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CRIME

Wrongful-death suit to proceed

Family maintains Key West Police Department killed Eimers

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A wrongful-death civil suit filed in the death of Michigan resident Charles Eimers against the City of Key West and 13 Key West Police Department officers will proceed, say attorneys for the Eimers family.

A Monroe County grand jury report released Wednesday largely found that officers did not use excessive force while taking Eimers into custody. No criminal indictment was returned against any officer.

"The grand jury is a secret, one-sided proceeding," Cara Higgins, a Key West attorney representing the Eimers, said Friday.

"As we sit here today, we have no idea what was presented to the grand jury, or why the jury made this decision not to indict," Higgins said. "We feel very, very strongly about this case...We have a problem here."

In a statement on the grand jury report, Key West Police Chief Donnie Lee said, "We're glad that this criminal investigation is concluded...I've felt confident since Day 1 that our officers' action did not cause Mr. Eimers' death."

Eimers, 61, was killed by

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PUBLIC TRUST

FKAA defends hiring Acevedo

Hernandez, Highsmith are his references

By DAVID GOODHUE
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ACEVEDO

The ninth time was a charm for Randy Acevedo, the disgraced former School District superintendent convicted in 2009 in connection with the theft of more than $413,000 in taxpayer funds.

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority hired him last week as a computer programmer. Over the past several years, Acevedo, 48, applied for a job with the FKAA eight times. This year, he tried again, successfully.

Despite a felony conviction for covering up his then-wife's theft of almost a half-million dollars from the district, it appears Acevedo has not lost support from many heavy hitters in the Key West power

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PAPA PITCHES IN

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A juvenile male cardinal (top, right) approaches his father to ask for lunch this week, only a few weeks after the youngster's hatching in a Tavernier nest. (Below) With his offspring newly out of the nest and the mother likely dealing with other chicks, Dad obliges. Cardinals share feeding duty for the fledglings, but soon insist the young take care of themselves.

KEYS INFRASTRUCTURE

Keynoter photo by DAVID GOODHUE

The Coast Guard is warning boaters to be careful around portions of the Old Seven Mile Bridge after a concrete chunk fell off into the water recently.

Concrete chunk falls off Old Seven Mile

Coast Guard warns boaters to use caution

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Parts of the historic Seven Mile Bridge are falling into the ocean, making it dangerous for boaters to go near the historic structure.

This week, the state Department of Environmental Protection placed danger buoys near five sections of cantilever overhang — large beams used to support bridges — near mile marker 41.8 of U.S. 1.

Petty Officer Rosalie Hammond, spokeswoman for U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West, said a concrete portion of the bridge has already fallen and sunk into the ocean.

"Mariners should be aware of safety issues, it's an old bridge," Hammond said. "There are five concrete parts. One already fell in, and four more are going to fall in."

Hammond said boaters should always be aware of the potential hazards of boating around the bridge.

A Marine Safety Information Broadcast has been issued near positions N 24 41 368 – W 081 12 259 warning boaters of the crumbling concrete.

Dee Ann Miller, deputy press secretary for the state DEP, said the department's Division of Recreation and Parks is not actively maintaining the bridge, but the agency does monitor it for issues. Miller said local law enforcement and fire-rescue agencies have been notified of the area as well.

An agreement to restore the historic portion of the Seven Mile Bridge was struck last year between Monroe County, the city of Marathon and the state Department of Transportation. As proposed, the state Department of Transportation would pay $57.2 million toward the total cost over 30 years and retain ownership of the bridge. Monroe County would pitch in $14.24 million and the city of Marathon $5.34 million.

DOT Spokeswoman Sandra Bello told the Keynoter in July that construction on the bridge could start March 2016 and be done by September 2017.

LABOR DAY

Police: Have fun, but be careful this weekend

Events include '35 Hurricane memorial

Keynoter Staff

Crowds are expected to help send out the summer season this Labor Day Weekend in the Florida Keys.

"It's one of the Big Three holiday weekends for boating here, along with Memorial Day and Fourth of July," Officer Bobby Dube of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

Lobster mini-season probably draws more boats, Dube noted, "but those folks usually are more interested in lobster than partying."

"We want everyone to have fun," Dube said, "but use common sense and have a designated operator. There will be zero tolerance for boating under the influence."

Schools and most municipal, county and state offices close for Labor Day.

"Any three-day weekend means we see more traffic from the mainland," Key West city spokeswoman Alyson Crean said. "We'll have special traffic details out there."

Events this Labor Day include:

• The annual memorial for more than 400 victims of the deadly Labor Day Hurricane of 1935 will be held at the Hurricane Monument in Islamorada. The Matecumbe Historical Trust hosts the 9 a.m. Monday event at mile marker 82.

• Long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad returns to Key West for a 10 a.m. Monday event on Smathers Beach that dedicates a plaque in her honor. Nyad, now 65, came ashore there last Labor Day Weekend after completing her 110-mile swim from Havana to Key West in 52 hours, 54 minutes.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Georgia man arrested on robbery charge

Deputies found a hard-to-miss pickup truck Wednesday and arrested a Georgia man accused of starting a fracas at Tiny's convenience store in Islamorada.

Julian J. Oldham, 28, of Augusta was arrested on two felony counts and two misdemeanor charges after the 10 p.m. ruckus in the store at mile marker 82.7.

According to a Monroe County Sheriff's Office report, Oldham walked up to a man standing in the store's checkout line. Oldham demanded a gold chain that the victim was wearing.

"Oldham then grabbed the chain and tried to forcibly remove it," said Deputy Becky Herrin, the Sheriffís Office public information officer.

After the two men struggled, "Oldham became enraged and began knocking down shelves of merchandise, causing considerable damage in the store," Herrin said.

Witnesses said Oldham left the Tiny's parking lot in a gray "jacked-up" Ford truck with a distinctive rear-window decoration ó a sticker depicting a pole-dancer with words "Dirty Hooker."

The truck and Oldham were found at a nearby motel.

Oldham was booked into Monroe County jail under a $37,500 bond on counts of forcible robbery, causing more than $1,000 in property damage, battery and disturbing the peace.

The victim fled from the store and had not been found at press time. Herrin said deputies do not know if the Oldham and the other man were strangers or acquaintances.

KEYS WEATHER

PREDICTED TEMPERATURES

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SUN.	**92**	**84**
MON.	**92**	**83**
TUES.	**82**	**82**

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

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BEACH ADVISORIES

The Monroe County Health Department tests Keys beaches every two weeks for the presence of enteric bacteria. No Keys beaches have health advisories against swimming.

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

SNOBERGER
JANET GILLIS SNOBERGER, Born in Highland Park, MI on January 18, 1928, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2014 in Naples, FL.

Janet is remembered fondly as an amazing lady who constantly surprised and astonished friends and family with her lifelong achievements of dreams and goals which everyone thought were beyond women of her time. Although she was widowed at age 46 when her husband, Jim, died and was sole support of three children, Janet found the resolve to build a very successful business career. A superb ocean sailor, she had the brilliant and original idea of selling real estate in south Florida -- by boat! She became famous for selling homes by highlighting them to buyers from the "water side." This led to Janet, teaming with key business executives and finding commercial real estate properties for three very prominent national companies.

Despite raising her children and achieving remarkable business success, Janet actually became the first ever female Commodore of a major sailing club on the east coast of the USA. She was elected the fifth Commodore of the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club. The thought of a woman captaining a boat, training young men in sailing and even becoming a Commodore did enrage some male sailors. On one lengthy voyage through the Caribbean islands, one seafarer snorted: "You are a rash and conceited woman." Janet just smiled.

In her fifties, Janet met and fell in love with Phil Snoberger of Lighthouse Point, FL. At a time when many couples are slowing down, their joint adventurous spirit inspired them to set sail on their 49 foot sailboat and cross the Atlantic together. It was five weeks without land before reaching Ireland then Scotland, Spain and Portugal followed by an odyssey through out the Mediterranean. It was two years before they returned to the U.S. The rest of Janet's life was devoted to Phil, her family and the sea - the latter pull being so strong the couple moved home to the Florida Keys.

This remarkable woman was the eldest of four children in the Kennedy family of Detroit and Grand Bend, Ontario. Her physician father and well-traveled mother were so busy they allowed their early mature daughter to become the virtual "little mom" to her siblings, Mary Ann, Nancy and Hugh. This continued throughout her entire life.

Janet tragically lost two children, son Scott very early in life, and recently her daughter Lynne. She is survived by all of her siblings as well as the following children, grandchildren and great grandchildren : Her eldest son Paul Alexander Gillis and his wife Mary Janet, who live in Los Angeles: their three children, Andrei, Alexander and Katy. Alexander and his wife Sommer have three children, Mary Katherine, Talulla and Ryder. Katy has one daughter, Fiona. Also surviving is son James of Naples, FL, his wife, Audrey, and children Jacquelyn, Jim Jr. and Jennifer Gillis Dreiling (husband Joel.) Jennifer's children are Joseph and Jamie. On the Snoberger side of the family, Janet's husband, Phil survives along with his daughter, Nancy who resides in Texas; sons Stephen who has children Scott and Sara, living in Vero Beach, FL; and son Tommy who with wife Eileen, resides in Fort Pierce, FL. Their daughters are Michelle and recently-married Valerie Snoberger Brown.

Memorial Service will be held September 6th at 11am at Martin Luther Chapel - 325 122nd Street Gulf, Marathon FL 33050 with a luncheon / reception to follow at 82901 Old Hwy, Islamorada FL.

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EIMERS DEATH

Grand jury clears KWPD in tourist's death

Report concludes officers used 'reasonable force'

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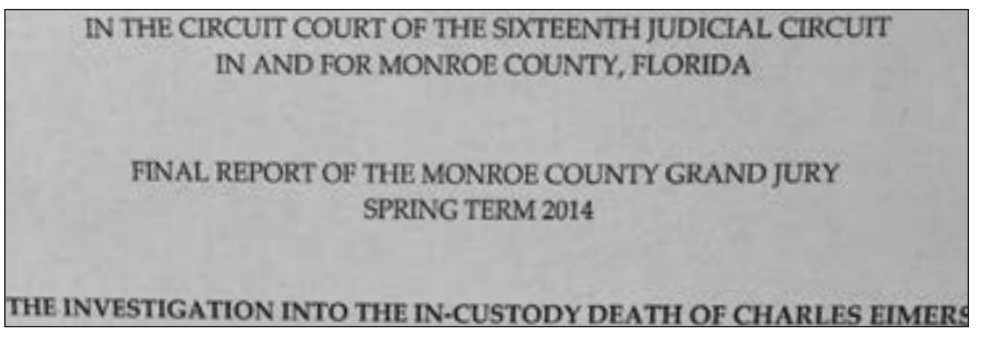
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FINAL REPORT OF THE MONROE COUNTY GRAND JURY
SPRING TERM 2014

THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE IN-CUSTODY DEATH OF CHARLES EIMERS

A grand jury report cleared the Key West Police Department in the 2013 death of a Michigan tourist.

Key West police officers "used a reasonable amount of force" that was "clearly justified" in the Nov. 28, 2013, arrest of a Michigan man who died six days later, the Monroe County grand jury reported Wednesday.

Charles Eimers, 61, of Birch Run, Mich., died Dec. 4 at the Lower Keys Medical Center, where he was admitted following a Thanksgiving Day arrest that ended on an oceanfront beach at the end of Duval Street.

The Eimers family in April filed a wrongful-death lawsuit in U.S. District Court alleging that a dozen Key West Police Department officers "used excessive force during their arrest of Charles Eimers, killing him."

Police say Eimers' car, P.T. Cruiser, was stopped for an improper lane change, a routine traffic violation, on North Roosevelt Boulevard at 8:25 a.m.

After first cooperating with officers, Eimers began acting strangely, officers said. Then "for reasons unknown," Eimers drove away against police instructions, the 10-page jury report says.

Driving through residential and business areas, "Mr. Eimers was observed speeding, running red lights and disregarding stop signs, thereby posing a substantial risk of injury to persons and property...in the narrow, congested streets of Old Town," the jury concluded.

When Eimers stopped at South Beach at the Atlantic end of Duval, he got out of his car and obeyed officer instructions to lie on the sand. While being handcuffed, he began struggling, officers told the grand jury.

The Eimers family suit contends officers forced "his face into the sand, causing him to inhale sand."

After the arrest, Eimers suffered medical distress and was taken to the hospital.

Witness testimony from bystanders largely supports police accounts that officers did not strike Eimers' head or force his face into the sand, the grand jury concluded.

"We also had the benefit of viewing a video from an unknown tourist which captured a portion of the incident," the report says. "The officers' testimony was consistent with what we observed on the video."

Former Monroe County Medical Examiner E. Hunt Scheuerman told the grand jury that Eimers died of severe heart problems that had been previously diagnosed.

"Most importantly, Dr. Scheuerman testified that Mr. Eimers' pre-existing heart condition was so poor that that he could have died at any time, even in his sleep," the report says.

Grand jury members appeared to give significant weight to the testimony of a former FBI agent and instructor who has no connection to the Key West Police. The expert witness, Charles Joyner, said Eimers' behavior and flight gave police reason to suspect Eimers "posed an immediate threat," and that police "did not use excessive force under the circumstances."

The grand jury did cite "serious concern" about aspects of the death investigation and failure to monitor Eimers' condition before he died days later.

At least one officer reportedly made "derogatory" and inaccurate remarks at the scene of the arrest, the jury said, so the police department's Internal Affairs office should investigate and rectify that "unprofessional conduct."

KWPD starts internal probe

From Eimers, 1A

severe heart problems, with "the stress of his struggling with police" a contributing factor, former county Medical Examiner E. Hunt Scheuerman told the grand jury.

Eimers abruptly drove away from a Nov. 28, 2013, morning traffic stop on North Roosevelt Boulevard after making several strange remarks. His PT Cruiser drove through Old Town for about nine minutes, reportedly not stopping for lights or signs. Eimers' car nearly caused at least one accident, another driver told police.

Eimers then drove onto the Atlantic sand beach near Southernmost Beach Cafe, where several officers caught up to him.

While Eimers was on the ground, he reportedly struggled against being handcuffed. After Eimers fell unconscious, officers removed handcuffs and performed CPR until paramedics arrived and took him to Lower Keys Medical Center.

Eimers died Dec. 4 when family members requested that life support be removed.

No evidence from video taken by officers and a bystander at the beach, or from the autopsy, indicated that Eimers was struck by any officer's Taser stun gun.

"There are tons of contradictory statements floating around," Higgins said. "There is a suggestion that those contradictions may have been created by law enforcement as part of a defense."

In particular, one officer made statements to people that "I dropped like a...bomb on [Eimers'] head," and "We just killed someone."

That officer later told FDLE investigators that he was exaggerating or joking when trying to seem like "a bad ass."

Higgins said as of Friday, the Horan, Wallace and Higgins law office still has not received an official copy of the 33-page FDLE report despite requests — only one obtained and forwarded to the lawyers by The Blue Paper, a Key West newspaper.

"We have to question why that occurred," Higgins said. "You would think that we would get a copy from FDLE."

Lee said the Key West Police Department always planned to launch an "all-inclusive" Internal Affairs investigation after the grand jury report was finalized.

"The investigation and the grand jury's findings point to some policy issues that need to be addressed," Lee said. "...Now that the criminal aspect is concluded, we will be opening an internal affairs investigation. We will look closely at any misconduct that might have occurred."

"This has been a difficult several months for the Eimers family, the community, and our department," Lee said. "We want to again express our condolences to the family."

The internal investigation is expected to move quickly "and not drag on," agency spokeswoman Alyson Crean said.

"This has been hard on everyone," she said. "It's very important to Chief Lee to heal any rift with the community and move forward."

The city has filed a request to dismiss the Eimers' family lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court. Attorneys for the Eimers family filed a motion opposing the dismissal. U.S. Judge Jose Martinez has not yet ruled.

FKAA executives say Acevedo paid his debt to society

From Acevedo, 1A

structure.

Among his references for the FKAA job are longtime Monroe schools superintendent A.J. "Bookie" Hernandez, and Bobby Highsmith, a Key West attorney elected to the School Board on Tuesday.

Kirk Zuelch, FKAA executive director, defended the public utility's decision to hire Acevedo.

"He successfully completed his judicial sentence two years ago, which was imposed by Judge [Mark] Jones five years ago," Zuelch said in an e-mail. "He fulfilled all the requirements placed on him. The court did not find him liable for the theft you refer to" in a written question.

Acevedo's new job pays an annual salary of $45,379, said Elvira Sawyer, FKAA executive office coordinator. He started work Aug. 20.

The job includes full health benefits, and if Acevedo lasts eight years at FKAA, he will be vested under the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan.

Acevedo has a background in information technology. Kerry Shelby, FKAA deputy executive director, said "his skill-set fit" the entry-level computer technician position. "We didn't see we could turn him away."

Shelby said there were other candidates but "Randy was the best-suited for the job."

It was not clear at press time how many other candidates applied.

Acevedo was sentenced to three years of probation in 2009 on three felony counts of obstruction of justice by a public official, based on his efforts to cover up his then-wife's theft.

His wife, Monique Acevedo, was the School District's head of Adult Education from 2005 to 2009. She was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2010 for stealing $413,000 from the school district, mostly by using her work credit card for personal purchases. She also stole tuition fees paid for adult education classes.

The Acevedos divorced in April.

Then-Gov. Charlie Crist removed Acevedo from office. A judge also ordered Acevedo to pay a $15,000 fine and perform community service.

Monique Acevedo's defense attorneys claimed her actions were caused, in part, to an untreated bipolar disorder and addiction to prescription painkillers.

The scandal rocked the School District and led to the district ending its policy of electing its superintendents. Now the Monroe County School Board hires its superintendent.

Asked if placing a felon on the public payroll who was convicted in connection with more than $400,000 in stolen taxpayer money was a sound choice, Shelby replied that he was "not intimately involved in the decision making."

KEYS ECONOMY

Housing task force delayed

Council requests more time to review candidates

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The Marathon City Council put off announcing candidates for a proposed affordable housing task force committee until next week.

The council was expected to name the candidates at its Tuesday meeting, but Councilman Mark Senmartin, who's spearheading the taskforce, said he and his colleagues wanted more time to vet the proposed committee members.

"We didn't get a chance to talk to [candidates] ourselves," Senmartin said. "It takes a couple of days to absorb the information. We should have our picks by Wednesday."

Community leaders met Monday at the Marathon Government Center for an informal affordable housing summit organized by state Rep. Holly Raschein of Key Largo.

With a 125-room Hyatt, a 95-room Courtyard by Marriott and an 89-room hotel planned for the Middle Keys, adequate workforce housing could soon be an issue for the area.

Mayor Dick Ramsay said other potential projects are in the works around Marathon, such as a proposed Knight's Key development that may need up to 100 employees.

"We have to work with developers and the county. We have to drag in the Department of Economic Opportunity in Tallahassee," Ramsay said. "We're going to put together a task force that's going to work in conjunction with the county's task force."

Ramsay said he's going to appoint County Commissioner George Nugent to the board, creating an "instantaneous tie between the county and the city."

Similar housing panels have been created at various bureaucratic levels in recent years, with little action taken after reports have been produced.

"Whatever governmental force we come up with, it needs to find solutions. If not, this is just an exercise in futility again," Councilman John Bartus said. "If we don't figure out some of the solutions, we're going to lose teachers, firefighters and all those things that make a community."

Bartus and Ramsay agree finding solutions to affordable housing will take more than just government entities.

Nonprofits like the Middle Keys Habitat for Humanity, which has built 17 homes for families since 2006, will be needed as well. Executive Director Chris Todd Young said the homes are built for about $200,000 and are often inhabited by working professionals.

"There's a need for affordable rentals and homeownership," Young said. "We need people to live here. It's highly important."

The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium at Florida State University was at Raschein's Monday meeting. The research group projects Monroe County's population to decline to 70,901 by 2020 and 66,700 by 2040. FCRC reports Monroe County is the costliest of all 67 Florida counties and amongst the nation.

MISSING BOATER

Volunteers find Cullen's sailboat

Sonar found it, sub cameras pick up image

By DAVID GOODHUE
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Volunteers this week found the sunken sailboat that belongs to a young Key Largo man who went missing in early August while on a solo freediving excursion off the Upper Keys.

Noah Cullen, 24, was last seen boarding his 28-foot boat, the Jubilee, at French Reef by a dive boat captain helming a passing vessel at around noon Aug. 4. About two hours later, the Jubilee was seen sinking at Dixie Shoal by another boat crew.

A frantic search by the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies covering more than 5,000 square nautical miles went on for 90 hours before being called off. But volunteers made up largely of the Upper Keys dive community, which Cullen is part of, never gave up.

And on Wednesday, a piece of the puzzle as to what happened to him and his vessel that stormy afternoon was found.

"It's been a challenge, but I'm still kind of amazed we pulled it off," Rob Bleser said Thursday. "I just couldn't leave it alone."

Bleser is the head of the Key Largo Volunteer Fire Department's water emergency team and owner of Quiescence Dive Center. He located the 28-foot vessel using a small remote-controlled submarine on loan from Lad Akins of Reef Environmental Education Foundation. Akins is also a member of the fire department's dive team.

"We try to take care of our own here," Bleser said.

Using the sub, Bleser and his stepson spotted the Jubilee sitting on the ocean floor in about 300 feet of water almost one nautical mile northeast of where the boat was seen sinking.

Photo courtesy of ROB BLESER

A remote control submarine captures an image of Noah Cullen's sunken sailboat sitting at the bottom of the ocean in about 300 feet of water.

Bleser and other volunteers began searching the area on Aug. 17.

Earlier this week, Cullen's stepfather Jeff Cleary, Bleser and other volunteers, including Carlos Ruiz of West Marine, pinged the Jubilee using donated sonar equipment.

"We got a decent hit," Bleser said.

The sub, called an ROV, or remotely operated vehicle, has two cameras on it. Bleser and the volunteers placed a depth gauge on one camera and a compass on the other and were able to find Cullen's boat close to the area where they pinged earlier in the week.

"We got some pretty good shots of it," said Bleser.

Video from the ROV is being enhanced by technicians with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Cullen remains missing, but finding his boat provided a small piece of closure his family has been seeking since he disappeared.

"It's been an amazing search, and we really feel loved by the community," Cullen's mom, Tanya Cleary said.

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A state appeals court on Thursday rejected Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's request to hold off on deciding the constitutionality of Florida's gay-marriage ban until after the U.S. Supreme Court someday rules on the issue.

"Upon consideration, appellant's motions to stay briefing are denied," the Miami-based Third District Court of Appeal said in a terse ruling Thursday.

"That is the best news of the day. We would have been sitting in limbo for an undetermined amount of time," said attorney Bernadette Restivo, who represents Aaron Huntsman and William Lee Jones, two Key West bartenders who on July 17 won the right to marry in Monroe County Circuit Court. "Pam Bondi's stay would have caused enormous irreparable harm to the plaintiffs and others similarly situated. Every day that we move forward in this case will hopefully mean we are moving closer to ending this oppressive discrimination."

Said Bondi's spokeswoman Jennifer Meale: "The Court has ruled that the case will move forward, and we will proceed accordingly."

Monroe Chief Circuit Judge Luis Garcia declared Florida's 2008 gay-marriage ban unconstitutional, ruling against Bondi, whose office defended the ban. Despite that decision, Huntsman and Jones have not been allowed to marry because Florida law mandates an automatic stay pending appeal when a public official loses a court case.

On July 25, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Sarah Zabel also ordered that six other same-sex couples be allowed to marry, but stayed her ruling pending appeal.

Bondi appealed both cases and on Aug. 7 asked the Third DCA, which has jurisdiction over Monroe and Miami-Dade counties, not to hear them until after the U.S. Supreme Court decides the issue.

"Neither this Court nor the Florida Supreme Court can decide this federal issue with finality," Bondi wrote to the appeals court. "The United States Supreme Court, however, 'has the final word on the United States Constitution.'"

The U.S. Supreme Court has not yet agreed to decide whether state marriage bans are unconstitutional. In June 2013, the court threw out a key portion of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and ordered the U.S. government to recognize the Canadian marriage of lesbian Edith Windsor, a New York widow. Since then, same-sex couples have won more than 30 times in federal, state and appellate courts, according to the group Freedom to Marry.

Also on Thursday, the appeals court agreed to consolidate the Monroe and Miami-Dade cases, so they can be heard together.

"For consistency sake, the cases are very similar," Restivo said. "We're speaking out of one voice sending the exact issues up to the Florida Supreme Court.

The appeals court ruling came a day after a state appeals court in Central Florida asked the Florida Supreme Court to decide the issue once and for all. The Second DCA agreed 10-3 to "pass through" the case of Mariama Monique Changamire Shaw and Keiba Lynn Shaw, a lesbian couple married in Massachusetts in 2010, who are now seeking a divorce in Tampa. Hillsborough County Circuit Judge Laurel Lee refused to grant the couple a divorce because state law bans same-sex marriages. The state Supreme Court has not decided whether to hear the case or send it back to the appeals court.

To date, three other judges in Florida have also declared the state's 2008 gay marriage ban unconstitutional.

• On Aug. 4, Broward Circuit Judge Dale Cohen agreed to dissolve the Vermont civil union of Lake Worth art dealer Heather Brassner, whose former partner cheated on her and then disappeared. Cohen stayed the ruling, but says he will formally divorce Brassner and Megan Lade on Sept. 10 unless Bondi appeals his order (which Bondi hasn't done) according to Brassner's attorney, Nancy Brodzki of Coral Springs.

SHANE HAMILTON

EMTs did not tell police about accident

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Swain County, N.C., emergency medical service responders might not have notified police that a low-lying metal cable someone placed almost hidden across a dirt path gravely injured Shane Hamilton while he was riding his ATV in the western North Carolina woods on July 3, documents shows.

Nor does it appear that Swain County Sheriff's Office deputies and detectives went to the crash scene until the day after Hamilton died and two days after he was injured.

Hamilton, who lived in Key Largo, died July 4 at 12:30 p.m. in an Asheville, N.C., hospital at age 45, according to a North Carolina Chief Medical Examiner's Office report released this week.

Dr. Robert Moffatt, the Buncombe County medical examiner, was notified of Hamilton's death around 2 p.m. that day. Moffatt examined Hamilton's body at 9:30 a.m. July 5. The cause of death: "massive abdominal injuries" inflicted by the cable. A toxicology report released Aug. 15 says Hamilton had no alcohol in his system.

Moffatt did not return a phone call left with his answering service asking him to explain some of the statements he wrote in his report. For instance, on the "Law Enforcement Agency" designation slot, he wrote "None!" It's not clear why he punctuated the word with an exclamation point.

In the summary of the report, he made a point to note: "There was no police notification from reports by EMS."

Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran said several times, including in a face-to-face interview with The *Keynoter*/*Reporter*, that the matter is now "civil" and out of the hands of his agency. Cochran did not respond to an e-mail this week asking him if he is still not going to investigate Hamilton's death following the release of Moffatt's report.

But Hamilton's friends and family want to know who placed the cable along the mountaintop trail. It is connected to two small portions of two separately owned properties, and it blocks access to a third. Each property is owned by different owners, and none is talking to the press.

David Breedlove, coordinator for the Swain County EMS, did not return several e-mailed questions about Hamilton's crash. He said in an interview on July 7 with this newspaper that he never saw a cable when he responded to the crash.

"Word was there was a cable, but I didn't see it," Breedlove said.

But after a *Keynoter*/*Reporter* reporter and photographer visited the scene in late July, it is clear that first responders would have had to step over the cable to get to where Hamilton landed after he flew off his Yamaha ATV.

Deputy J.D. Woodard, the first law enforcement officer to arrive at the scene of Hamilton's death, wrote in his report that two days went by before he received word about the crash. He "answered a call" on July 5 "where an ATV accident had occurred on 07/03/2014." Woodard was told by Jim Clayton, the man from whom Hamilton rented his cabin with his wife and two children, that Swain County EMS was called the day of the accident and that Hamilton was airlifted to Memorial Mission Hospital in nearby Asheville.

According to Swain County Detective C.P. Posey's July 8 report, she never went to the scene of the crash but she spoke with Woodard, who told her Hamilton's family and friends were concerned the cable "had been placed across the road to intentionally harm people riding the trail."

Although after reviewing county maps Posey determined the crash "occurred on private property," she wrote that she did not know who owns the property where Hamilton was felled.

Nevertheless, on July 7 — just four days after Hamilton struck the cable, with only one deputy ever visiting the scene of the crash and without seeing Moffatt's report — Cochran "determined that the incident is considered an accident therefore no criminal action has occurred."

Hamilton was in Swain County with his wife and children on vacation with the express intent of riding ATVs, his friend Mark Page said. Page and Hamilton were business partners. He owns Page Excavating in Key Largo.

He said Hamilton specifically rented Clayton's cabin after thoroughly researching ATV-friendly locations.

Clayton told the *Keynoter*/*Reporter* he has owned his cabin for 14 years, and the surrounding trails have been ATV and hiking hotspots for as long as he's been there. He was on the trail where Hamilton crashed in January and the cable was not there, he said.

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Opinion & Editorial

EDITORIAL

Vote demonstrates influence of Key West power cabal

It's unlikely that most people beyond those closely connected to local politics paid much attention to the results of the Monroe County School Board races. When voter turnout is just a shade over 27 percent, you can pretty much bet that an even lower percentage of the county is intimately connected to those races.

Fair enough. Most voters today, especially in this county, are not in the demographic that typically has school-age children in the household. They also pay even less attention to the workings of the School Board.

But even the general voting public recalls the Monroe County School District travesty that occurred at the hands of Randy and Monique Acevedo just a few short years ago. You'll recall that then-Gov. Charlie Crist fired elected School Superintendent Randy Acevedo in 2010 after he was convicted of three felony counts of official misconduct for covering up his wife Monique Acevedo's theft of more than $413,000 from the School District.

This black eye has still not completely healed and most would agree we don't ever want to re-live that embarrassment. Not to mention the collateral damage our school kids experienced as a result.

So, those voters who spoke loudly at this week's polling booths, better hope we are not setting ourselves up for another round of problems.

By all accounts, both Ron Martin and Bobby Highsmith won by virtue of strong bloc voting steered by the teachers union. Those were their guys. To be fair, in this newspaper's interviews with these candidates, they both presented themselves as formidable and qualified for their respective districts.

Catherine Bosworth, a relatively unknown challenger to John Dick in District 4, almost pulled off a huge upset thanks to that same bloc. This is a candidate who did virtually no campaigning, but still managed to garner almost 49 percent of the vote.

Outspoken reformer and School Board member Ed Davidson lobbied hard for candidate Stu Kessler because he wanted to stack the board with representatives committed to keeping the administration in fiscal check. School Board member Andy Griffiths is now the de-facto swing vote on the dais, with Davidson and Dick watching the money, wary of giving away too much to the unions.

The United Teachers of Monroe, fresh off a year-long, arduous and contentious contract renegotiation with the Monroe County School District, was clearly out to re-establish its power with this election. And it appears the union accomplished just that.

Bobby Highsmith hails from the same Key West Conch-camp that kept Randy Acevedo in power for as long as it could. To say this group is friendly to the teacher's union is like saying the Acevedo's made some bad decisions.

It will be interesting to watch how this power shift plays out. If it ultimately benefits our kids in terms of raising the county from 23rd in the state in academics, we're all for it. If it results in more funding and support for our school district and a better bottom line, we support that too.

But if it signals a return to that blemished past, let's say we're saddened by that, but not surprised.

Forgive? Yes. Put on the public payroll? No.

Since posting our story on the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority hiring Randy Acevedo, the former School District superintendent convicted in 2009 on felony official misconduct charges, we've received some comments suggesting he should be allowed to move on with his life.

We couldn't agree more. Acevedo served three years probation, paid his $15,000 fine and did the community service sentenced to him by a judge. He deserves to find gainful employment based on his experience and academic achievements.

He does not, however, deserve to ever be paid by a taxpayer-funded organization again.

If a private company, or even publically-traded company, chooses to hire Acevedo, fine.

That's on them.

We'll never know for sure how much he knew about the actions of his wife, Monique Acevedo, when she was head of adult education for the School District from 2005 to 2009.

What we do know is that she was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2010 for stealing more than $400,000 of taxpayers' money.

Randy Acevedo was convicted of covering up for his wife. That means a jury concluded Acevedo knew that at least some of the money that was spent paying for toys and perks the Acevedos enjoyed for years was nicked from your wallets.

But somehow, FKAA brass seems to think Randy Acevedo was the best candidate from a pool of probably equally-qualified job seekers in the Keys, but ones who are not convicted felons who lived quite well off your stolen dime without issue.

Rest assured. At least now you know where your money is going.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Dept. has helmets

To the editor: Earlier this year my 3-year-old year old and I moved into one of Marathon's fine family neighborhoods. My son quickly made friends with the kids on the block and almost daily he and I ride our bikes around the neighborhood over and over again with them.

Early on, I noticed that a few of the kids did not wear bike helmets. When asked if they even owned one, the answer was "no."

Florida's helmet law states, "A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap..."

I began to make a few phone calls within Monroe County and was put in touch with Alison Morales, a health educator at the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County. Although she works out of Key West, Alison met with me, my son, Noah, and one of the neighborhood children here in Marathon at the Ruth Ivin's Clinic where our local health department has an office. Alison fitted Noah's friend with a brand new, free helmet and evaluated my son's helmet, an adjustable one he has had since he was 2 years old. Finding Noah's helmet too small now, Alison also gave him a new, free helmet.

I would like to sincerely thank Alison Morales for her time and program. If your children are in need of a helmet, please give her a call at (305) 809-5670. She holds free helmet distribution and fitting programs throughout the Keys with one goal in mind...to keep our children's heads safe!

Kelly Grinter
Marathon

Family thanks community

I am writing to say thank you, for your support in the past two fundraisers our community held for my children, for the fundraiser "For those left behind." We really appreciate you advertising the events in your paper.

I would also like to thank the community of wonderful families and friends. Tobe Creed, thank you so much for your time, patience and organization. Special thanks to my parents Gerard Dubois and Maureen Holland, Marlene Dubois, the Martins, the Wagners, Mr. Olde, Ms. Schwenke, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hubbard, Iris Coe, John, Marian Armitage, Debbie Morelli, Noel Gonzales, Michael J, Kate Murphy, Kathleen, the Hortons, Bret Irvin, Jackie Krugman-Moore, Andy and Nan Paskiewiez, Charlene Sprinkle-Huff, Patty Donavan, Mary Conley, Bob Hammon, the Betencourts, the Conleys, Dianne Putnam, Crissy, the Mortons, Sandi, Judy Sorensen, JJ Starr, Richard Mattick, Tom Hinckey, Summer Evans, Jackie Pasquele, and all those who came out to donate items, money and their time!

I cant thank everyone enough. Especially the Moose lodges, the American Legion, DAV, Brass Monkey, Cabana Breezes, The Stuffed Pig, Glunz Resort, Tranquility Bay, Hawks Cay Resort, Ocean Key Resort, Tarpon Creek, Leigh Ann's Coffee House, 3rd Generation, Winn Dixie and the Outfitters, for being so supportive and many other local businesses.

Words can not explain how helpful this fund will be for my children in their futures.

Thank you all so much! Much Love.

Tara VanHoesen
Marathon

CELEBRATING OUR PAST

Photo courtesy MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBARY

Herbert Hoover, U.S. president from 1928 to 1932, gets ready to go fishing at the Key Largo Anglers Club in 1958. Hoover was an avid angler, and the inaugural edition of the 'Keynoter' on Feb. 19, 1953, led with the headline 'Hoover fishing on the Keys.' The first sentence said he 'is fishing for two weeks on the Keys and last Saturday went out and caught two fish in a few hours, one of them an 8-pound bonefish.' He once said: 'Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.' He also said: 'Next to prayer, fishing is the most personal relationship of man.'

GUEST COLUMN

Haitian migrants should have same benefits

ELIZEE

Last past week alone 19 Haitian immigrants came ashore in Hillsboro Beach, Fla. Of those 19, one young lady died and another was taken to North Broward Medical Center. A few days before that, four men were found dead, floating 20 miles east of Hollywood. No boats were found, no one arrested, no charges brought. It is time for the Obama Administration to finally grant Haitian Reunification Parole before more immigrants die.

Leaders in the Haitian community have lobbied for the implementation of a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program to no avail. This program, if ever approved, would mirror the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program.

Under the current immigration system, when an immigration petition is approved, the beneficiary living abroad may wait as much as 10 years for their number to be called before they are able to migrate legally to the United States. Under the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program, beneficiaries of approved family-based immigration visa petitions are given an opportunity to travel to the United States rather than remain in Cuba until their immigrant visa case becomes current.

The stated purpose of the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program is to expedite family reunification through safe, legal, and orderly channels of migration to discourage dangerous and irregular maritime migration.

Because of the similarities between the Haitian and Cuban community, activists have tried for years to secure the same benefits for Haitians that Cubans enjoy. Haitians suffer the same if not worse economic, social and political conditions and face the Atlantic with the same hopes and more desperation.

With the 2010 earthquake, the inability of the Haitian government to stabilize, the increasing protests for elections, and now the de-naturalization of Haitians in the Dominican Republic, the U.S. government's goal of expediting family reunification through safe channels seems most appropriately applied to the Haitian community.

As of now, there are more than 100,000 beneficiaries with approved family based petitions living in Haiti waiting for their numbers to be called.

President Obama recently created the Deferred Actions for Childhood Arrivals program without the approval of Congress. He also has the ability to create a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program in the same manner, but his administration has yet to do so.

In an open letter to the president, the senior vice president of advocacy and policy for the NAACP, Hilary Shelton, wrote: "A Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program would save lives, speed recovery and serve our values. Everyone affected is already considered 'legal' and will come eventually, if they survive, to supporting families… Establishment of a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program would simply allow these men, women, and children to wait for green cards in the United States rather than in Haiti, and if applicable they could apply for work permits so their remittance can help recover Haiti."

The longer the Administration takes to act, the more families will die. This is the time to take action. The Haitian Family Reunification Parole program should be part of the president's executive administrative immigration reform.

Patricia Elizee is vice president of the Haitian Lawyers Association and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Letters to the Editor

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Business

STATE

Few apply for FSU job

Deadline for resumes is Tuesday

By JIM TURNER
The News Service of Florida

The search for Florida State University's next president has so far attracted six new hopefuls since getting tangled earlier this year over the desire of a powerful state senator for the job.

While additional resumes are expected be filed by a Tuesday deadline, it is still to be determined if any of the job seekers can fulfill 12 desired areas of focus envisioned by the school's search committee and search consultant.

The areas range from enhancing the university's academic reputation and being an "energetic fundraiser" to "providing leadership for a highly successful intercollegiate athletics program."

Jennifer Proffitt, president of the FSU chapter of the United Faculty of Florida, expressed optimism that a candidate meeting such attributes could be found to replace former President Eric Barron.

Barron, an academic with a track record in fundraising, left to become president of Penn State University in April.

However, Proffitt believes lobbying for the job by Sen. John Thrasher, a former House speaker who is currently chairman of Gov. Rick Scott's re-election campaign, continues to impact the search.

"I do not think Mr. Thrasher's desire for the job itself will keep qualified academic candidates from applying; it is the appearance of the fix-is-in political cronyism that is the problem," Proffitt said in an email.

The six recent applicants are in addition to Thrasher, Supreme Court Justice Ricky Polston, state Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda and 14 others who had initially expressed a desire for the job earlier this year.

The search process was paused May 21 so the search committee could consider only Thrasher for the job. The move came after search consultant Bill Funk told committee members that such an "irregular" step was needed because Thrasher was casting a "long-shadow," keeping other qualified candidates from wanting to apply for the job.

But that created an outcry from faculty and students and ultimately led to the resignation of the search consultant and a reopening of the application process a month later.

Trustee Ed Burr, the chairman of the Presidential Advisory Search Committee, and current search consultant Alberto Pimentel did not respond to requests for comment regarding the ongoing search.

The more recent applicants range from the dean of the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California and a professor of management and business ethics at Texas A&M International University to a training specialist with Zaxby's Franchising Inc., and a Florida Department of Environmental Protection consultant.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, and a new president could be named by the university's Board of Trustees on Sept. 23.

The search committee is set to review the cover letters and resumes of all who have expressed interest in the job on Sept. 5.

A whittled-down pool will be asked to come to Tallahassee for interviews Sept. 8 and 9.

A smaller group of finalists would be asked back for additional interviews the week of Sept. 15, during which time the finalists would also meet with groups on campus.

The committee is scheduled to make a recommendation to the board of trustees on Sept. 22.

The board, which would still have to forward its selection to the Florida Board of Governors, is scheduled to meet Sept. 23.

The timeline could also have an effect on a Northeast Florida Senate race in which Thrasher is seeking re-election. FSU trustees are scheduled to meet after a Sept. 20 deadline for supervisors of election to finalize general election ballots.

HEALTH PLANS

Few interested in insurance website

By TIA MITCHELL
Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau

Last year, legislators allocated $900,000 to help Floridians find affordable health care through a new state-backed website.

At the same time, they refused to expand Medicaid or work with the federal government to offer subsidized insurance plans.

Six months after the launch of the state's effort, called Florida Health Choices, just 30 people have signed up. Another seven plans were canceled either because consumers changed their minds or didn't pay for services.

These numbers are dwarfed by the nearly 764,000 Floridians who are too poor to afford subsidized plans, yet can't qualify for Medicaid under Florida's stringent standards. They are supposed to be the target market for Health Choices.

But Health Choices doesn't sell comprehensive health insurance to protect consumers from big-ticket medical costs such as hospitalization. Instead, it has limited benefit options and discount plans for items like dentist visits, prescription drugs and eyeglasses.

The plan's biggest backer in the Legislature blames the lack of business on the federal Affordable Care Act, which feature comprehensive plans with varying subsidies for those who qualify.

"Obviously we wanted more (business), but the competition is giving it away for free," said state Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach.

Florida Health Choices administrators acknowledge they are off to a slow start. Their strategy is to seek new products and partners, and find out more about what consumers want. They're even open to selling insurance for pets if it lures customers.

"We're going to continue to grow and learn about our users and enhance the platform," said chief executive officer Rose Naff.

Naff, who earns $126,000 a year, is one of two paid employees; the other is a $55,000-per-year administrative manager. The Florida Health Choices website costs another $1,500 a month to maintain.

Naff said most of the legislative appropriation has not been spent. In fact, they have about $1-million on hand, thanks in part to extra money from a settlement agreement with the firm hired to build the site.

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19 Bounty Ln	$1,389,000	$1,200,000	385	Marr Properties Inc./ Terry Canto	Outside Of MLS - FKBR
1018 Dove Rd	$319,000	$265,000	321	Century 21 Schwartz /Rob Skeel	Century 21 Schwartz/Rob Skeel
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96000 Overseas Hwy	$775,000	$700,000	181	Buttonwood Realty/Antonio Hernandez	Buttonwood Realty/Daniel Hernandez
26 Andros Rd	$379,000	$370,000	144	Keys Country Realty & Dev./Jeanette Silvestri	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/Kip Hoover
219 Allen Ave	$300,000	$280,000	132	Realty World - Freewheeler /Angel Ruiz	Realty World - Freewheeler/ Angel Ruiz
901 Jade Dr	$392,000	$392,000	105	Century 21 Schwartz /Alicia Lozano	Century 21 Schwartz/Alicia Lozano
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617 Fleming St	$690,000	$650,000	47	Preferred Properties / Gary Thomas	Outside Of MLS
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5607 College Rd	$442,050	$442,050	0	Coldwell Banker Schmitt/ Rick Lively	Outside Of MLS
Lower Matecumbe					
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Marathon					
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CONCH SWIMMING

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Key West's Chrs Bujak swimming the butterfly leg for the Conchs' winning 200 IM relay team Wednesday.

Key West dominates Marathon swimming

Marathon team filled with young swimmers

By DICK WAGNER
Keynoter Contributor

Just before the new high-school swimming season began Wednesday afternoon with a meet between Key West and Marathon at the Florida Keys Community College aquatic center, Conch senior Marcus Brisson told his teammates, "Make sure when you get out of the pool you don't have any energy left."

The advice was well-taken on a hot day in a setting yards from the Gulf of Mexico.

After both teams sang the national anthem beside the pool's 82-degee blue-green water, the Conch boys went on to win, 132-25. The Key West girls, though pressed, also won, 96-68, to get coach Lori Bosco's 18th season off to a good start.

Brisson used all of his energy to win the 50-yard freestyle race in 23.07 seconds. Then he almost pulled an upset in the 100 butterfly, finishing a split second behind teammate Chris Bujak, who was first in a personal-best time of 58.36 seconds.

T.J. Carbone (200 free and 500 free) and Isiah Green (200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke) were individual two-event winners for the Conch boys. Samir Mendoza-Sanchez won the 100 free and Devin Carson won the 100 backstroke.

For the Key West girls, sophomore Morgan Bentley won the 200 IM in 2:28 and the 100 free in 1:01. She was also on two winning relay teams. Other winners were Kristen Reed (100 fly), Story Magidson (500 free) and Alex Lichtl (100 breast).

The Marathon team, heavily laden with freshman, seventh-graders and eighth-graders, had prepared for the meet, coach Sarah Maschal, said, with 38-mile commutes to Founders Park in Islamorada because the Dolphins have no pool in Marathon in which to practice.

For the Marathon girls, Noemi Fekete finished first in the 100 backstroke, breaking her school record with a time of 1:15; Abby Gracy won the 50 free in 28.28 and Audrey Matthis was first in the 200 free in 2:36.

Fekete, Grace and Matthis were also on the winning 400 free relay team with Delaina Ross.

For the Dolphin boys, Aaron Grube was a close second to Key West's Carbone in the 200 free and second in the 500 free. Grube was a familiar figure at the FKCC pool, where he first swam for Marathon as a diminutive seventh-grader. Wednesday, he stood tall on the sun-splashed deck at 6 feet 3.

CORAL SHORES SWIMMING

Lady Canes shine in opener

But boys fall to Riviera

By KEVIN WADLOW
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Coral Shores High's girls swim team won seven of 11 races in Wednesday's season opener at Founders Park to beat Riviera Prep, 42-35.

The Hurricane boys, heavily outnumbered by Riviera, won four events but fell, 59-23.

Lady Cane senior standout Kelsea Volland scored two solo victories, and swam with two Coral Shores winning relay teams.

Volland won the girls 200-yard individual medley with a 2:24.8 time, and the 100-backstroke (1:17.67).

Young Hurricane girls scored three freestyle victories: sophomore Molly Hunter in the 200-free (2:24.66), freshman Heather Loader in the 100-free, and sophomore Tori Volland in the 50-free (28.32).

Coral Shores claimed first in two girls relays, the 200-medley and the 200-freestyle.

On the boys side, senior Evin Zekthi took first in a close finish of the 500-yard freestyle that came down to a sprint on the final leg. Zekthi clocked a 5:40.37 time, edging Riviera's Raul Peralta (5:41.59).

Zekthi also won the boys 100-backstroke (1:05.06).

Cane senior Rion Hunter took first in the 100-breaststroke (1:13.5), and Miles Miller, the state's second-place finisher last fall, won the 1-meter diving.

Raul Cisneros, an Island Christian School senior and the entire Eagle swim team, easily won the boys 200-freestyle with a 1:57.74 time, nearly 24 seconds ahead of Riviera's second-place swimmer.

Coral Shores travels to a Sept. 5 at Ransom Everglades.

Keynoter Photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Coral Shores senior Rion Hunter swims the 100-breastroke during the season opener against Riviera Prep Wednesday.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Dolphins couldn't catch Hurricanes' momentum

Marathon coach blames 'mental mistakes'

BY KEVIN WADLOW and WILLIAM AXFORD
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Unsettled by Marathon High School's 25-23 win in the opening game of the new volleyball season, Coral Shores regrouped to sweep the next three games and take the Keys rivalry match Tuesday in Tavernier.

The Canes were down one game and tied at 17-17 in the second before reeling off a string of points behind senior Brooklyn Irwin's serving to take the game. Kills by junior Melissa Helphrey and sophomore Haley Curry and an ace from Amberlyn Casas sealed the 25-18 decision.

Momentum recovered, the Canes finished with a pair of 25-17 games for a 3-1 match final.

Coral Shores coach Andy Thiery credited "smarter play and a lot of defensive effort."

"Unforced errors for our ladies had to be in the double digits in the first set," he said. "It could be early-season jitters but that's just making excuses."

Team veterans "led by example" in the winning rally, he said. "It was definitely a step in the right direction."

Marathon grabbed the opening game with Dolphin senior Johnisha Qualls scoring four kills and three aces in the deciding run.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW

Coral Shores senior Brooklyn Irwin (16) fires a shot over the net toward Marathon High School defenders Hannah Child (2), Grace Kirwan and Amanda Davis in a Tuesday match in Tavernier. Coral Shores won, 3-1.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," Marathon coach Kevin Freeman said. "Coral Shores played hard and we played scrappy."

"We were down big [in] all three final games. We came back, kind of made it close," Freeman said." But when we stopped talking to each other, we stopped playing well."

Helphrey scored 16 kills and four aces for Coral Shores. Casas three blocks and six kills, while Irwin nailed five aces and four kills. Other Cane standouts were Pookie DelPino with one dig, Brittany Doyle with seven aces and Skylar DeMoss with 26 assists.

Marathon junior Jordan Roney paced the Dolphins with 11 assists and six kills during the contest. Sophomore Jackie Clairmont served five aces and sophomore Rachel Philcox blocked seven shots to go with three kills.

The Hurricane junior varsity edged the Dolphin JV, 2-1. The narrow tiebreaker came down to a 15-13 decision for Coral Shores.

Coral Shores was scheduled to play Florida Christian in a Friday home match (results pending at press time).

The Hurricanes host district contender Gulliver Prep at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday after a 4 p.m. junior-varsity game.

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NOTES ON KEYS HISTORY

Exhibit: The Great Labor Day Hurricane of 1935

By BRAD BERTELLI
Special to the Keynoter

The Keys History & Discovery Center is proud to present *The Great Labor Day Hurricane of 1935,* the first major history exhibit produced and executed solely by the Discovery Center. The exhibit couples more than 80 historic black and white photographs with text boards featuring first-hand survivor accounts and observations by both residents and veterans.

Also on display (thanks to a donation by Mike Forster) is a map indentifying the location of bodies discovered on the outlying keys that dot Florida Bay — bodies were recovered as far away as Cape Sable. The map also marks each of the cremation sites where bodies had to be burned and buried, often on the spot.

Additionally, the Discovery Center will also be showing the 27-minute documentary, *'35 Hurricane, The Deadly Deluge,* on the center's 80-inch high-definition monitor. The program, featuring survivor interviews and historic images, also provides background material by history guru Jerry Wilkinson, president of the Historical Preservation Society of the Upper Keys.

The Category 5 Labor Day hurricane blasted the Upper Keys with 200 mile-per-hour winds while the storm's estimated 18-feet of surge knocked Flagler's train right off its tracks. September 2, 1935, Labor Day, would prove to be the last day the Florida East Coast Railway would make the run from the mainland to the Florida Keys.

Perhaps the only fortunate thing about the event was that it occurred on a holiday weekend. Untold numbers of the World War I veterans who had come to build a series of solid automobile bridges left the camps for the weekend in order to celebrate in Key West and Miami. Had it not been for that little miracle, the death toll would have been much greater than the nearly 500 souls who lost their lives as a result of the killer hurricane.

Beyond the storm, the exhibit explores the rescue efforts and subsequent construction of the Red Cross's hurricane houses built for the surviving family members of the community. Also explored is the construction and unveiling of the Florida Keys Memorial.

While it is true that to this point, the facility has primarily featured photography and art that have represented some historical aspect related to the Florida Keys, including successful exhibitions featuring Clyde Butcher, the Florida Highwayman and Harry Sonntag, and most recently, Millard Wells, the facility's mission continues to be to develop and maintain a world-class History & Discovery Center that will accurately reflect the history of our Florida Keys community.

Also on display at the facility is the first of our permanent exhibits, Legends of the Line, celebrating the captains, clients, and characters who were the first to develop sportfishing in the Upper Keys. While Legends of the Line has proved a great first step in the development of the Discovery Center, it takes a great deal more than fish tales to properly tell the story of the Upper Keys.

Up next at the Keys History & Discovery Center will be The Rails and The Road, a historic perspective of Flagler's railroad and the many incarnations of the Overseas Highway.

The exhibit is scheduled to open mid-November and run through January.

The goal of the Keys History & Discovery Center is to establish a growing series of original exhibitions that concentrate on historically significant subjects relating to the Florida Keys and the Upper Keys in particular.

The Discovery Center is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General Admission is $12. Admission for seniors is $10. Children 13 and under are admitted free. For more information call (305) 922-2237 or visit **www.keysdiscovery.com**. The Keys History & Discovery Center is located on the property of The Islander Resort, a Guy Harvey Outpost. To see more historic photographs and interesting tidbits visit the Facebook page at Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation.

The exhibit would not have been possible without the cooperation of Jerry Wilkinson and the Historical Preservation Society of the Upper Keys.

Photo courtesy BRAD BERTELLI

The remains of the Long Key Fishing Camp after the 1935 hurricane.

Brad Bertelli is a published author of four books on Florida and Florida Keys history. He is the curator of the Keys History and Discovery Center, located at the Islander Resort. Reach Brad with comments and questions at WhyPanic@aol.com.

L.A. Times crossword puzzle

"**SAY CHEESE**" - Solution in the September 3 Keynoter

ACROSS
1 Thingamajig
7 Toronto team, familiarly
11 Schnauzer of fiction
15 Jack Jones' record label
19 Place for an ace?
20 Sitting on
21 Stock holder?
22 Jai __
23 #1 hit song from "Flashdance"
24 The old-time photographer preferred the __
27 Foals' fathers
29 Last Supper question
30 A dog, or a little hoarse
31 The IndyCar photographer used __
35 Unassertive type
38 U.K. record label
39 Stuffed
40 Chorus
41 "Suits" network
44 Sea dog
46 Article 1, Section 3 constitutional subject
48 Fair subject
50 Play area
52 The fashion photographer worried about __
56 When tripled, and so on
57 Smack, maybe
59 __ tai
60 Ortega's "other"
61 Stan Lee superheroes
63 Support bar
64 Some coins
66 The dating service photographer was happy when __
71 Finally
73 The last Mrs. Chaplin
74 "I'm buying!"
75 Gardener's choice
76 Here-there connection
77 Dazzles
79 Star athlete in Archie Comics
84 The arctic photographer had to consider __
89 Lao-tzu followers
91 Meat-filled pastry
92 "Help me out here, bud"
94 ER command
95 Single
96 Barenboim is its current music director
100 Modesto vintner
102 Prior to, in poems
103 Peso part
104 The dessert photographer took a set of __
106 Arcade pioneer
109 Mead milieu
111 Computer acronym
112 The stressed-out photographer __
116 Passionate
120 Envelope abbr.
121 Canter, for one
122 Garr of "Tootsie"
123 In layers
124 Investment factor
125 Michel's "mine"
126 Norse god of war
127 Pope works

DOWN
1 Mil. decoration
2 Motor extension?
3 Vintner's prefix
4 Ben Franklin's belief
5 Is of use
6 Downward movement
7 Star of TV's "The Fugitive"
8 Supped
9 Hindu mystics
10 White-robe providers
11 Not much
12 Oskar Schindler, to many
13 Half of sei
14 California's Santa __ Mountains
15 Done for
16 Pub offerings
17 Prepare for a trip
18 "That's rough"
25 Word with pool or table
26 Twain of country
28 Shift neighbor
31 Piquant
32 Fred Astaire's birthplace
33 Quieted, in a way
34 Dutch cheeses
36 Bulldoze, in Bath
37 St. comprised of two peninsulas
40 Cab in a bottle, say
41 Southwest competitor
42 Disdain
43 AHL's Iowa Wild, when they were in Houston
45 Skosh
47 Set-__: arguments
49 Bring to mind
51 Makes serious demands on
53 Webzine
54 Not of the cloth
55 Puff up in the breeze
58 Chant
62 "Rocky III" actor
63 Genetic letters
64 Airer of many RKO films
65 Vermont ski resort
66 Slip by
67 Luis'"Let's go!"
68 Laugh-a-minute
69 Calvary inscription
70 Prepares for use, as software
71 1999-2004 Olds
72 Snake venom, e.g.
77 Like an Aberdeen newborn
78 Siouan language
80 Grafton's "__ for Outlaw"
81 Bone: Pref.
82 Get underway
83 Bass-baritone Simon
85 Cirque du __
86 __ Bator
87 Staff notation
88 G.W. Bush is the only president who earned one
90 Dole out
93 Old TV's "knight without armor in a savage land"
97 Othello's lieutenant
98 Forward, to Fellini
99 __ Linda, Calif.
101 Underworld god
103 Ill-tempered type
104 Made fun of
105 Conceals
106 At a distance
107 South American monkey
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113 NYC traveler's option
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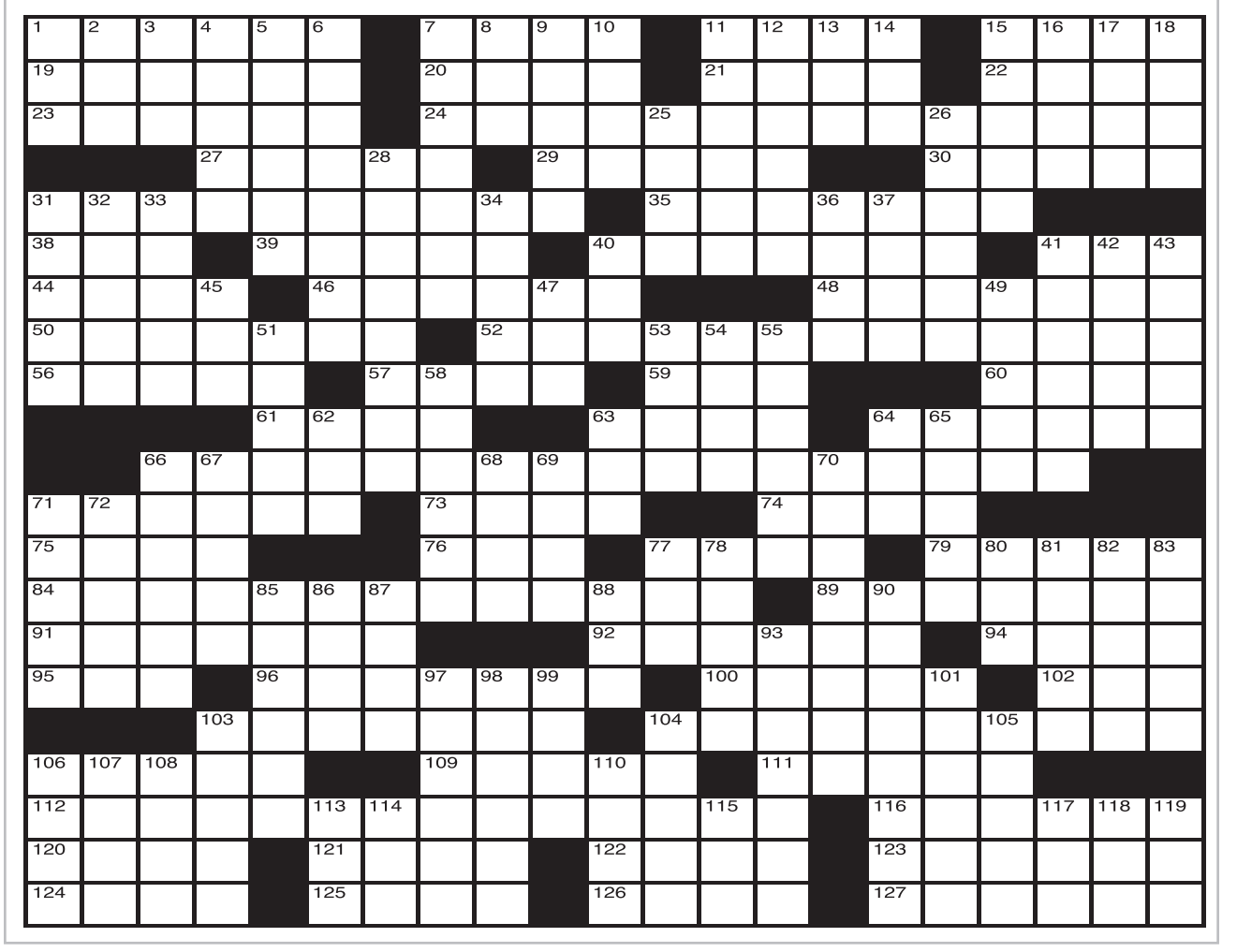
115 Verdi's "__ tu"
117 Victorian __
118 Marshal under Napoleon
119 NFL scores



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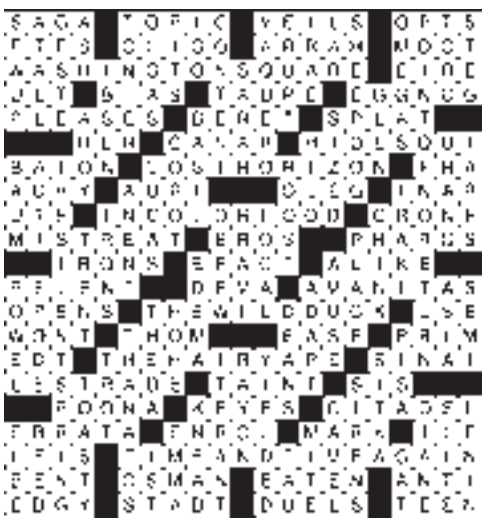
Solution to the August 27 puzzle.



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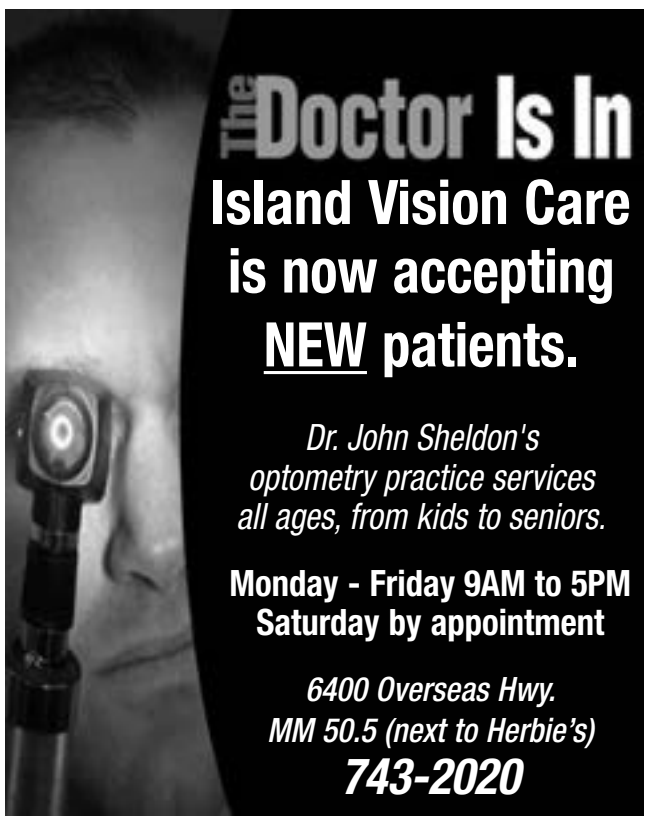

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Nearshore Waters Committee Meeting	09/04/14	6:00pm	Marathon Fire Station, 8900 Overseas Hwy.
Community Image Advisory Board Meeting	09/08/14	4:00pm	Marathon Fire Station, 8900 Overseas Hwy.
City Council Meeting	09/09/14	5:30pm	Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Hwy.
Code Board Hearing	09/10/14	5:30pm	Marathon Fire Station, 8900 Overseas Hwy.
Parks & Recreation Meeting	09/11/14	6:00pm	Marathon Fire Station, 8900 Overseas Hwy.

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HEALTH

Exercise-induced asthma often develops suddenly

Common in sports with bursts and stops

By MERISOL MEDINA
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Kelly O'Boyle has always been an athlete. As a child, she played lacrosse, basketball, soccer and softball. In high school, she ran track. At the University of Miami, she rows.

Two years ago, when she was rowing six days a week, she noticed it was getting harder to breathe. She went to a doctor, who diagnosed her with exercise-induced asthma, a condition that affects both people with underlying asthma or without any symptoms of chronic asthma.

"Unless I'm giving 110 percent, I'm fine," said O'Boyle.

The condition can affect anyone, but athletes who play cold weather sports and people with asthma are a higher risk of having bronchoconstriction, or tightening of the airways, said Dr. Richard Lockey, professor of medicine at the University of South Florida and fellow at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

In O'Boyle's case, she wasn't rowing in freezing waters, but she was overdoing herself.

"I was surprised by it," said O'Boyle, 20. "I thought asthma was something you had as a kid."

O'Boyle had been seeing Dr. Lauren Fine, an allergy, asthma and immunology doctor at the University of Miami, for seasonal allergies. Fine believes O'Boyle always had the condition, but it hadn't manifested itself she began the rowing regimen.

"Exercise-induced asthma is asthma that is triggered by active duty," Fine said. "Basically, it's people that have no asthma at any other time than when they exercise."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 18.7 million adults had asthma in 2010, and the numbers are getting worse. In the last decade, the number of people with asthma in the United States grew by nearly 15 percent.

The American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology says wheezing, tightness in the chest, coughing, shortness of breath and chest pain, although rare, are possible signs of the condition, if they present themselves within five to 20 minutes after starting exercise.

Fine explains that the function of the airways is to warm and moisten the air we breathe, but when it is done too fast, like during exercise, sometimes the body cannot keep up.

"It's like asking your air conditioner to cool your house that's over 100 degrees, 24 hours a day," she said. "At some point, it's going to give up."

O'Boyle has kept up her six-day-a-week rowing, but now uses an inhaler.

"We recommend that anybody that has EIA or asthma at all, exercise to the best of their comfort level three to four days a week, 30 to 40 minutes," she said.

Fine says some endurance and cold weather sports, like skiing and hockey, tend to cause more problems than warm weather sports.

Dr. Juan C. Martinez, 54, a pediatric pulmonologist and director of the pediatric pulmonary program at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, calls this type of sports "asthmagenic."

"Any sport where you burst energy and then stop tends to exacerbate this condition," he said. "Soccer, football, tennis — all sports where you do a lot of running and then stop."

Martinez said the condition is very manageable.

"It's probably one of the easier forms of asthma to treat," he said, noting it can be treated with medications such as Singulair and Advair.

Athletes also can reduce the chances or severity of an attack by warming up before exercise and cooling down after it, says Fine.

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Robert would like to extend a heartwarming THANKS to all our hardworking staff. We couldn't do it without you! THANKS!
At Beautiful Rainbow Bend Resort, MM58, Grassy Key

To All City Employees,
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Happy Labor Day to all!

City Manager
Jim Scholl

Assistant City Manager
Sarah Spurlock

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would like to say
in a vey big Piggy Way
THANK YOU for all your hard work this year.
Couldn't have done it without you!

Steve and Lillie would like to thank all of our special employees for the great job they do. Thank you!
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Great RV park for all to enjoy!
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City of Key Colony Beach
Thank you to the City employees for your hard work. Your dedication is appreciated and demonstrates why our City is known as the "Gem" of the Florida Keys.
Mayor/City Administrator Geraldine Zahn
Vice-Mayor Ron Sutton, Treasurer Jerry Ellis
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Barbara, Addie, Robin, Rick and Sean
Thanks for all your hard work and for being a great team!
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To the BEST charter crew in the Keys
Thanks for all you do!

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To our Fabulous crew! Thanks for a job well done! We here at Dot Palm are looking forward to another successful year!
743-3090

To All Our Employees Thank You For Your Hard Work and Loyalty!
From,
Simon of Keys Security

DOCKSIDE Tropical Cafe MARATHON, FL
The owners & management would like to extend a great big THANKS to our hard working staff! Happy Labor Day & Thank you!
35 Sombrero Blvd. Marathon • 743-0000

Marathon, FL Mile Marker 49.5
FL Keys Steak & lobster House
Would like to thank all their hardworking staff for "A JOB WELL DONE"
-The Owners

The Owners of Key Colony Inn would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your hard work and loyalty. We enjoy a great reputation and mostly because of you!!
KEY COLONY INN
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OPEN 7 DAYS
LUNCH - DINNER

Keys Movie Times

Regal Cinemas
Searstown, Key West, 294-0000
All shows that start before 4 p.m. play only on weekends.
- **As Above/So Below** (R): 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.
- **If I Stay** (PG-13): 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 and 10:15 p.m.
- **The Giver** (PG-13): 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 and 10:10
- **Let's Be Cops** (PG-13): 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 and 10:40
- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (PG-13): 1:20, 4:20 (3D) 7:20 and 10:20 p.m. (3D)
- **Guardians of the Galaxy** (PG-13): 1:00 (3D), 4:00, 7:00 (3D) and 10:00 p.m.

Tropic Cinema
416 Eaton St., Key West, 295-9493
- **What If** (PG-13): 1:30 and 6:15 p.m.
- **Wish I Was Here** (PG-13): 3:45 and 8:30 p.m.
- **Magic in the Moonlight** (PG-13): 2:00 and 6:25 p.m.
- **Calvary** (R): 2:15, 4:30, 6:35 and 8:50 p.m.
- **Hundred-foot Journey** (PG): 1:45, 4:10, 6:40 and 9:00 p.m.
- **Lucy** (R): 4:20 and 8:40 p.m.

Marathon Community Cinema
5101 Overseas Highway, Marathon, 743-0288
- **Guardians of the Galaxy** (PG-13): Weekdays: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 2:00, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

Tavernier Towne Cinema
Tavernier Mall, Tavernier, 853-7003
All shows that start after 9 p.m. play only on weekends.
- **When the Game Stands Tall** (PG): 1:40, 4:25, 7:05 and 9:45 p.m.
- **If I Stay** (PG-13): 1:35, 4:10, 6:55 and 9:30 p.m.
- **The Expendables 3** (PG-13): 1:10, 4:05, 6:55 and 9:50 p.m.
- **Let's Be Cops** (R): 1:55, 4:30, 7:05 and 9:35 p.m.
- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (PG-13): 1:40, 4:20, 7:10 and 9:35 p.m.

L'Attitudes
Keys Arts and Entertainment this week

KEY WEST

All about the women

WomenFest celebrates diversity

A lineup of musical and comedy and a warm welcome await those attending WomenFest in Key West, a celebration for lesbians and their friends in the island city known for its all-welcoming diversity.

WomenFest runs from Sept. 4 through 7.

Thousands of singles, couples and groups of women are expected to flock to Key West to immerse themselves in activities ranging from watersports to late-night dance parties at the island's LGBT landmarks.

Highlights are to include a concert by the all-girl band Hunter Valentine, known for their pop-punk sound and stint on the Showtime television series "The Real L Word." The performance is set for 8:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the historic San Carlos Institute, 516 Duval St.

A bikini party is part of the fun.

Those attending also can enjoy a preconcert happy hour with the band and an after-party, both at Aqua Key West, 711 Duval St.

The musical lineup also features Sister Funk, rocking the water with a Sunset Watersports concert Sept. 5.

Womenfest is known for its annual comedy performances, and the 2014 schedule stars standup comedians Gloria Bigelow, Julie Goldman and Sandra Valls. Their triple-threat show, titled "One Funny Family," is set for 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at the San Carlos.

Those attending can also a splash in and on the water during such activities as topless-optional paddleboarding with Nomadic SUP, an Atlantic Ocean tube-a-thon headquartered at the Salute Restaurant on Higgs Beach, Fury Water Adventures cruises and pool parties at clubs and resorts.

Other attractions include a drag king pageant at the 801 Cabaret, 801 Duval St., and a traditional Key West tea dance at La Te Da Hotel, 1125 Duval St.

For ticketing information, go to **www.womenfest.com.**

NUTCRACKERS WANTED

Photo by PETE ARNOW

Organizers of Nutcracker Key West 2014 will hold auditions on Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Tennessee Williams Theatre on the campus of the Florida Keys Community College on Stock Island. The call is for children and gymnasts ages 5 to 15. The performances will be Dec. 13 through 21. For more information, call Joyce Stahl at 304-1726 or to see a video clip of past productions, visit **www.nutcrackerkeywest.com.**

B&B Theatres
91298 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
bbtheatres.com

SHOWTIMES FOR FRI. 8/29 - WED. 9/3

When the Game Stands Tall (PG)
1:40; 4:25; 7:05; 9:40*

If I Stay (PG13)
1:35; 4:10; 6:55; 9:30*

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG13)
2D 1:40; 4:20 7:10; 9:45*

The Expendables 3 (PG13)
1:10; 4:05; 6:55; 9:50*

Let's Be Cops (R)
1:55; 4:30; 7:05; 9:35*

Fri. and Sat. only

MOVIE REVIEW

'Journey' doesn't satisfy

"The Hundred-Foot Journey," rated PG, 122 minutes, playing in Key West.

By CONNIE OGLE
cogle@MiamiHerald.com

If "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," "Chocolat" and "Chef" had a menage a trois and one of them got pregnant, the result would most likely be "The Hundred-Foot Journey."

Not a perfect offspring, perhaps, a trifle bland, but with enough virtues to make it palatable to audiences who want comfort food, not a challenge, when they go to the movies.

Based on the international bestseller by Richard C. Morais, this sentimental immigrant tale follows an Indian family's attempts to open a restaurant in a new country after a tragedy in Mumbai.

Upon arriving in the Netherlands and then weathering Britain's gray weather for awhile, they're stranded by luck in what appears to be the most beautiful place on earth, a small, impossibly gorgeous town in the French countryside. There, Papa (Om Puri) decides, the Kadams will make their stand.

The idea of selling Indian cuisine to the French isn't necessarily a bad one, but stubborn Papa chooses a rundown property directly across the street from a celebrated French restaurant. Its owner, the fearsome Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren, who can be delightfully imperious in French as well as English), zealously guards her Michelin star, wielding it like a weapon at times (heaven help her cooks if they dare to serve limp asparagus).

She is not a particular fan of Indian fare ("Curry is curry, is it not?") and does not much care for the idea of a restaurant that blares loud foreign music directly across the street from her own establishment, which features a genteel soundtrack of murmurs, nods and pouring wine.

As a feud grows between the elders, the next generation views the situation with more open eyes. Handsome Hassan (Manish Dayal), the most talented cook in the Kadam family, and beautiful Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon), sous chef for Madame Mallory, fall into a fast friendship that is clearly on its way to becoming something more. But even their budding romance is compromised by their ambition in the kitchen.

A sheen of fairy tale overlays "The Hundred-Foot Journey," which is not surprising when you remember it's directed by Lasse Hallstrom, who lately has specialized in mawkish fare (he directed adaptations of two Nicholas Sparks novels," Safe Haven" and "Dear John," as well as the aforementioned "Chocolat"). The film gives off a warm glow of good intentions from the start, making you feel churlish and cynical for viewing its upbeat take on cultural clashes with skeptical eyes, and its cast is so appealing you simply can't help but smile at times.

What the film lacks, what would make it last longer in memory, is sensuality. A film that uses food and cooking as a metaphor — in this case for tolerance and respect — ought to have scenes that make your mouth water. But while Hassan's French-Indian fusion sounds wonderful in theory, it never reaches your salivary glands.

By contrast, one shot of "Chef" could make vegetarians swoon. Perhaps Hallstrom isn't the foodie that "Chef" writer/director Jon Favreau is, and thatís why "The Hundred-Foot Journey" doesn't really linger on the palate.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

CASE NO.: 2009 CA 1666 K

CITIMORTGAGE INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID ITTAH A/K/A DAVID M. ITTAH A/K/A DAVID ITTHA, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 21, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 1666 K of the Circuit Court of the SIXTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for MONROE COUNTY, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., is Plaintiff, and DAVID ITTAH A/K/A DAVID M. ITTAH A/K/A DAVID ITTHA, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at the MONROE County Courthouse, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 12 day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Unit 66, SOLANA VILLAGE, Homeowners' Association A parcel of land lying with Parcel 17; said Parcel 17 being a part of the plat recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 69 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida. Commerce at the Northernmost corner of the said Parcel 17 and run thence South 57 degrees 45 minutes 40 seconds West along the Northwesterly boundary of the said Parcel 17 for a distance of 410 feet, thence South 32 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 360 feet; thence South 57 degrees 45 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 281.45 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described; thence South 36 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds East 88.30 feet to a Point; thence South 57 degrees 45 minutes 40 seconds West 14.04 feet to a point; thence North 36 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds West 88.30 feet to a point, thence North 57 degrees 45 minutes 40 seconds East 14.04 feet back to the Point of Beginning

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

Dated at Key West, MONROE COUNTY, Florida, this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Amy Heavilin
Clerk of said Circuit Court

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

By: Shonta McLeod
As Deputy Clerk

CITIMORTGAGE INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
954-462-7000

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

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

**File No. 14-CP-000183-K
Division PROBATE**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA RHEA MITCHELL
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Martha Rhea Mitchell, deceased, whose date of death was May 23, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida, 33040. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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 August 23, 2014.

Personal Representative:
H. David Mitchell
610 Berwick Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Attorney for Personal Representative:
s/ James W. Collins
James W. Collins
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0173444
THE ANDERSEN FIRM, P.C.
7273 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34241
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Secondary E-Mail: TSorah@theandersenfirm.com

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **October 2, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

**JANITORIAL SERVICES FOUR FACILITIES - MARATHON
MARATHON, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 2-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **October 7, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

**JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR
THE BIG PINE KEY LIBRARY
BIG PINE KEY, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 2-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **October 1, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

**JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR
THE ISLAMORADA LIBRARY
ISLAMORADA, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 2-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **October 8, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

**JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR
THE KEY LARGO LIBRARY
KEY LARGO, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 2-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **September 30, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.** the Monroe County Purchasing Office will receive and open sealed responses for the following:

**KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
DRAINAGE RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT NO. GAKA158
KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be requested from DemandStar by Onvia at www.demandstar.com OR www.monroecountybids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-711-1712. The Public Record is

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available at the Monroe County Purchasing Office located at The Gato Building, 1100 Simonton Street, Room 2-213, Key West, Florida. All Responses must be sealed and must be submitted to the Monroe County Purchasing Office.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, AMY HEAVILIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, Florida, will, on the 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014 at 11:00AM on THE FRONT STEPS OF THE MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 WHITEHEAD STREET in the City of KEY WEST Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for CASH the following described property situated in Monroe County, Florida, to wit:

Condominium Unit 506, CALUSA CAMPGROUND A CONDOMINIUM, together with an undivided interest in the common elements, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1589, Page 476, as amended from time to time, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

Pursuant to the FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT entered in a case in said Court, the style of which is:

CALUSA CAMPGROUND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Plaintiff

VS.

JOSUE MENDEZ; FRANK HERRERA

Defendant.

And the Docket Number of which is Number **13-CA-001034-P** .

WITNESS my hand and the Official Seal of Said Court, this 7th day of AUGUST, 2014.

AMY HEAVILIN, CPA
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Monroe County, Florida

By: Jennifer Settoon
Deputy Clerk

Florida Statute 45.031: Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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**CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH
FEMA - FIRM
COMMUNITY RATING
SYSTEM - 2014**

**ACTIVITY 510 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING
Annual Progress Report**

The City of Key Colony Beach is a 1/2 square mile oceanfront residential island which takes floodplain management very seriously. Damage reduction activities are a major priority. Our city is part of the Monroe County and Incorporated Municipalities Local Mitigation Strategy Group and has been since its inception in the 1990s.

This document has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the City Commission on August 28, 2014, printed under legal notices in the Florida Keys Keynoter newspaper in the August 30, 2014 issue and posted on City Hall and Post Office bulletin boards.

The public/reader may obtain copies of this annual report and original LMS documents at city hall during regular working hours.

There are seven damage reduction activities listed in the LMS 2005 Revision for the City of Key Colony Beach under Section 10.4 on page 10-10 which are specifically addressed in this report.

All objectives have been improved upon and further mitigation will be accomplished when funding is available for

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our small city. Grants are constantly sought.

2013-2014 floodplain improvements include:

1. The City's master stormwater control project includes swales, retention ponds, and deep injection wells which were designed, installed and monitored by the South Florida Water Management District, FL Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As of this date, the citywide project is approximately 80% complete and Phase VI was completed in 2010 addressing Sadowski Causeway through 12th Street.

2. The City is currently having plans drawn up for the 100% completion of our storm water control project.

3. A new reverse osmosis system ($1,100,000.00) is currently under construction which will convert treated wastewater into city park irrigation water.

4. The entire 3/4 mile of our main entry road, Sadowski Causeway, had **all** of its utilities transferred from overhead to underground and has been resurfaced.

Future projects include the 100% completion of our stormwater project, wastewater improvements, addition reverse osmosis irrigation, building mitigation and the purchase of additional open space when available.

Please do not hesitate to contact
Edward A. Borysiewicz
CRS Coordinator/Building Official
DBPR BU-295
At 305-289-1212 Ext 1 if any questions should arise.

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

**File No. 14-CP-88-M
Middle Keys**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHARINE S. GRADICK
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Katharine S. Gradick, deceased, whose date of death was August 16, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3117 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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 August 30, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Michael Puto
700 89th Street Ocean
Marathon, Florida 33050

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Richard E. Warner
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 283134
RICHARD E WARNER, P.A.
P.O. Box 501317
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Marathon, FL 33050-1317
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FICTITIOUS NAMES

Ad# 1245913

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Aaron Snell Photography** located at **1006 16th Terrace,** in the County of **Monroe**, in the city of **Key West, Florida 33040** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Aaron Snell, Sole Owner

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Ad # 1245931-CC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **The Fish House and The Fish House Encore** located at **102401 Overseas Highway ,** in the County of **Monroe,** in the city of **Key Largo, Florida 33037** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Schooner Seafoods Management, Inc.

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ANIMALS

DOGS

Goldendoodle Miniature pups, health cert., 1st shots, CKC registered. $2200. 239-560-6525

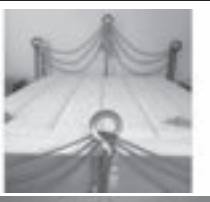
GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALES

1100 Overseas Hwy Sunday 9AM-4:30PM MOVING SALE Windsurfers, agate lamps, windchimes, various marine-related items
Enter main gate, drive around to west side of boat barn to Hog Key Marine office in Terry Quantum trailer. (305) 743-3960
Sale will run daily during September or until items are sold.

MERCHANDISE

FURNITURE FOR SALE



High end designer furniture 2 Qn bed frames - iron; Dcota Design Center & Elliott Designs Inc. "The Grand" by Tempur Pedic, Qn matt. 2 pub sets, 42" ht., Century & Island Club Collection. 954-980-7099

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Library hosting computer classes

The Key West library at 700 Fleming St. is offering free workshops on various computer topics throughout September. Each class is a one-time workshop and there is room for 10 students. Registration is required by calling 292-3595.

• Sept. 4 is the basics of the keyboard. Students will practice basic keyboarding techniques and hand positioning.

• Sept. 11 is Word Processing I. Students will use Microsoft Word 2007 to practice basic word processing skills.

• Sept. 18 is Word Processing II. Students will dive deeper into Microsoft Word 2007.

• Sept. 25 saving and finding your stuff. Learn how to successfully save and retrieve your files. Students must bring a thumb/USB drive.

Parks group opens art contest for kids

The Friends of Old Settlers Park, which is at mile marker 91.8 oceanside in Tavernier, has opened an art contest to Upper Keys students in grades kindergarten through five.

The contest goal is to encourage children to reflect on native butterflies of the Florida Keys and their natural habitat. Contest rules have been sent out to Upper Keys schools.

Entries must be received by the end of business Oct. 1. The winning entries will be announced at the anniversary celebration at Old Settlers Park on Oct. 18. Contestants do not have to be present to win.

For more information send an e-mail to contactfoosp@outlook.com.

Seniors driving class is offered

Drivers age 50 and older can get a discount on their auto insurance by taking the AARP Driver Safety Class, being offered Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 50 High Point Road (mile marker 88.7 bayside), Plantation Key.

There are no tests or driving required and membership in AARP is not necessary. Most auto insurance companies provide a multi-year discount to AARP class graduates. The class costs $15 for AARP members, $20 for others. The fee includes a workbook that is based on data collected from federal and state agencies. Bring a bagged lunch.

It takes 15 students to make a class and seating is limited, so call instructor Mary Lou Wilkinson at 852-1620 to reserve a spot or to get a class at your condo or for any group in which you are a member.

Key Largo author plans two signings

Key Largo resident Steve Gibbs has planned two signing sessions for his new book "Crazy Love," a sequel to his first book "Java."

In "Java,' a young Key Largo man who lives on a sailboat follows two prison escapees on a chase through the Everglades. The adventure features breaking a woman out of a mental facility, her subsequent kidnapping by the convicts, a three-car chase down the 18-Mile Stretch and a hurricane that devastates Key Largo.

In "Crazy Love," Sophia and friends Weed and Laurel help rebuild Key Largo homes and set out on a sailing trip through the Caribbean, where they are attacked by pirates, get caught up in a waterspout and try to make their way back home.

Signings at are Hooked on Books, mile marker 81.9, on Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and at the Key Largo library in Trade Winds Plaza, mile marker 101.4, on Sept. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Both books sell for $19.95.

Parenting classes starting Sept. 9

Community Health Ministries of Baptist Health South Florida is offering an eight-week parenting class beginning Sept. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 175 Wrenn St., (the Wesley House Family Services office), Plantation Key.

The class is free but there will be no child care so parents will have to find accommodations for their children. Space is limited.

To sign up (aunts, uncles, guardians and grandparents can participate), call Rev. Pam Feeser at 852-1612 to reserve a space.

On the Water

Quick Fact:
Each of us knew we had just experienced something special — hooking and landing a mako shark offshore of Key West.

Uh oh, better get mako

Shark gives anglers a tough fight

We weren't setting any FishMonster Charters records the late August morning that Robert Quirk and John Palmer from Texas joined us.

Our dolphin success was at a big fat zero and the deep-dropping had been limited to just a few minuscule black belly rosefish and a mystery fish that departed around 400 feet into the electric reel retrieve.

On The Water
Marlin Scott

Off in the distance, we saw our regular pod of resident dolphin starting to making their way toward the Premium Time. As the chicken rig baited with bonito strips reappeared at the surface, we stopped the reel and were pulling the rig into the boat to re-bait when it happened.

Capt. Seth Hopp mentioned to the anglers that a dolphin (mammal) was coming in quick toward the transom. He then changed his tone and clarified that it was in fact a very excited mako shark. It came into full view and headed directly toward our teaser hanging off the port outrigger. This development was about to change everything.

The last mako shark to make an appearance behind the *Premium Time* was last winter as we rounded the east corner of the Vandenberg wreck just southeast of Key West. There was a large school of blackfin tuna mixed in with bonito and our trolled feathers were working well. Just after another hookup, a medium-sized (150 pounds or so) mako attacked the hooked fish and launched 20 feet into the air quickly cutting the line.

This time, the circumstances were much different. The mako shark was lit up and ready to eat. Seth quickly came down from his perch in the second station and wired a heavy-duty shark rig and attached it to our 50-pound class Penn International as I peppered the water with pieces of cut bonito.

He then reached into the fish box and grabbed a recently caught blackfin tuna, hooked it up and pitched it in the general direction of the excited mako. The shark instantly turned and devoured the tuna. We were now hooked up to the mako shark.

The first run was blistering. Robert would be the one to start the long drawn-out battle with the shark. He was blown away by the power of the fish. One of the requests he had made for his Key West fishing charter was to hook big fish, and big is what he got. The fish sounded deep to 700 feet and settled into the battle. The first rod pass-off happened 20 minutes into the fight relieving an exhausted Robert.

Above is the mako videotaped underwater. The shark is at the surface (left).

Angler John now had the rod and also commented on the strength of the mako. He lasted about 20 minutes until Robert was back in fighting position. I, too, elected for a turn on the rod, which was a change for me. This triple rotation lasted for more than two hours, with each of us enjoying every minute of it.

The mako shark finally came close enough to touch the leader, signifying a win for the anglers.

Before the release, Seth and I wanted to video the shark both under and above water for our website and Facebook page. To maneuver the fish into position, it took a constant forward motion with the *Premium Time* to help keep the mako at the surface. All of us took pictures and video during the process as Seth videoed underwater. The mako never seemed to tire. Finally, the monofilament leader prior to the wire rig let loose and the shark swam away, descending deep into the blue.

Each of us knew we had just experienced something special — hooking and landing a mako shark offshore of Key West.

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