' first victory of the season, an 87-68 win over local rival Key West High School.

"That's like the world off our shoulders," Cane head coach Bruce Teachey said.

"We came out really wanting it and fought hard for it," Coral Shores senior forward Anthony Rice said.

Two weeks ago, Key West point guard Chase Renner rang up a 37-point game as the Conchs scored a 75-60 decision over Coral Shores in Key West.

On Friday, Smith returned the favor and scored a game-high 37 points with a half-dozen treys, seven field goals and a 5-for-6 night at the stripe.

"Shaka was the difference," Teachey said. "We told him, go out and do your thing."

Shooting guard Richard Jacobsen added 18 points,

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Coral Shores guard Shaka Smith (3) looks for his shot while drawing contact from Key West defender Nathaniel Hayes in the Hurricanes' 87-68 win Friday in Tavernier.

CONCHS WRESTLING

Key West hosts district wrestling

Conchs tune up at Jupiter tournament

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

Key West High School's wrestling team takes the home mat Friday as host of the eight-team District 16-1A tournament at Bobby Menendez Gym.

Other teams competing in the 4 p.m. contest are Coral Shores, Keys Gate Charter, Palmer Trinity, Pinecrest Prep, Ransom Everglades, Riviera Prep and Westminster Christian.

The Conchs will be favored to win the team title at the tournament but coach Chaz Jimenez predicted a more competitive battle.

"Keys Gate has some tough kids and will bring a full team," Jimenez said. "They have the ability to beat us."

The Conchs are coming off an 11th-place finish in the John Raich Memorial Tournament, a 28-team event last weekend in Jupiter.

Joseph Casasola, a freshman at 113 pounds, stood among Key West's top performers in the Raich Memorial.

Casasola went 4-2 to finish fourth, becoming the first Conch freshman to place in the prestigious contest.

Uriel Diaz (170) went 4-1 and lost in the Raich Memorial finals. "He's starting to wrestle like he used to. He looked really good," Jimenez said.

Nick Piraino (106) went 3-2 but lost his match to place. Piraino, who has 34 victories this season, and Jeromy Homerston, who has 29, will have a wrestle-off this week to determine who will start at the lightest weight class in the district tournament.

John Piraino (160) and Caleb Ashe (126) reached the quarterfinals.

The Conchs traveled without four starters. Angelo Guieb at 120 and Kenneth Sagan (220) were held out because of shoulder injuries. John Pozzi (195) was taking a college-entrance exam and Daniel Daly Dixon (182) was ill. All four are scheduled to wrestle in the district tournament.

The top four finishers in each weight class qualify for the state regional tournament.

Florida wrestlers are ranked in a "ladder" for all the weight classes. In 1A, Guieb is third, Sagain is ninth, Pozzi is 10th.

CANES WRESTLING

Canes shorthanded going into tourney

But coach optimistic about scoring points

By KEVIN WADLOW
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All of Coral Shores' wrestling season builds up to Friday's District 16-A Tournament in Key West.

With a shorthanded roster, Hurricane coaches Tom Milkovich and Joe Biondoletti focus on using the regular season to let their athletes gain experience to be ready for postseason regional and state tournaments.

"With only seven guys wrestling, we're not going to win a lot of dual meets" that score team points, Biondoletti said Monday.

"We've been wrestling a lot of bigger schools so we should be in position to start racking up some points," he said.

Rion Hunter at 145 pounds owns one of the Canes' best regular-season records at 12-6 and has a solid chance to reach the state championships, Biondoletti

said. "His losses came against really good kids."

The Hurricanes expect to field wrestlers in seven or eight weight classes Friday.

They include district 138-pound contender Jesse Wallangk, along with Pablo Gonzalez at 132, Jacob Fulper (120) and Dylan McGilvra (106).

A wrestle-off this week decides between Hunter Anderson and Nick Kaufman at 152, and Kenny Stokes and Clayton Cummings at 160.

One of Coral Shores' leading hopes for a state medal rests with the Florida High School Athletic Association.

The sanctioning group has yet to rule on whether a talented transfer, sophomore Dante Jovinetta, will be able to compete for the Hurricanes at the district.

Jovinetta, a 285-pounder who has medaled in national tournaments, moved to Monroe County with his family about a month ago.

"Dante's incredibly skilled for a big guy," said Biondoletti, a 1986 Florida Class 3A state champion. "We're keeping our fingers crossed."

FISHING THE FLORIDA KEYS

Bridge fishing action has been hot

Snapper, jacks popular catches at Keys spans

It's a good thing we have so many of them, because fishing at them is great right now. I'm talking about our bridges, of course.

Fishing in the waters near the bridges is offering up a variety of species, with some rather large specimens in the mix.

Primary among the assortment are mangrove snappers. We're seeing copious amounts of fish up to about 3 pounds. If you're visiting and unaware, mangrove snapper is one of the tastiest of all the fish we have for the catching in our waters.

Chris Johnson



SeaSquared deckhand, Jason Bell, assists angler Richard Becker, from Wellington Kan., with his first sailfish.

The bridges are also holding some yellowtail snappers, the occasional mutton snapper and hogfish, large yellowjacks and even keeper-size groupers that must be released.

If you're looking to load the smoker, you'll find plenty

of Spanish mackerel on the near-shore wrecks and grass banks in Florida Bay.

The reef action has been sporadic, especially for yellowtails. If you want to give it a try, the deeper, 70- to 90-foot areas, are more con-

sistent than the shallow spots.

The sailfish action has definitely had an uptick in the Marathon area. They're spraying ballyhoo on the reef as well as in the deeper regions off the reef edge in 160 to 200 feet.

There are also scattered dolphin and kingfish along with bigger blackfin tuna in the 15-plus-pound class.

If the mid-week warm temps last, this offshore fishing should improve.

The week's best

The SeaSquared boats did a variety of fishing this past week.

Two groups successfully landed sailfish and one of them also got into some decent size dolphin. Both brought in good numbers of snappers also.

At the bridges and in Hawk Channel, multiple groups caught all the snappers — mutton, yellowtails,

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CANES SOCCER

Cane boys head to regional

Keynoter Staff

As runners-up in District 16-2A boys soccer, the Hurricanes of Coral Shores are working to stay sharp - and get healthy - before Thursday's state Region 2 quarterfinal playoff at Ransom Everglades.

Ransom's Raiders, District 15 champions, bring an unbeaten 20-0-4 record into the 7 p.m. Thursday contest at their home field in Coconut Grove.

"They're having a good year," understated Cane head coach Jorge Bosque.

Coral Shores ran into longtime rival Gulliver Prep in the District 16 title game Friday, losing in a 6-0 shutout.

"It did not help when we lost three of our key starters to injury before halftime," Bosque said.

Midfielders A.J. Paterson and Joey Miller, plus anchor defender Steve Chadwick, all were sidelined for the second half of the championship. Their status for the regional was uncertain earlier this week.

Forwards Paul Pauchey and Jack Hatfield "did what they could" against Gulliver's talented squad, said the coach.

But the district's second-place squad earns Coral Shores (10-5-1) a ticket to the regional tournament, a goal the Hurricanes set when preseason practice started.

Winner of Thursday's game advances to the regional semifinals (location to be decided).

Coral Shores' girls soccer team also advanced to the state regional round this year but were stopped by MAST Academy.

BOOG'S PITCH



Key West baseball great Boog Powell tosses out the first pitch and signs autographs for opening day of the Key West Little Conch Baseball League. Powell won two World Series during his long career with the Baltimore Orioles and was named the American League's most valuable player in 1970. The four-time all-pro who graduated from Key West High School returns every winter.

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ISLAND CHRISTIAN

Eagle comeback hits dead end

Eagles play Friday before district tourney

By **KEVIN WADLOW**
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A comeback trail for Island Christian School's boys basketball team Friday hit a dead end when leading scorer Dylan Kling went down with an injury.

The Eagles had closed to within six points of Colonial Christian at 42-36 five minutes into the third quarter when Kling, a junior averaging more than 20 points per game in recent action, hurt his leg and did not return.

Without Kling - the team's oldest, tallest and best player - Island Christian (2-12) scored just four points for the rest of the game in a 56-40 loss to the visiting Patriots.

"Considering how really young we are, we've come a long way," said first-year



Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Island Christian's Dylan Kling (2) goes up for a jumper against Colonial Christian in a Friday home game. Eugene Kyle (left) positions for a possible rebound. Kling scored 13 points before leaving with a leg injury.

coach Craig Campbell, a former ICS player. "It's been a great progression through the season."

Kling ended with a team-high 13 points.

Young point guard Cameron Carter drained four 3-pointers to score 12 points against the Patriots. Eugene Kyle scored seven points for ICS.

Colonial (2-10) got a game-high 31 points from Brian Alvarez.

The Eagles picked up both their wins in recent weeks, a 52-50 victory over Miami Community Charter on Jan. 18, and a 50-40 decision over Colonial on Jan. 8.

Dorn scored 23 points in a 43-34 loss to Riviera Prep (7-12) on Thursday.

The Eagles finish the regular season with a 5 p.m. Jan. 31 home game against Divine Savior.

All games in the District 16-2A Tournament, beginning Feb. 3, will be played at the Island Christian's Family Life Center gym.

Canes travel to Marathon

From Basketball, 1B

including a perfect 8-for-8 from the line in the fourth quarter when bonus fouls slowed the game's frenetic pace.

Rice, a former Conch, added 12 points and led the Canes in rebounds. He greeted his former teammates warmly at game's end.

Playing against Key West was "just a regular game, nothing special," Rice said. "But it's good to get a win."

The Canes raced out to a 7-0 lead after the opening and were up by 10 before the Conchs narrowed it to 20-15 at the end of the first quarter.

Coral Shores' defense limited the Conchs to 10 points in the second, and Smith's last-second 3-pointer put the Canes in command at the half, 41-25.

The Conchs upped the pressure defense and forced turnovers, including one by Lanre Scott (16 points) that he turned into a late bucket.

Renner (22 points) delivered a 3-point buzzer beater for Key West, and Coral Shores' 12-point lead heading into the final eight minutes seemed anything but

secure. The Conchs cut the lead to single digits, 68-59, with four minutes to play.

Then Coral Shores' Brian Cash (10 points) scored consecutive buckets and Jacobsen finished his perfect night at the line.

Renner, a 5-foot-8 marksman, hit back-to-back treys in the Conchs' last surge but Smith and the Canes reeled off the final seven points for the final score.

The entertaining match featured a combined 18 3-point buckets, each team hitting nine. Smith and Renner

both hit six. Alan Greager (12 points) hit three treys for the Conchs, and Jacobsen netted two in the Canes' first-quarter run.

Coral Shores (1-11) closes the regular season Friday at Marathon High School. The varsity plays at 6:30 p.m. after a 5 p.m. JV start.

Results from a Hurricane game earlier this week against Palmer Trinity were pending at press time.

The District 16-4A Tournament opens Feb. 5 at Florida Christian.

Keys winter fishing hot at bridge piers

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and mangroves — plus hogfish and porgy.

Celebrating Nick's 10th birthday, the Tignanelli group, from Maryland, added a very large sheephead to their snapper and porgy catch. And, four anglers from South Carolina, who were enjoying a business trip to Hawks Cay, caught monster yellowjacks on the *Klimax*.

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KEY WEST BASEBALL

Henriquez dons red again to guide Conchs

Former coach 'expects a lot' from players

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

On the last Saturday morning in January, Key West High School's fresh-faced boys of spring donned new, brilliant-white uniforms with "Conchs" across the front in red, and gathered at spruced-up Rex Weech Field to have their pictures taken.

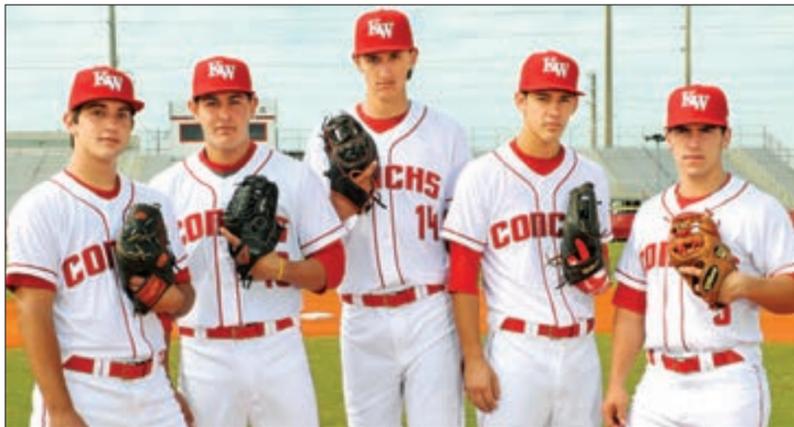
With them was their new coach, Ralph Henriquez, who, at 56, returns to lead the Key West baseball program for the third time.

His first two tenures produced three of the school's 11 state baseball championships.

He was back, this stocky relic, and as expected, had an afternoon practice looming. After all, the first preseason game lies less than two weeks away.

Henriquez, in shorts and T-shirt with a cap pulled low on his forehead, sat in the Conchs' dugout to consider the approaching season.

"Whatever goes on here represents me, and my standards are high. I don't run this like a high-school program," said Henriquez, whose resume features



Photos by BERT BUDE

Five Conch pitchers at Rex Weech Field Saturday, from left, are Hunter Sellers, Gregory Veliz, Brandon Presley, Steven Wells and Darren Miller.

coaching stints in the organizations of the New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves.

"There's a lot of technique and preparation," he said. "This group of kids is determined to play well, and they are very well-prepared. I expect a lot."

"If [the players] can handle me in practice, they'll be fine. If they miss practice or cut class, they don't play."

Behind him, a sign read, "No cell phone in dugout (two-game suspension)."

Henriquez — who succeeds eight-year coach Miguel Menendez — is determined to give the old

ballpark a new atmosphere. Under his direction, the field has added new batting cages and a training center. A new red windscreen is attached to the outfield walls and pennants flutter above the grandstand. The infield has been immaculately groomed.

There are big plans for the outer wall of the dugout, which faces fans. One section will list Conchs who have been drafted by pro teams, one will list the Conchs who have made the major leagues, another will have a photo history of the baseball program ("We'll have an old picture of Rex Weech").

Current Conch seniors also merit a section.

"This will all be lit up, and we'll have a red carpet," Henriquez said. "Like in Hollywood."

The coach expects his pitching to carry the team.

"We have three pitchers who throw more than 90 mph," he said, referring to sophomore Gregory Veliz, and seniors Darren Miller and Steven Wells. "That's the first time I've seen that in my career."

Assistant coach Randy Sterling, a Key West High School graduate who was a top draft pick of the New York Mets and pitched for

the major-league team in 1974, oversees the Conch pitching staff.

Last season's southern-most squad lacked power hitting but Henriquez believes his hitting regimen — 10 swings with a short bat, then 10 with a heavy bat, and finally a regular bat — could cure that. "We had multiple home runs at practice last night," he said.

The Conchs' fielding, often inept in recent years, likely will improve. "We are very meticulous about defense," Henriquez said.

As Henriquez went to the photo shoot, Wells and Miller described a new attitude under the returning coach.

"He's preparing us for the

next level," said Wells, who will go on to Santa Fe College in Gainesville.

"Practices are more upbeat, and the organization and preparation are better," said Miller, bound for Florida State. "This could be a special year."

When Henriquez returned in his No. 17 uniform, he made sure the groundskeeper Bill Owen would be photographed for the program to recognize his countless hours grooming the field.

Henriquez and his players at last gathered in left field for a team shot. When a few players seemed less than attentive, their new coach said, "Let's go, I want to get this over so we can work."

Living

RAISING KIDS



Photo by Steven Senne

Jameson Young, 4, left, plays with a smart phone as his brother Nolan, 3, looks on at their home, in Boston, Monday, Jan. 27. Child development experts say it's natural for toddlers to be fascinated with their own image, and that interest plays an important developmental role as they develop a sense of self.

Parenting in an iPhone age

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

Every so often, Brandi Koskie finds dozens of photos of her 3-year-old daughter, Paisley, on her iPhone — but they aren't ones Koskie has taken.

"There'll be 90 pictures, sideways, of the corner of her eye, her eyebrow," said Koskie, who lives in Wichita, Kan. "She's just tapping her way right into my phone."

The hidden photos, all shot by Paisley, illustrate a phenomenon familiar to many parents in today's tech-savvy world: Toddlers love selfies. Observant entrepreneurs have caught on to these image-obsessed tots, marketing special apps that make taking photos super-easy for little fingers. You can even buy a pillow with a smartphone pocket so toddlers can take selfies during diaper changes.

But toddlers aren't the only ones taking photos non-stop. It's not unusual for dotting parents to snap thousands of digital photos by the time their child is 2. Today's toddlers think nothing of finding their own biopic stored in a device barely bigger than a deck of cards.

hood memories when handled correctly, but shooting too many photos or videos and playing them back instantly for a demanding toddler could backfire, said Deborah Best, a professor of cognitive developmental psychology at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The instant gratification that smartphones provide today's toddlers is "going to be hard to overcome," she said. "They like things immediately, and they like it short and quick. It's going to have an impact on kids' ability to wait for gratification. I can't see that it won't."

Julie Young, a Boston-based behavioral analyst, has seen that firsthand. She was recently helping her 3-year-old son record a short birthday video for his cousin on her iPhone when he stopped mid-sentence, lunged for her phone and shouted, "Mom, can I see it?"

"It's caught on the end of the video. He couldn't even wait to get the last sentence out," said Young, who has two sons. "The second the phone comes out, they stop, they look and they attack."

Now Young and her husband make their sons wait to look at a new video or photo until after dinner or until the other parent comes home, when everyone can watch together. They are careful to sit with their kids when looking at photos and have adopted the phrase "practice patience" as a family mantra.

It's natural for toddlers to

be fascinated with their own image (think mirrors), and that interest plays an important developmental role as they develop a sense of self, child development experts say. Watching a video again and again can also help move events from short- to long-term memory, Best said.

But like any other fun thing kids get obsessed with, too much of it can be bad. Parents should make sure some photos show the child with other family members or friends. Parents can also sit with kids and narrate the photo or video as if it were a bedtime story.

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Quilters exhibit on Big Pine Key

The Paradise Quilters have what they call a Mini Quilt Show on display at the Artists in Paradise Gallery in the Winn-Dixie shopping center on Big Pine Key through Feb. 14. A reception is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 6.

The Paradise Quilters has more than 60 members, locals and snowbirds alike. They have donated more than 200 child and lap quilts to service organizations throughout the Keys.

Key West library sale is Saturday

The Friends of the Key West Library have their next book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the garden next to the library, 700 Fleming St.

A rain cancellation of January's sale resulted in a deluge of books, all at super-low prices. Hardbacks, especially mysteries, novels, biographies and children's books, almost all are \$1. There also are DVDs, CDs, and magazines.

Lower Keys Rotary marks the Super Bowl

The Big Pine & Lower Keys Rotary is putting on a party for Super Bowl Sunday.

The club has planned the part for noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 2 at Watson Field, 30150 South St., Big Pine. Admission is free and there will be music, food, vendors and a kids corner. No pets or coolers allowed.

Adderley House tours scheduled

Crane Point Hammock and Nature Center in Marathon will offer special presentations Sundays at the hammock's historic Adderley House in honor of Black History Month throughout February.

The presentations, scheduled for 2 p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, will be presented by board member Stephanie Vedros, and is included with the regular admission to Crane Point.

The Adderley House, the oldest house in Monroe County outside Key West, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service in 1992.

In 1890, at age 20, George Adderley left the Bahamas and immigrated to the Florida Keys. In 1896 he married his wife, Olivia, who had also been born in the Bahamas. In 1903 he purchased 32.25 acres on Key Vaca for \$100, to be paid

over three years. At that time, his property, which is now part of Crane Point, had never been lived on, and was dense, virgin tropical hardwood hammock without the benefits of trails or clearings.

Crane Point hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Call 743-9100.

Free parenting classes offered

Free parenting classes taught by experts with Community Health Ministries of Baptist Health South Florida are planned for the Upper Keys from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 4 through March 25 at Wesley House Family Services, 175 Wrenn St. in Tavernier.

Call 852-1612 or send an e-mail to pamf@baptisthealth.net to register.

School fish fry enters 35th year

The 35th annual Key Largo School Safety Patrol Fish Fry gets cooking Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Nearly 40-fifth graders are selling tickets to earn money for a trip to Washington, D.C. Based on past years, more than 1,000 people are expected.

Tickets are \$7 and to-go orders are available for pickup. For tickets, call Key Largo School at 453-1255, Ext. 57427.

Montessori shows 'Turbo'

The Montessori Children's School of Key West hosts a movie night at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 featuring DreamWorks' animated film "Turbo," about a snail that attains the power of super speed.

The film will be shown at the school, 1221 Varela St. Cost is \$5, which includes popcorn and drinks. Bring a blanket; gates open at 5:30. Rain date is Feb. 7.

FIRM benefits from food sales

The Middle and Lower Keys Association of Realtors runs the concession stand during movie night at the bandshell at the Marathon Community Park on Feb. 1, screening "Dr. Zhivago."

The movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Starting at 5:30, the concession stand will sell burritos, hot dogs, popcorn, candy and adult beverages. Proceeds will go to Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe. Admission to the movie itself is free.

FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS



Photo courtesy ALYSON CREAM

Juniors and seniors at Key West High School have been earning elective credits as they train at the city fire academy. The students spend the first two periods of class training under the firefighting experts, then finish their days with their regular school curricula. Kneeling (from left) are Alex Roberts, Clayton Barrera, Tyler Jones and Andy Perez; Standing (from left) are Key West Fire Department Capt. Greg Barroso, K.C. Sagan, Division Chief Alan Averette, Fire Chief David Fraga, firefighter Sheldon Goodman, and cadets John Pirano and Alex Morales.

Observer crossword puzzle

"AFLOAT" - Solution in the February 1 Keynoter

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| 19 Challenge | 60 Residue | 107 Tethered abode | 29 Landlocked Indian state | 80 Noble's domain |
| 20 Forecaster, of sorts | 62 Having identical problems | 109 Breathing pause | 32 Legislate | 82 Louis, Carrie or Bill |
| 21 Jibe | 67 HST's successor | 110 "___ Vanilli" | 33 Massenet opus | 83 Remnant |
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| 23 Hunk or fox | 70 Bridge expert Sharif | 112 James or Place | 35 ___ culpa | 89 Main lines? |
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| 33 Lenin's predecessor | 79 J.R.'s mom | 2 Artist Chagall | 44 Pole from North America | 97 Keep one's fingers crossed |
| 34 TV trophies | 81 Steak sauce, spelled out | 3 Tract of land, say | 45 Payola, for one | 98 Teen bane |
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| 46 Gee-whiz | 90 Brit truck | 9 Playing marble | 56 E pluribus unum, e.g. | 104 Baseball's Musial |
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| 50 Avifauna, uncommonly | 94 Fine's partner | 12 Sniggler's haul | 61 Black suit? | |
| 51 Killer whale, so called | | 13 Collector's car | 63 Dogs | |
| 52 Conjunction of yore | | 14 La Scala offerings | 64 Correct | |
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Crossword solution
Solution to the Jan. 25 puzzle.

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Notice of sale Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 677.209/210 of the Florida Statutes on February 13, 2014 at 10 A.M. ***Auction will occur where each vehicle/vessel is located*** 1977 Bonanza Travel TL, VIN# 235373438 Located at: Galloway Bay Mobile Home Park, 1361 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050 Lien Amount: \$8,675.00 a) Notice to the owner or lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of the Court. b) Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 559.917. c) Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court. Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc., (954) 920-6020. ***All auctions are held with reserve*** Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction LIC # AB-0001256

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Ad# 862880

INVITATION TO BID BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (RO) SYSTEM REPLACEMENT CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH

Sealed Bids for Key Colony Beach R/O System Building Project. Bids will be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Fri., February 28, 2014 Bidding Documents are available at City Hall, 600 Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, FL 33051. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on site at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 10, 2014. For the full Invitation to Bid please visit the following web address: <http://www.keycolonybeach.net/newsitem.php?id=16454784> If you have any questions call Melanie at 305-289-1212 ext 0, or email her at utilityclerk@keycolonybeach.net

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Ad# 869022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. CAK13378

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A2 Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES R. MARZELLA A/K/A JAMES MARZELLA; JAYNE E. MARZELLA A/K/A JAYNE MARZELLA K/N/A JAYNE ELLEN JURGENSOHN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES R. MARZELLA A/K/A JAMES MARZELLA; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES R. MARZELLA A/K/A JAMES MARZELLA (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 22, BLOCK 3, AMENDED PLAT OF SUMMERLAND KEY COVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 155 AIRPORT DRIVE N, SUMMERLAND KEY, FLORIDA 33042-

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 on

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or before February 20, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the FLORIDA KEYS KEYNOTER and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 10 day of January, 2014.

AMY HEAVILIN As Clerk of the Court
By Shonta McLeod As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com File No.: 13-00403 SPS

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Ad# 872584

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

Case No.: 442009CA000422A001PK

Section: 6

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO COUNTRYWIDE BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff,

v.

MANUEL J. MARTIN; LAURA A. MARTIN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1 NKA PETER JOYCE, UNKNOWN TENANT 2 NKA DAWN JONES Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 6, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 442009CA 000422A001PK of the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Monroe County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 18th day of February, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Monroe County Courthouse, Lester Building, 530 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, IN BLOCK 9, OF HARRIS OCEAN PARK ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 139, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of

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Dated at Tavernier, Florida this 10th day of January, 2014

Gwen Douglass

AMY HEAVILIN, Clerk, CPA CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Ad# 877193

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

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No 2013-CP-144-K Hon Peary S. Fowler

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CLIFFORD C. CUTLER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of CLIFFORD C. CUTLER, deceased, case number 2013-CP-144-K, by the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040. The decedent's date of death was June 14, 2013. The name of the representative of the estate and his attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 29, 2014.

Personal Representative: Edward M. Toland

Attorney for Personal Representative: Samuel J. Kaufman Florida Bar No. 0144304 Law Offices of Samuel J. Kaufman 3130 Northside Drive Key West, Florida 33040 Email: sam@samkaufmanlaw.com Telephone: (305) 292-3926 Fax: (305) 295-7947

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The vehicle(s) listed below will be sold at public auction for cash at Florida Keys Towing Inc., 1620 Overseas Hwy, Marathon FL 33050 at 8:00 AM on FEBRUARY 21, 2014 in accordance to Florida Statute Section 713.78 for unpaid towing & storage. Florida Keys Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or

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all bids. All vehicles/ vessels are sold as is.

1. 2003 KAWASAKI VIN: JKBVNC123B511580

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The vehicle(s) listed below will be sold at public auction for cash at Florida Keys Towing Inc., 1620 Overseas Hwy, Marathon FL 33050 at 8:00 AM on FEBRUARY 26, 2014 in accordance to Florida Statute Section 713.78 for unpaid towing & storage. Florida Keys Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. All vehicles/ vessels are sold as is.

1. 2009 NISSAN VIN: 1N6AA06C79N312994

2. 2005 NISSAN VIN: 1N4AL11D95C235432

3. 2003 CHEVROLET VIN: 3GNFK16Z53G225473

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Park Ranger Trail Maintenance

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT), is seeking a Trail Maintenance Ranger to perform trail maintenance and operational duties along 106 mile bike/multiuse path throughout the Keys. Ability to operate and maintain landscaping and miscellaneous field equipment needed. Ability/skill to operate and pull trailers a must. Duties to include, but not limited to, mowing, cleaning and maintaining trail, and daily trash pickup. Trail Ranger will work independently at times and with co-workers. Position requires daily contact with co-workers, community, and recreational trail users. Primary reporting location is in Key Largo. Work area is from Key Largo to Key West. Extensive driving requires valid Florida driver's license. The State of Florida supports a drug-free workplace. All employees are subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing in accordance with State Statutes. This is a non-benefit position. It is an outside, 4- day work week of 10 hour days. Some weekends and evenings may be required. Must submit State of Florida job application. Contact shelley.welch@dep.state.fl.us, or mail to 3 La Croix Court, Key Largo, FL 33037, or fax 305-853-3574. For more information call 305-853-3571. Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, February 10, 12:00 Noon.

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