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Council gets 4 choices for assessment

ISLAMORADA — Village Council members will have four new proposals to mull over when they convene Thursday, Aug. 20 to once again consider a critical wastewater assessment.

The potential assessments, brought forward by the administration of Village Manager Ken Fields in response to direction at the Aug. 6 council meeting, range in size from a relatively modest \$7 million to a robust \$49 million.

None of the options would impact properties in north Plantation Key, a decision made by the council after it unanimously scrapped a proposed \$32 million village-wide assessment at that Aug. 6 meeting. Properties in the rest of the village would be affected.

But the prospect of committing further resources to a system projected to cost each single-family residence \$20,000 or more and lead to sewer bills of \$230 per month has engendered vocal and embittered opposition.

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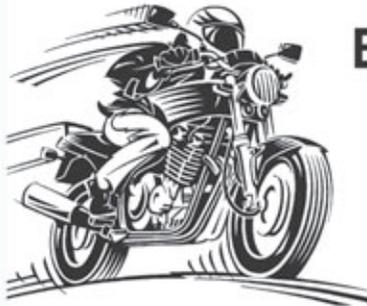
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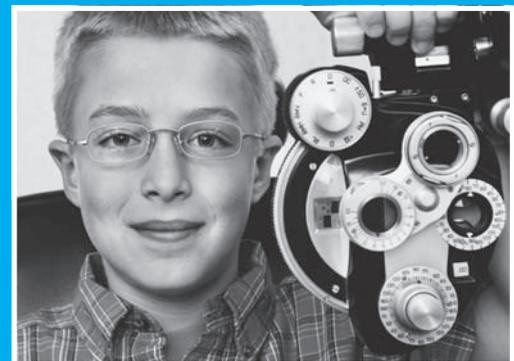
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# Ranks of uninsured put Keys in critical condition

BY ROBERT SILK  
Free Press Staff

MONROE COUNTY — As the nation engages in a highly contentious debate over health care reform, unpaid hospital bills and residents without insurance remain the norm in the Florida Keys.

"This is not just a national debate. The debate needs to happen here," said Keith Douglass, a former county commissioner who also used to work as director of development for the Monroe County Rural Health Network.

According to a 2007 survey conducted by the state, 20 percent of Monroe County adults are uninsured.

The data is the most recent available, but with the economy in recession, and many businesses cutting their employee coverage, real figures are probably higher, local health industry officials say.

"Usually we run about 25 percent as far as people who don't have insurance," said Bob Eadie, who heads the Monroe County Health Department.

For those who make up the uninsured, the situation can

lead to a life of uncertainty, where an injury or an illness could break the bank account.

For example, Susan Hankins, an uninsured Key Largo bartender, has been out of work since July when she broke her shoulder. Her medical bills have already surpassed \$3,000, leading local businesses to organize an Aug. 23 fundraiser.

"I had checked many places trying to get insurance. It's almost as high as your rent," she said.

But the anxiety of people like Hankins, and the resources the community taps into in attempts to help, are only the most visible side of the havoc that the large base of uninsured is reaping on the Monroe County health delivery system.

Less obvious is how the proliferation of Keys residents who end up receiving free care in emergency rooms drives up costs for individuals and employers who do pay insurance premiums. Free care also eats away at the viability of local hospitals.

Mariners Hospital, for example, provided \$9.2 million in

free care between the Oct. 1 start of its fiscal year and July 31, up from \$6.9 million during the same months last year.

That charity care last year contributed to the hospital losing \$2.6 million, money that was absorbed by the non-profit Baptist Health system, which runs more solvent hospitals in densely populated Miami-Dade County.

"If this was a stand-alone hospital, there probably would be a chance that the hospital wouldn't be here," CEO Nelson Lazo said last week.

In addition to treating the uninsured, Mariners also loses out because some 45 percent of its patients are insured through Medicare, the highest percentage in the Baptist system, Lazo said.

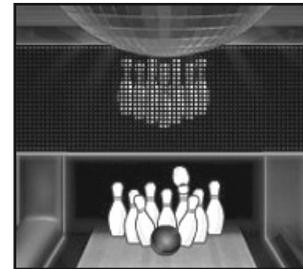
Reimbursements paid by Medicare, as well as Medicaid, which insures approximately 12 percent of Monroe, are lower than private insurance plans.

As at health care institutions nationwide, it's people private plans who subsidize everyone else.

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# Few surprises at start of school year

BY STEVE GIBBS  
Free Press Staff

UPPER KEYS — Applying math and science to the real world is one of the common goals of the new school year, according to the principals of the two local public elementary and middle schools.

They will be participating in a district program known as Students Understanding Math and Science, or SUMS, when classes resume on Monday,

Aug. 24

“We have initiated a hands-on application approach to math and science,” said Key Largo School Principal Annette Martinson. “Science and math are no longer about the book, it’s about the application of those skills.”

“What do [math and science] mean and how can they be used to solve problems,” Plantation Key School Principal Vanessa Strickland asked, rhetorically. “We still do the basic calculations, but I expect students to be able to apply what they have learned to real life.

“If they can verbalize and write what they have just learned, then they know what they’re doing,” she said.

While memorizing multiplication tables still has a place, Strickland said students will spend less time on computations and more on using math as a tool, such as determining how many students can be served in the cafeteria during a set period of time.

For the 2009-10 school year, PKS expects 490 students (a figure that will fluctuate at the beginning of the year for most schools) and has a teaching staff of 42, for a student-teacher ratio of about 12-1. KLS expects to return 975 students with a teaching staff of 85, for a similar ratio.

The larger KLS serves as a Title 1 school, which means more than 50 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced-rate lunches.

Coral Shores High School, which teaches ninth through 12th grades, is anticipating a student body of 740 students, according to Assistant Principal Dave Murphy. With 50 teachers, the school will have a student-teacher ratio of about 15-1.

As of last week, uncertainly about having enough players



STEVE GIBBS/Free Press

**Key Largo School Principal Annette Martinson has maintained that she wants her school to be a fun place. In that vein several KLS staff, including Martinson and final-year Office Manager Christine Latronico, provided a song and dance for new and returning staff last week in preparation for the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 24.**

to field a football team was of concern to faculty.

“We will have a football program,” Athletic Director Rich Russell told the Free Press. “We have full intention of honoring our commitment to the Florida High School Activities Association, but we are still looking at our school population. We are still open to adding players to the team.”

Some parents and students were concerned the struggling football program could have a ripple effect on other activities.

“The band, cheerleaders, Canettes and Homecoming will not be affected,” Russell said. “Our first game is the Kick-Off Classic against Archbishop Curly High School on Aug. 28.”

On the academic side, students will see a few changes in the new year. Jeff Meyers will teach United States history and Alesa Rehmann will teach Advance Placement environmental science. Marine biology teacher David Makepeace will offer dual-enrollment classes in marine biology and a marine data collection for Coral Shores and Florida Keys

Community College students.

Among the school’s goals for the year, Principal Ron Martin said he wants to increase enrollment in upper-level classes and restore the school’s ‘A’ rating with the state.

Island Christian School, a private, faith-based K-12 school on Upper Matecumbe Key, resumed classes at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, with a new \$4 million multi-purpose gymnasium.

Principal Jim Roper last week anticipated an enrollment of 140 students with a teaching staff of 23, a student-teacher ration of 6-1. He said no new teachers have been hired but the school has changed the daily schedule to add an hour to the day.

“School begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. which allows six classes a day at the high-school level,” he said.

Montessori Island School, mile marker 92.3, has a projected enrollment of 40 students. The school accepts children from ages 12 months to third grade.

The school is accredited by the American Montessori

Society and provides a voluntary pre-kindergarten program for children who are age 4 before Sept. 1.

Sylvie Turner, who will be entering her 14th year as a Montessori teacher, says continuity in staffing has strengthened the program.

“All of our teachers are experienced and have been with the school for years,” she said. “Penny Tugwell, who started with us the first two years, came back last year and will return. Our headmistress, Jennifer Florez, has close to 20 years teaching experience.”

Classes also begin Monday, Aug. 24 and run from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Parents and students can expect a few upgrades at the ‘A’-rated Treasure Village Montessori Charter School at mile marker 86.7, which teaches kindergarten through eighth grade.

“We have added SMART Boards in almost every classroom, laptops for every middle school student and [we] are in the process of streamlining our internal processes for lunch, transportation and attendance through technology,” according to Headmistress Kelly Astin.

“We have renovated several areas to include a new math and science lab as well as refurbished bathrooms for our middle school students,” Astin added. “We’ve also added a new therapy room for our guidance counselor and therapists, a cultural center which will be used for the arts and include music and other associated areas.”

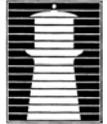
The voluntary pre-K classroom will now house 16 students, she said.

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# Martin ready for final year

BY STEVE GIBBS  
Free Press Staff

PLANTATION KEY—He says he is happy to be back as principal of the school that's been his home-away-from-home since 1973, but even this surprising return for a final year is bittersweet for Ron Martin.

The sight of the easy-going Martin last May at the Coral Shores High School's graduating ceremony, standing in the center of the stage after all seniors had received their diplomas, his face covered by one hand for the longest time, is etched in the memories of those who watched.

"I fully thought that was my last commencement," Martin said last week while sitting behind the desk he has occupied since being named to replace Bruce King as principal. "I was sad."

Martin had been told by then-Superintendent of Schools Randy Acevedo that Assistant Principal Dave Murphy would be taking over a principal as Martin's five-year state retirement program extension came to an end.

But Acevedo, who now faces criminal charges in a school financial scandal, has been suspended and Martin has been allowed to extend his career one more year.

"I felt joy for myself, but I feel bad for Dave," Martin said as he prepares for his 37th year at the only public high school in the Upper Keys. "It's bittersweet."

Martin recalled cleaning out his desk in June and leaving, presumably forever.

"I left on June 28 and still didn't know whether I'd be coming back. I took a cruise with my wife, Brenda, to the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix on the Freedom of The Sea. ...

"During the cruise I would check my e-mail. I had



STEVE GIBBS/Free Press

**It was an emotionally exhausting summer for Coral Shores Principal Ron Martin, who lost his job in June and was rehired the following month.**

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— Ron Martin  
Coral Shores principal

resigned myself to the fact that I was through," he said. "But I tried to stay positive. After I got off the cruise I found out that I had another year at Coral Shores. I have an 11-month contract that ends next June."

Martin shakes his head and pauses for a moment when asked how he found out.

"I found out in the newspaper that I was coming back," he said. "They sent me a contract in the mail."

Still, Martin has set the bar

high for himself in his final year.

"We have to remain focused on the students," he said. "Despite all the distractions with the School Board and the superintendent, we have to remain positive. The budget is tight so we will do more with less. But I am blessed with the best team — both faculty and administrators."

Martin wants to increase participation in upper-level classes and restore the school 'A'-rating with the state, after dropping to a 'B' last year.

Martin said he will savor his final year at the helm.

"The kids are my joy. You wouldn't stay in this business very long if you didn't enjoy the kids," he said. "I'm out there. I'm not a desk jockey."

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# Uninsured

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“What happens is that we rely on the people who have insurance to carry us,” Lazo said.

Getting insurance can be tricky anywhere, especially for someone who is already ill. That’s particularly the case in Monroe County, where the small population often doesn’t provide enough profit potential to entice insurance provid-

ers to arrange a local network.

According to data posted online by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, just seven private insurance plans are offered in Monroe County. That compares with 20 such offerings in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Aware of these problems, Keys leaders sought earlier this decade to set up a Monroe County insurance program in some ways similar in concept, though not necessarily in scope and detail, to the

government insurance option that has been championed by the Obama administration and many congressional Democrats.

M-Chip, as the county plan was to be called, was to have been run as a nonprofit, thereby removing the profit margin from the premiums.

Organizers also hoped to reduce costs by enrolling enough people to have clout when the time came to negotiate prices. An original funding pool was to have come from

donations and from a county-wide property tax.

The program would have been offered to residents regardless of whether they had a pre-existing medical condition.

“We saw this as a private/public partnership,” said Douglass, who was as a driving force behind the M-Chip push while he was with the Rural Health Network. “We recognized that the system was so broken that probably the private sector couldn’t fix it.”

M-Chip won backing from the state insurance regulators, Douglass said. But in 2006 organizers threw in the towel because they weren’t able to raise enough private money and because the alternative — establishing a new tax through referendum — was going to require a full political campaign.

“We just didn’t have the people to pull off the campaign,” Douglass said.

Three years later, Douglass and others say that the health care system here in the Keys remains broken.

“Anyone would benefit from health care reform, because there isn’t health care down here,” said Dr. Sandy Yankow, who runs the Good Health Clinic in Tavernier, which provides free care for uninsured people making less than 200 percent of the poverty line — presently \$21,600 for a sin-

gle adult. Good Health Clinic is underwritten by Mariners Hospital.

Mariners’ Lazo, like others who spoke to the Free Press for this story, steered clear of talking directly about reform proposals swirling around Washington these days. But he did express concern that reform would lead to lower hospital reimbursement rates, a worry shared by some critics of Obama’s proposed public insurance option.

“There’s no argument we have a disaster,” Lazo said. “My only concern is we get into a system that makes the system we have better.”

Eadie said that Monroe County needs a health care system that emphasizes health care, not sick care.

A preventive visit to the doctor, he said, costs less than 15 percent of what it costs to go to the hospital once one is ill. But people who aren’t insured don’t make those preventative trips.

And if they can’t afford the care they get in emergency rooms, it’s eventually the taxpayers and the premiums payers who absorb the cost.

“Anytime you have a high percentage of your residents that don’t have a payment source for health care they will delay seeking medical care until there is some sort of crisis,” Eadie said.

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## Keys should expect some impact from Ana

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FLORIDA KEYS -- The remnants of Tropical Depression Ana were expected to pass through the Florida Keys Wednesday morning, according to the National Weather Service in Key West.

The National Hurricane Center downgraded Ana from a depression at 5 p.m. Monday as the system collapsed into

disorganized thunderstorms. Weather conditions were expected to begin deteriorating Tuesday evening.

Winds in the 28 mph range and up to 3 inches of rain in some areas were possible.

“This is no Andrew,” joked Chip Kasper, senior forecaster for the National Weather Service in Key West, in refer-

ence to the deadly first storm of 1992.

A disorganized Ana began to dissipate as it passed south of Puerto Rico Monday.

There was a possibility that the remnants could strengthen Tuesday as they crossed the Florida Straits.

Kasper said the Keys weather should improve by Thursday.

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# No criminal charge against officer for shelving drug case

BY ROBERT SILK  
Free Press Staff

KEY LARGO — The Monroe County State Attorney's Office will not pursue criminal charges against Lt. Corey Bryan, who in April closed a drug case against the son of a prominent Upper Keys attorney without bringing it to prosecutors.

But the Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Division is still expected to weigh in on the matter.

"We don't have enough to go forward," State Attorney Dennis Ward said last week, a day after receiving the summary of a Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation he had requested into Bryan and Bryan's boss, Capt. Lou Caputo.

The FDLE report drew no conclusion as to whether Bryan or Caputo acted improperly in the aftermath of an April 28 traffic stop conducted by their subordinate, Deputy Robert Dosh, upon Matthew Mulick, the son of civil attorney Nick Mulick.

Dosh issued Mulick a warning for his driving and a notice to appear in court for a marijuana offense, after he reportedly found pot and a pipe in the car.

The deputy also obtained a signed confession to marijuana possession from Mulick, 19.

Dosh's supervisor signed off on the report, but three days later Bryan added a supplement.

"The case will remain closed with discontinuance of probable cause at this time pending future developments which will better serve the interest of justice," he wrote.

Prosecutors were not informed of the move.

*"I think there's a lot of ethical and administrative problems."*

— Dennis Ward  
State attorney

Bryan as well as his wife, Peggy Bryan, a Sheriff's Office records supervisor, declined to speak with FDLE investigators looking into the matter, the agency report says.

Caputo also refused to give a sworn statement, but in an unsworn account he told investigators that he thought the amount of marijuana found on Mulick was so small that prosecutors wouldn't want to pursue the case.

In her testimony, then-Assistant State Attorney Griska Mena told the FDLE that Caputo described the case as a "chicken sh-t arrest."

Dosh told the FDLE that on April 30, two days after he stopped Mulick, he received a call from Bryan who asked permission to void the arrest.

The request was the first of its kind that he had received from a supervisor, Dosh told investigators, and he assumed that the State Attorney's Office knew about the matter.

That interview took place on June 25. A month earlier, in a recorded interview with prosecutors, Dosh was more elaborative when describing the conversation with Bryan. Bryan, Dosh said, explained that Nick Mulick had been having problems with son Matthew.

"He said that his dad could give more punishment than the state could," Dosh said.

Nick Mulick has denied asking anyone to do any favors for Matthew, an assertion

that no one contradicts in the FDLE report.

Ward said that while the report didn't provide proof of criminal wrongdoing, it did raise his hairs.

"I think there's a lot of ethical and administrative problems," he said, adding that despite Caputo's claim, his office has prosecuted other cases that involved no more than the single bud of pot and lone pipe that Mulick possessed.

Caputo and Bryan did not respond to phone calls for comment.

The last word on the matter could belong to Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs. The division has commenced an administrative inquiry into the Mulick situation, Inspector Jon Ellsworth said.

Such inquiries don't target any particular officer, but can result in policy or procedural changes.

Ellsworth said that he is also still weighing whether to begin a formal investigation into anyone involved in the case. That decision should be made by this week, he said.

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# Sheriff shakes up staff with new assignments

BY ROBERT SILK  
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MONROE COUNTY — The Sheriff's Office has shuffled around some high-ranking officers.

Last week Sheriff Bob Peryam announced that changes would be made near the top of several sectors and subsectors.

"The strategy that is behind this is that anytime you are in a particular job for a long period of time any of us can

become complacent," Peryam said. "I think by moving people around you bring in new thoughts, new ideas, perhaps a different way of doing business. I think it is good to sometimes make some changes."

Under the reassignments, Lt. Tom Brazil, longtime second-in-charge in Islamorada, was transferred to Special Investigations, where he previously served for seven years.

Brazil was replaced in the village by Lt. Mitch Horn, who had run the sheriff's Ocean

Reef station for nearly three years.

"I am absolutely looking forward to it. I am sure it will bring some new challenges. I have heard nothing but good things," Horn said.

Horn's replacement at Ocean Reef is Lt. Corey Bryan, who had been second-in-command of the Key Largo sector under Capt. Lou Caputo. Special Investigations Lt. Nancy Alvarez replaced Bryan.

Also:

• Lt. Bruce Winegarden, who

headed Internal Affairs, is now second ranking officer at the sheriff's Marathon sector.

• Lt. Mitch Snider went from Marathon to Key West International Airport, where he'll serve under Capt. Don Hiller.

• Hiller will continue to head airport security, but is now also head up Internal Affairs.

• No changes were made at the department's Key West sector.

Peryam said he tried to reshuffle the lieutenants in

such a way as to take advantage of their varying skills.

For example, he said, Snider was transferred to Key West International because he is a pilot with experience at airports.

The sheriff said he made the changes now because after being in office for eight months he has had a chance to look at his agency's operations.

The reassignments went into affect Monday.

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## Second teen pleas in porno case

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PLANTATION KEY — A Key Largo teenager plead no contest last Friday to being the

cameraman for a child pornography tape that has ensnared 10 Upper Keys teens.

Cesar Gjerde, 18, will serve two years of probation in

connection with the second-degree felony. But he won't have to register as a sex offender as long as he adheres to the probation and avoids arrest.

"He's being given the opportunity to not ruin the rest of his life," Elena Farinas, Gjerde's attorney, told the court.

Gjerde is one of three adults prosecutor's have charged in connection with the March 22 filming of a 16-year-old girl having sex with 19-year-old Derek Williams at a Key Largo apartment.

Consensual sex between a 16-year-old and 19-year-old is legal in Florida, but it is illegal to film sexual acts involving anyone under age 18.

Seven juveniles have also been charged in connection with the filming. One, a 13-year-old who allegedly played host to the film, accepted a plea deal last month.

The public's access to cases against the 10 has been heavily curtailed by a wide-ranging gag order issued by Chief Circuit Court Judge Luis Garcia.

The restrictive order sealed court files and prohibited all people in the cases from discussing them with outside parties.

## briefs

### Arrest in motor theft

CUDJOE KEY — A man who allegedly stole a boat motor and fled from deputies last Tuesday was arrested two days later, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office reported.

Marcelino Acosta Jr., 28, was charged with grand theft, burglary, fleeing and eluding and reckless driving.

Acosta allegedly was seen Aug. 11 in a Palo De Oro Drive driveway where a boat was parked, and deputies arrived to find its motor gone.

Acosta's car later was spotted near mile marker 101, where he allegedly sped away, ditched the vehicle at the end of Gun Club Road and ran into the woods. The stolen motor was in the back of the vehicle, reports say.

Acosta was listed as the owner of the car, deputies said, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

He was arrested last Thursday night.

### Morning crash

KEY LARGO — Two Key Largo men were injured last Wednesday morning after a

crash on U.S. 1 at mile marker 73.

Florida Highway Patrol troopers said Lazaro Duran, 47, was driving a Kenworth semi truck behind Roberto Rivera, 37, who was driving a Ford truck.

Rivera was trying to turn left into a parking lot when Duran allegedly veered left of center and hit Rivera.

Both men were taken to Mariners Hospital.

### Motorcycle death

TAVERNIER — A 23-year-old Boca Raton motorcyclist died Sunday, Aug. 9 trying to evade authorities.

A Monroe County Sheriff's deputy spotted three motorcyclists speeding north on U.S. 1 about 11 p.m., said sheriff's spokeswoman Becky Herrin.

Deputies and Florida Highway Patrol troopers reportedly chased them at speeds up to 100 mph before motorcyclist Jonathan Wiringer struck a Ford pickup truck, trees and then a fence near Julep Road at mile marker 92. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Troopers stopped a second biker on the 18-Mile Stretch; Florida City police stopped the third near Homestead.

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# District ready for wind; flooding, not so much

BY STEVE GIBBS  
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KEY LARGO — The local sewer district says it is well-prepared for an extended loss of electric power as the result of a hurricane.

Dealing with storm surge, however, is another matter.

In fact, the district has not yet advised residents in low-lying areas already connected to the system what they should do to protect the system from saltwater intrusion.

If rising seawater enters the system through flooded toilets, the treatment plant would have to be shut down, said Margaret Blank, project manager for the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

"We can't have salt water come into our plant, because it would cripple it," she said.

The plant at mile marker

100.5, oceanside, sits high-and-dry. But saltwater intrusion would kill the bacteria used inside the treatment system to break down sewage.

It could take up to three weeks for the treatment plant to resume operating, Blank said.

"We would have to re-seed the plant since salt water would wipe out all the bugs," she said. "We would probably have to get sludge from other treatment plants that had not been effected by flooding."

Pat Mitchell, district operations manager, points out that most streets have shut-off valves that district workers could close to prevent flooded areas from sending seawater to the plant.

"At each vacuum station — there will be six — we could shut off a whole neighborhood or two. Then we can go into

*"We can't have salt water come into our plant, because it would cripple it."*

— Margaret Blank  
District project manager

the neighborhoods and shut down valves [along the collection system] for those who have not been flooded," he said.

However, Mitchell acknowledged that the district cannot legally require staff members to stay behind when a mandatory evacuation has been issued.

So Mitchell recommends that homeowners plug their downstairs apartment drain lines during major storms. He suggests plugging toilets with the inflatable balls used by

plumbers.

District board member Robby Majeska, who has installed a check valve and shut-off system in his home, encourages homeowners to do the same.

A loss of electrical power alone would not shut down the plant, Mitchell said, as the district has a 900-KW generator and a 300-KW generator to run the plant. Both are diesel-

fuel powered.

"We stock one week of fuel for each generator," he said. "As well, each vacuum station has a 250-KW generator. Those generators are made by Cummings, the same as city bus engines."

As for plant and pumping station infrastructure, Mitchell says the infrastructure is Category 5-ready.

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## brief

### New Habitat staffer

KEY LARGO — Henry C. Tribble has been assigned to Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys for one year and will concentrate on development and volunteer outreach and coordination.

Tribble will be the group's third employee, which up to now has consisted of only the executive director and the store manager.

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and builds affordable housing in partnership with local working-class families.

## Board agrees to talks with council

BY STEVE GIBBS  
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KEY LARGO — After once more debating the "Key Largo option" for an hour, the local sewer board voted 3-2 last week to sit down with Islamorada's elected council to discuss an agreement to treat the village's sewage at Key Largo's plant.

What they will discuss — at a yet undetermined place and date — will be the "advantages and disadvantages of a joint treatment agreement," as introduced by Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District board member Andy Tobin.

The two votes against talking with Islamorada were cast by board members Norm Higgins and Charlie Brooks, who have not wavered in their opposition to any agreement with the city to the south.

"I'm done with Islamorada,"

Higgins said. "I have no hope at all. Let them come to us after our system is up and running."

His comments followed opposing viewpoints from Pauline Kline and Burke Cannon, both long-time members of the Key Largo Federation of Homeowner Associations.

"We have 17 homeowner associations and represent over 2,600 people," Kline told the board. "Pay attention to us. As we asked in two letters, the first in December of 2007, terminate all dialogue and negotiations with Islamorada."

Cannon, however, said he polled the Hammer Point community at a recent homeowners meeting.

"If it helps us [financially] and they have no ... seat on the board, we're OK with it," he said.

Tobin made his case to meet with the Village Council and staff members, face-to-face, as Islamorada Mayor Don Achenberg has suggested.

"We just want to open the door," he said. "We simply want to explore the option. It's a win-win for Key Largo with very little downside. Accept Mayor Achenberg's invitation."

Brooks wasn't convinced. "Islamorada is not good to do business with because they can't make up their minds," he said.

Board Member Robby Majeska agreed to the sit-down, but opposes funding a feasibility study, as stipulated by Village Manager Ken Fields as a condition for moving forward.

"We can spend our time, not our money," Majeska said. [sgibbs@keysnews.com](mailto:sgibbs@keysnews.com)

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# Council to consider four assessment options

BY ROBERT SILK  
Free Press Staff

ISLAMORADA — Village Council members will have four new proposals to mull over when they convene Thursday, Aug. 20 to once again consider a critical wastewater assessment.

The potential assessments, brought forward by the administration of Village Manager Ken Fields in response to direction at the Aug. 6 council meeting, range in size from a relatively modest \$7 million to a robust \$49 million.

None of the options would impact properties in north Plantation Key, a decision made by the council after it unanimously scrapped a proposed \$32 million village-wide assessment at that Aug.

6 meeting. Properties in the rest of the village would be affected.

Under the least-extensive option to go before the council Thursday, homeowners would be asked to pay \$1,523, either up front or amortized with interest over 25 years. That price assumes that the council will move ahead with existing policy direction on how the costs are allocated between homes, condos and businesses.

Like other options to be considered on Thursday, the figure does not factor in the \$631 credit that property owners who paid last year's planning assessment will receive.

The \$1,523 assessment would generate \$7.1 million. That money, when coupled with an \$8 million grant the

village is to receive from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, would provide enough funds for the design of a village-wide sewer system and for acquisition of properties to be used for system infrastructure, including plants and pump stations.

Design is expected to cost nearly \$12 million while the properties would cost \$3.45 million

The second option council members will consider Thursday calls for an assessment of \$21.8 million. The money would go toward the same design services and land purchases and another \$13 million would be put toward construction of a middle Plantation Key collection system. An additional \$1.7 million would be allocated to construction engineering.

That option would cost single family homeowners \$4,692.

Proposal number three would raise \$31.2 million, costing homeowners outside of north Plantation Key

\$6,692 each. In addition to the services that the second proposal would purchase, a \$31.2 million assessment would be enough for an \$8.25 million expansion of the north Plantation Key wastewater plant. One million more dollars would also be spent on construction engineering.

The most extensive option, which Fields acknowledges could be tough to get past the council, would raise \$48.8 million and cost \$10,473 per single-family home. The extra \$17.6 million would allow the village to build sewer lines on south Plantation Key.

Fields said he thinks options two and three have a reasonable chance of passage.

Councilwoman Deb Gillis said Monday that upon initial inspection, those were the two proposals that looked good to her.

"But I still have questions about those as well," she said.

Passage of an assessment would allow the village to move ahead with a sewer system now expected to cost

\$133 million, adjusted for inflation.

Depending on the scope of the assessment, the move would also appease state regulators, who have promised the village a four-year extension to the mandated July 2010 deadline for wastewater treatment upgrades, but only if they are confident the town is committed to progress.

But the prospect of committing further resources to a system projected to cost each single-family residence \$20,000 or more and lead to sewer bills of \$230 per month has also engendered vocal and embittered opposition.

Should the council approve one of the four options it has been asked to consider Thursday, the village will mail notices to every affected property owner prior to a final vote, scheduled for Sept. 14.

The Florida Cabinet is scheduled to weigh in on the extension to the 2010 deadline on Sept. 29.

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## UPPER KEYS

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#### Rep to address TCA

TAVERNIER — State Rep. Ron Saunders, D-Key West, will provide a synopsis of the last legislative session to the Tavernier Community Association at 7 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Masonic Lodge, mile marker 91.8, bayside.

Saunders also will discuss next year's session and the implications of his selection as the Florida House of Representatives minority leader.

Public attendance is encouraged, memberships will be offered and refreshments will be served.

#### Balance program

UPPER KEYS — HelpLine is offering a set of free eight-week "Matter of Balance" programs in the Upper Keys.

The first begins Monday, Aug. 24 at the Key Largo Library community room, mile marker 101.5, oceanside.

A second set of classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the Plantation Key Senior Center,

mile marker 88.8, bayside. Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities.

"Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Mild exercises will be used during the third week of classes and participants are asked to wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

The exercises are to increase mobility and flexibility in the head, shoulders and neck area, hips, feet and ankles.

For more information and to enroll, call 853-0907.

# County growth management director resigns

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA  
Free Press Staff

KEY WEST — Monroe County will soon need to fill one of its most important positions, as Growth Management Division Director Andrew Trivette submitted his resignation letter last Wednesday.

Trivette, who has worked for the county for nearly eight years and rose from the rank of a planner to the head of a division, is leaving the Florida Keys for a similar planning job that would put him closer to his family in his home state of Virginia.

Trivette has been hired for a planning position in the southwest Virginia town of Bristol, he said. He expects to leave Monroe County by mid-

September.

Trivette's departure will leave the county without someone to oversee long-term planning and zoning and other development-related issues.

The county is in the middle of several major land-use rule changes that are tied to development. Growth Management staff is tweaking its rules that deal with maintaining working waterfronts.

The county is also revamping its Tier System plan, which shows where building is allowed and prohibited. To complement the Tier System, the county wants to grant some sections of the Keys national park status, which would allow the county to obtain federal grant money to buy private property to set

aside for habitat conservation.

Trivette often travels to Tallahassee and works closely with the state Department of Community Affairs, which oversees development in Monroe County. He has spoken before the Florida governor and Cabinet.

"We are going to turn over every rock in Florida looking for a quality person," Monroe County Administrator Roman Gastesi said. "We will start locally and across the state, and we might do a national search. We are hoping to find someone who is familiar with the DCA and with the Florida Keys. ... Drew definitely set the table and we have a great staff that will be able to help the new director along. It's defi-

nately going to be a challenge to fill Drew's shoes."

Trivette started with the county eight years ago as a senior planning technician, in which he helped people with planning permits and reviewed the permits. He also fielded questions about state-issued rate-of-growth ordinance units and other complicated planning issues.

He soon moved up the ladder and became a staff biologist and then on to senior administrator of environmental projects. He became Growth Management director in 2007.

"It's been quite a journey," Trivette said.

Trivette is known for his vast knowledge of complicated land use laws, as he has had to

explain issues to the County Commission on numerous occasions. He and other planners spent months working with waterfront property owners and DCA planners tweaking the working waterfront comprehensive plan amendments.

He and his staff finally came up with a proposal earlier this year, only to have the commission scrap the plan and ask county planners to start over. The plan could now take several more years to complete.

The amendments and Trivette drew scrutiny when it was reported that he went on a fishing trip with one group of developers and property owners looking to redevelop Stock Island.

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# Commission agrees to funding for wind rate probe

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KEY WEST — The Monroe County Commission has unanimously agreed to kick in money to help pay an attorney and actuary to determine what Florida Keys residents should pay for windstorm insurance.

Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe County recently requested the county and Keys cities chip in to pay attorney Tim Volpe \$100,000 and actuary Allan Schwartz \$50,000

for their work in researching insurance costs. The money will go directly to Volpe and Schwartz, not FIRM.

FIRM and many residents and business owners want to determine whether Citizens Property Insurance Corp. should be allowed to raise rates. FIRM, which has successfully lobbied state officials on not raising rates in recent years, has questioned the increase and believes the hike is based on invalid data.

"It's based on assump-

tions that don't apply to Monroe County," said County Commissioner Heather Carruthers, who is board president of FIRM. "It doesn't take into account our sturdy building stock."

FIRM has requested each government pony up about \$2.08 per resident. The county will pitch in \$82,750. Key West has agreed to pay \$25,000, and Mayor Morgan McPherson told FIRM Executive Director Colleen Repetto he would be willing to propose another

\$16,000, she said.

In the Middle Keys, Marathon agreed to pitch in \$21,000 and Key Colony Beach has kicked in \$2,250. Layton will contribute \$300. In the Upper Keys, Ocean Reef agreed to kick in \$2,700. Islamorada rejected FIRM's request, but council members have discussed reconsidering their decision.

The County Commission last week voted 2-2, with Carruthers absent, on funding the attorney and actuary, which meant the proposal died without a clear

majority.

At Carruthers' request,

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# 10th lionfish caught off Florida Keys

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA  
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KEY WEST — A local dive instructor's capture of a lionfish on the Cayman Salvager last week is evidence that the invasive fish is making its way through the entire Florida Keys reef tract.

The lionfish was the first captured off Key West and the 10th captured off the Keys since January.

Dive operators, marine biologists and reef-fish conservationists were on high alert after receiving a reported sighting of the fish, which is native to Indo-Pacific waters.

Captain's Corner Dive Center dive instructor Rob McCall snared the lionfish on the wreck Tuesday, Aug. 11 ending five days on the hunt. Other dive centers also had been on the lookout for the fish in recent days.

"He didn't outwit us this time," McCall said after bringing the fish back to the dock.

"He's agile. On the Cayman, there are so many places to hide."

Captain's Corner this week scheduled all its dives on the wreck so the crew could stalk the elusive lionfish, which some call one of the biggest threats to native reef fish in the Keys. But every time they tried to snare it in a lobster hand net, the fish would dart into the bowels of the wreck.

McCall on Monday went to West Marine, where managers gave him a 50 percent discount on bait nets, which are used for pulling fish out of live wells.

"It was really a team effort," said McCall, who volunteers his time participating in fish counts and fish identification projects and also runs an eco-friendly dive business, Eco Dives of Key West.

The lionfish, measuring 5 inches, was taken to the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, where it was killed and put on ice. The fish was



MIKE HENTZ/The citizen  
**Team OCEAN coordinator for Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary Todd Hitchins, right, transports a lionfish caught by Rob McCall off of Key West last week. The fish was euthanized and will be examined at a later date.**

taken to the Reef Environmental Education Foundation in Key Largo, where its stomach contents were to be analyzed.

Officials at REEF and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary do not want the voracious eater to get a foothold on the reef.

Lionfish first were spotted in the Bahamas in 2004, and by 2007 the island nation's waters were inundated with them, said Lad Akins, a research diver and REEF special projects director. Akins and other researchers collected 216 lionfish in fall 2007 off a small reef area southwest of



Nassau.

The sanctuary soon will begin issuing permits that allow dive boat operators, marine researchers and biologists and tropical fish collectors to capture them in the sanctuary's Special Protection Areas, called SPAs, where fishing is prohibited. The Cayman Salvager is not in an SPA.

By the end of the year, REEF hopes to offer a training program — required to receive a permit — to identify and capture lionfish. Training is important, as capturing them can be difficult. Lionfish have 13 venomous dorsal spines and two pelvic and three anal spines, Akins said.

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## Wind

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County Mayor George Neugent called for a special meeting so the entire board could vote on the issue.

Commissioners Kim Wigington and Sylvia Murphy changed their no votes — Wigington because she learned the money had been earmarked from a specific account, gen-

eral fund reserves; and Murphy because she learned the other cities were pitching in funding.

Citizens, an insurer of last resort that provides coverage to coastal communities, is a quasi-public company regulated by the state Office of Insurance Regulation. It has asked the state's permission to raise rates by 10 percent a year.

The increase would be compounded annually — \$1.34 the first year, \$1.46 the second

year and so on. That would bump Monroe County's annual property taxes of \$13.44 per \$100,000 of assessed value to \$14.68 the first year to \$16.14 the next year — until it eventually doubled the rate within six years, according to FIRM.

The Legislature froze rates in 2007 until 2010, allowing more time to establish fair rates for residents of the Florida Keys and other coastal areas.

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# Staghorn coral farmers spawn a breakthrough

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KEY LARGO — Florida Keys-based marine biologist Ken Nedimyer may soon be a coral grandfather.

Several small staghorn coral colonies, a few inches across when Nedimyer planted them on the sea floor near Molasses Reef off Key Largo two years ago, have grown up and were observed reproducing last weekend, as part of the annual summer coral spawn.

The spawn was the first recorded with farm-raised coral colonies in the Atlantic/Caribbean basin. The discovery is significant because it proves that cultured staghorn corals not only can survive, but reach sexual maturity and naturally help with coral restoration, marine researchers said.

Nedimyer has two coral nurseries in the Upper Keys, where he takes small fragments and allows them grow and be used for coral restoration projects.

"It's big news," Nedimyer said of the coral spawning. "This is what we have been trying to do. We are not just trying to restock the coral population. It's about letting them spawn and reproduce. We are just trying to give them a jump-start. ... I'm excited that it happened in just two years."

Over the years, Nedimyer has tried to cluster coral colonies together to help facilitate coral reproduction during the spawn. Nedimyer harvested several inch-long fragments of live staghorn and planted them in a special nursery off the Upper Keys in the spring of 2006. All of these corals came from the corals that settled on the live rock farm in 1996.

They were not collected from the reef. In July 2007, the more mature clippings were transplanted to a section of sand at Molasses Reef, where they have grown to about 2 feet in diameter.

The discovery that Nedimyer's corals were spawning was made over the weekend



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**A SCUBAnauts International student diver examines farm-raised staghorn coral as it releases gametes off Key Largo. It is the first known case in which farm-raised staghorn coral in the Atlantic/Caribbean basin reproduced.**

while a group of students with the SCUBAnauts International education group were working with Nedimyer and other coral experts, collecting coral gametes — mature germ cells — for research. Harvested staghorn gametes were taken to a shore-side laboratory for further research, and will be used for laboratory fertilization proj-

ects with the aim of eventually transplanting offspring.

"All we see on land is how animals reproduce, but we don't really know what goes on under water," said Nick Johnson, a high school senior from Dunedin, Fla. "It was awesome. ... I'd say it was like a bunch of pink Dippin' Dots floating around."

Nedimyer has long incorporated students in his coral restoration projects. Coral Shores High School's marine biology program includes Nedimyer's coral nurseries in its syllabus. Students help collect, propagate and measure coral, and perform other duties at his sites off Key Largo.

"The corals have been cut and moved by Coral Shores students, placed on restoration sites by college students and discovered spawning and reproducing by another group of students," Nedimyer said. "Kids have done this whole thing."

Staghorn, as well as elkhorn corals, are classified as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. The two species are primary reef-building corals in the Florida Keys and Caribbean.

Acres of staghorn and elkhorn thickets once lined the Keys. However, the species suffered major die-offs in the 1980s and 1990s.

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## NOAA to cut buoy monitoring station program

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA  
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KEY WEST — Harbor pilot Capt. Bob McGuire accesses information from the Sand Key Lighthouse monitoring station via computer numerous times a day.

However, that monitoring station and six others throughout the Florida Keys and South Florida could be shut down as soon as September.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration plans to cut the \$175,000 annual funding for seven automated oceanographic and meteorological monitoring stations spanning from

the Keys to Florida Bay to Key Biscayne.

The program, run through the Florida Institute of Oceanography, has the support of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, but NOAA administrators have threatened the continuation of the program.

Without an immediate change in policy, the institute will be forced to dismantle the monitoring stations beginning in September and end the program by the end of the year, said John Ogden, a program director.

The stations provide real-time weather data that harbor pilots use to make informed

decisions about how to guide cruise ships and other large commercial vessels in and out of the Key West port, McGuire said. The Sand Key station is just a few miles to the west of the main ship channel entrance.

"There is no other source for us to gather wind conditions at the reef before we bring ships through the reef," McGuire said of the program, technically called the Sustained Ecological Research Related to the Management of the Florida Keys Seascape, SEAKEYS for short.

"The SEAKEYS meteorological monitoring devices are an important asset to the

maritime community in the Florida Keys, and for commercial shipping interests transiting the Florida Straits. ... When cold fronts are approaching during the winter months, the harbor pilots also closely monitor the data being pro-

duced by SEAKEYS at the Pulaski Shoal station, located near the Dry Tortugas."

The harbor pilots are not the only large-vessel operators who rely on the data

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# Buoy

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from SEAKEYS buoys. The captains of large Coast Guard cutters also acquire information from those buoys, Coast Guard spokesman Matthew Meinhold said.

The SEAKEYS is also widely used by local commercial and sport fishermen and the operators of large snorkel charter boats, McGuire said.

“NOAA recognizes the information provided by SEAKEYS

as a tremendous public service as well as a resource for scientific research,” acting sanctuary Superintendent Sean Morton said. “The SEAKEYS data is a crucial component of the Integrated Ocean Observing System. With the increasing threats to the coral reef ecosystem from climate change and ocean acidification, this information is critical to management decisions in the Florida Keys.”

SEAKEYS was established in 1991 and serves the important function of tracking marine

environmental conditions along the Florida Keys and Florida Bay.

Since construction, the stations have been continuously upgraded to pace changing technologies and needs. The stations have been used as a test bed for new technology, Ogden said.

Lobbying efforts have already begun to reinstate the funding, and to have it done as soon as possible. McGuire plans to send e-mails about the issue to his fellow harbor pilots and members of

the Key West chapter of the Propeller Club.

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce issued a statement last week, stating it supports the continued funding of the program. U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Miami, sent a letter to Jane Lubchenco, the head of NOAA, asking to continue the funding.

“The information produced by SEAKEYS meteorological monitoring devices is frequently utilized by local businesses that make their living in our southeastern

U.S. waters,” Ros-Lehtinen wrote. “SEAKEYS monitoring stations are also used by researchers and sanctuary personnel to monitor coral bleaching events.

“Clearly, the elimination of such a scientifically valuable and highly used program would pose a serious detriment to my district, and runs contrary to your agency’s mission of promoting safe navigation, supporting coastal communities, and sustaining marine ecosystems.”

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# Monique Acevedo hit with two new charges

BY JOHN L. GUERRA  
Free Press Staff

KEY WEST — Monique Acevedo was released from jail last Friday after posting a \$10,000 bond on two new felony charges.

Acevedo, 41, was charged with two counts of theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000, third-degree felonies punishable by a combined maximum of 10 years in prison, plus the maximum 60 years from her previous arrest.

Prosecutors have said more charges are likely when the School Board financial investigator issues his impending report on Acevedo's alleged misuse of her school district credit card to make personal purchases.

Unlike her May 30 arrest when she was allowed to surrender and released on her own recognizance, Acevedo on Friday was arrested at her Key West home, 1115 17th Terrace, and posted bond through Monroe County Bail Bonds.

Acevedo is accused of stealing at least \$1,000 from ninth-grade T-shirts sales and an eighth-grade dance, the arrest warrant states. She was the 2012 class sponsor when about 50 T-shirts were sold at \$10 each and 100 people paid \$5 each to attend a dance, records state.

Other fundraisers, including the sale of "Boo-grams" at Halloween and candy at Christmas, were not documented and no money was deposited. The lack of documentation meant investigators could not file charges in those cases.

School policy states class sponsors must apply with the district's main office for permission to stage fundraisers. The sponsor must sign out numbered tickets for raffles, dance admission and other events; provide follow-

up reports; and deposit any money collected in a district account. Acevedo did none of these things, according to witnesses.

Key West High School Principal John Welsh and Assistant Principal Christine McPherson in April told the Free Press they e-mailed and phoned Acevedo about the fundraisers for weeks.

In a three-page narrative and follow-up phone call, Acevedo eventually told McPherson she had sold 50 T-shirts at \$5 each and that 100 people had attended the dance at \$5 a head. The warrant does not explain whether Acevedo explained why no money had been deposited.

After initially not hearing from Acevedo — and after her alleged personal purchases on her school district credit card came to light — Welsh sent School Board attorney Richard Collins a letter outlining his suspicions that she hadn't obtained permission nor turned in money.

Collins on March 30 gave State Attorney's Office investigators documents relating to the missing money.

In the arrest warrant, investigators outlined their probe into the missing money, saying they:

- Interviewed McPherson, who said Acevedo expressed her interest in being the sponsor for her daughter's incoming freshman class, both verbally and in e-mails in August 2008. Acevedo wanted to hit "the ground running early" to allow the freshmen to have class T-shirts and simultaneously put on a dance for the eighth-grade class.

- Interviewed Leslie Holmes, a Key West High School teacher responsible for overseeing all fundraisers. Holmes said she was aware of Acevedo's fundraisers and plans for a dance, whose ultimate goal was to generate money for a class

float. Holmes gave Acevedo documents that outlined procedures and responsibilities to be followed.

- Interviewed Marie Galloway, the high school's bookkeeper who collects and records deposits from fundraisers, dances and other events where entrance fees are charged.

"Monique Acevedo never deposited funds into the KWHS internal account for the Class of 2012," Galloway said. "The only deposit ever made into the account was \$15 deposited by a school district employee trying to help out."

- Reviewed an e-mail from Acevedo to district employees on May 26, 2008, advertising the eighth-grade dance and the \$5 entrance fee. "This is a fundraiser for the class float," Acevedo wrote.

- Interviewed Holly Bell, a teacher in the culinary arts program at the high school, who told investigators Acevedo asked her to put together about \$1,000 worth of food and fare for the dance.

Bell said Acevedo never responded to her e-mail asking for payment, so she copied the e-mails to Welsh and McPherson.

Bell eventually was paid when Acevedo "inappropriately" transferred \$1,000 from an Adult Education grant, making the deposit through the bookkeeping department at the high school, investigators said.

- Reviewed the Florida Auditor General's audit for 2008-09, which states Acevedo and an unknown member of her family paid Manley deBoer lumber company \$554 and \$223 for plywood in October 2008, using a school district credit card assigned to then-construction department director Charles Freeman.

Investigators said they believe the lumber subse-

quently was moved to a Stock Island warehouse to be used for a class float.

Collins concurred Acevedo

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# Superintendent faces additional felony counts

BY JOHN L. GUERRA  
Free Press Staff

KEY WEST — The Monroe County State Attorney's Office released court papers last Thursday explaining allega-

tions that led to two additional third-degree felony counts against the public schools superintendent, who was indicted two months ago on an official misconduct charge.

Prosecutors say Randy Acevedo broke the law three times: on Feb. 11, when he allegedly gave the district's finance director a faked letter to explain his wife's alleged personal purchases on her school district credit card; on Feb. 13, when he asked the finance director not to report his wife's alleged theft until they could meet again on the issues; and on Feb. 25-26, when he signed a document saying he did not suspect fraud or allegations of it in the 2007-08 financial audit.

The official misconduct charges accuse Acevedo of trying to "obstruct, delay or prevent communication" that would have revealed the alleged theft by his wife, former Adult Education Coordinator Monique Acevedo.

In the Feb. 11 incident, the jury would have to believe that Randy Acevedo knew the letter was fake. It purportedly was from the Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens, saying Monique Acevedo had purchased an XM Satellite Radio service for the MARC House van — though it was in the name of the Acevedos' son, Wade.

In the Feb. 13 incident, the jury would have to believe Finance Director Kathy Reitzel's claim that Acevedo sought assurances from

her that she would not tell authorities about his wife's alleged purchases until he had a chance to talk to her.

Reitzel said she urged Acevedo to fire his wife, report her to the State Attorney's Office and Auditor General's Office and even find her a psychiatrist to help her "with her problem," she told investigators.

Assistant State Attorney Mark Wilson on Thursday said Reitzel's allegation about the Feb. 13 incident did not surface during her previous depositions with State Attorney's Office investigators, but when Acevedo's attorney, Catherine Vogel, deposed her last month.

In her April 14 deposition to state attorney investigators, Reitzel said she gave Acevedo his wife's credit card statements dating back to July 2008 — which allegedly included seven airline tickets, a \$1,700 queen-sized bed, \$300 pair of sunglasses and many other goods — during their Feb. 11 meeting.

"I wanted to give him documentation," she told investigators. "He just couldn't question it. It was over the top."

Reitzel said she also offered to go to the authorities with him, but autonomously reported Monique Acevedo on March 2 when it became

clear to her that he was not going to act on the situation.

Reitzel said Acevedo got upset with her when she told him she had contacted state auditors and School Board Chairman Andy Griffiths.

"I went downstairs to tell him what I had done ... And he got upset," she said, adding that he said, "You've given them what they need."

In the Feb. 25-26 incident, the jury would have to believe that Acevedo knew Reitzel had alleged fraud when he signed a "management representation letter" that states he had "no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud ... received in communications from employees ..."

A grand jury on June 10 indicted Acevedo on the Feb. 11 incident, and on Wednesday indicted him on the latter two, after hearing hours of testimony from School Board financial investigator Richard Fechter.

The State Attorney's Office would not comment on the grand jury proceedings, including whether anyone other than Fechter testified and whether the charges were based on his testimony or other evidence presented.

Each third-degree felony brings a maximum five-year sentence and a \$5,000 fine.

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# Evening floats along



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Despite its torrid downside, summer remains a great time for the outdoor recreationalist, if for no other reason than the days linger on until hours after the typical work day is over.

## Kayaking offers respite from heat, work

**BY ROBERT SILK**  
Free Press Staff

KEY LARGO — It's a Monday around 7 p.m. and I'm sitting on bathtub-calm Florida Bay thinking life isn't that bad.

It's hot outside, yeah. It's always hot in South Florida in August.

But if the heat and the all-encompassing humidity are a bit of a downer, they're not bad enough to take away from that strange feeling of calm, paradoxically coupled with excitement, which comes upon me as I stare from my kayak across the glassy water and out toward the open horizon. The sun, sheathed in a bit of haze, is dropping toward the sea.

And to think, I say to myself, just a

little while ago I was at work.

As the dog days of August drag on, the natural inclination of most sane people in the Keys is to stay out of the heat. Certainly that's how I feel during the middle of the day, when the sun is hot enough to melt brain cells, not to mention inflict all form of 'noma upon my already sun-spotted skin.

But despite its torrid downside, summer remains a great time for the outdoor recreationalist, if for no other reason than the days linger on until hours after the typical work day is over.

And with the best part of the day being anytime when the sun is not very high in the sky, summer evenings provide an excellent opportunity to spurn the post-work couch-and-television flop in favor of a quick, easy kayak trip — where relaxation is as much or more the point than exer-

cise.

Last Monday I began my paddling endeavor around 6:30 — leaving me a bit of time to take a load off after a full work day, while giving the sun a chance to lose a bit of its Ali-like punch.

On this day I choose to take a fishing rod and shrimp along in hopes of tugging on a couple mangrove snapper. Other days I'll take a magazine or a book and, after a short paddle from my home to the bay, merely lounge and read.

Still other times I leave it all behind, opting instead to swim off the kayak. The local waters are certainly warm in August, but they're still cooler than the rays of the sun, and hot water is all the better for soothing aches and pains.

The trip this Monday is uneventful. That's the whole point. The paddle

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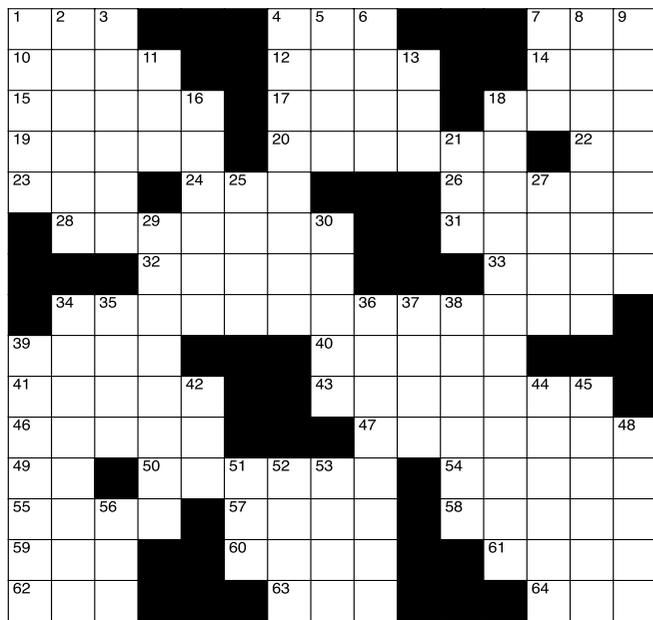
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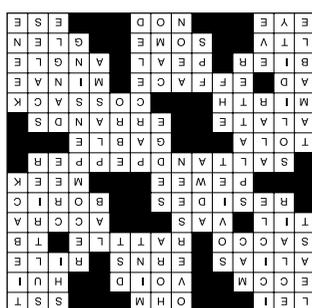
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Garland of flowers
- 4. Physicist Georg Simon
- 7. Very fast airplane
- 10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 12. Containing nothing
- 14. A Maori social gathering
- 15. Alternate name
- 17. Sea eagles
- 18. Make angry
- 19. \_\_\_ and Vanzetti
- 20. Baby's sound toy
- 22. Atomic #65
- 23. ' \_\_\_ death do us part
- 24. Vessel or duct
- 26. Capital of Ghana
- 28. Occupies
- 31. Contains boron
- 32. Woodland flycatcher
- 33. Humble in spirit
- 34. Table condiments
- 39. Unit of weight (Indian)
- 40. Actor Clark
- 41. Having winglike extensions
- 43. Short tasked missions
- 46. Hilarity
- 47. Czarist Russia cavalrymen
- 49. In the year of Our Lord
- 50. Rub or wipe out
- 54. Units of weight
- 55. Coffin stand

- 57. Make a ringing sound
- 58. Fish with a hook & line
- 59. Mortgage value ratio
- 60. An unspecified portion
- 61. Scottish valley
- 62. Hole in a needle
- 63. Be almost asleep
- 64. Point midway between E and SE

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Opposite of most
- 2. Oblong cream puff
- 3. Frozen spike
- 4. Superintended
- 5. Israeli dance
- 6. Coin factory
- 7. \_\_\_ite: Muslim branch
- 8. More muggy
- 9. Restrain plants
- 11. Rubberized raincoat
- 13. Fall back time
- 16. Council in former USSR
- 18. Compensating
- 21. Workplace for research
- 25. Ethiopian town
- 27. One of the Algonquian
- 29. Splashes of liquid
- 30. Grasslike bog plant
- 34. Firmness
- 35. Daminozide
- 36. With package
- 37. A river in NE Spain
- 38. A fourth state of matter
- 39. Domesticatable
- 42. Extremely high frequency
- 44. Hang loosely
- 45. Weighing machines
- 48. 03431
- 51. Exposure rate for film
- 52. Longest division of geological time
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- 56. Adam's wife



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The next time you travel some distance by air — say, Miami to New York — this little book should be your airplane read. One of two outcomes is possible: Either you will have read it from cover to cover before landing at your destination or you will still be in an early chapter, chuckling over the humor.

Most of us of a certain age know Mark Twain from his marvelous stories about Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. What is not known by

afraid that no one will attend the lecture, Twain is plastering New York with advertisements. Two men pause to read one of them. One says, "Who is Mark Twain?" The other replies, "God knows — I don't."

A few items in this book were published as magazine articles or letters to the editor. The majority never saw the light of day because they were unfinished or strayed from their point or threatened, in Twain's judgment, to harm his reputation among his readers. Most, however, are good for more than one laugh.



For example, in the "Frank Fuller" chapter, described above, Twain learns, with some pride, that the government of England is taxing his English copy-

rights. But when he inquires as to the tax-code category that covers his writing, he learns that it is being taxed as a Gas Works.

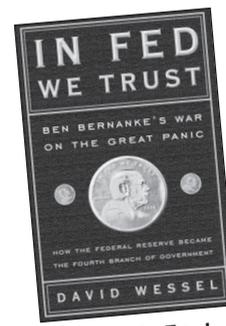
Mark Twain had a remarkable facility for grabbing a reader with an opening line.

From this mountain, Robert H. Hirst, general editor of the Mark Twain Project, has extracted 24 short pieces for inclusion in "Who Is Mark Twain?" The title is drawn from a chapter called "Frank Fuller and My First New York Lecture," in which Twain whimsically describes and prepares a script for a lecture he was invited to give but never did. Desperately

opens:

"Whenever I take up 'Pride and Prejudice' or 'Sense and Sensibility,' I feel like a barkeeper entering the Kingdom of Heaven."

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- 8. Shop Class as Soulcraft
- 9. Wicked Plants
- 10. In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic (Debut)

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Orchids are among the plants and flowers available each Sunday at Juanita Reynosa Tamaulipas' booth at the Key Largo Lions Club flea market.

# Business is blooming

BY STEVE GIBBS  
Free Press Staff

KEY LARGO — Life has always been centered around growing season for Juanita Reynosa Tamaulipas, who emigrated to Florida from Mexico 45 years ago.

"I was about 5 when we came as migrants and traveled with the harvest to Indiana, Michigan for the cherries, Ohio where we picked tomatoes," says the vendor of bromeliads and orchids at the Sunday flea market in front of the Key Largo Lions Club.

She is one of a family of 10 children who lived their youth "like gypsies."

"It was a wonderful way to grow up," she says, eyes smiling from within her round face.

She says some mistake her for an islander — a Hawaiian or Samoan — but she says she



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Juanita Reynosa Tamaulipas, a native of Mexico, says she is often mistaken for an islander from Hawaii or American Samoa.

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## Top 10 List

VIDEO RENTALS

1. I Love You, Man
2. 17 Again
3. Act of War 3
4. The Soloist
5. Obsessed
6. Fast & Furious
7. Dragonball 2
8. Miss March
9. Mutant Chronicles
10. Race to Witch Mountain

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**Buzzards Roost:** Luke Sommer Glenn Band 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**Caribbean Club:** Luke Sommer Glenn Band 10 p.m.  
**Coconuts:** Blame Johnny w/ Li'l John 9:30 p.m. to closing.  
**Encore:** Paul T. Morris 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Holiday Isle Tiki Bar:** Wildfires Band 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
**Holiday Isle Rumrunners:** Collins & Webb 7 to 11 p.m.  
**Islamorada Fish Company:** Bolivar 5 to 10 p.m.  
**Island Grill:** Billy Davidson 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Gilberts:** Limerock 6 p.m. to midnight.  
**Morada Bay:** Scott Youngberg 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Pilot House:** Just Not Right 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Snappers Waterfront Saloon and Raw Bar:** Yishka 7 to 10 p.m.

**Snooks:** Steve V. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**Su Casa:** Freddy Perez 8 to 11 p.m.  
**Woody's:** TBA 10:30 p.m.  
**22** **sat**  
**Caribbean Club:** See Friday listing.  
**Coconuts:** See Friday listing.  
**Encore:** See Friday listing.  
**Gilberts:** Viva 7 to 11 p.m.  
**Holiday Isle Tiki Bar:** See Friday listing.  
**Holiday Isle Rumrunners:** See Friday listing.  
**Holiday Isle Kokomos:** I-Land Vibe 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Islamorada Fish Company:** Jubal noon to 10 p.m.  
**Island Grill:** Allan Truesdell 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Morada Bay:** Dana 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Pilot House:** Tyler Everett Band 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Snappers:** TBA.

**Snooks:** Jimmy Ray 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Su Casa:** See Friday listing.  
**23** **sun**  
**Coconuts:** Kim Bankston 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Encore:** Robert Sax 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Gilberts:** Viva 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Holiday Isle Tiki Bar:** Wildfires Band 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
**Holiday Isle Kokomos:** See Saturday listing.  
**Islamorada Fish Company:** Melting Pot Duo noon to 8 p.m.  
**Island Grill:** Sam Milner noon to 4 p.m.  
**Morada Bay:** Bruce Isaacson 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Pilot House:** Karaoke with Lee Kibbee 5 to 9 p.m.  
**Snappers:** Frank C. (Jazz) 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Snooks:** Steel Drum Sunset Celebration 5 to 9 p.m.

# KEY horoscopes

## AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29

### ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Aries, recuperation from an injury or illness will take time. Don't try to do it all now. You'll have plenty of time to catch up in the weeks to come.

### TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Stop being so argumentative, Taurus. Those around you will grow tired of hearing how you're always right. Accept that someone else's opinion might be valid.

### GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, your love life could use some work. You can't seem to get along with your partner no matter what you do. Instead of butting heads, sit down and calmly work it out.

### CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, instead of being so generous to others, start concentrating on helping your immediate family. They're in need of your love and attention. Quality family time is the goal.

### LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Normally a go-getter, Leo, you're ready to throw in the towel in regard to a project that isn't working out. But don't give up. You'll get relief soon.

### VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, now is not the time to make rash career decisions. You have too many responsibilities and bills coming in. Even though your job may not appeal to you, stick with it.

### LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, if you don't make a move soon in your love life, you're going to miss the opportunity. Stop looking for the perfect Mr. or Mrs. Right. Rather, look outside your comfort zone.

### SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Watch how much you spend this week, Scorpio. You could go over-

board if you're not paying attention. Better leave the credit card at home and use cash instead.

### SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, you have put all your eggs in one basket and now that things haven't worked out you're left wondering what to do. Don't worry, family members won't let you down.

### CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Someone in your family has stepped on your toes, Capricorn. Rather than lash out, keep your feelings to yourself and be the bigger person in this situation.

### AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

You want to support a friend, Aquarius, but you just don't agree with this person's motives. Don't get involved in the situation; you'll regret it later.

### PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, overindulging in all areas of your life is not a healthy way to live. Rethink your personal goals and streamline.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST 23

Kobe Bryant, Athlete (31)

### AUGUST 24

Marlee Matlin, Actress (44)

### AUGUST 25

Gene Simmons, Singer (60)

### AUGUST 26

Macaulay Culkin, Actor (29)

### AUGUST 27

Sarah Chalke, Actress (33)

### AUGUST 28

LeAnn Rimes, Singer (27)

### AUGUST 29

Aaron Rowand, Athlete (32) HS098400

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Tamaulipas prepares a box of bromeliads for a customer.

**Blooming**

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is proud of her Mexican heritage. She is also proud of her plant and flower stand, saying she pays some of the bills with the money she earns at the flea market.

Juanita begins her Sunday with breakfast at nearby DJ's Diner before her flowers go on sale at 8 a.m.

And who can resist the prices? Deep waxy green bromeliads with yellow, orange or pink shoots bursting upwards for only \$5. Just the thing to brighten a garden. Three are the makings of a centerpiece for a small yard garden at the base of a tree.

There is little need to discuss the delight her customers display when they see healthy orchids, stems extended to the sky, exploding with a dozen tangerine-speckled or crimson blossoms, an elegant addition to any room for \$5 for the smaller plants and \$10

and up for the bigger dendrobiums.

"I love what I do," she says, making change for a customer who has bought eight bromeliads. "I know growers up in Dade and I get good prices so I can pass them on to my customers down here."

Pam Dyches, a Key Largo resident and a flea market regular, drops by to chat and buy a plant or two. Like anywhere like-minded people gather, the talk is light and pleasant.

"I come to see Juanita and for the bargains," says Dyches.

The flea market offers two fresh produce stands this morning and several long racks of women's clothes, neatly hung and marked. Nearby are tables laden with jewelry, ladies walking around with heads bent down, perusing the booty.

But Juanita's flowers seem to be the magnet this warm summer morning. This is the season when vendors either cut back on the wares they

*"I come to see Juanita and for the bargains."*

— Pam Dyches  
Key Largo resident

bring to market or take a vacation. But not Juanita. Business is always blooming.

Pride in her children is evident as Juanita speaks of a daughter who is a Barry University graduate and works at Michael Crop High School in Broward County.

A second daughter is studying to be a paralegal at Miami-Dade College, while a third is studying business at the Rochester Institute of Technology — "With a 3.4 GPA," Juanita proclaims — and her 8-year-old son is entering the second grade.

"He's a late bloomer," she says, smiling.

Before long, the orchids disappear and the bromeliad section is thinned. But Juanita will be back next Sunday.

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# Tasty ideas for Florida lobster

Florida spiny lobsters are crustaceans related to crabs and shrimp.

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Florida spiny lobster season runs from August to March.

Spiny lobsters are caught off the Keys and around the southern tip of the peninsula using special traps at depths of six to 300 feet.

With an average annual value of \$20 million, the spiny lobster fishery is one of the largest commercial fisheries in Florida.

There are many ways to enjoy spiny lobster. Here are a few:

## LOBSTER DIVINE

**Ingredients**  
2 uncooked spiny lobster tails

2 tablespoons butter, melted, divided

1/2 cup soft bread crumbs

1/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated

1 teaspoon onion, grated paprika

**Preparation**  
Thaw lobster if frozen. Cut lobster tails in half, down the middle of the shell lengthwise. Bend tail backward to crack sharply in several places; this prevents curling during cooking. Arrange in glass or other microwave serving dish. Brush with 1 tablespoon butter. Combine remaining tablespoon of butter, bread crumbs, cheese and onion. Spread bread crumb mixture

over surface of the lobster meat. Sprinkle with paprika.

Microwave 2 minutes on high. Rotate dish one-half turn. Microwave 2 additional minutes on high.

**Yield:** 2 servings

**Nutritional Value Per Serving**

Calories 331, Calories From Fat 171, Total Fat 19g, Saturated Fat 12g, Cholesterol 93mg, Total Carbohydrate 19g, Protein 19g.

## SPINY LOBSTER, AVOCADO, AND GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

**Ingredients**  
2 teaspoons shallots, finely chopped

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon table salt

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 1/2 cups spiny lobster meat, cooked and chilled

2 cups baby arugula

1 ripe avocado half, peeled and sliced

1 pink grapefruit, peeled and sectioned

sea salt to taste

**Preparation**  
Combine shallots, lemon juice and salt in a small bowl. Add oil in a stream, whisking to blend. Set aside. Slice cooked lobster meat into 1/2-inch-thick medallions. Arrange arugula, avocado slices, lobster slices and grapefruit sections on 2 salad plates; drizzle with shallot-lemon dressing. Add sea salt to taste and serve.

**Yield:** 2 servings

**Nutritional Value Per Serving**

Calories 714, Calories From Fat 307, Total Fat 34g, Saturated Fat 5g, Trans Fatty Acid 0, Cholesterol 238mg, Total Carbohydrate 28g, Protein 73g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 1.56g

## LOBSTER EGGS BENEDICT

**Ingredients**  
8 slices bacon, cooked and drained

2 English muffins, split and toasted

8 ounces lobster, cooked

4 large eggs, poached

pepper to taste paprika to taste

## Hollandaise Sauce

3 tablespoons lemon juice

2 egg yolks

1/2 teaspoon salt

8 ounces butter, cut in 8 pieces

**Preparation**  
Place 2 bacon slices on each muffin half. Layer each with 2 ounces lobster and poached egg. Spoon one ounce of Hollandaise Sauce over each serving, top with pepper and paprika. Serve immediately.

**Yield:** 4 servings

**Nutritional Value Per Serving**

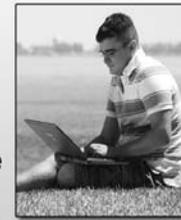
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**Evening**

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from my canalfront yard to Florida Bay is but a few minutes. And though a few bites is the best I can claim for my angling efforts, I delight in the wilderness that surrounds me, and in the knowledge that other people, and not me, are out on highways, at strip malls or perhaps sitting in their homes, taking in none of what our corner of the world has to offer.

Of course, not everyone lives on the water, or on a canal, where paddling is as simple as getting your boat in the water.

But if you've got the motivation to put in a bit of effort, long summer evenings offer plenty of opportunities for a relaxing paddle, or an invigorating one.

For Islamoradans in search of a simple paddle, J.C. Mikula, owner of Backcountry Cowboy kayak shop on Upper Mateucmbe Key, suggests launching from the Blackwood Drive put-in on the bayside near mile marker 82.

From there it is shouting distance to the waters that surround the Lorelei Cabana



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**Sitting on bathtub-calm Florida Bay thinking life isn't that bad.**

Bar, where on the right evening one can sit back and take in kayak-side live music.

From the Blackwood launch it's also only about 40 minutes to Shell Key, Mikula said, where the seagrass flats that abut the south and east portion of the island are a great viewing ground for stingray and sharks, and the deeper water that surrounds the remainder of the island are prime habitat for dolphin and turtle.

Mikula also recommends launching from Indian Key Fill for a short evening paddle out to the nearby oceanside island for which the fill is named. Or for a slightly longer trip, one can head northwest from the

fill, toward Lignumvitae Key in the bay.

For Key Largoites, Florida Bay Outfitters owner Frank Woll suggests an evening paddle in the Garden Cove area. From the oceanside put-in near Captain Slate's Atlantis Dive Center at mile marker 106.5, one can explore North Sound Creek, Rattlesnake Key or the many other small creeks and tunnels in the vicinity.

Woll also recommends paddling out from 2nd Avenue — next to the Mandalay Restaurant near mile marker 98 in Rock Harbor — to the nearby oceanside islands. That paddle, he said, offers the added plus of instant libation upon returning to shore.

"Everybody is always interested in doing that down here," he said.

I enjoy an occasional beverage myself, but it's a simple paddle near the shoreline that I crave most on a warm summer evening.

Last Thursday, a few days after my unsuccessful fishing paddle, I head back out in my kayak to take in day's end on the bay. The journey through the canal both out and back is tough. The mosquitoes, relatively calm of late, have returned with a vengeance and they drink my blood as if it were sweet nectar. I paddle hard to reach open water quickly.

Once there, the bugs fade away and I'm rewarded with flat water and a placid evening. Two other kayakers, a couple visiting from Tampa, share the water with me. Lou Kirk casts silently from his fishing-rigged kayak for snapper. Wife Nancy stares intently in the bay, looking for wildlife.

I content myself with nothingness in the Buddhist sense of the word — seeking only harmony in the moment.

I stay until sunset and then paddle home, stowing my kayak as darkness begins to settle and just in time for a late dinner.

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# Birding and wildlife fest returns in September

**MARATHON** — Nature enthusiasts can get acquainted with some of the unique birds and wildlife native to the Florida Keys at the 11th annual Florida Keys Birding and Wildlife Festival on Sept. 23-27.

The event is to be staged at the oceanfront preserve of Curry Hammock State Park, mile marker 56.2, with field trips scheduled throughout the Keys.

Though the primary festival program starts Friday, additional field trips await early arrivals. Wednesday, Sept. 23, a Curry Hammock State Park ranger is to offer an interpretive 90-minute walk through a palm hammock. Free for festival registrants, the walk is to start at 10 a.m.; space is limited.

A Curry Hammock ranger also is to lead a 90-minute paddle around Little Crawl Key beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. A portion of the route takes kayakers along a twisting, narrow mangrove creek that offers a rare experience of unspoiled Florida.

Personal kayaks are welcome, or gear can be rented from the park at \$16 per single kayak or \$20 per double. Space is limited.

The festival's opening reception is to be held Friday, Sept. 25, at the Marathon Garden Club, mile marker 50, bayside. The schedule includes dinner, a silent auction and keynote presentations by photographers Dick Fortune and Sara Lopez, whose images promote conservation and awareness of delicate natural resources by focusing on wading birds and their habitats.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, festival participants can enjoy their choice of field trips and eco-tours. In addition, a popular environmental fair is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Curry

Hammock, with booths staffed by environmental agencies and vendors to arouse curiosity and encourage eco-adventure enthusiasts. Admission is free.

Saturday evening plans call for Curry Hammock State Park to stay open for a night concert, an astronomy program and a marshmallow roast for kids. Admission is free and campsites are available.

Overnight guests can head out early Sunday, Sept. 27, for an all-day birding excursion to Dry Tortugas National Park with professional birder Larry Manfredi. The ferry to the remote birders' paradise

boards at 7:30 a.m. in Key West and returns around 5 p.m. Reservations are required, and fees depend on residency and whether attendants have a park pass.

Alternative tours are offered Sunday to the Middle Keys' Dolphin Research Center, Florida Keys Wild Bird Center, Marathon's Turtle Hospital and Bahia Honda State Park for snorkeling at beautiful Looe Key.

The entrance fee at Curry Hammock State Park is to be waived for festival registrants. Event registration is \$15 per person and provides access to all programs. Additional fees

may apply.

For more information, visit [www.keysbirdingfest.org](http://www.keysbirdingfest.org) or

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ISLAMORADA — With the goal of becoming a national speaker and parent coach, Nancy Lucas of Islamorada recently completed her first step in becoming a certified Conscious Discipline instructor with Dr. Becky Bailey's Loving Guidance Inc.

Lucas attended a one-week summer institute in Orlando in July as one of three worldwide recipients of the Kay Crowder Scholarship.

The summer institute workshop focused on "The Seven Basic Skills of Discipline," which teaches the skills needed to respond to discipline situations; "The Seven Powers of Self Control," which changes a person's perception of conflict and helps gain control of one's own life; and "How to Create the School Family."

Attendees learned how to foster a cooperative environment by using daily situations to build character and social skills.

The other two scholars were Judith Sharman from



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**Nancy Lucas is seeking certification as a Conscious Discipline instructor.**

the Hoole Church of England Primary in Chester, England and Susan Swearingen with Project Enlightenment in Raleigh, N.C.

The institute was led by Dr. Becky Bailey, an award-winning author, renowned teacher and internationally-recognized expert in childhood education and develop-

mental psychology. Bailey is the author of "Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline" and "I Love You Rituals."

"My husband, Robert, and I attended a two-day conference more than a year ago," Lucas said. "It took a huge percent of the stress and discipline issues out of our home and classes."

Lucas runs community playgroups with Monroe Youth Challenge Program, teaches adults and teaches Sunday school at her church. Her husband is a coach and teacher at Island Christian School.

To earn certification as a Conscious Discipline instructor, Lucas must keep a journal, video an hour of her presentations, provide presentations to 100 people at no charge and turn in their evaluations, plus attend a second week-long training set for February 2010.

To request a complimentary presentation, contact Lucas at (305) 393-6413. For more information visit [www.consciousdiscipline.com](http://www.consciousdiscipline.com) or email [NancyLwrites@gmail.com](mailto:NancyLwrites@gmail.com).

## brief

### Administrator to speak

KEY LARGO — Monroe County Administrator Roman Gastesi will speak to the Senior Group at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24 in the Key Largo Library Community Room, mile marker 101.5, oceanside.

The free program is open to the public.

Prior to his current Monroe County position, Gastesi served as governmental affairs director for a law firm with offices in Miami, Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

In 2001 he was appointed assistant to the Miami-Dade county manager to lead the office of water management. His experience

includes administration of contamination assessment and remediation projects of the Miami-Dade's environmentally endangered lands program.

Gastesi holds a bachelor's degree with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and geography from the University of Miami. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the same university.

### Dance prep classes

MARATHON — Marathon Community Theatre is offering preparation dance instruction classes for persons interested in auditioning for this season's musical, "Guys and Dolls."

The classes are scheduled for Monday evenings at 7:30 beginning Aug. 17 and con-

tinuing until open auditions Sept. 12 and 13.

The classes will be taught by Jackie O'Neil. Classes are free to members of MCT. Membership is \$10 per year.

Interested persons can contact O'Neil at 743-0408.

### Church bazaar

KEY LARGO — Key Largo Community Covenant Church will have a bazaar beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Civic Pride Center, 65 Hibiscus Lane.

Items for sale will include clothes, bikes, tools, children's items, home-baked goods and more. A fish fry dinner is planned.

Proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

# faces & places

IN THE UPPER KEYS

## MOBILE FOR MARINERS



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First State Bank of the Florida Keys' Upper Keys business development team provided a mobile branch for Mariner's Hospital's Employee Bank Day. As a community service, First State Bank visited the hospital to lend financial advice and present the staff with information on the local products and services the bank offers. From left, First State Bank Upper Keys Regional President Bette Brown, Tradewinds Branch Manager Patti Marshall and Key Largo Branch Manager Nola Acker visit with staff at Mariner's.

## LOYAL CUSTOMERS



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Perry, Bill, and Julia McPheeters logged their combined 1,000th trip aboard the Sundiver boat recently. The event was celebrated with a plaque and a party on the dock after the trip.

## KING OF THE GRILL



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John and Paula Wolfe of Boulder City, Nev. beat the competition Aug. 6 to claim the title of "King of the Grill" during the Key Largo 2009 Food and Wine Festival. The contestants were judged on grilling competencies for filet mignon, New York strip steak, top sirloin and Kobe beef hamburger. Rib Daddy's chef Jason Karner offered grilling tips and provided over a dozen spices for the contestants to use in creating unique steak flavorings. Beer and wine sampling rounded out the evening. From left, Jason Karner, John and Paula Wolfe, and Rib Daddy's Bob and Julie Marshall.

## JUDGE'S BIRTHDAY

A few friends at the Plantation Key Courthouse surprised County Judge Reagan Ptomey with two birthday cakes, a poem and well wishes to celebrate his 60th birthday Aug. 11.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING								AUGUST 19	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Be a Millionaire		Wipeout (N) (C)		Primetime: Crime (C)		News	Nightline (N)	
CBS	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds (N) (C)		CSI: NY (N) (C)		CBS4 News	Late Show	
FOX	Octomom: The Incredible Unseen Footage (N) (C)				Ch. 7 News at 10:00 (N)		News	Deco Drive	
NBC	America's Got Talent (N)		America's Got Talent		Law & Order: SVU		FL Tonight	Tonight	
PBS	Time Team America (N)		Time Team Special Edition (N) (N) (C)				Wide Angle (N) (N) (C)		
UNI	En Nombre del Amor		Mañana es Para Siempre		Don Francisco Presenta		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Criss Angel Mindfreak (N)		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	
AMC	Lonesome Dove Two former Texas Rangers join a cattle drive to Montana Territory. (Part 1 of 2) (C)								
CNBC	Crime & Punishment		Fastest Grow.		American Greed		Mad Money		
CNN	Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N) (C)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)				
CSPN	Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today		
DISC	MythBusters (N) (C)		Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		Verminators (N) (N) (C)		MythBusters (N) (C)		
DISN	Montana	Montana	★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway. (C)				Suite Life	So Raven	
ENC	★★ "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate" (1996)				(9:50) ★★★ "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence. (N)				
ESPN	(7:00) MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (Live) (C)				Baseball Tonight (C)		SportsCenter (Live) (C)		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (C)		
HBO	"What Happens"		True Blood (N) (C)		Hard Knocks		Real Time With Bill Maher		
LIFE	Reba (C)	Reba (C)	★★ "Rumor Has It ..." (2005) Jennifer Aniston. (C)		Will & Grace		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	
MAX	(:15) ★★ "Medicine Man" (1992) Sean Connery.				★★ "The Rocker" (2008) (N) (C)		Zane's Sex		
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SHOW	(7:15) "Forbidden Lies"		Nurse	Weeds (iTV)	★★ "War" (2007) Jet Li. iTV. (N)		Witless Pr		
SPIKE	(6:30) "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (N)		★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action) Uma Thurman, David Carradine. (N)						
SUN	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Tampa Bay Rays.				Rays	Boater	Whips	Three Wide	
TNT	"Librarian: Quest"		Leverage (N) (C)		Dark Blue "Ice" (N) (C)		Leverage (C)		
USA	NCIS "Witness" (N) (C)		NCIS "Faking It" (C)		NCIS "Escaped" (C)		NCIS "Missing" (N) (C)		
WGN	Coach (N)	Coach (N)	Becker (N)	Becker (N)	WGN News at Nine (N) (N)		Scrubs (N)	Scrubs (N)	
WTBS	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	"Daddy's Little Girls"		

THURSDAY EVENING								AUGUST 20	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Be a Millionaire		Grey's Anatomy (N) (C)		(:02) Private Practice (N)		News	Nightline (N)	
CBS	Big Brother 11 (C)		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) The Mentalist (C)		CBS4 News	Late Show	
FOX	NFL Preseason Football Philadelphia Eagles at Indianapolis Colts. (N) (Live) (C)				News		Deco Drive		
NBC	30 Rock (N)	Parks	The Office	30 Rock (N)	Law & Order "Lucky Stiff"		FL Tonight	Tonight	
PBS	Sher. Holmes		Masterpiece Mystery! (C) (DVS)		MI-5 "Persephone" (C)		Parks		
UNI	En Nombre del Amor		Mañana es Para Siempre		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		Crime 360 (C)		
AMC	Lonesome Dove Jake's involvement with the Suggs gang reaches a tragic climax. (Part 2 of 2) (C)								
CNBC	CNBC Reports (N)		The Oprah Effect		As Seen on TV		Mad Money		
CNN	Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N) (C)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)				
CSPN	Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today		
DISC	American Loggers (C)		American Loggers (N) (N)		Man vs. Wild "Alabama"		American Loggers (C)		
DISN	Montana	Montana	★★ "Tinker Bell" (2008, Fantasy)		Wizards		Suite Life	So Raven	
ENC	★★ "Final Destination" (2000) (N) (C)		(:40) ★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith. (N) (C)						
ESPN	X Games From Los Angeles. (Taped)				Baseball Tonight (C)		SportsCenter (Live) (C)		
FAM	(7:30) ★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (C)				
HBO	★★ "The Strangers" (2008) Liv Tyler.		Hung (C)		Entourage	Entourage	Cathouse 2		
LIFE	Project Runway: All Star Challenge (N) (C)				Project Runway (C)		Models	Runway	
MAX	3000 Miles		★ "Meet the Spartans" (2008) (N) (C)		★★ "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"				
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SHOW	Yuma	(:25) ★★ "Rambo" (2008) iTV. (N)	Penn		Penn	Weeds (iTV)	Nurse		
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed (N) (C)		TNA iMPACT! (N) (N)		Scariest Police Chases 3				
SUN	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Tampa Bay Rays.				Rays	Rays	Pro Tarpon Tournament		
TNT	CSI: NY "Stealing Home"		★★★ "Seabiscuit" (2003, Drama) Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges. Premiere. (C)						
USA	★★ "The Pacifier" (2005, Comedy) Vin Diesel. (C)		Royal Pains (N) (C)		Monk (C)				
WGN	WWE Superstars (N) (N)		American Gladiators (N)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers.				
WTBS	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	★★ "You, Me and Dupree" (2006) Owen Wilson.				

FRIDAY EVENING								AUGUST 21	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Supernanny (N) (C)		Ugly Betty (N) (C)		20/20 (N) (C)		News	Nightline (N)	
CBS	Ghost Whisperer (C)		Medium (C)		NUMB3RS (N) (C)		CBS4 News	Late Show	
FOX	NFL Preseason Football Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys. (N) (Live) (C)				News		Deco Drive		
NBC	Southland (N) (PA) (C)		Dateline NBC (N) (C)		FL Tonight		Tonight		
PBS	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N) (N)		Mae West-Men		Alan Ladd: Quiet Man		
UNI	En Nombre del Amor		Mañana es Para Siempre		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	Criminal Minds (N) (C)		Criminal Minds "L.D.S.K."		Criminal Minds "The Fox"		Criminal Minds (N) (C)		
AMC	★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. (C)				★ "Exorcist: The Beginning" (2004)				
CNBC	Reports	Options	Face the Ace (N) (C)		Face the Ace (N) (C)		Mad Money		
CNN	Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N) (C)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)				
CSPN	(6:30) Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today		
DISC	Survivorman (N) (C)		Survivorman (N) (C)		Survivorman (N) (C)		Survivorman (N) (C)		
DISN	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	So Raven	
ENC	★★★ "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt. (N) (C)				★★ "Bring It On" (2000) (N) (C)		Waterboy		
ESPN	Little League Baseball: World Series Pool Play				Baseball Tonight (C)		SportsCenter (Live) (C)		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (C)		
HBO	(7:15) ★★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008) (N) (C)				Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		
LIFE	Project Runway: All Star		Project Runway (C)		Models	Project Runway (C)	Models		
MAX	(:15) ★★ "Evolution" (2001) David Duchovny. (N)				★★ "Get Smart" (2008) Steve Carell. (N) (C)				
NICK	G. Martin	G. Martin	G. Martin	G. Martin	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SHOW	(7:15) "Music Within" iTV.		Weeds (iTV)	Nurse	Penn	Penn	★★★ "Rescue Dawn"		
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed (N)		★★★★ "Aliens" (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn. (N)						
SUN	(7:30) MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves. (Live)				Marlins	Fight Sports MMA			
TNT	CSI: NY (N) (C)		★★ "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou. (C)						
USA	NCIS "Pop Life" (C)		Monk (N) (C)		Psych "High Noon-ish"		House "Last Resort" (N)		
WGN	★★ "Alien Resurrection" (1997) Sigourney Weaver.				WGN News at Nine (N) (N)		Scrubs (N)	Scrubs (N)	
WTBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★★★ "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. (C)			Sex & City	Sex & City		



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SATURDAY EVENING								AUGUST 22	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Jim	*** "War of the Worlds" (2005) (PA) Tom Cruise. Ⓢ				News	Ed Young		
CBS	NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at Miami Dolphins. (Live)		Postgame		CBS4 News	Ent. Tonight			
FOX	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	America's Most Wanted		Weekend News at 10		MADtv Ⓢ		
NBC	Law Order: CI		Law & Order Ⓢ		Law & Order: SVU		FL Tonight	Sat. Night	
PBS	Keeping Up	Time Goes	**** "Annie Hall" (1977, Comedy)			*** "Six Degrees of Separation"			
UNI	Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	CSI: Miami Ⓢ		CSI: Miami Ⓢ		CSI: Miami Ⓢ		The Sopranos Ⓢ		
AMC	*** "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine. Ⓢ						★ "Catwoman" (2004)		
CNBC	On the Money		The Suze Orman Show		Inside Track: NASCAR		American Greed		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		
CSPN	American Perspectives						American Perspectives		
DISC	Sex Appeal		Extreme Bodies "Giants"		Extreme Bodies "Dwarfs"		Anatomy of Sex Ⓢ		
DISN	"High School Musical"		(8:50) "High School Musical 2" (2007) Zac Efron. Ⓢ		Suite Life		So Raven		
ENC	** "Fast Times at Ridgemoor High"		** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Ⓢ		(:05) ** "Next" (2007)				
ESPN	(7:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Sharpie 500. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ		
FAM	(7:30) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) Daniel Radcliffe. Ⓢ						Funniest Home Videos		
HBO	★ "Max Payne" (2008) Mark Wahlberg. (:45) Boxing Juan Diaz vs. Paulie Malignaggi. Ⓢ (Live) Ⓢ								
LIFE	"Fab Five: Texas"		"Acceptance" (2009) Joan Cusack. Premiere. Ⓢ		Project Runway Ⓢ				
MAX	** "27 Dresses" (2008) Katherine Heigl. Ⓢ		** "RocknRolla" (2008) Gerard Butler. Ⓢ						
NICK	iCarly Ⓢ	Jackson	iCarly Ⓢ	iCarly Ⓢ	Malcolm	Malcolm	The Nanny	Malcolm	
SHOW	Nurse	Weeds (ITV)	★ "Saw IV" (2007) Tobin Bell. iTV. Ⓢ		(:35) ** "Hostel Part II" (2007)				
SPIKE	UFC 89 Bisping vs Leben		UFC Fight for the Troops Ⓢ				UFC 75		
SUN	(7:00) MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves.		Marlins	Game 365	Halls Fame	FIGHTZONE			
TNT	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo. Premiere. Ⓢ				** "We Are Marshall" (2006) Ⓢ				
USA	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) Johnny Depp. Ⓢ						Psych Ⓢ		
WGN	MLB Baseball: Orioles at White Sox			WGN News at Nine (N) Ⓢ		Scrubs Ⓢ	Scrubs Ⓢ		
WTBS	(7:00) "Meet the Parents"		Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	*** "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro.				

SUNDAY EVENING								AUGUST 23	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N) Ⓢ		Defying Gravity (N) Ⓢ		News	Paid Prog.	
CBS	(:01) Big Brother 11 (N) Ⓢ		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case Ⓢ		CBS4 News	Sports Wrap	
FOX	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News		Sports Xtra	Housewives	
NBC	Merlin (Season Finale) (N)		Miss Universe 2009 Ⓢ (Live) Ⓢ				FL Tonight	Extra Ⓢ	
PBS	Nature "Sharkland" Ⓢ		Sher. Holmes		Masterpiece Mystery! Ⓢ (DVS)		Parks		
UNI	¿Házme Reir! y Serás Millonario				¿Quién Tiene la Razón?		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	Criminal Minds "Derailed"		Criminal Minds Ⓢ		Criminal Minds Ⓢ		Criminal Minds Ⓢ		
AMC	(7:30) ** "Firewall" (2006) Harrison Ford. Premiere.		Mad Men (N) Ⓢ		(:02) Mad Men Ⓢ				
CNBC	Big Brother, Big Business Surveillance.				Fastest Grow.		American Greed		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		
CSPN	Q & A		Prime	Political Programming		Q & A			
DISC	Planet Earth Ⓢ		Planet Earth Ⓢ		Planet Earth "Deserts" Ⓢ		Planet Earth Ⓢ		
DISN	Sonny	Jonas (N)	"Confessions of Drama Queen"		Phineas	Wizards	Montana		
ENC	** "Encino Man" (1992) Sean Astin.		** "Little Nicky" (2000) Ⓢ		(:05) *** "Superbad"				
ESPN	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. (Live) Ⓢ						SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ		
FAM	(7:30) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) Daniel Radcliffe. Ⓢ						Funniest Home Videos		
HBO	(7:15) ★ "Max Payne"		True Blood (N) Ⓢ		Hung (N) Ⓢ	Entourage	Hung Ⓢ	True Blood	
LIFE	(7:00) "Acceptance" Ⓢ		Drop Dead Diva (N) Ⓢ		Army Wives (N) Ⓢ		Drop Dead Diva Ⓢ		
MAX	** "RocknRolla" (2008) Gerard Butler. Ⓢ		"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo" Zane's Sex						
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	Malcolm	
SHOW	Dexter "Finding Freebo"		Dexter (ITV) Ⓢ		Weeds (ITV)	Nurse	Penn	Live Nude	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed Ⓢ		UFC Unleashed Ⓢ		UFC Unleashed Ⓢ		UFC Unleashed Ⓢ		
SUN	Sportsman	Sportsmans	Fishing	ShipShape	Pro Tarpon Tournament		Boater	Saltwater	
TNT	*** "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. Ⓢ						(:45) *** "A Time to Kill" (1996)		
USA	NCIS Ⓢ		NCIS "Bury Your Dead"		NCIS "Recoil" Ⓢ		** "The Break-Up"		
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News	Replay	Cheers Ⓢ	Cheers Ⓢ	
WTBS	** "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous"				(:15) "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous"				

MONDAY EVENING								AUGUST 24	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Dating in the Dark Ⓢ		Dating in the Dark Ⓢ		(:01) Castle Ⓢ		News	Nightline (N)	
CBS	How I Met	How I Met	Two Men	Big Bang Th	CSI: Miami Ⓢ	CBS4 News	Late Show		
FOX	House Ⓢ (PA) Ⓢ		Lie to Me "Undercover"		Ch. 7 News at 10:00 (N)		News	Deco Drive	
NBC	Am. Road Trip		Law Order: CI		Dateline NBC Ⓢ		FL Tonight	Tonight	
PBS	Antiques Roadshow		History Detectives (N) Ⓢ		Ken Burns American		Ken Burns American		
UNI	En Nombre del Amor		Mañana es Para Siempre		Cristina		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	Intervention "Casie"		Intervention "Gloria" (N)		Hoarders "Patty; Bill" (N)		Paranormal	Paranormal	
AMC	** "Firewall" (2006, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Paul Bettany. Ⓢ				Mad Men Ⓢ		Kiss Kiss		
CNBC	Fastest Grow.		Inside Track: NASCAR		American Originals: Bud		Mad Money		
CNN	Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N) Ⓢ		Anderson Cooper 360 Ⓢ				
CSPN	Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today		
DISC	Cleopatra-Killer		Out of Egypt Ⓢ		Out of Egypt (N) Ⓢ		Cleopatra-Killer		
DISN	"Princess Protection Program" (2009)		Phineas	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	So Raven		
ENC	** "The Craft" (1996) Robin Tunney.		(:45) ** "30 Days of Night" (2007) Josh Hartnett.		Judgment				
ESPN	NFL Preseason Football New York Jets at Baltimore Ravens. (Live) Ⓢ						SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It Ⓢ		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club Ⓢ		
HBO	Real Time With Bill Maher		"Which Way Home" (2009) Ⓢ		*** "Tropic Thunder" (2008) Ⓢ				
LIFE	Reba Ⓢ	Reba Ⓢ	Drop Dead Diva Ⓢ		Army Wives Ⓢ		Grey's Anatomy Ⓢ		
MAX	(7:45) ** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) Heath Ledger.		** "RocknRolla" (2008) Gerard Butler. Ⓢ						
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SHOW	★ "Witless Protection"		Californ	Californ	Weeds Ⓢ	Nurse	Weeds (ITV)	Nurse	
SPIKE	"Star Wars-Phantom"		** "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" (1999) Liam Neeson. Ⓢ						
SUN	Preview	Gator Pre	Marlins	Marlins	Marlins	Marlins	FIGHTZONE Presents		
TNT	The Closer Ⓢ		The Closer (N) Ⓢ		Raising the Bar (N) Ⓢ		CSI: NY Ⓢ		
USA	NCIS "Bikini Wax" Ⓢ		WWE Monday Night Raw Ⓢ (Live) Ⓢ				(:05) Royal Pains Ⓢ		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N) Ⓢ		Scrubs Ⓢ	Scrubs Ⓢ	
WTBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Name Earl	Name Earl	Bill Engvall	Sex & City	

TUESDAY EVENING								AUGUST 25	
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
ABC	Shaq Vs. Ⓢ		Shaq Vs. (N) Ⓢ		Primetime: The Outsiders		News	Nightline (N)	
CBS	NCIS "Collateral Damage"		(:01) Big Brother 11 (N) Ⓢ		Medium Ⓢ		CBS4 News	Late Show	
FOX	Hell's Kitchen (N) Ⓢ		More to Love (N) Ⓢ		Ch. 7 News at 10:00 (N)		News	Deco Drive	
NBC	America's Got Talent Ⓢ		America's Got Talent Ten contestants perform. Ⓢ				FL Tonight	Tonight	
PBS	Nova Ⓢ (DVS)		Nova scienceNOW (N) Ⓢ		Hiroshima -- A Day		P.O.V. "This Way Up" (N)		
UNI	En Nombre del Amor		Mañana es Para Siempre		Aqui y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	
A&E	The First 48 Ⓢ		The First 48 Ⓢ		The Cleaner "Cinderella"		The Cleaner "Cinderella"		
AMC	**** "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. Ⓢ						** "Mobsters" (1991)		
CNBC	India Rising: New Empire		Ultimate Fighting: Fistful		Marijuana Inc.		Mad Money		
CNN	Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N) Ⓢ		Anderson Cooper 360 Ⓢ				
CSPN	Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today		
DISC	Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		The Colony (N) Ⓢ		Swords: Life on the Line		
DISN	"Dadnapped" (2009) Emily Osment.		Phineas		Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	So Raven	
ENC	*** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence. Ⓢ		** "Untraceable" (2008) Diane Lane.		Glimmer				
ESPN	World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight Ⓢ		SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ		
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HBO	"Fixer: The Taking"		★ "Max Payne" (2008) Mark Wahlberg. Ⓢ		Entourage				True Blood
LIFE	Reba Ⓢ	Reba Ⓢ	"Acceptance" (2009, Comedy) Joan Cusack. Ⓢ		Will & Grace		Will & Grace		
MAX	(:15) *** "Charlie Wilson's War" (2007) Ⓢ				** "The Rocker" (2008) Ⓢ				Lingerie Ⓢ
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SHOW	Rescue		(:25) ** "Rambo" (2008) iTV. Ⓢ		Weeds (ITV)	Nurse	Weeds (ITV)	Nurse	
SPIKE	"Star Wars: Episode II"		** "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones" (2002) Ewan McGregor. Ⓢ						
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TNT	CSI: NY "Love Run Cold"		Bones Ⓢ		Hawthorne "Pilot" Ⓢ		Saving Grace Ⓢ		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		
WGN	*** "Keeping Up With the Steins" (2006) Ⓢ				WGN News at Nine (N) Ⓢ		Scrubs Ⓢ	Scrubs Ⓢ	
WTBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld Ⓢ	Seinfeld Ⓢ	

# 'Villains, Vixens and Vampires' is theme of 2009 Fantasy Fest

KEY WEST — Fearsome fanged vampires, wicket vixens and villains of all sorts are expected to prowl the streets of Key West Friday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 1, during the island city's annual Fantasy Fest celebration. This year themed "Villains, Vixens and Vampires," Fantasy Fest offers 10 days of masquerade balls, costume contests and other events climaxing in a glittering grand parade set for Halloween night. The grand marshal leading the parade's floats, marching bands and costumed dancers

is to be Bridget Marquardt, star of the Entertainment Channel's hit show "The Girls Next Door."

Conceived 30 years ago, Fantasy Fest has grown to be internationally recognized for its uninhibited flair and light-hearted spirit.

Revelers flock to Key West to shed their real-world personalities and live out their fantasies on the island city's quaint downtown streets.

Event organizers encourage 2009 participants to take their cue from the festival theme, designing floats and costumes to salute bloodthirsty creatures of the night such as Dracula and Lestat, villains ranging from melodrama's bad boys to money-hungry Madoffs, and vixens both evil and enchanting.

The 2009 masked madness is to begin with a Royal Coronation Ball to crown the festival King and Queen. Scheduled for Friday, Oct. 23, the coronation is to cap a multithmonth fundraising effort by candidates to benefit the Key West-based AIDS Help Inc.

Highlights of the schedule include the WKEY Pet Masquerade & Parade, set for Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Pets dress as people and people as pets during the costume competition, which traditionally offers prizes in categories including the best pet/owner look-alikes.

Animal antics abound as entrants ranging from dogs and cats to exotic birds and pot-bellied pigs strut their stuff before an audience of several thousand enthused (and sometimes bemused) animal-lovers.

Fantasy Fest's most elaborate costume competition is to be staged Thursday, Oct. 29, under the stars on the Pier House Resort beach overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Pretenders in Paradise traditionally features huge and

dazzling entries incorporating everything from ostrich feathers to thousands of sequins. Each entrant puts on a full-scale performance, complete with lights and music, to showcase his or her costume creation.

"Villains, Vixens and Vampires" will run wild in the streets Friday, Oct. 30, during an open-air bizarre bazaar known as the Fantasy Fest Street Fair.

Key West's Duval Street will be transformed into a mile-long marketplace where attendees can find tempting delights such as feathered masks, exotic costumes, arts and crafts, island edibles and frosty libations.

That evening, the Fairvilla Megastore Masquerade March of costumed characters is to parade through Key West's historic Old Town, starting at the cemetery. Participants are encouraged to bring noise-makers to add to the procession's pandemonium.

Fantasy Fest's frivolity is to reach fever pitch Saturday, Oct. 31 — Halloween night — as vampires prowl for prey and villains and vixens join forces during the spectacular Captain Morgan Fantasy Fest Parade.

Some 70,000 spectators typically throng Whitehead and Duval streets to watch the parade's brilliantly conceived floats, some breathing "flames" or incorporating animatronics, proceed along Key West's main thoroughfares accompanied by Caribbean marching bands and lavishly costumed dancing groups.

For more information about Fantasy Fest and a schedule of events, visit the festival's Web site at [fantasyfest.net](http://fantasyfest.net) or call 296-1817.

For information about lodging in Key West, contact the Key West Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-LAST-KEY.



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# briefs

## Poker run benefit

KEY LARGO — The One Arm Bandit Poker Run, a benefit for Susan Hankins, will be Sunday, Aug. 23.

Hankins, who broke her shoulder on July 17, will be unable to work for at least three months. She has no medical insurance or money for monthly bills.

The cost is \$10 a hand or

three for \$25. The winner will receive a 32-inch Sony flat-screen high-definition television.

Participants will collect cards at 11 a.m. at the Caribbean Club, noon at the Pilot House, 1 p.m. at Paradise Pub, 2 p.m. at Sharkey's and 3 p.m. at Coconuts.

The award ceremony, auction and raffle will follow. A \$5 hamburger and hot dog buffet is planned.

For more information, call Patty Manuel at (305) 522-1422.

## Open house

TAVERNIER — The Tavernier Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house from 2-5 p.m. Aug. 29 to show off the newly remodeled fire station.

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free speech."

And a chapter titled "On Postage Rates on Authors' Manuscript" begins:

"Readers, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

Unpublished or not, there is something in these tidbits to please almost any literary taste. Do you like black humor? For you, there is "The Undertaker's Tale," in which the undertaker's family is desolate because the people of the village have stopped dying.

For the lover of parables, there is "The Quarrel in the Strong Box" in which we are taught to distinguish prejudice from equality and money actually talks.

For the devotee of literary criticism, there is "Jane Austen," in which all of her characters are lambasted and Twain wonders if "it is her purpose to make the reader detest her people up to the middle of the book and like them in the rest of the chapters."

If you abhor scandal-mongering yellow journalism, you will love Twain's imaginary interview with Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, in which Dana asserts, "The first great end and aim of journalism is to make a sensa-

tion ... If you have none, make one." When Dana receives a report that the Mark Twain then interviewing him is believed dead, he decides to print Twain's obituary anyway because he "could have been dead" if he "had chosen."

There are some truly goofy unfinished essays, such as "Conversations with Satan," which opens promisingly with, "It was being whispered around that Satan was in Vienna incognito," and moves on amusingly to note that

Satan appeared to Twain in the dress of an Anglican Bishop, but then, unaccountably, wanders off into a comparison of American and Austrian cigars. But Twain's writing style makes even such goofiness entertaining.

In 1903, Rudyard Kipling told an American publisher that Twain "is the biggest man you have on your side of the water by a damn sight, and don't you forget it." One may respectfully argue that he still is.

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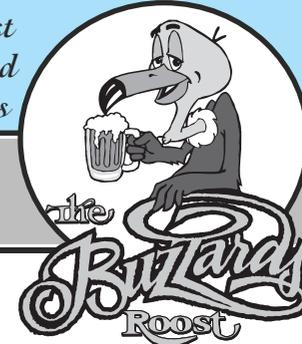
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# School Board members deposed over e-mails

BY JOHN L. GUERRA  
Free Press Staff

KEY WEST — The State Attorney's Office last week deposed two School Board members accused of violating Florida's Sunshine Law in a 2007 e-mail exchange about approving school district employee salaries.

John Dick and Steve Pribramsky are accused of discussing the issue before an Oct. 9 vote. Florida's open-meetings laws prohibit elected officials from privately discussing items upon which they eventually will vote.

In separate phone conversations with the Free Press last Friday, Dick and Pribramsky said they obliged a request to go to the State Attorney's Office to answer investigator Andrew Kempel's questions.

"I didn't intend to violate the law, and if I did, I did," Pribramsky said.

"It's important that we all be held accountable. I have no problem getting to the bottom of this. I'm willing to face the consequences. I'm a big boy. Whatever it is, it is."

Dick said he didn't think he'd violated the law and had no evil intention, but was

trying to prevent Schools Superintendent Randy Acevedo — now suspended pending criminal charges in another matter — from "just sneaking those raises in."

"Let's see what they're going to do," Dick said of investigators. "They're just in the beginning of the investigation."

The School Board on Sept. 11 approved a new salary schedule based on Acevedo's contention that there were no changes from the previous year.

At a Sept. 25 board meeting, Dick raised questions about the approved salary schedule

and urged reconsideration.

The board tabled the matter to its Oct. 9 meeting, when it approved the previous year's salary schedule instead, as part of a blanket, no-discussion consent agenda item.

According to the e-mails, on Oct. 5-6, Dick explained to Pribramsky that assistant principals had received a pay raise. While the monthly pay outlined in Acevedo's salary schedule appeared to be the same, he'd added a 12th month to their 11-month contracts, essentially giving them an annual salary increase, Dick wrote.

"Steve they are trying to dazzle and baffle you with bull---, don't buy it," Dick wrote Pribramsky. "This is all a big load of horse--- and I am getting tired of it. Can't anyone tell the truth around here?"

Dick on Friday said his e-mail pertained to the Sept. 11 vote, not the Oct. 9 vote. Talking about the former after the fact would not be a Sunshine Law violation. Talking about the latter before it happened possibly could be.

Breaking the Sunshine Law is punishable by six months in jail or a \$500 fine.

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## School district cuts communications to save money

BY JOHN L. GUERRA  
Free Press Staff

MARATHON — No Monroe County school employees will have district-funded BlackBerries, the School Board decided last week, rejecting a request from two administrators.

Acting Superintendent Mike Henriquez initially recommended the School Board approve the expenditure for Bruce King, the director of assessment and accountabil-

ity, and Sunny Booker, the safe and healthy schools coordinator, but then agreed to pull it after the board discussed it.

Booker said in emergencies, she must stay in contact with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, state health officials and school administrators who staff hurricane shelters in schools during storms.

King wanted a BlackBerry to download and send to schools large files of test and exam data from the state.

The board also agreed to

provide far fewer cell phones for administrators for next school year than in the past.

In a unanimous vote, with board members Steve Pribramsky and Duncan Mathewson absent, Chairman Andy Griffiths and members John Dick and Debra Walker

voted to give cell phones only to four maintenance supervisors and driver education.

Nextel push-to-talk phones will be given only to bus drivers, maintenance workers and mechanics.

"Administrators weren't going to get financed a cell

phone unless it was a student safety issue," Dick said.

Principals who want cell phones must pay for them out of their own pockets, board members said.

The move will save the district about \$36,000.

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## Charges

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had "inappropriately used Adult Education funds to purchase wood from Manley deBoer to build the freshman class float."

Acevedo, whose trial is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 16, previously was charged with grand theft greater than \$100,000 and organizing a scheme to defraud greater than \$50,000. Those charges

stem from her alleged theft of at least \$180,000 in cash-only cosmetology student and salon service fees.

Acevedo's husband, suspended Schools Superintendent Randy Acevedo, has been charged with three third-degree felony charges of official misconduct. Accused of trying to cover up his wife's alleged crimes, he faces a combined maximum sentence of 15 years in jail and \$15,000 in fines.

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## briefs

### TIB hires Kidwell

HOMESTEAD — TIB Bank has hired Nancy Kidwell as a staff accountant for its Homestead Data Center.

With more than 11 years of banking experience as a data processing manager, Kidwell relocated to Key Largo from her home state of Illinois where she volunteered as her church's pianist.

### Scuderi promoted

MARATHON — Centennial Bank has promoted Stephanie Scuderi's to vice president/director of sales for the Florida region.



Scuderi

Scuderi joined the bank two years ago as assistant vice president/marketing director.

She earned an undergraduate degree in communications from Cornell University and a graduate degree in marketing communications from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She moved to the Keys in 2003 and has more than 17 years of marketing and sales experience.

Scuderi is also the newest member of the Upper Keys Rotary Club.

### Solid ranking

FLORIDA KEYS — Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate Co. was ranked as the number 40 Coldwell Banker office out of 1,700 Coldwell Banker companies worldwide for the second quarter of 2009.

BY ROBERT SILK

Free Press Staff

FLORIDA KEYS — Echoing trends around the region and throughout much of the nation, area real estate sales were up in the second quarter compared to the same period last year, though prices continued to decline.

From April 1 to June 30 there were 249 residential sales between Key West and mile marker 107 in Key Largo, up 20 percent from the last year, according to a Multiple Listing Service analysis prepared by Tracy Larson of American Caribbean Real Estate and Marr Properties.

But the average home price dropped 24 percent, from \$640,000 to \$483,000.

Total Keys real estate sales, including commercial properties and boat slips, trended similarly during the second quarter, according to a Multiple Listing Service analysis put together by Ed Anderson of Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate Co.

From Key Largo to Key West, 396 properties were sold in April, May and June, 11 percent more than last year. The increase was the first since the market



peaked in 2005, but it came along with a 23 percent decline in the average sales price, to \$480,000.

Multiple Listing Service statistics don't capture sales at the Ocean Reef Club, nor do they include homes and properties that were not listed with a Realtor.

Drops in housing prices, and increases in the homes sold, extend beyond the Keys into the rest of Florida and much of the country.

Nationwide, home sales were up 3.8 percent in the second quarter when compared to the first quarter of this year,

according to the National Association of Realtors.

In Florida existing homes sales in June were up 28 percent over last year while prices dropped 28 percent. In addition to low prices, friendly interest rates and tax incentives have fueled demand, leading many economists to be optimistic that though distressed home and foreclosure rates remain high, the housing market is beginning to right itself.

In the Keys, the inventory of properties offered for sale was down 21 percent during the first half of 2008, a positive sign for a market that's been oversaturated with supply.

The backlog of properties stood at 34 months, according to the Coldwell Banker analysis, the lowest since 2006 but still way above the three to 10 months that presided from 2002 through much of 2005.

In an analysis published in its quarterly newsletter, Coldwell Banker concluded that the Keys market is on a "slow but steady course to recovery," but is still burdened by foreclosures and short sales as well as the tight lending

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## Nelms to open Oriental medicine practice

BY STEVE GIBBS

Free Press Staff

KEY LARGO — Candice Nelms has almost followed in her father's footsteps.

Dr. Robert Nelms was for several years the Monroe County medical examiner. His daughter, however, practices to the beat of a Chinese drummer.

She is in the process of returning full-time to the Keys to practice Oriental medicine.

Nelms, 38, has set up shop with the Harmony Healing

Center from Fridays through Mondays as she finishes an internship in Gainesville.

"By the end of the fall, when my internship is up, I will return to the Keys to practice medicine," said Nelms. "I get patients who have been turned away from Western medicine because they've run out of options. They've tried everything but nobody will listen to them."

Listening is a key component of her approach to medicine.

"The initial appointment is a two-hour session with one

full hour dedicated to my just listening to the patient talking about his diet, family history, mental state and other life factors. I need to know how they were raised, how they feel, their environment, what they eat, their concerns and goals."

Before the interview, Nelms "reads" a patient's pulse. She practices Contemporary Chinese Pulse Diagnosis, which she describes as "a sophisticated system of diagnostics which relies on the subtleties of the sensations,



STEVE GIBBS/Free Press

Candice Nelms, a practitioner of Oriental medicine, shows off a tattoo bearing a personal message.

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## REALTORS NETWORK



Contributed photo

The Florida Keys Board of Realtors gathered for an after-hours networking event sponsored by Centennial Bank and SunCruz Casinos. Grand prize winners were Susan Ashmore, Realty World Freewheeler; Lizette Miller, Coldwell Banker Schmitt; and Bill Belian, American Caribbean. They are pictured with Melissa Grady and Jennifer Hawkins.

## brief

### Ready for football

KEY LARGO — First State Bank of the Florida Keys will air a special commercial on Monday Night Football profiling its commitment to the

local Keys ecology and economy.

Premiering on ESPN Monday Night Football during pre-season games in August, the commercial includes the Vandenberg sinking and underwater footage, local county officials and bank executives.

“The promotion is designed

to grab viewer’s attention with the Vandenberg footage and promote interest in the Keys as a dive destination while delivering our message of 55 years of local banking and community dedication,” said Don Lanman, First State’s senior vice president of marketing.

## Sales

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market.

“We believe price stabilization is 18 to 24 months away given the current market and economic factors at play,” the company concluded.

Upper Keys residential prices remained higher over the spring than other parts of Monroe County.

The average residential sales price from April through June was \$562,000, which is \$82,000 more than the county as a whole, but off 21 percent

from last year, according to the American Caribbean analysis.

The number of Upper Keys residential sales — Ocean Reef not included — increased from 90 to 109, with the gains spread across various types of properties, from open-water homes and dry lots, to condos and mobile homes.

The average price of the 26 condos that sold, however, decreased 29 percent, from \$526,000 to \$373,000.

Still Larson said the uptick in sales across sectors is a good sign.

Last month she produced a series of analyses on how

the interplay between interest rates and price reductions would impact total monthly payments, assuming a 30-year fixed mortgage and a 20 percent downpayment.

In one example she found that at an interest rate of 5.5 percent, the total monthly payment on a \$399,000 home would be ever-so-slightly lower than the monthly payment assuming a 10 percent decrease in the price but a 6.5 percent increase rate.

Average interest rates were 5.22 percent in July, according to Freddie Mac.

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## Nelms

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qualities and structure of the radial artery at both wrists.

“After 30 minutes of reading pulses I can tell the level of stress, if there is a drug history or a constitutional history. I can tell the state of every organ in the body,” she said. “Then we talk.”

She then provides acupuncture but also uses herbs and diet to return a patient to good health.

“Circulation is health,” she said. “Balance is the key. I am very familiar with Western medicine, and there are times when a patient should seek medical care, such as when they break a bone.

“My job is to help people maintain their health. I prefer people come to me before they get sick, before disease has time to progress,” she said. “If people are afraid of [acupuncture] needles, I don’t have

to use them, although they are benign and there is a minimum of pain.”

Her left arm, protruding below the sleeve of her shirt, reveals a series of Mandarin Chinese characters that she says tell her life story. In some ways it paraphrases her life’s journey from Marathon High School, to undergraduate work at New York University, to the Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine in Gainesville, where she studied under Leon Hammer, M.D.

“The river delights to lift us free, if only we dare let go. Our true work is this voyage, this adventure,” the tattoo reads, paraphrased from Richard Bach’s book, “Illusions.”

The first two-hour visit is \$135. Follow-up visits are \$90. Nelms says most health insurance companies cover her office visits.

Call Nelms at (305) 389-4905 for an appointment or visit [www.candicenelms.com](http://www.candicenelms.com).

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**Facts speak for themselves**

The nonprofit Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowner Associations was incorporated in 2000 with a mission “to promote the general welfare and enhance the quality of life of the island community of Key Largo.”

IKLFHA grew to include over 30 homeowner associations. According to Kay Thacker in last week’s Free Press, IKLFHA now has 17 homeowner associations (although a recent letterhead shows 19) representing 2,600 voting and nonvoting members. Member numbers are computed on the number of homes within a dues-paying member association plus a few individual non-voting members.

Running for the sewer board required me to resign from the federation executive committee while allowing me to remain as president of Stillwright Point Owners Association, which comprises over 205 homes and lots. From this position I saw the diversity of opinion that exists in our (and probably every) community. Only about 110 or 50 percent are dues-paying members.

Thus half the homeowners have little to no contact with or knowledge of the federation, what its six executive board members and eight at-large members have decided which then gets brought to a vote at the general membership meetings each month. Minutes from the last general membership meeting show only 11 voting members present.

The organization has a number of fine

projects to its credit including working to relieve windstorm insurance rates and supporting the creation of our Key Largo Fire Department and EMS Taxing District and independent Key Largo sewer board. However, in the last three years or so, the organization has become increasingly more extreme in its views, resulting in the loss of moderate hardworking board members and the diversity of opinion that keeps an organization vibrant, as well as loss in homeowner association members. When Dick Lancaster was president several years ago, he said there were 3,500 members. So, there’s been a thousand member loss in a few years.

Now, as a paid member of SPOA, which is a paid member of ILKFHA, I have not been polled once for my opinion of anything that has come before the federation, nor do I have any idea how their funds are spent, or where they come from. Individual homeowners are not polled. They are encouraged to come to meetings and partake of wonderful refreshments. Bylaws say their funds are to come from the island of Key Largo, but their secret “Special Projects and Legal Fund” generated contributions from all over the Keys and its books are not open to the membership.

I wonder how many of my fellow 110 SPOANs know. I think many or most do not know that their association dues money has paid for Ms. Thacker’s transportation to county Board of Commissioners and county Planning Board meetings. Some would be glad, some wouldn’t care, and

some would be appalled.

You see, whether or not we have a mandate to sewer the Keys by 2010.5, whether or not every homeowner might be fined by the state Department of Health for not connecting to advanced wastewater treatment, it appears to matter not to this officer of the Federation of Homeowners. Just fight and oppose without researching the facts of what you are fighting against. Smear three sewer commissioners who happen to be doing their homework on an issue the federation is biased against. Let fellow officers yell and scream and shout obscenities in public at sewer commissioners without any idea of the facts!

Federation President Ron Miller is correct in his letter to the editor last week: if the property owners of Key Largo do not care for how certain commissioners are voting, then by all means, do not reelect them!

As for me, I continue to care not about reelection but about the interests of the 11,000 customers of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, and, if I can help them prudently and rationally have lower rates and assessments and get their loans paid off faster by expanding the amount of wastewater KLWTD treats, then count on me to work for the very best sewer construction with the highest standards and the most efficient and effective means of delivering service!

**Susan Hammaker, chairwoman, Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District board**

**Have a heart, Mr. Sole**

While it has long been suggested that Tallahassee officials harbor little more than contempt for Monroe County’s elected officials for failing to take advantage of major funding opportunities decades ago, those underlying hostilities appear to have resurfaced in a rather condescending and presumptuous letter from Michael W. Sole, secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, to Islamorada’s Mayor Don Achenberg. To Achenberg’s credit, his carefully worded inquiry evoked a

response confirming that confrontational attitude within state government.

But before Sole decided to inform Islamorada citizens and the council about how rich we are and how generous the state has been, perhaps the good secretary should have done some homework, especially about the 50 percent funding agreement between the state and Islamorada. This was not decades ago, nor ancient history, but as recent as Jan. 8, 2004, when Islamorada and the State of Florida settled upon and adopted the terminology in village resolution 04-01-01, which was the final and

formal agreement containing the following language:

“Contingent upon the DCA fulfilling its commitments to the village as listed in Section 3 below, the Village Council shall provide up to a fifty percent (50%) match of the funds provided by the DCA as specified in Section 3, to fund the financing of the design and construction of public wastewater facilities projects in the village.”

In fact, that was the state’s language, delivered in writing by them, to con-

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## Not pretty, but it gets the job done

The fishing action down here lately has not been very pretty but it gets the job done. The word I've heard from captains from Ocean Reef to Layton has been steady action on both fronts.

Nobody has been complaining about not catching fish, but nobody's been super-hyped about any big catches, either. I guess that we should be happy for hum fishing rather than no-hum fishing.

The drumbeat I've heard from the dirty-shirts (ever seen a clean offshore captain after a day of dolphin fishing?) has been a consistent dolphin bite at 10-20 miles offshore. The numbers haven't been staggering, but the average size of the fish has been above the norm. We could all use a bit more practice with the gaff, so get rolling.

If you or your fishing buddies don't have the intestinal or combustible fortitude to make it 10-20 miles offshore, save your stomachs and wallets by hitting the reefline for some yellowtail goodness. Last week I heard reports of massive patches of golden water behind boats just teaming with big, flag yellowtail snapper as well as a few mutton to spice things up. All it takes is a load of chum and a



Capt. Tim Kirchner  
Fishing Writer

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## Players a no-show for Canes football

BY J.W. COOKE  
Free Press Staff

PLANTATION KEY — The new era of Coral Shores High football, under the tutelage of first-year coach Kelly Clark, began with a lot of promise after the Hurricanes' cruised to a 26-6 victory over Florida Christian in their spring game.

With 40 players participating in the game and spring practices, the new coach and his staff were optimistic about the changes that could be made to the team.

However, a return to district play, which added a few tougher opponents to the Hurricanes' schedule, combined with some other off-season quandaries, turned enough players away that only 17 participated in the first week of practice for the upcoming fall season.

"For me it's so different



ERIC BASS/Free Press

The numbers were sparse at the Coral Shores football practices last week. In the foreground, coaches are hoping to turn the program around.

because when it's football season, it's football season and you don't miss any time," Clark said. "So for me it's a change in mentality rather than anything else, and that's

really going to be that hardest thing."

After moving to the Keys from Michigan prior to the start of last season, Clark took over the coaching position

from Todd Gideon before the spring practices and the program seemed to be on the rise, despite the graduation of

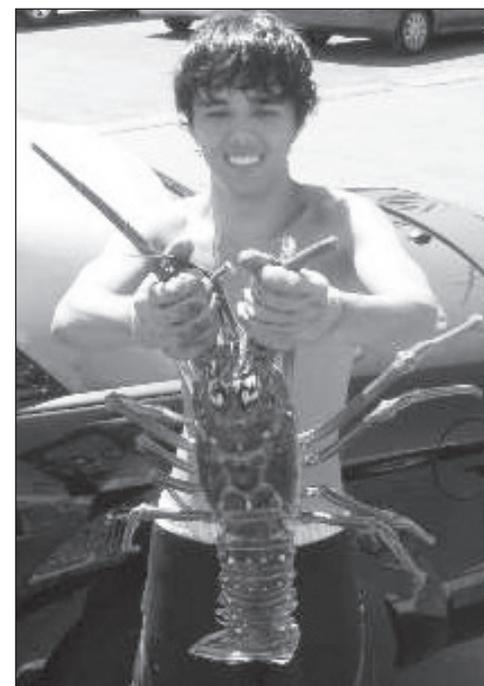
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Above, Larry Locke caught this 6.1-pound lobster on opening day of the regular season off of Carysfort in Key Largo in about 15 feet of water, while free diving on a private boat with Capt. Mike Ristine. The lobster measured 37 inches from the tip of the tentacles to the end of the tail. Right, Tommy Pennington of Oviedo, Fla. shows off the 8-pound lobster he caught with his father last week while diving with Conch Republic out of Tavernier Creek Marina.

## BUGGIN' OUT



# Island Christian coach, players have to be quick studies

ISLAMORADA —Robert Lucas, athletic director and first-year head coach for six-man football at Island Christian School, is sweating this season.

Not because he is worried about the Eagles fielding a new sports team for the school, but because he's working hard to both learn and teach the game to his players under the summer sun.

Lucas has been putting together a program for students who, in most cases, have never played football before. This is a daunting task for anyone, but Lucas and his assistant Tony Hammon see the Eagles team taking shape.

Building a team from scratch in any sport is a challenge, but football takes an exorbitant amount of time and energy. With having to teach all the



Above, Robert Lucas, head coach of Island Christian's six-man football team, stands with his players on the campus field. Right, Daniel Pratt takes a pitch as the ICS team practices one of the many plays they will use this season.



ERIC BASS/Free Press

basic skills, such as blocking, tackling, catching and throwing, the coaches have their hands full. Additionally, six-man football has different rules, so Lucas himself has had to become a student of the game when he's not on the field with his players.

Six-man football is played

as a full-contact sport with different strategies than the 11-man team. The key to success is a quick passing game on offense, with the ability to cover receivers on defense. One thing anyone can expect to see when attending a six man football game is plenty of scoring.

Lucas says he looks forward to competing against teams in their first or second year of six-man play. Letting everyone play to gain experience is more important to young programs than running up scores, he said.

Everyone involved with the program is excited to have this

form of the sport return after a long absence. ICS abandoned 11-man football more than 15 years ago.

Information on game times and locations will be available once the final schedule is determined. The Eagles are hoping to play six games this season.

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nice current to put together a

cooler full of fillets.

For all you squid fishing freaks, keep an ear to the ground and an eye on this paper for an update on

the upcoming Islamorada Swordfish Tournament later this month. This is the first leg of the all-important Florida Swordfish Series. I'll have more on this killer event next week, so stay tuned.

The action out in the boonies of Florida Bay has been redfish, trout, small tarpon and a few snook hanging out on the flats.

Let's hope the water will cool down some to relieve the stress on the fish. If you do hook up a big fish and end up drawing the fight out a bit longer than normal, take a

few extra moments when you revive the fish. Just like when we run in hot weather, the fish need a bit more time to get their breath back as well.

Finally, just a reminder to take this report with a grain of salt. As much as I'd like to say that this is the latest and greatest in fishing information, the weather and fishing conditions can often change faster than we can print papers. So join the rest of the online fisher-folk at florida-keysfishingreports.com for more timely advice on where to cast your lines.

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# No-show

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several key players.

So for this season, in order to help rebuild the team, Clark set new workout and practice schedules that so far have not had good responses.

Now, with many of the Hurricanes' expected returning starters opting not to play for the team, this season Clark says he will have to scrap his spring plans and start anew.

"It's going to be a challenge, no question," said Clark. "We're struggling, no question, because we only have 14 to 16 kids out there on the average."

Part of that change will be that Coral Shores, which

has not been a part of the Florida High School Athletic Association for the past three seasons, will be making a return to district play this year, which means a more demanding and physical schedule playing out of the 2B class, something Clark says may have scared off some of the players.

"A lot of kids didn't want to get hurt because of the tougher schedule," Clark said. "It is what it is, and would having some of those kids out here help? Absolutely. But I think in the past they were scared of losing players and we want only those that are ready to work, so they can be the best players they can be."

Clark admits that he has higher football expectations

and goals for the Coral Shores program than were in place previously, but he says it is also something he prides himself on and hopes to bring the Canes to his level.

"To me there is no point for shooting for mediocrity," he said. "We tried to set the bar high, but it was easier for some of the players, instead of reaching for the bar, just walking away from it and that part's a little frustrating."

Now, with only four returning seniors it will truly be a long process. But for Clark, knowing he was taking a hold of a team that was amidst a major rebuilding process, this season will be about the big picture, and the dream of the progress this program makes three years down the line.

"We are not quitting, we are not walking away from this thing," he said. "This staff is committed to finishing what we started here and we want to see it through. You have to keep reminding these kids that three years from now, with all the trials and tribulations they have been through, if they buy in and do what they are supposed to do, we will be great."

Of course, there have been those players that have excited Clark during the first week of practice, like the entire offensive line, which is made up of four returning players — Dylan Mats, Will Erickson, Jordan Swanson and Alex Monteagudo.

"At least we have four of our five starting linemen coming

back," he said. "Those four have worked their butts off and the line is first and foremost the most important part of the team, because you can have a Ferrari that looks real pretty, but without an engine it's not going anywhere."

So from here on out, Clark says he will be pressing forward focusing only on the players that are on the field and not be concerned about those that do not want to dedicate the time.

"Our mentality right now is it us against the world," Clark said. "If we only have 16 or 17 kids then we are going to focus and work our butts off with the 16 or 17 we have and we can't worry about the ones we don't have."

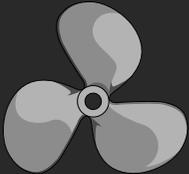
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summate a glorious “partnership” agreement. More than a wink, nod and a handshake, as some have suggested, the resolution’s final wording was worked out in front of former Gov. Jeb Bush’s Cabinet and subsequently delivered by DCA staffer Rebecca Jetton, on behalf of then-DCA Director Coleen Castille, who acted as the state’s wastewater-funding-pitch-person for Bush.

By April 2004, Michael Reckwerdt and Patty Schmidt were the new faces on the council, replacing George Geisler and Mark Gregg, while upstate Castille was appointed secretary of DEP. As a result, Castille now represented

both agencies, DCA and DEP, even further solidifying the 50 percent funding agreement. By October 2004, the village reaped the benefits of the new partnership as a (Plantation Key Colony) grant of \$6.5 million was awarded and codified in village resolution 04-10-60.

But today, as reflected in Secretary’s Sole’s recent letter, the DEP no longer plays the part of a helpful partner, but has morphed into a heavy-handed enforcer, now requiring that a village of 6,300 people be saddled with debt ranging from between \$150 and \$200 million with no mention or acknowledgement of his agency’s role in the funding partnership a mere 60 months ago. Additionally, the same agency has used its permitting authority over local package

plant owners like a business wrecking ball, while wielding another hammer that pits homeowners against business.

“Few have been better-positioned, economically, to accomplish such a task over the last decade than Islamorada and others in the Keys,” Sole wrote, adding, “The Florida Legislature provided a generous window of 11 years to come into compliance with those requirements.”

Please tell us, Mr. Sole, which part of the 2010 mandate is the most generous? Is it the portion giving us 11 years for a billion-dollar Keys-wide project that will realistically take the entire county 25 years to complete while drilling through hardened coral cap rock and crossing mul-

tiple bridges? Or, perhaps the really generous part is about mandating the most expensive sewer technology known to man? Or just maybe it’s the magnanimous presumption that it is OK for the state to simply walk away from a major funding commitment.

Yes, Mr. Sole, Islamorada does have its share of millionaires, but the vast majority of our population still consists of a struggling middle class and most certainly includes fishermen, retirees and homeowners who have already taken major hits in this depressed economy, not to mention small business owners who are hanging on by the figurative thread.

Mr. Sole, Islamorada has been moving forward in good faith, sewerage subdivisions

and spending millions more on consultants, engineers and studies to be “shovel ready.” But our wastewater faith is evaporating as rapidly as the money in our wallets. Truth is, our entire community is now afflicted with the dreaded 2010 sewer-syndrome, an insidious infection that tears apart communities and fixes an anguished expression on the faces of our citizens.

So perhaps, sir, a real act of generosity, such as a time extension from the state, would now be in order, so we can proceed with our sewer work neighborhood by neighborhood — of course with our 50 percent funding partner honoring its commitment.

**Bob Johnson, former Islamorada mayor**

## Pitiful performance

The council meeting on Aug. 6, 2009 was a good example of the total lack of leadership displayed by Mayor Don Achenberg, considering the total disrespect shown by Councilwoman Jill Zima Borski who walked out on Councilman Michael

Reckwerdt while he was speaking.

Mayor Achenberg should have never allowed that to happen and failed to take control of the dysfunctional actions of this council. It’s a real shame that our mayor, on numerous occasions, had to ask for permission from council members to speak for

himself. Who was running this meeting — the council or the mayor?

There was a full audience with more residents sitting outside to speak on the assessment when council voted 5-0 to stop the proposed \$5,700 assessment and did not allow any public comment. After that vote, many residents left this meeting feeling that a sense of respectability had returned to this council. But when they awoke the next morning, they found out that the council again agreed to consider another \$5,700 assessment, excluding north Plantation Key. I believe this was done on purpose so a majority of the residents who wanted to speak would leave this meeting.

This new assessment proposal was led by Councilwoman Deb Gillis whom I believe should recuse herself from taking part in any of the vot-

ing regarding wastewater. Councilwoman Gillis is a good person and an asset to this community, but there is an obvious conflict because she owns three motels and a small trailer park.

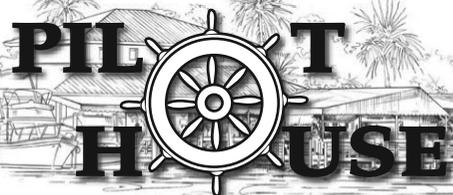
Where will her vote go when it involves the cost of package plants? Was her vote to go forward to protect her own interest, and did she cave in to the pressure applied by Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Mayor Achenberg, or both? Did she vote without keeping the interest on the working-class residents of Islamorada in mind? When will this council understand that the working class of Islamorada simply cannot afford any more money?

I am not happy with Mayor Achenberg’s letter to DEP Secretary Michael Sole asking him to send him information

that would threaten the residents of Islamorada so he could get the assessment passed. I question where his loyalty is. It sure isn’t with the working-class taxpayers of Islamorada after that letter. Maybe Mayor Achenberg would be better suited working for DEP.

Councilwoman Gillis should recuse herself from taking part in any future vote regarding wastewater, and Borski should apologize to Councilman Reckwerdt for her rudeness and total disrespect that she displayed, not to mention her highlight of jumping up in the air like a high-school cheerleader, whooping and hollering during a vocal exchange between Reckwerdt and Gillis. To date, this was the saddest and most pitiful performance by our Village Council.

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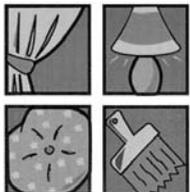
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