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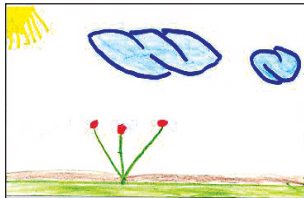
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WEATHER



Susy Colombo
Fourth grade
Gerald Adams Elementary School

Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.
Sunset: 6:42 p.m.
Today: Humid.
High 84
Tonight: Clear and humid. Low 74

Complete forecast on page 2A

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FLORIDA

Woman dies on U.S. 1

A Key Largo woman died on U.S. 1 on Tuesday evening as her car careened off guard rails on either side of the roadway, according to accident investigators. **Page 3A**

NATIONAL

Wall Street posts best day of 2005

NEW YORK: Modest growth in the gross domestic product and a drop in oil prices gave Wall Street its best day of 2005 Wednesday as investors at least temporarily set aside inflation fears and picked up bargains in a heavily sold-off market. **Page 8A**

INTERNATIONAL



Gunmen fire on Shiite pilgrims

BAGHDAD, Iraq: Gunmen opened fire on more Shiite Muslim pilgrims making their way Wednesday to a major religious festival in southern Iraq, killing one person and fueling fears that insurgents may target the gathering that draws hundreds of thousands of people every year. **Page 9A**

ON THE RADIO



Jones



Assistant City Manager John Jones gets many of the city's toughest assignments. He talks about some of them on today's show.

Also on today's show:

- **Virginia Panico**, Key West Chamber of Commerce
- **Nathan Gay**, Celebrate
- **David Ethridge**, Solares Hill

Local News:

US 1 Radio (104.1 FM): 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., 6 p.m.
98.7 Conch FM: 8 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 5:20 p.m.



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Two sewer systems differ widely

BY LAURIE KARNATZ
Citizen Staff

The comparisons are common. The differences are stark.

County officials deride the Little Venice sewer project in Marathon and sing the praises of KW Resort

Utilities' south Stock Island expansion.

The Stock Island expansion is "the best project we ever had," said Commissioner Murray Nelson.

"What happened to the Little Venice project ... that went on for eight years [and] several contractors....," said County Commissioner

Charles "Sonny" McCoy.

But many residents of south Stock Island complain their sewer system isn't what they were promised. Only about 25 percent have hooked up to the system since it was completed in August 2003.

See **SEWER**, page 5A

TWO SYSTEMS AT A GLANCE:

According to records supplied by Monroe County, the Aqueduct Authority and property owners, the total costs associated with tying a single-family home or mobile home into sewer systems in Marathon's Little Venice area and Stock Island are:

Stock Island: \$4,000 - \$12,000
Little Venice: \$6,700 - \$10,700

Rare species need more protection, judge rules

BY LAURIE KARNATZ
Citizen Staff

The efforts of two federal agencies to protect endangered species in the Florida Keys are inadequate, a federal judge ruled this week.

U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore found that a court-mandated agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the welfare of the species is "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law ..."

"What this means is federal courts are not buying the argument advanced by [the Wildlife Service] and FEMA that what they are doing to ensure [endangered species protection] is adequate and enough," said David White, who filed the original lawsuit and continues as attorney of record in the case.

The ruling is based on a 1990 lawsuit filed against FEMA by the National Wildlife Federation. Moore ruled in 1994 that the agency's National Flood Insurance Program, by providing insurance to properties in endangered species habitat and thus encouraging development, violated the Endangered Species Act. The ruling required FEMA work with the Wildlife Service to address the issue.

"This is a very important case for endangered species and the flood insurance program," White said. "This is the exact intended result of the [federal] Endangered Species

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File photo by MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen

Bicyclists get a look at some Key deer as they pedal on No Name Key. The endangered species is one of several in the Keys that are at issue in a long-running federal lawsuit that takes issue with federal subsidies for flood insurance encouraging development in the species' habitat.

County won't limit input

CITIZEN STAFF

Rules set down by Monroe County Mayor Dixie Spehar limiting public comment at a Saturday night town hall-type meeting apparently will not stand up to the state's open meetings law and conflict with the county's stated policy on public comment, according to the county attorney.

The joint meeting of the Monroe County Commission, the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board of Directors and staff members from both the county and the utility was scheduled at Spehar's request to address residents' concerns about wastewater projects in the Lower Keys. But the format outlined by the mayor raises legal concerns.

"The notice that went out was internally inconsistent," County Attorney Richard Collins said Wednesday, referring to the meeting agenda.

That agenda limits public input to "questions in written form only from concerned citizens living in [Rockland Key, Big

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Operation No More Back Door targets illegal fish sales



File photo by ROB O'NEAL/The Citizen

Fish and Wildlife officers are cracking down on sportfishermen illegally selling fish to restaurants without proper licenses in Operation No More Back Door. The operation also targets restaurants mislabeling fish, which defrauds consumers and hurts commercial fishermen.

BY SCOTT FUSARO
Citizen Staff

State officials are cracking down on illegal fish sales in a multi-pronged effort aimed at protecting markets for commercial fishermen and safeguarding consumers from fraudulent fish dinners.

Operation No More Back Door, which began in February, is focusing on recreational anglers who sell their catches to fishhouses or restaurants, the establishments that make the illegal purchases, purveyors who mislabel seafood products to charge more for inferior items and those selling substandard products, according to state officials.

The breadth of the problems, statewide or in the Keys, is unknown, but a state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer

said the results from the crackdown will help expose the extent of the problem.

"Frankly, it will give us an idea of what is out there," said FWCC Major Gary Strickland, who coordinates the agency's statewide investigations.

"We're looking after the commercial fishermen, trying to keep his fair market price and make sure the consumer gets what he's paying for," Strickland added.

Tony Iarocci, a Marathon commercial lobsterman and member of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council which oversees federal waters up to 200 miles off the shores from Key West to North Carolina, said he hopes the effort will have a minimal impact in the Keys because that will mean the illegal instances are rare in

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IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST:

● The Florida Keys Council of the Arts holds two funding application workshops today. The first is at 10 a.m. at the Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., Key West. The second is at 3 p.m., also at the Gato Building.
● Monroe County Code Enforcement special master J. Jefferson Overby will conduct the regularly scheduled code enforcement hearing beginning at 10 a.m. today, with sign-in starting at 9:45 a.m., at the

Monroe County Government Center, 2798 Overseas Highway in Marathon.

TODAY'S PICKS

Povertyneck Hillbillies at Margaritaville Cafe
● Promoting their soon-to-be-released CD, the Povertyneck Hillbillies are hittin' town for gigs from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. nightly through Sunday, at the Margaritaville Cafe, 500 Duval St. For more information, call (305) 292-1435.

Fernandez Show at Girlfriend's Gallery

● The one-man show by local painter and sculpture Will Fernandez will run from Wednesday, March 30, through Sunday, April 3. He showcased his fine art alabaster sculptures in the February group show, The Art of Sensuality. He also is exhibiting several pieces in the present

Wood Art show including a hawk profile out of the steel hard wood lignum vitae, a woman and baby carved out of mahogany and in Osage orange, "The Big Kiss." Girlfriend's Gallery is located behind Hogfish Bar and Grill on Front Street off of 4th Avenue on Stock Island. Winter hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1 -

7 p.m., and Sunday from noon - 3 p.m., or by calling (305) 745-8886 or (305) 292-1004 during open hours.

Rock and Jam at Willie T's Bar

● Key West's newest musical sensations "Four Stray Dogs" rock out from 10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., at Willie T's Bar, 525 Duval St. The band features Marty Stonely on conch shells, horns and vocals, Trinidadian George Victory on guitar and vocals, Randy Morrow on drums, Wayne

Hammond on bass, one-liners and vocals, and Lenny Morgan, from the volcano island, on keyboards and vocals. This all-star local band trades in funk, soul and island grooves.

Bullard back at the Hog's Breath Saloon

● Texas singer-songwriter Clint Bullard returned to the Hog's Breath's outdoor stage for eight days, and only two nights are left. For more information, call (305) 292-2032.

Citizens' Voice

 "Citizens' Voice" is a forum for you to tell us what's on your mind.
Call the "Voice" at **294-5800** or e-mail to **voice@keysnews.com**. Several of the comments will be published daily.

"To hell with the jobless rate.
Look at the classified ads."

"To the person commenting that kids are watching people on Duval watching the drunks and that's why they grow up and drink. What are they doing there at night anyway. I'm an alcoholic and I didn't go to Duval Street. I learned it from watching my mother. It happened at home so start teaching them at home and they won't end up that way."

"We've been reading articles about sinking the Vandenberg. Sink it or get off the pot."

"I find it nothing short of amazing that Key West has done what Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Panama City did regarding spring break. We've now pushed all the spring breakers out. I wonder if anybody realizes that what we're doing is encouraging the spending of tourist dollars in Mexico and in other countries. That's a good idea, send the American dollars somewhere else, we don't want them."

"I'm a citizen in Bahama Village and I just wanted to thank the Key West Police Department for what they're doing in my neighborhood. I haven't seen crack-cocaine being sold through a car window in three weeks. It used to be a daily thing. So, they're doing good, thank you."

"Please print this. There is no such thing as a sissy U.S. Marine."

"I'd like to put out a big congratulations to all the tourist-hating fools of this town that have no clue of the economic reality of tourism today. You succeeded through spring break, now what are you going to do for an income?"

"I just read in the paper that you guys are going to start charging people to read your paper online. Are you crazy? I don't have to pay for The New York Times or The Miami Herald. You must be crazy."

Editor's Note: Starting Friday, an electronic PDF edition of The Citizen — including its entire content as it appears in the printed edition — will be available for subscription. The online content currently available at www.keysnews.com will continue to be available free of charge.

"To the person commenting about Fantasy Fest being tasteless: It's not Fantasy Fest that's tasteless, it's the people that come to Fantasy Fest that are tasteless."

"My name is Tammy. What happen to the bats on Seminary? What exactly is contaminated at Poinciana? This used to be a toxic waste dump? Give me some answers please."

"I think the cartoons on the editorial page of The Citizen are great, keep them coming. I cut them all out and keep them and I'm going to start a scrapbook. Especially the ones about George Bush because he's just one big joke himself."

"I cannot believe the audacity of veterinarians in the Keys that charge you an actual cover charge to enter their business. Boy, I sure hope Sears doesn't start charging a dollar every time you enter their store."

"Aren't Fast Buck Freddie's windows beautiful? Everyone should go and admire them."

"I would like to comment on the outstanding service we received from Mosquito Control. In less than 24 hours our mosquito problem was eradicated. And oh yes, the young lady that came to inspect our yard couldn't have been nicer and she really knew her business. Well done Mosquito Control."

"I was in Key West today and saw a car with a firefighter ribbon on the back of it. If you could tell me where to find one, my dad's a fireman and I'd really appreciate it. Thanks."

TODAY IN KEYS HISTORY

1980
Congressman Dante Fascell announced that the Navy would base a squadron of hydrofoil patrol ships in Key West.

10 years ago
Glynn Archer Jr., assistant superintendent of Monroe County Schools, retired after 35

years with the school system.

Vera Butler "Ma Vera" celebrated her 98th birthday.

20 years ago
Father Tony Mullane of St. Bede's Catholic Church conducted the annual blessing of the Shrimp Fleet from Mallory Docks.

Compiled by Tom and Lynda Hambright, Monroe County Library

CRIME REPORT

Police: Constant caller sending boys for his toys

CITIZEN STAFF

KEY WEST — A man allegedly calling his ex-girlfriend and threatening to have "his boys" dismantle a car stereo system he had given her reportedly remained undeterred by a police officer's warning and "his boys" may be the ones who end up in trouble.

Officer Bradley Lariz met Tuesday with the 26-year-old woman who reportedly told him that her ex-boyfriend continuously calls her cell phone and threatens her.

He happened to call while Lariz was there, and the officer listened to the conversation on speaker phone, he reported. According to Lariz, the man demanded his speakers and amplifier from the woman's car, refusing her offer of money for the equipment. He then told her "his boys" were on their way to her house to take apart the car and retrieve the equipment, according to Lariz who described the man as "persistent."

The man reportedly also told the woman he didn't mind if her new boyfriend ended up at the hospital, allegedly declaring, "When it comes to violence, I'm number one."

Lariz then went to a local business to meet with the man who reportedly explained he was not going to do anything, but "his boys" were going to handle the matter.

Lariz reported that he advised the man he would have to make arrangements with his ex-girlfriend to get the stereo equipment or he could take her to court for it, but the man persisted, insisting that he was selling the stuff to his friend who could get it any way they liked.

When Lariz advised that they could be arrested for burglary, the man reportedly responded that was not his problem. He also told Lariz that he was not going to hurt anybody, but could not be responsible if "his boys" did, the officer reported.

Lock up

KEY WEST — Two vehicles were reportedly ransacked overnight Monday, with change stolen from each, police reported.

Officer Jennie Carson met with a man Tuesday morning who reportedly told her that his 1997 Jeep parked overnight on Fogarty Avenue had been accessed. Items from the glove compartment were strewn about, a wallet was missing and \$1.50 in change had been taken, according to the police report.

Carson reported that she could not find any signs of forced entry to the vehicle and the owner could not recall whether he had locked the doors.

An hour later, Carson responded to a neighboring location on 5th Street where a man similarly reported that the glove compartment to his SUV had been opened, papers were strewn about and \$2 was missing.

Again Carson could not find any damage indicating forcible entry, and the man could not remember whether he had locked the SUV, the officer reported.

Check point

ISLAMORADA — A sobriety checkpoint at Mile Marker 87 in Islamorada last weekend put six drunk drivers in jail, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office reported. Three people with drugs were also arrested, and seven other arrests on various charges brought the total number of people booked into the Plantation Key Detention Center to 16 between Saturday night at 10 p.m. and Sunday morning at 3 a.m., according to the agency.

Deputies, assisted by the Florida Highway Patrol, stopped a total of 310 vehicles during the five hour time of the checkpoint.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office announced:

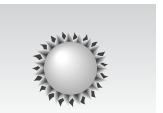
- 28 non-criminal general citations were issued.
- 26 seatbelt warnings were issued.
- 14 non-criminal driver's license citations were issued.
- 9 DUI field exercises were performed.
- 8 defective equipment citations were issued.
- 7 arrests for miscellaneous charges were made.
- 4 driving with license suspended non-criminal citations were issued.
- 4 seatbelt citations were issued.

CORRECTIONS

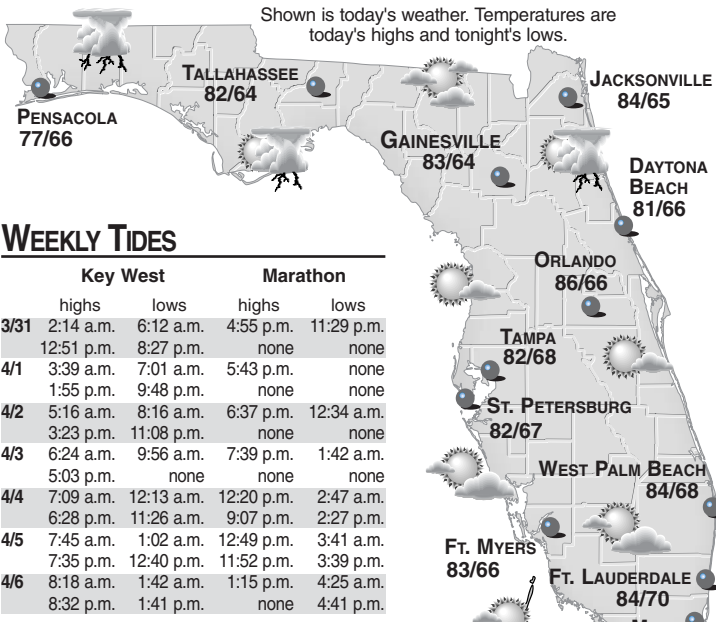
A photo caption in Wednesday's paper did not accurately characterize the way that Hurricane Hole Marina was hooked up to the new Stock Island sewer system. The county reimbursed the marina \$53,000 for part of the cost of running sewer infrastructure along county right-of-way. The Citizen regrets the error.

Brothers Dave and Steve Swift are the previous owners of Blue Water Printing on Cudjoe Key. Their last name was misspelled in the Tuesday Business section. The Citizen regrets the error.

KEY WEST 5-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
					
Humid with partial sunshine.	Mainly clear and humid.	Partly sunny and humid.	Variably cloudy, a thundershower possible.	Pleasant with plenty of sunshine.	Times of clouds and sun.
84	74	83/71	79/66	77/69	78/72

TODAY'S STATE FORECAST



WEEKLY TIDES

	Key West		Marathon	
	highs	lows	highs	lows
3/31	2:14 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	6:12 a.m. 8:27 p.m.	4:55 p.m. none	11:29 p.m. none
4/1	3:39 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	7:01 a.m. 9:48 p.m.	5:43 p.m. none	none
4/2	5:16 a.m. 3:23 p.m.	8:16 a.m. 11:08 p.m.	6:37 p.m. none	12:34 a.m. none
4/3	6:24 a.m. 5:03 p.m.	9:56 a.m. none	7:39 p.m. none	1:42 a.m. none
4/4	7:09 a.m. 6:28 p.m.	12:13 a.m. 11:26 a.m.	12:20 p.m. 9:07 p.m.	2:47 a.m. 2:27 p.m.
4/5	7:45 a.m. 7:35 p.m.	1:02 a.m. 12:40 p.m.	12:49 p.m. 11:52 p.m.	3:41 a.m. 3:39 p.m.
4/6	8:18 a.m. 8:32 p.m.	1:42 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	1:15 p.m. none	4:25 a.m. 4:41 p.m.

MARINE FORECAST

Wind southeast at 8-16 knots and waves 1-3 feet. Visibility good.
Water Temp 79°

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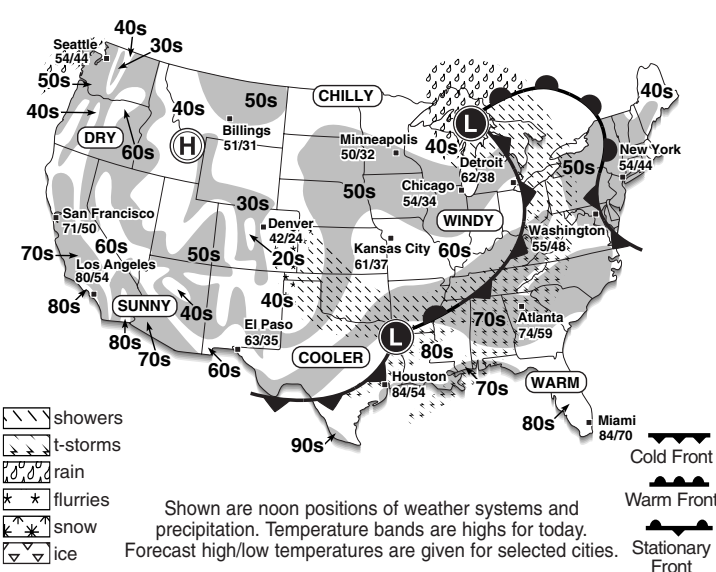
NATIONAL CITIES FORECAST

City	Tomorrow			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	45	t	62	45	pc
Boston	50	42	r	50	42	r
Chicago	48	32	pc	52	36	pc
Denver	60	32	s	66	38	s
Detroit	48	32	pc	46	34	r
Kansas City	58	37	pc	66	45	s
Los Angeles	83	54	s	76	55	s
New Orleans	74	50	r	68	53	s
New York	59	48	r	55	40	r
San Francisco	66	50	pc	64	49	pc
Washington	64	48	r	60	40	r

WORLD CITIES FORECAST

City	Today			Friday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Berlin	49	36	s	51	39	s
Buenos Aires	73	62	pc	72	60	t
Hong Kong	66	57	sh	65	59	r
London	56	47	pc	57	50	pc
Mexico City	81	52	s	75	52	t
New Delhi	90	61	s	86	59	s
Paris	55	46	c	57	50	c
Rome	60	45	sh	56	36	pc
Sydney	68	57	pc	72	61	s
Tokyo	62	40	pc	59	45	s
Toronto	58	37	sh	49	36	r

TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST



ROADWORK

The city of Key West and the Florida Department of Transportation advise the following planned traffic disruptions within the city and at various Mile Markers (MM) along the Overseas Highway due to crews performing maintenance, repair, sidewalk, landscape or utility work.

MM 105-113
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weekdays, through April 1, BellSouth line work

MM 106
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., through April 2, crews installing Dynamic Message Sign

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IN PORT

TODAY	SATURDAY	MONDAY
Majesty Pier B 8:15 a.m.-6 p.m.	SS Navigator Pier B 8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Jewel Pier B 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
FRIDAY Century Pier B 7 a.m.-4 p.m.	SUNDAY Veendam Pier B 11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Costa Med. Outer Mole 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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MILE MARKERS

MIAMI

Migrants repatriated

The Coast Guard Cutter Key Biscayne repatriated 40 Cuban migrants to Bahia de Cabanas, Cuba on Wednesday morning, the agency reported. The migrants are from two groups stopped by the Coast Guard on Friday.

The first group of 10 was on a raft that the Coast Guard Cutter Decisive located about 22 miles south of Key West. Another 30 migrants were interdicted during a failed smuggling attempt about 24 miles south of the Marquesas islands, the Coast Guard reported. The smuggling incident remains under investigation.

KEY WEST



Special to The Citizen
Keys Energy Services finance department employees, from left, Stacey Roberts, Kim Free, Debby Barnett, Jack Wetzler, Susan Ham, Chomi Oropeza, Lynda Bringle, and holding plaque, Peggy Walls (not pictured are Beverly Ray and Karla Bravo), proudly display the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award is given to entities that have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

KEY LARGO

Water shutdown

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority advises its customers of an interruption in water service for persons residing in the vicinity of Mile Marker 104 through Mile Marker 106, Key Largo, as follows: from 11 p.m. today until 4 a.m. Friday.

The purpose of this shut-down is to allow FKAA crews to replace valves on the transmission main. Customers in surrounding areas may experience low water pressures and possible discolored water. Affected customers are advised to flush their lines by opening a faucet for three minutes after service is restored to purge any air from their plumbing. Direct any concerns or problems to the FKAA Upper Keys Maintenance Office, (305) 451-0831.

MARATHON

Boaters plan observance

Boot Key Harbor liveaboard boaters who have been forced to find a new place to dock their dinghies are planning an “observance” at 5 p.m. Friday to mark the end of the Dockside era as the harbor’s liveaboard hub.

The marina was recently purchased and the new owners are selling a portion of the slips. The owners also notified the dinghy owners that they would no longer be allowed to use the remaining slips.

The liveaboard people have moved their dinghies, for the most part, to the City Marina.

Trish Haddox, one of the organizers, says the flotilla will not be a demonstration, but an observance. She said she expects between 200 and 250 dinghies to be involved.

Court rejects latest appeal

BY MITCH STACY
The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK — A federal appeals court raised a flicker of hope for the parents of Terri Schiavo, but snuffed it out Wednesday by firmly and resoundingly declining to intervene in the grueling legal battle.

“Any further action by our court or the district court would be improper,” the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote. “While the members of her family and the members of Congress have acted in a way that is both fervent and sincere, the time has come for dispassionate discharge of duty.”

And in a scathing attack on politicians who got involved in the case, the court added that the White House and lawmakers “have acted in a manner demonstrably at odds with our Founding Fathers’ blueprint for the governance of a free people — our Constitution.”

The ruling came as Schiavo, 41, began her 13th day without food and water. The brain-damaged woman was expected to survive one to two weeks after her feeding tube was removed by court order March 18. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, insists he is carrying out her wishes by having the tube pulled.

Schiavo’s parents said their daughter still looked “surprisingly good” and pleaded with supporters to keep up efforts to reconnect her feeding tube before it is too late.

“Under the circumstances, she looks darn good, surprisingly

good,” Bob Schindler said after visiting his daughter Wednesday afternoon. “I’m asking that nobody throw in the towel as long as she’s fighting, to keep fighting with her,” he said.

The Schindlers’ spokesman, Randall Terry, said their attorneys were preparing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

George Felos, the attorney for Schiavo’s husband, declined to comment.

The court raised the Schindlers’ hopes late Tuesday when it agreed to consider their emergency bid for a new hearing in the case. But 15 hours later, the court ruled against granting a hearing — the fourth time since last week that it ruled against the Schindlers.

The parents asked that the feeding tube be reinserted immediately “in light of the magnitude of what is at stake and the urgency of the action required.”

The Schindlers’ motion included arguments that the 11th Circuit in its earlier rulings did not consider whether there was enough “clear and convincing” evidence that Terri Schiavo would have chosen to die in her current condition.

To be granted, the parents’ request would have needed the support of seven of the court’s 12 judges. The court did not disclose the vote breakdown.

Judges Gerald Tjoflat and Charles R. Wilson, the same two judges who issued a dissenting opinion last week when the full court considered the case for the first time, said in a statement that they also disagreed with



Chris O'Meara/The Associated Press
Terri Schiavo's mother Mary Schindler, right, follows the Rev. Jesse Jackson after he arrived at the Woodsle Hospice, where Schiavo is a patient, Wednesday afternoon in Pinellas Park. Schiavo has been without food for 12 days.

the majority Wednesday.

The two judges said the harried pace of appeals made it impossible to determine if state courts properly considered the evidence.

“The plaintiffs carry a heavy burden, but I do not believe that this question can be determined in this expedited fashion without a hearing on the merits,” wrote Tjoflat, who was appointed to the bench by Gerald Ford.

Federal courts were given jurisdiction to review Schiavo’s case after Republicans in Congress pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation aimed at prolonging her life. But federal courts at three levels have rebuffed her parents.

Judge Stanley F. Birch Jr., writing for the majority, concluded that the appeals court had no jurisdiction in the case because the law was at odds with the Constitutional principles of separation of powers.

“If sacrifices to the independence of the judiciary are permitted today, precedent is established for the constitutional transgressions of tomorrow,” said Birch, an appointee of

former President Bush.

Terri Schiavo suffered catastrophic brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped for several minutes because of a chemical imbalance apparently brought on by an eating disorder.

Her parents doubt she had any end-of-life wishes and dispute that she is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. They say she laughs, tries to speak and responds to them when they visit the hospice.

Dr. Sean Morrison, a professor of palliative medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, said it is hard to predict what would happen if the tube were to be reinserted because it is highly unusual to do that after life-prolonging treatments have been stopped.

Early Wednesday, a man was arrested when he tried to take a plastic cup of water into the hospice. Officers stopped him at the gate as he shouted: “You don’t know God from Godzilla!”

He was the 48th protester arrested since the tube was removed.

Police find woman dead in car that crisscrossed U.S. 1

CITIZEN STAFF

A Key Largo woman died on U.S. 1 on Tuesday evening as her car careened off guard rails on either side of the roadway, according to accident investigators.

Shirly Anne Draucker, 69, was in the right, northbound lane of the highway at Mile Marker 93 in Tavernier when the 1989 Buick she was driving crossed onto the right shoulder, striking the guard rail and ricocheting across both northbound lanes onto a grassy median, striking another

guard rail, the Florida Highway Patrol reported.

The car then veered right again, re-crossing both northbound lanes, hitting the right guard rail again and continuing north against the guard rail until it ended at a church parking lot, according to the agency. The car came to final rest in the parking lot.

Among the questions pending while an investigation of the accident is underway is why Draucker lost control of the car and whether or not she died as a result of the accident.

CITIZEN OF THE DAY



MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen
Kelly Gilbert, 42, is from Narragansett, R.I., and has lived in the Florida Keys for three years. Gilbert is a bartender at the Geiger Key Pub and Grill at the Geiger Key Marina. Gilbert loves the warm and friendly people of the Keys.

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Medics from Marathon Fire Rescue Station 14 and Monroe County Fire Rescue Station 17 transport a man to the Trauma Star helicopter to be flown to Ryder Trauma Center Wednesday afternoon. The man was injured about 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday in a head-on crash at Mile Marker 50 in Marathon. He was trapped in the wreckage for about 20 minutes. The roadway was closed for several hours while the Florida Highway Patrol investigated.

Doctors upgrade Falwell's condition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Doctors upgraded the Rev. Jerry Falwell's condition from critical to stable on Wednesday and said the Moral Majority founder was breathing without the assistance of a ventilator.

Falwell, 71, has fluid in his lungs and doctors say he suffers from congestive heart failure, although a cardiologist, Dr. Carl Moore, said testing showed “his heart is strong” and he had not suffered a heart attack.

“At this point he is breathing quite easily and spontaneously,” Moore said. “It’s unclear how long he’ll be in the hospital.”

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OPINION

Don't pretend to listen while silencing comment

Our hats are off to Monroe County Attorney Richard Collins, who with his interpretation of laws pertaining to open government, has opened the door to Keys residents to voice their concerns about sewer projects in the Lower Keys at a public meeting Saturday night.

County Mayor Dixie Spehar, who requested the meeting, had limited public comment at the meeting to questions submitted in advance in writing — and then, only from residents of Rockland Key, Big Coppitt Key, Geiger Key, Shark Key and Boca Chica Road.

Spehar also seeks to quash any references to a controversial Stock Island sewer project, even though the firm that received the county contract for that project, KW Resort Utilities, is all but certain to be a front runner for bids for Lower Keys projects.

Collins says Spehar's restrictions on public comment are in conflict with the county policy included on the same agenda, and may violate state open government laws.

"My interpretation is that the Government-in-the-Sunshine and public meeting laws should be interpreted liberally," he told The Citizen.

We chalk that up as a win for the residents of Monroe County.

A paragraph at the top of county agendas clearly states: "Any person who wishes to be heard shall provide the [county] clerk with his or her name and residence and the agenda item on which he or she wishes to be heard. ... An individual has three minutes and a person representing an organization has five minutes to address the board. ..."

"Any person," in our minds, means anyone who lives anywhere, no matter whether that's Big Coppitt Key or the planet Mars. And if his or her comments about a specific agenda item include concerns about the county's handling of the Stock Island project, who can question the relevance of those comments or the taxpayer's right to voice them?

This attempt to rigidly control public comment is not a first for Mayor Spehar or the County Commission. Stock Island property owners unhappy about that island's sewer project were frustrated by county efforts to keep a lid

Editorial

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on public criticism during at least two commission meetings in 2003 — one in January and the other in December.

The commission should have learned from the subsequent public outcry, which led to a mushroom of controversy about that project — controversy that continues today.

In an emergency add-on item on the agenda to the commission's March meeting (which was held in Key Largo), Commissioner Murray Nelson asked the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority to abdicate jurisdiction over Lower Keys sewer projects to the county. That would give commissioners the authority to award wastewater contracts. It was tabled until the April meeting, to be held in Key West.

Nearly two years ago, in July 2003, Mayor Spehar introduced a similar proposal, which the commission rejected. That plan hinged on state Rep. Ken Sorensen amending state law that designated the Aqueduct Authority as the wastewater authority for most of the county.

At that time, before the Stock Island controversy, Spehar and other commissioners more openly advocated awarding Lower Keys contracts to KW Resort Utilities.

Now, the mayor's effort to silence criticism about the Stock Island system and the utility firm only adds fuel to public suspicion that deals may already have been forged behind closed doors.

We urge commissioners to take Collins' view to heart. Keep government open and encourage — not quash — public input into public business.

— The Citizen



Holding development line important to Florida Keys

Alan Farago

Guest columnist

On the other side of the 18-Mile Stretch, where the lifeline of the Florida Keys — U.S. 1 — meets Card Sound Road, a new city is planned on several thousand acres now mostly zoned for rock mining.

Much depends on the public response to this ill-advised development on lands long identified for purchase by government agencies.

Florida City is now attempting to annex this slice of unincorporated Miami-Dade, claiming to only want zoning for one unit in five acres. The owner has already submitted plans to the state for much, much more: thousands of homes and associated commercial space.

If Miami-Dade county commissioners allow the annexation to proceed and later vote to move the Urban Development Boundary, tract homes will sprout in rows near the narrow ribbon of tarmac that Keys residents use to evacuate in the case of hurricanes.

Property owners and land speculators may feel like it is no one's business what happens in their corner of the world, but the Florida Keys learned the hard way that geography matters.

At the top of the Keys, the land in question is within the "footprint" of the portion of Everglades restoration that includes the C-111 Canal. That's the first canal in Miami-Dade, at the far end of the 18 Mile Stretch.

In rainy season, to keep sugar fields and Miami-Dade urban dwellers dry, the South Florida Water Management District opens C-111 and allows effluent to pour from that canal into Barnes Sound where the heaving puke causes massive die-offs of sea grass and marine life, flowing into Northeast Florida Bay.

Everglades plans include "spreading" this dirty water into wetlands to reverse some of the environmental damage that has cost the Keys dearly. But if homes are built in

the area, raising water levels could be impossible and carry enormous costs.

The result will be what Miami-Dade allowed to occur in the 8.5-square mile area where property owners exacted a multi-decade delay on investments in infrastructure needed to restore the eastern edge of the Everglades, raising the cost to taxpayers by hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Florida Keys live the price for allowing growth to supercede sound planning to protect the economy and natural resources that businesses depend on. There is no end to the contortions of common sense that money can buy.

The Keys have their own recent example: how a suggested, phased-evacuation plan in the event of a hurricane, instead of leave-as-you-will, would reduce drive times out of the Keys—providing the rationale for lifting barriers to more construction and development. In other words, citizens who spurn government on its best days can be relied on to obediently wait until government tells them it is their turn to evacuate when a hurricane is bearing down.

Miami-based Lennar Corporation, one of the nation's large homebuilders, plans to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in sales once the current owner converts the economic potential of this property through local county zoning and permitting processes.

No doubt an army of lobbyists will produce drawings, counter-studies and promises for how the tax revenue from this development will be used to offset public costs of restoration: all will be well if just one more tract housing development is allowed to pour from the saucer of the

Everglades into the cooling teapot of industry, profits and tax base.

The Florida Keys is not just the classic American story of local control, states and federal rights struggling to accommodate land use, endangered species, clean water and ecosystems, it also suggests the consent of the governed is marred by collective bi-polar disorder: government is malevolent, government is necessary, government robs people of liberties, government must protect the common good — back and forth the arguments go like a tennis ball across the net in a game whose audience is exhausted to death or to indifference — the disease of democracy.

Too frail to participate in the constitutional convention of 1787, Benjamin Franklin offered dim support for our Constitution.

Franklin said famously — everything he said was famous — "I believe farther that this is likely to be well administered for a Course of Years and can only end in Despotism as other Forms have done before it, when the People shall become so corrupted as to need Despotic Government, being incapable of any other."

The Urban Environment League of Greater Miami is helping to organize the campaign to Hold the Line on changes to the Urban Development Boundary by the Miami-Dade county commission. It would be a good idea, if you value the Florida Keys, to lend support to the campaign. Its website address is www.udbline.com.

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Why is Dan Brown's 'The Da Vinci Code' anathema to the Vatican?

Some may mock the Vatican for waiting until everyone on earth has read "The Da Vinci Code" to denounce "The Da Vinci Code."

I am not one of them. It's Easter, and I don't want to blot my catechism.

It's a little late, now that the two-year-old thriller by Dan Brown is a publishing miracle — with 25 million copies sold in 44 languages, a cascade of other books inspired by the novel and a movie with Tom Hanks set to start filming this spring — for Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone to intone on a Vatican radio broadcast: "Don't read and don't buy 'The Da Vinci Code.'"

But when you think of the history of the Catholic Church, the Vatican is acting with lightning speed. It took the church more than 350 years to

reverse its condemnation of Galileo. The Vatican only began an inquisition of the 16th-century Inquisition in 1998. It wasn't until the reign of Pope John Paul II that the Vatican apologized for the crimes of the Crusaders and offered contrition for the silence of Catholics in the Holocaust. The church has still not apologized for shameful dissembling by its hierarchy on the sex abuse scandal. And America's Catholic bishops only last week announced they were finally going to get serious about opposing the death penalty.

The 70-year-old cardinal assigned by the Vatican to exorcise the success of the novel is the archbishop of Genoa, a former soccer commentator and a contender to succeed the ailing pope. "There is a very real risk that many people who read it will believe that the fables it contains are true," he told Il Giornale.

It evokes the Dan Quayle-Murphy Brown flap for a Vatican official to slam Dan Brown's fictional characters, but a former Vatican reporter

explained it this way: "The church is founded on a story that some people believe and some people don't, so the Vatican tends to get very threatened by other versions of that story, especially racier ones."

Brown's zippy version has Jesus and Mary Magdalene marrying and having children. This "perverts the story of the Holy Grail, which most certainly does not refer to the descendants of Mary Magdalene," Bertone said. "It astonishes and worries me that so many people believe these lies."

The novelist is not the first one to conjure romantic sparks between the woman usually painted as what one writer calls "the Jessica Rabbit of the Gospels" and the eligible young Jewish carpenter and part-time miracle worker.

For years, female historians and novelists have been making the case that Brown makes, that Mary Magdalene was framed and defamed, that the men who run Christianity obliterated her role as an influential apostle and reduced her to a

metaphor for sexual guilt.

The church refuses to allow women to be ordained as priests because there were no female apostles. So if Mary Magdalene was a madonna rather than a whore, the church loses its fig leaf of justification for male domination and exclusion.

It's obvious that Vatican officials did not read to the end of Brown's novel or they never would have denounced it.

(Caveat lector: If you have somehow missed reading the blockbuster or are one of the thrifty souls waiting for the paperback to finally come out, do not read further.)

After whipping you into a feminist frenzy over the hidden agenda of the church's unjustly perpetuating itself as an all-male, all "celibate" institution — precepts that have clearly led to some unnatural perversions and attracted a disproportionate number of priests fleeing sexual confusion — Brown abruptly deflates you at the end, going along with the notion that women should stay silent and sub-

missive, letting the men who run the church continue to run the church with men.

The woman who is the descendant of Mary Magdalene and Jesus tells Robert Langdon, Brown's Harvard symbolist hero, that the secret saga of how the church smeared her ancestor as a slut and swindled all women out of serious roles in the church does not need to be aired. It can continue to remain a secret.

"Her story is being told in art, music and books," the woman says, adding that things are gradually changing for women: "We are beginning to sense the need to restore the sacred feminine."

No whistle is blown. No alarm is sounded. Talk about an anticlimax for a fantastic ride. As it turns out, Brown is not the tormentor of the Vatican, but an ally.

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Syndicated columnist

FROM PAGE 1

Comparing sewer projects is difficult exercise, some find

BY LAURIE KARNATZ
Citizen Staff

For months, county officials have been proclaiming the economies of the private sewer company that is providing wastewater service to Stock Island.

The total cost of the system to the county — much of it expected to be repaid as property owners hook into the system — stands at \$3.93 million, far less than the costs of other sewer systems being installed in the Keys.

County Commissioner and wastewater liaison Charles “Sonny” McCoy is one of the biggest proponents of the Stock Island wastewater project.

For months he has made comparisons between the Stock Island system and others, particularly those being undertaken by the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, in the Keys.

Commissioner Murray Nelson, too, has repeatedly taken issue with the “gold-plated” sewer systems being installed by the Aqueduct Authority, comparing costs to Stock Island. The bottom line cost of the Stock Island system, according to Nelson’s figures, is \$498 per unit compared to \$16,000 to \$19,000 for the FKAA sewer projects.

“No federal or state money was spent on [Stock Island],” Nelson said. “...It provided more ... at a fraction of the cost [of other sewer projects].”

County Commissioner David Rice doesn’t debate the low cost of the Stock Island project, but isn’t sure the comparisons are fair.

“The county had an opportunity on Stock Island,” Rice said. “We’ll never do another project in the Florida Keys that cheaply again.”

But the Stock Island project can’t be compared to most other Keys projects because the sewage treatment plant was already in place and operating. With the exception of the Conch Key project, which is set to be hooked into an existing sewage plant at Duck Key, all other Keys sewer projects include construction of new sewage treatment systems as well as transmission lines, he said.

And unlike the new systems being built elsewhere in the



File photo by MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen

The Little Venice wastewater project in Marathon was the first project started back in the 1990s. The project, funded partially by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was managed by the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority.

STATUS OF FLORIDA KEYS SEWER PROJECTS

Name of system: Little Venice
Agency: Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
Estimated completion date: complete
Estimated project costs: \$14,633,000
Plant capacity: 1,000
Estimated units served: 967
Estimated cost per unit: \$14,663
Funding sources: Federal: \$4,326,000
State: \$3,013,758
Local: \$0

Name of system: Bay Point
Agency: Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
Estimated completion date: June 2005
Estimated project costs: \$6,614,000
Plant capacity: 450
Estimated units served: 350
Estimated cost per unit: \$14,698
Funding sources: Federal: \$1,394,215
State: \$232,368
Local: \$933,035

Name of system: Conch Key
Agency: Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
Estimated completion date: June 2005
Estimated project costs: \$2,741,000
Plant capacity: 160
Estimated units served: 160
Estimated cost per unit: \$17,131
Funding sources: Federal: \$1,394,215
State: \$232,368
Local: \$933,035

Name of system: Layton
Agency: Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
Estimated completion date: August 2006
Estimated project costs: \$5,200,000
Plant capacity: 300
Estimated units served: 295
Estimated cost per unit: \$17,333
Funding sources: Federal: \$800,000
State: \$3,350,000
Local: \$100,000

Name of system: Key Largo Trailer Village and Key Largo Park
Agency: Key Largo Wastewater Board
Estimated completion date: March 2006
Estimated project costs: \$13,676,786
Plant capacity: 850
Estimated units served: 689
Estimated cost per unit: \$16,090
Funding sources: Federal: \$5,752,714
State: \$4,086,528

Name of system: Village of Islamorada phases 1 & 2
Agency: Village of Islamorada
Estimated completion date: May 2007
Estimated project costs: \$21,329,031
Plant capacity: 1,621
Estimated units served: 1,339
Estimated cost per unit: \$13,158
Funding sources: Federal: \$2,344,540
State: \$10,667,382
Local: \$400,328

Additional funding sources for the projects include hookup fees, loans, bonds and special taxes.

Keys, the Stock Island system does not yet meet tough treatment standards mandated by the state. The Stock Island plant is expected to be upgraded — using about \$900,000 in county funds — to meet those

standards by Dec. 31, 2006.

“There are 20 different variables,” said Commissioner David Rice. “You’ve got to be comparing similar projects.”

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Q & A ON TWO SEWER SYSTEMS

Questions	Stock Island	Little Venice
Is the system complete?	Yes; 10 properties are being reviewed because the capacity needs were not in line with actual use. The 10 properties will be completed in time for system connection.	Yes, with the exception of valves in about 15 valve pits, which can't be done until customers complete their lateral lines.
Does the plant treat to advanced wastewater standards?	No	Yes
How many hooked up?	387	721
How many remaining?	1,043	246
Basic hookup fee:	\$2,700	\$4,700
Financial aid available?	Yes, for income-qualified property owners through Monroe County Housing Authority.	Yes, for income-qualified property owners through the Monroe County Housing Authority.
Financing:	100 percent for five, 10, 15 or 20 years through Monroe County at 6 percent.	100 percent through the Aqueduct Authority for 20 years at 1.04544 percent.
Upfront deposit required:	Yes	No
How much?	5 percent, or \$155.25	N/A
Annual payment for 20-year finance:	\$240.80	\$309
Total including finance:	\$4,971.25	\$6,180
Total interest paid over 20 years:	\$2,116	\$1,480
Average monthly sewer bill:	\$36.72	\$48
Who does the billing?	KW Resort Utilities	FKAA: the sewer fee is itemized on customers' water bill.
THE HOOKUP PROCESS:		
Who is responsible for notifying property owners:	KW Resort Utilities	Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority
Notice requirements:	One-year notice sent to property owners telling them the system will be available in a year; required by state statute. Thirty-day notice letter sent to property owners telling them they must tie into the system within 30 days; required by local ordinance.	One-year notice sent to property owners telling them the system will be available in a year; required by state statute. Thirty-day notice letter sent to property owners tell them they must tie into the system within 30 days; required by local ordinance.
When were property owners sent notices?	April 2000, July 2003, February 2005	The one-year notices were sent in October 2001 and April 2003. The 30-day notices began going out June 2004.
Who is responsible for enforcement?	Monroe County Code Enforcement	Marathon Code Enforcement
What is the property owner responsible for?	1) Filing a service agreement with the KW Resort Utilities. 2) Running a so-called lateral line from their home to the street, where the sewer line is available. Some condominium and trailer park owners say they are being expected to provide infrastructure. The utility denies that. 3) Abandoning their septic or other sewage disposal system. A permit and inspection is required by the state Department of Health for septic tanks and cesspits. A permit and inspection is required by the Department of Environmental Protection for on-site systems such as package plants.	1) Filing a service agreement with the Aqueduct Authority. 2) Running a so-called lateral line from their home to the street, where the sewer line is available. 3) Abandoning their septic or other sewage disposal system. A permit and inspection is required by the state Department of Health for septic tanks and cesspits. A permit and inspection is required by the Department of Environmental Protection for on-site systems such as package plants.

Information provided by KW Resort Utilities, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and Monroe County.

Sewer

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“Everybody I talk to, everybody, every mobile home park owner I talk to is truly anxious to get on central sewer,” said Carolee McReynolds, owner of Water’s Edge Colony. “We all want to be out of the sewer business. But we have no way to hookup. We have no parts.”

Little Venice property owners, with few exceptions, have quit complaining about their new system since construction ended.

“Right now, it’s the tenants who didn’t realize they would have to pay because they are the customer,” said FKAA spokeswoman Colleen Tagle. “That’s the largest ongoing issue.”

About 75 percent of Little Venice property owners have tied into the system since June 2004, when the first phase was completed. The second phase, on the gulfside, was finished in January.

McReynolds said, based on estimates she has received, that it will cost her \$677,000 to tie the trailer park into the Stock Island system as things stand now.

That includes hookup fees of about \$178,000 for the park’s 66 units, many of which are privately owned, and \$25,000 to shut down the park’s onsite sewage treatment plant. But the biggest costs are running new lines through the trailer park and providing missing infrastructure in the three public streets surrounding the park, she said.

“Our park is surrounded by three public roads: Laurel, Second and McDonald,” McReynolds said. “Why aren’t

there parts in the right-of-way? They want us to pay for all the parts and ... then give them the parts we just paid for.”

McReynolds estimates it’s actually going to cost Water’s Edge residents \$12,000 to \$13,000 each. It also means renters will have to pay more, she said.

“If we just had to pay for lateral lines and the hookup, it would probably be around \$4,000 and we’d eat the \$25,000 for decommissioning the sewer plant,” she said.

McReynolds isn’t alone when it comes to a lack of infrastructure to tie into.

Fred Skomp of Hurricane Hole Marina spent \$76,000 — not including his \$102,000 hookup fees — for infrastructure in county right-of-way so he could tie into the Stock Island system.

The county last summer reimbursed Skomp for \$53,000 of his expenses, but he’s still unhappy about the money he paid out of his pocket for sewer lines and other parts necessary to serve his business.

“I’m still real aggravated about that \$22,000 that I didn’t get from the commission,” he said. “It was what I paid to run the sewer line down the highway, plus the engineering I paid to have that done.”

County documents submitted to the commission for the payment confirmed the work was for “additional sewer work within the public right-of-way along U.S. 1 on Stock Island and approval of updated plans for the project ... for the Hurricane Hole sewer extension.”

At least a half-dozen other property owners say they are facing similar problems — and costs — to tie into the Stock

Island system, though the utility company disputes those allegations.

And Nelson, speaking last month at the commission’s regular meeting, said, “All they pay is what all the other people in Monroe County are paying for: decommissioning [their existing sewer systems] and their lateral [lines to the street].”

The problems faced by Skomp, McReynolds and others on Stock Island are a far cry from what the Aqueduct Authority did in Marathon.

At Ocean Isles Fishing Village in Marathon, a condominium community comprising residential properties on 106th and 107th streets oceanside, the Aqueduct Authority ran all the necessary infrastructure in the private streets.

“We went through the legwork of getting utility easements into the private streets,” said Aqueduct Authority Deputy Director Kerry Shelby. “We didn’t go into anybody’s yards. We did it just like we did on the public streets and made it part of the project.”

Shelby said the agency’s rules would not allow similar work on private commercial property, but there are allowances for residential property.

“We did that because they were residential,” he said.

The agency is doing similar work for a private residential community on Conch Key, Shelby said.

“Our rules say if the property is primarily residential, we can do that. We wouldn’t do that for commercial property,” he said.

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A tale of two sewer projects

CITIZEN STAFF

Little Venice

The Little Venice sewage project in Marathon was the first central sewer project to be undertaken by Monroe County. When the current push for improved wastewater treatment began, only Key West, Key Colony Beach and Ocean Reef had centralized sewer treatment; the rest of the county was using a combination of package plants, septic systems and cesspits.

Approved by the County Commission in 1997, Little Venice was designed as a pilot project and financed in part by a \$4.3 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The project was handed off to the Aqueduct Authority by the County Commission in 1998, with much of the design criteria already in place as part of the EPA agreement.

It was designed to be a temporary system until a regional sewer facility could be designed and built.

Delays completing the system revolved primarily around

a contractor, hired by the Aqueduct Authority, that pulled out of the project. The agency’s bond company stepped in and hired a second contractor to complete the job. The change did not cost additional money, but put the project behind schedule.

The project consists of two phases, both of which are now complete, serving approximately 1,000 units at a cost of \$14.6 million. Hookup costs for property owners stand at \$4,700 with 20-year financing available through the Aqueduct Authority.

Hookup to the first phase of the system is complete. Hookup to the final phase is well underway.

Stock Island

The Stock Island sewer project began in August 2001 when the County Commission entered an agreement with a private company, KW Resort Utilities, to take over wastewater treatment for several county properties on College Road including the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center at a cost, not

including construction undertaken by the county, of \$1.2 million.

In July 2002, the county entered a second agreement with the utility to provide sewer service for approximately 1,500 units on south Stock Island for \$4.6 million. Construction of the necessary transmission system was completed in August 2003 at a final cost to the county of \$3.9 million.

To date, only 310 units have been connected to the system. Monroe County Code Enforcement is currently forcing the remaining property owners to connect to the system.

The project has been plagued by allegations of high costs to property owners and incomplete infrastructure.

One of the main complaints has been a so-called bait and switch of construction plans. One set of plans reviewed by county staff before the contract was agreed upon differed significantly from the set of plans ultimately approved — without review — by the County Commission.

It also has been the subject of a grand jury investigation.

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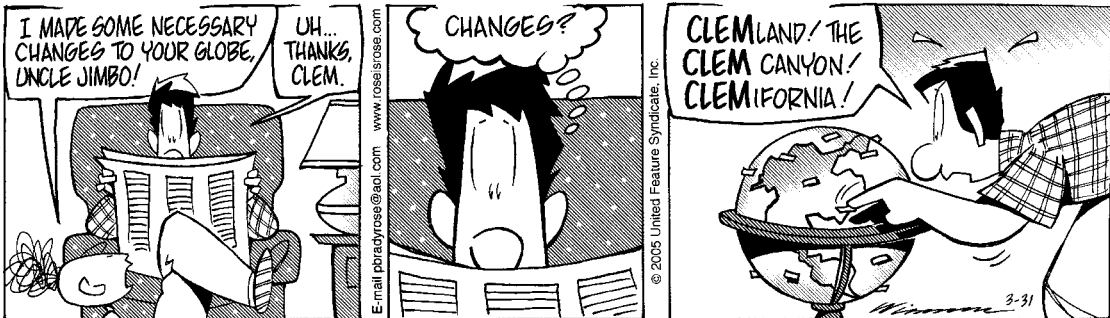
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WTVJ	6	6	6	6	News				NBC Nightly News		Extra (N)		Access Hollywood (N)		Joey Joey is falling for his on-screen daughter.		Will & Grace "Reluctant party guest."		The Apprentice The remaining candidates create a new style of pizza for Dominos. (N)		ER "Dangered" Dr. Carter slips into a dangerous and lonely depression.		News		The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)											
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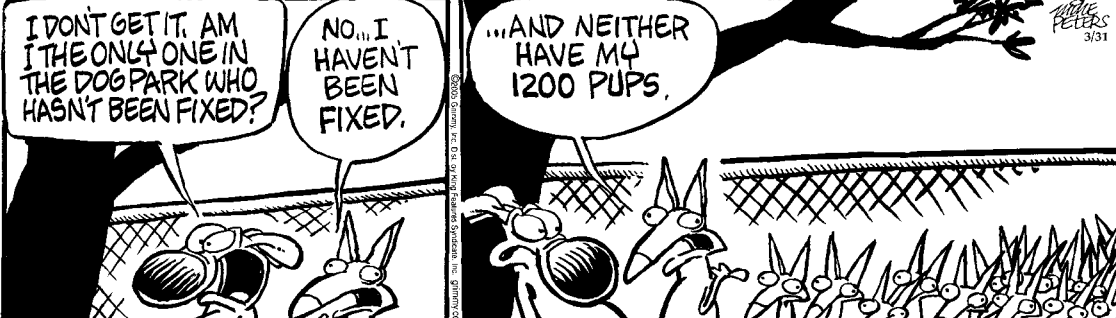
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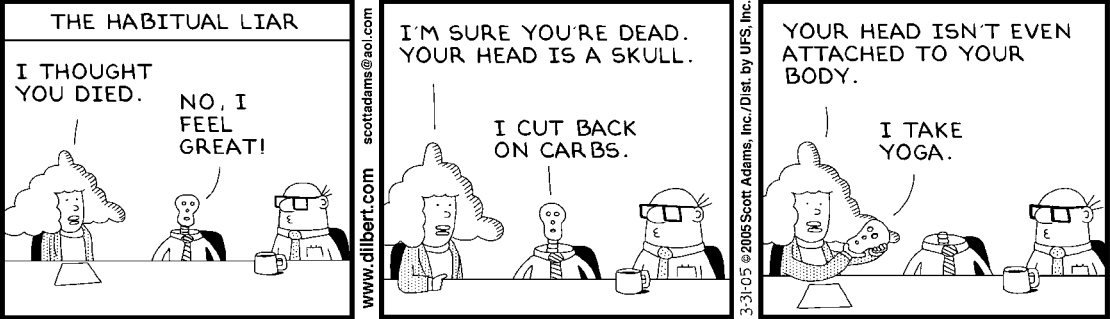
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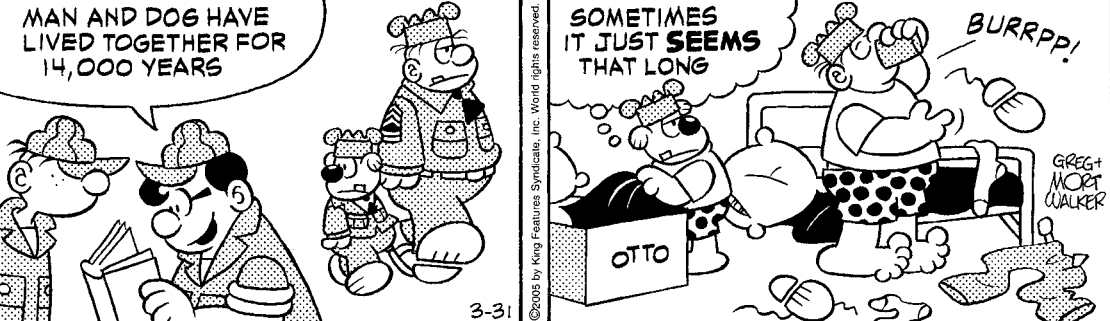
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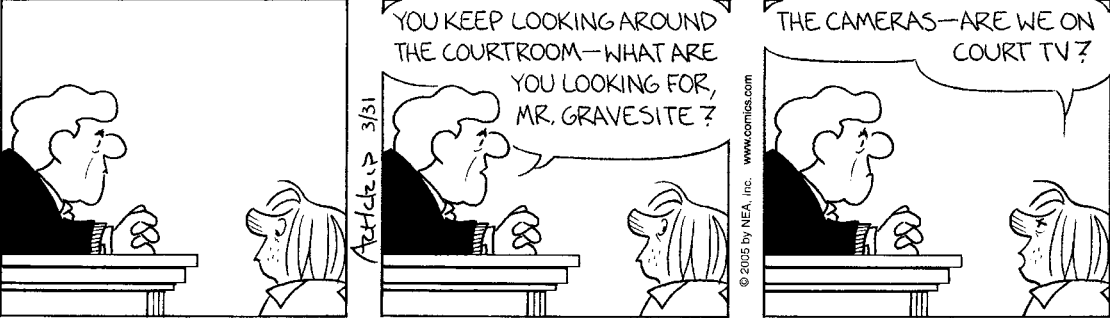
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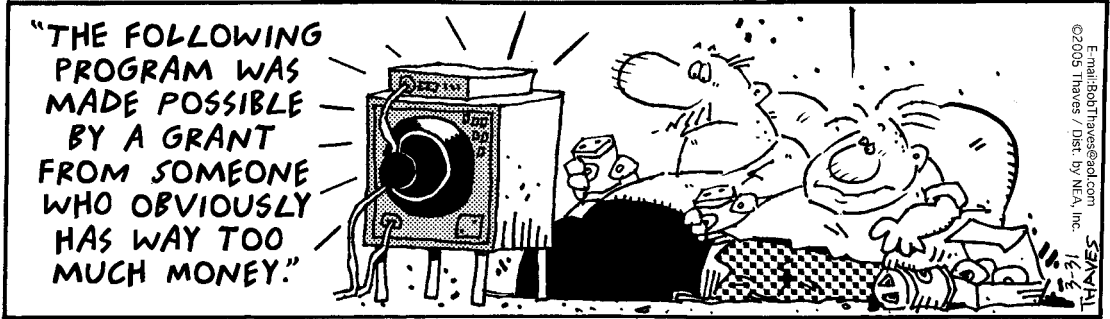
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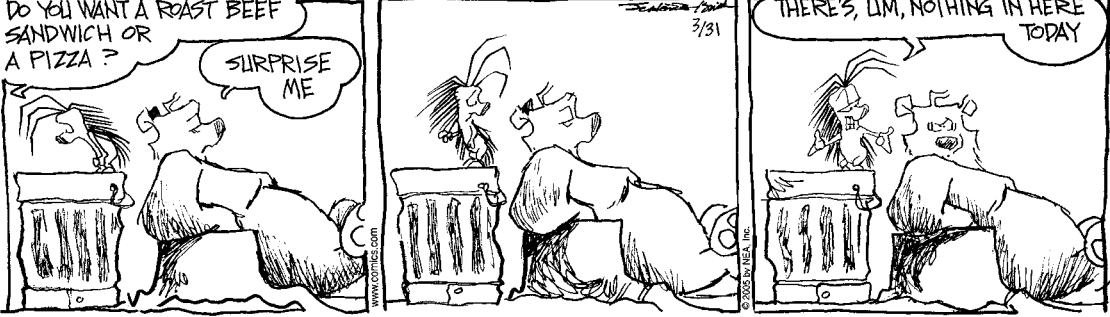
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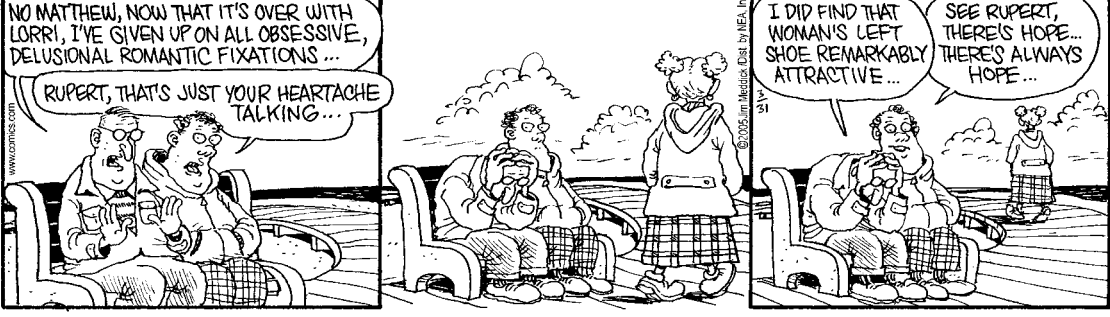
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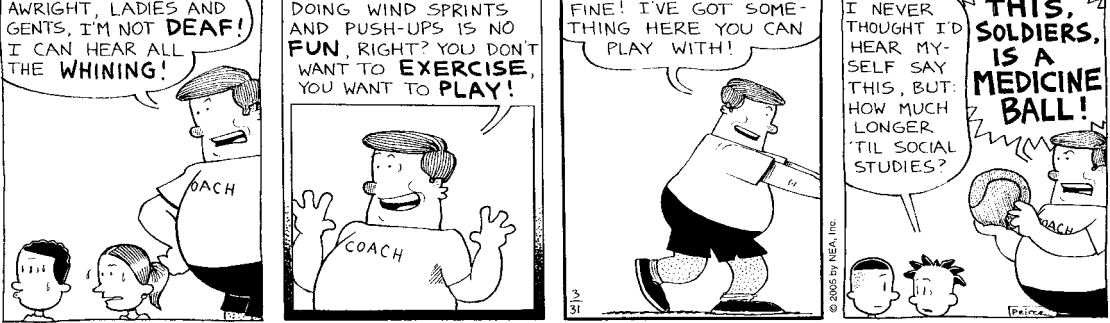
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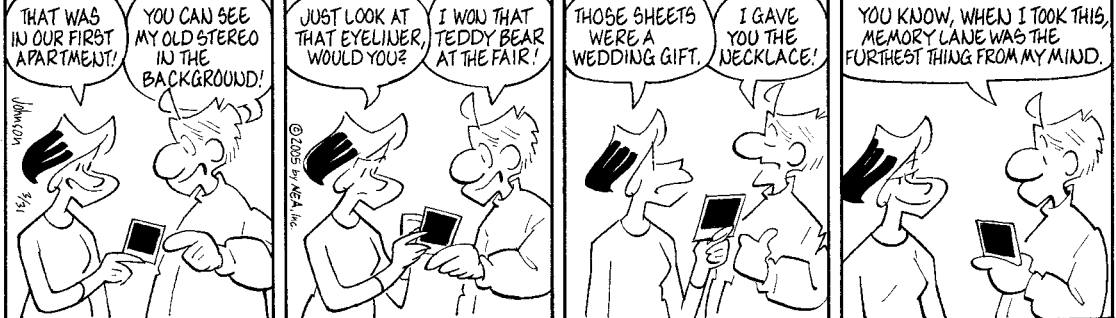
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Your inherent impulse to be an adventurous person will be accentuated in the year ahead and you'll open up many new avenues to be explored. By looking to do things on a grander scale you'll advance your interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you may at first be a bit unsure of your thinking and be more of a listener in conversations with others today, you'll be a major contributor once you get into the fray.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll function better as a counter-puncher today, so don't be the first to expose your hand when it comes to financial or commercial dealings with others. Hold back your aces.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be bashful about posing probing questions today to as many people as you

can in order to find your answers. In doing so, you'll unearth pertinent information you didn't know existed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It would be wiser in the long run today not to attempt projects on your own where an extra pair of hands is required. You'll only stumble about without the necessary help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It isn't always the best formula to mix business with pleasure, but today doing so could turn out to be a winner. Figure out a good way to have fun while advancing your agenda.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In order to get a project in which you're presently involved off dead-center, it may be necessary today to be willing to make changes, even if they involve bolder measures than you'd like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — After you've successfully taken care of all your serious obligations and duties today, erase them from your mind and focus on the lighter things in life, such as getting together with your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Opportunities for material or financial

gain today are likely to come through somewhat veiled circumstances. It'll be up to you to keep your eyes open for those hidden advantages.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Today, associates may think you're a bit too into your personal involvements. However, it'll be you who will be advancing your interests and they who will be frivolously wasting time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may find yourself mired in some sticky situations with which to contend today, but don't let that disturb you. You'll come up with ingenious ways to extricate yourself when needed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You must be careful to keep an open mind and not negatively prejudge a new associate you meet today. When you get to know this person better, you may find him or her a valuable acquaintance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The best formula to follow today is to keep everything in proper balance. Be serious, practical and conscientious when conditions merit it, but treat that which is amusement light and fun.

BRIDGE TIPS

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♦ Q J 10 8 5
♣ 7 5 3 2

West East
♠ 10 8 3 2 ♠ 9 6 5
♥ A 9 7 6 4 ♥ Q J 8
♦ K 6 ♦ 4 3
♣ 6 4 ♣ Q J 10 9 8

South
♠ K Q J
♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ A 9 7 2
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Use the rule for an unblock

By Phillip Alder

This comment by George Bernard Shaw is correct, but still a degree depressing: "A life spent in making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

Today, one defender has to find an honorable play to help defeat South's contract of three no-trump. What is it? West leads the heart six, his fourth-highest in the suit.

Although five diamonds makes here, North is right to plunge into three no-trump. At least his singleton is a high honor.

When partner's fourth-highest lead is relatively high, third hand should apply the Rule of Eleven. Subtracting six from

11 gives five. So, there are five hearts higher than the six in the North, East and South hands combined. Since East can see four of them — dummy's king and his own Q-J-8 — he knows that declarer has only one higher heart. Further thought will reveal that this higher heart will be the nine or 10. (If West's suit were headed by the 10-9-7-6, he would have led the 10, not the six.) This should push East in the right direction.

At trick one, under dummy's heart king, East must play his queen. This both tells partner about the queen and jack, and unblocks the suit.

Then, after declarer takes the losing diamond finesse, West continues with the heart four to East's jack. That honorable defender returns the heart eight through declarer's 10, and the defenders take five tricks: one diamond and four hearts.

A life spent learning from mistakes and avoiding them in the future is even more honorable.

NATION

INDIANAPOLIS

IDs at polls debated

Legislation that would require voters to show photo identification before casting ballots has touched off fierce debate in three states, with opponents complaining the measures represent a return to the days of poll taxes and Jim Crow.

Lawmakers in Georgia and Indiana walked off the job to protest the proposals, which they say would deprive the poor, the elderly and minorities of the right to vote. Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat, has already vetoed a similar measure and has vowed to do so again.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Bush pushes for private accounts

The more President Bush stumps for restructuring Social Security, the less popular his own plan seems to become. His poll ratings are dropping, too, but Bush says he is not deterred.

"I'm going to be stubborn. And we're going to keep working this," Bush told a supportive audience Wednesday at a community college here.

Barnstorming on behalf of a presidential proposal is a time-honored technique to build grass-roots support. Bush used the strategy successfully in his first term for his tax cuts and for a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

This time, it doesn't seem to be working.

Not quite five months after a re-election victory that he claimed earned him political capital to spend, Bush's approval ratings are languishing in the mid-40 percent range and his Social Security plan for individual investment accounts seems to be winning few friends, either in Congress or among the general public.

CEIBA, PUERTO RICO



CARLOS H. RAMOS/The Associated Press

Vietnam war veteran Luis Rodriguez shows a tribute poster of the closed Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Ceiba, Puerto Rico, on Wednesday. A year after the U.S. Navy left Roosevelt Roads, taking with it 6,000 jobs and an estimated \$300 million annually, Ceiba is struggling to get by as businesses close, unemployment rises and residents leave the town of 18,000.

WASHINGTON

Americans' nuclear fears remain

Though the Soviet Union is gone, the nuclear fears that fueled the Cold War haven't disappeared. Most Americans think nuclear weapons are so dangerous that no country should have them, and a majority believe it's likely that terrorists or a nation will use them within five years.

The Bush administration repeatedly warns about nuclear weapons and is using diplomacy — and force — to try to limit the threat.

That helps explain why 52 percent of Americans think a nuclear attack by one country against another is somewhat or very likely by 2010, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. Fifty-three percent think a nuclear attack by terrorists is at least somewhat likely.

MarketView

Wall Street posts best day of 2005

BY MICHAEL J. MARTINEZ
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Modest growth in the gross domestic product and a drop in oil prices led gave Wall Street its best day of 2005 Wednesday as investors at least temporarily set aside inflation fears and picked up bargains in a heavily sold-off market. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained more than 135 points.

According to the Commerce Department, fourth-quarter GDP grew at an annual rate of 3.8 percent, less than the 4 percent economists forecast. The department's price index rose 2.9 percent for the quarter, more than Wall Street expected, but was offset by increases in consumer spending and capital expenditures by businesses.

Along with an upbeat report on the nation's oil reserves, the GDP report prompted Wall Street's strongest day of 2005 on heavy volume. All three major indexes saw their biggest one-day point gains since Dec. 1.

"Normally you wouldn't see

this GDP report as a good thing, but with inflation out there, a little bit less growth is viewed as a positive," said Larry Peruzzi, senior equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management. "It cools things down just enough, without getting too cold."

The Dow rose 135.23, or 1.3 percent, to 10,540.93.

Broader stock indicators also gained ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 16.05, or 1.38 percent, at 1,181.41. The Nasdaq composite index gained 31.79, or 1.61 percent, to 2,005.67, after falling to a five-month low on Tuesday. The Nasdaq closed above the psychologically important 2,000 mark for the first time since March 21.

The drop in oil prices came after the Energy Department reported a 5.4 million barrel increase to the nation's crude oil reserves. Light, sweet crude futures were down 24 cents at \$53.99 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, though oil prices had fallen as low as \$52.50 per barrel earlier in the session.

High court expands workplace protections for older employees

BY HOPE YEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Supreme Court tackles issues relating to age, it speaks with considerable firsthand knowledge.

Justice John Paul Stevens, at 84 the court's oldest member, wrote Wednesday's decision making it easier for workers 40 and over to file age discrimination lawsuits. A conflicting minority opinion was offered by 75-year-old Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

While they differed on what the law should allow, they agreed that employers may make decisions that treat older workers differently.

In a 5-3 decision, the court

DELIBERATE BIAS NOT NEEDED TO WIN AGE DISCRIMINATION SUITS

SUPREME COURT: The Supreme Court made it easier Wednesday for any worker over 40 to allege age discrimination, ruling that employers can be held liable even if they never intended harm.

THE NUMBERS: About 75 million people — roughly half the nation's work force — are covered by the decision.

WHAT IT MEANS: Older workers now have less of a burden to raise their claim in court when suing under federal law, although ultimately it may still be hard for them to win. Justice John Paul Stevens wrote that in some cases employers are within their rights to treat workers differently because of age.

— The Associated Press

expanded job protections for roughly half the nation's work force, ruling that federal law allows people 40 and over to file age bias claims over salary and hiring even if employers never intended any harm.

The decision eases the legal threshold for about 75 million middle-aged and older people to contend in court that a policy has a disproportionately hurtful effect on them. On the other hand, the ruling makes clear employers still

will prevail if they can cite a reasonable explanation for their policies, such as cost-cutting.

"Age ... not uncommonly has relevance to an individual's capacity to engage in certain types of employment," Stevens wrote for the majority.

The decision was applauded by advocates for older workers but criticized by business and municipal groups, which say it will create costly additional litigation.

The case was brought by older police officers in Jackson, Miss., who contended a city policy favored younger colleagues. The court unanimously rejected their appeal but in a 5-3 vote ruled they were entitled to pursue the lawsuit.

Armed volunteers plan to patrol the Mexican border

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
The Associated Press

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. — Hundreds of volunteers, some of them armed, are expected to take up positions along the Mexican border Friday and begin patrolling for illegal immigrants — an exercise some fear could attract racist crackpots and lead to vigilante violence.

Organizers of the Minuteman Project said the civilian volunteers, many of whom were recruited over the Internet, will meet first for a rally in this one-time silver mining town, then fan out across 23 miles of the San Pedro Valley to watch the border for a month and report sightings of illegal activity to Border Patrol agents.

Minuteman field operations director Chris Simcox described the project as "the nation's largest neighborhood watch group" and said one of the goals is to make the public aware of how porous the border is.

Jim Gilchrist, a retired accountant from Aliso Viejo, Calif., who organized the project, said that some volunteers will carry handguns, which is allowed under Arizona law, but are being instructed to avoid confrontation, even if shot at.

Still, law enforcement officials and human rights advocates are worried about the potential for bloodshed.

Critics contend the project may attract anti-



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Michael King, a member of American Border Patrol, a citizen watchdog group that posts images from the U.S.-Mexico border to draw attention to illegal immigration, rides along the U.S.-Mexico border near Cochise County, Ariz. A new operation, the Minuteman Project, is to begin in April, 2005. The project calls for armed civilian volunteers to watch for illegal border crossings and report them to the border patrol.

immigrant racists and vigilantes looking to confront illegal immigrants. At least one white supremacist group has mentioned the project on its Web site.

"They are domestic terrorists that represent a danger to the country and could promote a major border conflict that will have serious ramifications and consequences," said

Armando Navarro, a University of California-Riverside political science professor and coordinator of the National Alliance for Human Rights, made up mostly of Hispanic activists.

Michael Nicley, chief of the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson sector, said the volunteers are "not the kind of help the Border Patrol is asking for."

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WORLD

VATICAN CITY

Pope has nasal feeding tube

In another sign of Pope John Paul II's growing frailty, the Vatican said Wednesday that the 84-year-old pontiff was getting nutrition from a tube in his nose and acknowledged his convalescence from throat surgery last month has been "slow."

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul was fitted with a nasogastric tube to "improve the calorie intake" and help him recover his strength.

The statement was issued shortly after the pope tried unsuccessfully to speak to the crowds in St. Peter's Square for the second time in a week. After managing just a rasp of his voice, he blessed well-wishers by making the sign of the cross with his hand and withdrew from his window.

GUNUNG SITOLI, INDONESIA



SUZANNE PLUNKETT/The Associated Press

People ride motorbikes and bicycles through the streets of Nias, ruined by Monday's earthquake, on Wednesday in Gunung Sitoli on Nias Island, Indonesia. The massive earthquake late Monday killed hundreds and sparked fears of another tsunami in the region.

Authorities: 1,000 dead in earthquake

Firefighters freed a man trapped in a crumpled house on remote Nias island on Wednesday, 36 hours after he was buried in rubble. As the first foreign military help arrived, officials said an estimated 1,000 people had died in the region's latest large earthquake.

Later, a magnitude-6.3 quake was reported off the west coast of northern Sumatra, the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said. The quake, which occurred about 19 miles underground, was in the same region as Monday night's temblor. There were no immediate reports of a tsunami warning being issued or of any casualties or damages.

The quake, which was one of at least four aftershocks felt in the last 24 hours, was centered about 170 miles south of Banda Aceh. Residents there did not feel any shaking. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu said no tsunami warning was issued.

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Kyrgyzstan gives no guarantees

Kyrgyzstan's interim leader told the ousted president to stay away from the country for now, warning on Wednesday that Askar Akayev could cause more unrest if he returned and that the government could not guarantee his safety.

Akayev, who fled this former Soviet republic last week after violent protests, hinted in a Russian television interview Tuesday that he might be willing to submit a formal resignation if he received security guarantees from parliament. He also said he wanted to come home.

Acting President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, however, said Akayev's return could "give rise to mass unrest" in this impoverished country, which is home to a U.S. military base involved in the war on terrorist groups in Central Asia.

First lady in war zone: Laura Bush supports Afghan women

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Laura Bush's visit to Afghanistan, even if it was only for six hours, was worth more than money, President Hamid Karzai said Wednesday, heartily shaking the first lady's hand at his war-worn palace.

"This matters more than hundreds of millions of dollars," Karzai said. "Much more."

Mrs. Bush smiled. It's no secret that Afghanistan's fragile democracy depends in large part on international aid — much of it coming from the United States. Her visit symbolized such support, in addition to providing a national morale boost.

The first lady expressed high hopes for Afghanistan's infant democracy — even envisioning a day when tourists might flock to the capital where there's a reminder of war at every turn.

The brevity of her stay, however, reflected the security concerns of U.S. troops still tracking remnants of terrorists and

the hardline Taliban government that was ousted three years ago.

American soldiers in camouflage fatigues manned M-60 machine guns at both ends of four transport helicopters that flew the first lady and her entourage to events around Kabul. Apache attack helicopters that shadowed the aircraft provided further protection.

"I knew we'd be safe," Mrs. Bush said aboard her plane shortly after it left to return to Washington. "Afghanistan is safe. There are certainly parts of it that aren't right now. But, in general, I think it is a very safe place to travel."

U.S. commanders have said they may cut their 17,000-strong force this year if a Taliban insurgency wanes. But they say the Afghan government remains vulnerable and some kind of U.S. presence will be needed for years. Security guards flanked Karzai everywhere he walked within the presidential palace compound.

"He really wants our troops to stay here," Mrs. Bush said about her talk with Karzai. "He thinks it's very important for

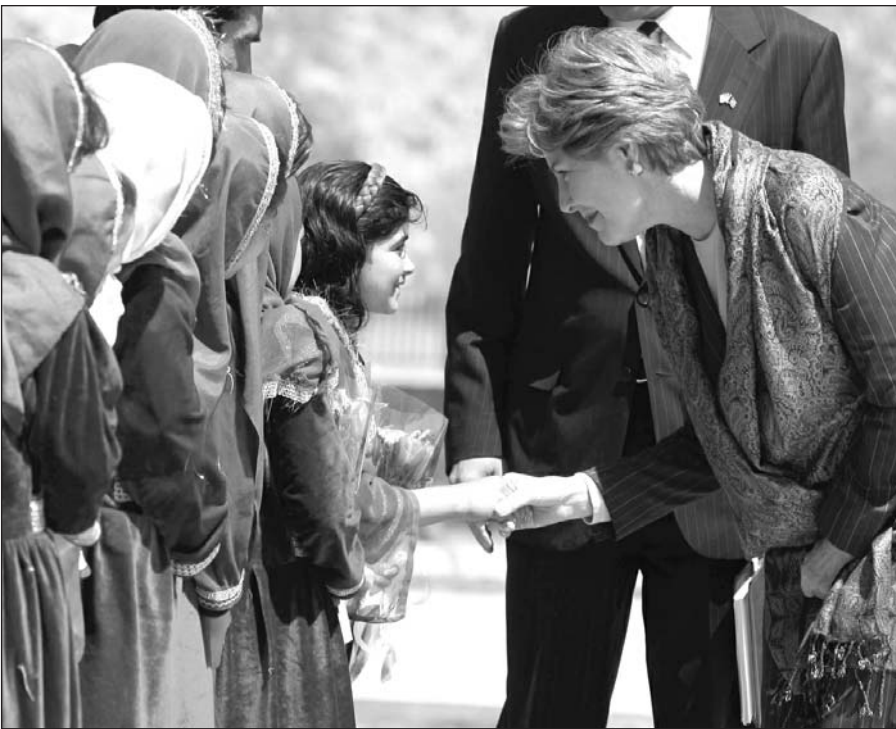
their stability."

Karzai said Mrs. Bush's visit "matters much more than hundreds of millions of dollars. Much more." Yet the fragile democracy is heavily dependent on international aid, and Mrs. Bush said she was asked for help to pay for scholarships, computers and books.

At a mess hall at Bagram Air Base where Mrs. Bush dined with troops, Lt. Gen. David Barno said, "If you are in Afghanistan, you really wanted to come here — or you came on orders." That elicited laughter from soldiers, many of whom undoubtedly would rather be at home.

The base, surrounded by the snow-capped Hindu Kush mountains outside Kabul, was the first and last stop

"I think Afghanistan really is a very beautiful place," Mrs. Bush said. "I think eventually at some point — and I hope to see this — Afghanistan will become a wonderful place for tourists to come to because it is so exotic and because of its very, very fascinating history."



CHARLES DHARAPAK/The Associated Press

U.S. first lady Laura Bush, right, is greeted by Afghan schoolchildren upon her arrival at Kabul University in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

Attack on Shiite pilgrims raises fears of further violence aimed at religious festival

BY ANTONIO CASTANEDA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen opened fire on more Shiite Muslim pilgrims making their way Wednesday to a major religious festival in southern Iraq, killing one person and fueling fears that insurgents may target the gathering that draws hundreds of thousands of people every year.

The latest ambush, near Mahaweel, about 35 miles south of Baghdad, also wounded two

pilgrims, police Capt. Muthana al-Furati said. Attacks on pilgrims Monday killed four people, including two police officers guarding pilgrims.

Roads across Iraq were crowded with Shiites heading to the holy city of Karbala to celebrate the al-Arbaeen festival Thursday. The holiday marks the end of a 40-day mourning period for one of Shiites' most important saints, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, Imam Hussein, who was killed in a 7th century battle.

Wearing white coffin shrouds signaling their readiness for martyrdom, tens of thousands of supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has led uprisings against the U.S.-led forces in Iraq last year, paraded through the streets of Karbala on the eve of the al-Arbaeen.

"We're the Mahdi Army. We came to you, oh Hussein," they chanted while snaking through the city. Some held photos of al-Sadr and waved swords, and others beat their chests with their fists in a sign of mourning.

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Insurgent attacks against U.S. troops decline; Iraqi forces targeted

BY TRACI CARL
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgent attacks in Iraq have fallen dramatically since the Jan. 30 elections, and the number of U.S. deaths reported this month dropped to the lowest in a year.

But the news isn't all good. Militants are focusing their attacks on Iraqi government and security officials as the new leaders of Iraq assume a greater role in their fragile nation.

Both U.S. and Iraqi officials agree that attacks overall have fallen since the Jan. 30 elections, although it is unclear if the trend is just a temporary lull as militants change tactics, or a sign that the insurgency is weakening.

Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, which has been tracking the insurgency, said attacks against U.S. forces have dropped by at least 25 percent since last fall, when U.S. officials launched a major offensive against the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah. Attacks

then ranged from 80 to 90 a day, O'Hanlon said.

However, attacks still haven't fallen below the level of a year ago — between 10 to 20 a day, according to a Defense Department document dated July 2004.

U.S. defense officials say they were down to 40 to 45 a day in recent weeks, lower than the pre-election average of 50 to 60 a day.

The change was apparent after the elections, with the number of U.S. soldiers killed dropping from 58 in February to 30 in March — the lowest monthly death toll since 20 American soldiers were killed in February 2004, according to an Associated Press count.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Lance Smith said U.S. forces could begin coming home in significant numbers if insurgent violence is low through general elections scheduled for the end of the year.

A larger and more capable insurgency, setbacks in the efforts to develop Iraq security forces, or missed deadlines by the transitional government could delay any significant

drawdown, said Smith, the deputy commander of U.S. Central Command.

As reports of car bombings and ambushes noticeably dwindle, another trend has been seen as more Iraqi police and soldiers are put out on the street.

Attackers are targeting Iraqi officials seen as traitors for working with — and eventually replacing — the U.S.-led coalition, Army Capt. Salman Abdul Wahid said, adding that many attacks in March were against Iraqi forces.

"The Iraqi army and police are easy targets for terrorists," he said. "They lack the modern equipment of the Americans."

There are also more of them on the streets every day. Ali al-Faisal, a member of the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance, a coalition of lawmakers leading the new parliament, said the change was because Iraqi police are taking the lead in fighting the insurgency.

"In the past, they were targeting the American forces because they were in charge of security," he said. "After the new Iraqi army



MOHAMMED IBRAHIM/The Associated Press
A firefighter douses a burning car after an insurgent attack in Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday. Four insurgents got out of a car near the checkpoint and began shooting, killing six victims and wounding eight others before they were shot dead, police said. U.S. military officials didn't immediately have information on the attack.

and police were established — and succeeded in maintaining security and began annihilating [the insurgents] — they shifted their attacks."

Still, insurgents haven't forgotten the Americans. On Saturday, two U.S. soldiers were killed and two others were

wounded by a car bomb in Baghdad.

The developments are being closely watched, as U.S. and Iraqi officials try to determine when the U.S. government will withdraw from the country.

On Monday, interim Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib out-

lined progress by the growing number of security forces and said attacks were not only decreasing, but claiming fewer victims. He credited the growing role of Iraqi forces, saying it was easier for them to gather intelligence on insurgents than it was for U.S. troops.

British teacher pummeled shark to free leg

BY CLARE NULLIS
The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — A British surfer attacked by a great white shark described Wednesday how he kicked and lashed out wildly to free his leg from the shark's jaws, which sliced his flesh "like a knife through butter."

Chris Sullivan was surfing with friends Monday when the 13-foot shark attacked.

"It came up slow and I saw its eyes and it looked really dark gray," said Sullivan, sitting in a wheelchair at a clinic. "I turned and I saw the underneath of its belly. Then I saw its mouth. Then it grabbed hold of my leg."

"I started lashing out, hitting it. I think I kicked it. I pulled the leg out. It felt like a knife through butter and I thought 'oops,'" said the school teacher who has traveled the world in pursuit of his surfing passion.

Sullivan, 32, said he managed to stay on his surf board and catch a wave back to shore,



OBED ZILWA/The Associated Press
British surfer Chris Sullivan gestures during a media interview at Constatia Medic Clinic in Cape Town, South Africa, on Wednesday. Sullivan, sitting next to his girlfriend Barbara Robinson, right, explained how he fought a Great White Shark after biting him on his left leg while surfing in Noordhoek beach last Monday.

where a local veterinary surgeon who had also been surfing applied an emergency tourniquet to his leg.

Sullivan needed 200 stitches in his calf.

The attack at Nordhoek on a stunning stretch of beach about 12 miles from Cape Town occurred at the same point where a bodyboarder was killed 18 months ago.

A great white bit off the leg of a teenage surfer one year ago nearby, and a 77-year-old swim-

mer was eaten by a great white in nearby Fish Hoek last October.

Clive Mortimer, the station commander of the National Sea Rescue Institute, said Sullivan was "extremely lucky," to have escaped alive.

Sullivan dismissed suggestions that sharks deemed to be a threat should be culled.

"I haven't got a problem with the shark," he said. "I was in its water and I was stupid enough to go surfing where there was a lot of sharks."

Cuban Central Bank chief says island sees first surplus in decade

BY ANITA SNOW
The Associated Press

HAVANA — Cuba's central bank chief said Tuesday that the country's economy registered its first surplus in a decade in 2004 and expects another surplus this year as the communist government reasserts economic control after dumping the U.S. dollar and strengthening its own national currency.

Central Bank President Francisco Soberon told The Associated Press in an interview that high international prices for the nickel the island produces and an improvement in tourism contributed to creation of the first surplus since 1994.

Ten years ago, Cuba was still reeling from a severe economic crisis brought on by the loss of its Soviet aid and trade. Since, the island has been forced to diversify its economy from one that was once almost wholly dependent on sugar exports and barter trade with its former ideological allies.

"We have to keep an eye on the price of petroleum," Soberon allowed, saying that higher crude costs would affect the Cuban economy, "but we are optimistic" about another surplus in 2005.

Soberon declined to quantify Cuba's surplus, saying that and other numbers such as reserve figures were confidential information that could be used against the island by the U.S. government and other enemies of Cuba.

He also expressed optimism about recent moves to strengthen both the Cuban peso, which is used by government wage-earners for subsidized goods and serv-

ices, and the convertible Cuban peso, a second currency used for consumer goods that aren't available in poorly stocked peso stores or on the government ration.

President Fidel Castro announced Thursday that the convertible Cuban peso would no longer be on par with the U.S. dollar.

After being the island's primary form of legal tender for 11 years, the U.S. dollar was removed from circulation four months ago and replaced on a 1-1 basis by the convertible Cuban peso as the primary currency used for many consumer goods.

Now, beginning April 9, the convertible peso will be tied to several major foreign currencies including the euro, initially marking an 8 percent revaluation.

The Cuban leader said the move was necessary to create an economy that is no longer dependent on the American dollar, which he said is steadily losing value against other world currencies.

Castro's announcement came a week after the government strengthened the regular Cuban peso by 7 percent. That revaluation marked the first change in the currency's exchange rate since it was frozen in December 2001.

In addition, a 10 percent surcharge put in place last year for the sale of American dollars at exchange houses remains intact. That means that with the 8 percent revaluation of the Cuban convertible peso it will now cost 18 U.S. cents for each dollar changed into Cuban money.

Euros, British sterling, Swiss

francs, and other major international currencies will lose 8 percent of their value when changed into Cuban convertible pesos.

Soberon said those most likely to be affected by the latest measures are Cubans who receive U.S. dollar remittances from relatives in the United States.

"It will all depend upon what their family abroad does," the bank chief said. "If their relatives increase what they send, it won't affect them. It really isn't that much more they have to send."

Soberon said one of the measure's aims is to narrow the difference between average Cuban government workers who earn the equivalent of about \$11 a month and people who receive money from abroad.

Soberon said the measure would affect foreign entities operating on the island, such as embassies and international firms, requiring them to pay 8 percent more on many monthly bills, most of which are now charged in convertible Cuban pesos.

Soberon said that the measure probably would not have a major impact on tourists traveling to Cuba on package deals charged in foreign currencies in other countries — as long as the tour operators don't decide to pass on their increased costs to consumers.

He admitted that it will cost more for tourists traveling here on their own, but said that Cuba's worth it.

"Cuba is so attractive, of such cultural interest, that the 8 percent [increase in cost] will be imperceptible," he said.

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A key deer on Sugarloaf Key is tagged and has a device to allow wildlife officials to track its movement.

Protection

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Act: To identify where federal agencies are working at cross purposes and to bring them together to resolve those inconsistencies.”

In 1997, the two agencies agreed to a plan that required oversight of permitting in the Keys by the Wildlife Service. Since then, Monroe County has relied on information provided by the Wildlife Service to determine whether prospective builders must seek federal approval for their projects.

At the time the plan was implemented, it caused consternation among some builders because it added another layer of government oversight to the already complex county building process.

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In addition, the judge found that agencies were relying in many cases on what amounted to voluntary compliance by property owners to save species habitat. Moore found “unpersuasive” FEMA’s arguments that failure to comply with the requirements could result in the county’s suspension from participation in the flood insurance program.

Moore wrote the plan “does nothing to compel landowners to adhere to recommendations by [the Wildlife Service]. Indeed, the record indicates that some landowners entirely disregarded” the requirements for habitat protection.

Moore also wrote that “if the court were to adopt FEMA’s argument it would mean that a federal agency could fulfill its [responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act] by implementing a voluntary national program that has no effect on the specific species

affected by the agency’s actions.”

Henry Morgenstern, another attorney who worked on the case, lauded the judge’s ruling as one that will finally force a real solution to the issue.

“The procedure they’re using now [requires] a lot of paperwork. We were never in favor of this. It was a terrible idea from the start,” Morgenstern said. “Landowners hated it, the agencies hated it, environmentalists hated it because it doesn’t accomplish the protection that’s supposed to be given. Fish and Wildlife did it anyway, we think for political reasons, because it didn’t stop development.”

“Now they’re going to have to come up with a better way.”

The ruling will have national effects because any community served by FEMA’s flood insurance program that also has endangered species habitat will be subject to whatever new plan

is developed, White and Morgenstern said.

In the Keys, the ruling will affect property located in habitat for any of following species native to the Keys: Key deer, Key Largo cotton mouse, Key Largo wood rat, Lower Keys marsh rabbit, Schaus’ swallowtail butterfly, sliver rice rat, Stock Island tree snail and the Keys tree cactus.

County Growth Management Director Tim McGarry said Wednesday he didn’t know what effect Moore’s decision would have on the Keys.

“And until federal agencies respond, we’re kind of in the dark,” he said.

County Attorney Richard Collins, in an email to county staff and officials, on Wednesday wrote, “You may want to be prepared for what I anticipate to be a major headache for us.”

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Coppitt Key, Geiger Key, Shark Key and Boca Chica Road].”

However, a boiler-plate paragraph that appears at the top of county agendas, including Saturday’s meeting agenda, states that: “Any person who wishes to be heard shall provide the [county] clerk with his or her name and residence and the agenda item on which he or she wishes to be heard. ... An

individual has three minutes and a person representing an organization has five minutes to address the board. ...”

Collins said of the apparent conflict that it is best to err on the side of open government.

“My interpretation is that the Government-in-the-Sunshine and public meeting laws should be interpreted liberally” he said. “... Residents will be able to sign up and speak as they normally do.”

Speaking Tuesday on U.S. 1 Radio Morning Magazine news program, Spehar said ques-

tions about a controversial Stock Island sewer project also were off limits at the public meeting. A private firm that received the county contract for the Stock Island project, KW Resort Utilities, is expected to be among bidders for Lower Keys projects if the county assumes oversight of such projects from the Aqueduct Authority, as Spehar repeatedly has advocated. The possibility of the firm’s involvement has drawn criticism from property owners in the Big Coppitt Key area.

Fish

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the island chain.

“That kind of stuff drives our markets down,” Iarocci said of activities authorities are targeting.

In addition to recreational fishermen competing with commercial fishermen, if retail outlets can pass off inferior fish species to unsuspecting consumers as premium products such as grouper, it drives down

the demand for the desired catch from which commercial fishermen earn their livelihoods.

In addition to the FWCC, the state departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services and of Business and Professional Regulation are participating in the operation.

As part of the probe, investigators may pose as recreational fishermen attempting to make backdoor sales or purchases, perform DNA tests to determine the species of fishery

products suspected of being mislabeled and visit supermarkets, fish stores and other retail establishments to check delivery boxes for accurate labeling of fish species, according to authorities.

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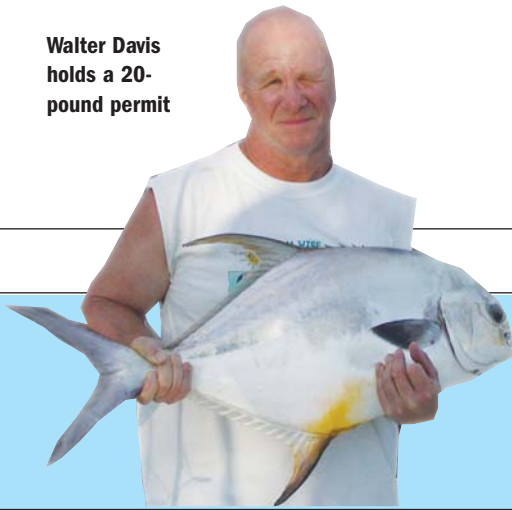
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NFL seeking stronger policy on testosterone due to IOC change

NEW YORK — The NFL wants stronger testing for testosterone in its steroid program to be in line with the Olympics.

The league is seeking an agreement with its players' union on tighter standards, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday. The league proposes a change in the ratio between testosterone and epitestosterone in the body that would be in keeping with what the International Olympic Committee has in place.

Aiello noted the NFL has always adhered to the IOC standards and wants the change because the Olympics have upgraded their standards.

Such a move would need approval of the NFL Players Association. Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, has been a staunch advocate of more stringent steroid testing.

Aiello said the timing of the league's request had nothing to do with a CBS News report that will air on "60 Minutes Wednesday." It said Carolina Panthers Todd Sauerbrun and Jeff Mitchell and former player Todd Steussie had steroid prescriptions filled by a South Carolina doctor now under investigation by federal authorities.

The CBS report said the players all had prescriptions for testosterone cream filled within two weeks of the Panthers' appearance in the 2004 Super Bowl. It also stated Sauerbrun — one of the league's top punters — obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanozolol, which is also banned by the league.

Morrison, Gonzaga's top scorer, says he will return for junior year

SPOKANE, Wash. — Gonzaga's leading scorer, Adam Morrison, will return for his junior year.

Morrison had been the subject of speculation he might make himself eligible for the NBA draft after his stock rose sharply near the end of the season. But he decided he wanted to remain a part of Gonzaga basketball.



Morrison

"I think it's the right decision," his father, John Morrison, said Wednesday. "It gives him a chance to get stronger and work on ball-handling and 3-point percentage."

Adam Morrison was not immediately available for comment. Coach Mark Few, traveling to the Final Four in St. Louis, also was not available for comment. Morrison's decision means Gonzaga will have four starters returning from a team that was

26-5 and finished No. 10 in the final poll. The Bulldogs were upset in the second round of the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive season.

Morrison, a 6-foot-8, 205-pounder, averaged a team-high 19 points per game last season.

Ronny Turiaf is the only starter to graduate from Gonzaga's team.

In addition to Morrison, returning starters include post player J.P. Batista, point guard Derek Raivio and guard Erroll Knight. The top three players off the bench also return, as does guard Nathan Doudney, who missed most of last season with a knee injury.

KEYS CALENDAR

TODAY IN THE KEYS

BASEBALL

Key West at Chattahoochee, Ga., 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Key West vs. TBA at The Kissimmee Klassic in Kissimmee, TBA

TODAY ON TV

GOLF

TGC — European PGA Tour, Portugal Open, first round, at Quinta da Marinha, Portugal, 9 a.m.
USA — PGA Tour, BellSouth Classic, first round, at Duluth, Ga., 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

ESPN2 — Girls, McDonald's All-American Game, at South Bend, Ind., 5 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ESPN — NIT, championship, Saint Joseph's vs. South Carolina at New York, 7 p.m.
ESPN — Exhibition, slam dunk and 3-point contest, at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

NBA

SUN — Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
TNT — Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
TNT — Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ESPN — ATP Masters Series, NASDAQ-100 Open, men's quarterfinal, at Key Biscayne, 1 p.m.
ESPN2 — ATP Masters Series, NASDAQ-100 Open, men's quarterfinal, at Key Biscayne, 3 p.m.
ESPN2 — ATP Masters Series, NASDAQ-100 Open, women's semifinal, at Key Biscayne, 7 p.m.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

Cash 3: **7-6-9**
Play 4: **7-1-9-6**
Fantasy 5: **26-8-35-13-16**
Lotto — \$10 million jackpot:
37-53-1-46-19-38



WORLD CUP QUALIFIER: UNITED STATES 2, GUATEMALA 0



MARK HUMPHREY/The Associated Press

Eddie Johnson, right, of the United States is congratulated by Steve Cherundolo after Johnson scored against Guatemala in the first half at the final round of World Cup qualifying in Birmingham, Ala. on Wednesday.

Sweet home Alabama

U.S. one step closer to World Cup with victory in Birmingham

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Eddie Johnson came through once again, showing the stellar form that's made him America's top scorer and giving the United States a key victory in World Cup qualifying.

A day shy of his 21st birthday, Johnson scored a brilliant goal in the 11th minute and set up Steve Ralston's goal in the 68th to lead the United States over Guatemala 2-0 Wednesday night.

Johnson, who also nearly connected on an audacious bicycle kick, has eight goals in eight international appearances, an astonishing figure

that has caused European clubs to express interest in acquiring him from Major League Soccer's Dallas team. Seven of the goals have come in World Cup qualifiers, tying him with Brian McBride for second on the U.S. career list, two behind Earnie Stewart.

Just three days after playing tentatively and conservatively in a dismal 2-1 loss at Mexico, the Americans opened with one of their most high-octane performances, outshooting the Guatemalans 14-3 in the first half. Poor finishing, especially by Brian Ching, kept the United States from running up the score.

By winning their first home game in the final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean

region, the Americans improved to 2-0-1, temporarily taking over the group lead with seven points. Mexico (2-0), which played at Panama (0-1-1) Wednesday night, had six, followed by Guatemala (1-1-1) and Costa Rica (1-1-1), which was held to a 0-0 tie at Trinidad and Tobago (0-2-1).

The Americans were forced to make changes because DaMarcus Beasley was suspended for getting his second yellow card of qualifying and captain Claudio Reyna sprained an ankle during Sunday's game in Mexico.

U.S. Soccer scheduled the game for Legion Field, expecting a patriotic red-white-and-blue crowd. But,

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Nationals in mad dash toward Opening Day

Washington struggling to get facilities ready in time for team's return to capital

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

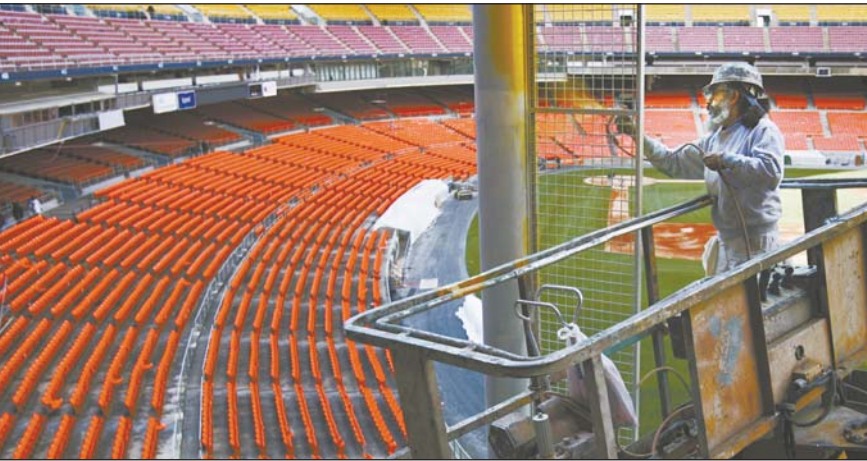
WASHINGTON — It seems 34 years would be enough time for Major League Baseball to get things in order for its return to the nation's capital. But no, there's a mad dash as the Washington Nationals prepare for their debut.

With an exhibition game against the New York Mets set for Sunday at RFK Stadium, the outfield wall installed this week still needs painting. Tickets are just being put in the mail.

And the Nationals still are the only team that doesn't have a deal to have their games televised.

"My hair's probably going to fall out this week," team president Tony Tavares said.

It's been a frantic pace since Major League Baseball, which owns the franchise, announced Sept. 29 that the team would move from Montreal. The



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/The Associated Press

Daniel Lepe, paints a foul pole at RFK Stadium, the home field of the Washington Nationals on Tuesday in Washington.

short time frame is unprecedented in modern history.

The last expansion teams, the Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays, had three full years to prepare for opening day from the date their franchises were awarded — and

their preparations didn't have the rapt nationwide attention the Nationals receive from being in the nation's capital.

Tavares keeps a meticulous list of

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PREP BASEBALL

Conchs drop second straight

CITIZEN STAFF

ROSWELL, Ga. — The Key West High School baseball team fell behind 9-0 after two innings at Centennial on Wednesday. And once top starter Chas Spottswood gave way to junior Santi Arencibia, it seemed the Conchs would begin their three-game road trip in Georgia with a loss.

But the Conchs piled up nine runs in the next four innings to tie the game in the top of the sixth, but destiny took back over the rest of the way. The Knights pushed a run across in the bottom of the inning and Key West couldn't score Ezra Josephson from third base in the seventh and suffered its second straight loss, 10-9.

The main reason the Conchs (13-3) even had the opportunity to win was the strong performance by Arencibia. Spottswood was roughed up for nine runs and eight hits, in the second inning, but Arencibia came on to earn one of his six strikeouts to end that inning and didn't allow a run until the sixth.

"I can't say enough about the job [Arencibia] did," Key West coach Ralph Henriquez said. "He was gutsy and he challenged people. His performance gives me more confidence in him."

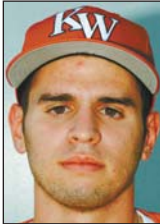
Henriquez has always had confidence in his offense and they didn't let him down. The Conchs began their comeback charge when D.J. Randolph, who was 3-for-4 with four RBI in the game, laced a two-RBI single in the third inning.

A Tony Lopez RBI single and Ralphie Henriquez sacrifice fly added two more runs in the fourth to pull the Conchs within five. Blake Barber struck in the fifth with his first home run of the season, a solo shot. Josephson then hit a fielders choice to score Daryl Lewis, who had two doubles in the game, and the Conchs were suddenly down just 9-6.

No. 3 Key West pulled even in the sixth when Henriquez hit an RBI double and Randolph knocked in two with a single.

Once the Knights (10-2) went up one in the bottom of the sixth, the Key West coaches felt they became the victim of some bad calls.

Most notably with Josephson on third and Storr up with two outs. Storr hit the ball in the infield and was thrown out in a close call at first. Coach Henriquez disagreed with that, as well as what he believed to be a blown balk call just before that which would have plated the tying run.



Arencibia

SPORTS

NBA
Source: Brown returning to coach Pistons today

Larry Brown will return to coach the Detroit Pistons this week after missing 10 games, a team source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Brown will rejoin the team at practice today, according to the source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, and will be on the bench at home Friday night against the Los Angeles Clippers.

He did not coach Detroit on Wednesday night at home against Sacramento, missing his 10th straight game since undergoing a procedure related to hip surgery.

AUTO RACING
Committee upholds Berrier suspension

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The four-race suspension Kevin Harvick's crew chief got for rigging his gas tank was upheld Wednesday by an appeals committee.

Berrier admitted making the tank appear full when it actually wasn't during a qualifying run earlier this month at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

NASCAR implemented a rule this season requiring all cars to qualify with full tanks. A lighter tank would make the car faster.

HOPE YOU AREN'T CLAUSTROPHOBIC



Al Goldis/The Associated Press

Michigan State women's basketball coach Joanne P. McCallie, center, is surrounded by media as she answers questions outside the team's offices Wednesday in East Lansing, Mich. The women's team, headed to the Final Four for the first time in school history, is getting its first taste of the event's demanding distractions.

MLB
Owners approve A's sale to L.A. developer

PHOENIX — Baseball's owners unanimously approved the sale of the Oakland Athletics to Los Angeles real estate developer Lewis Wolff on Wednesday, all but finalizing a deal in the works for about a year.

The owners spoke for 5 minutes via conference call to approve the sale, the next-to-last step necessary for Wolff and his group of investors to assume control of the team.

Now, the parties just have to hold the closing and sign the documents to finalize.

NFL
Jaguars sign free agent Marcellus Wiley

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars signed veteran free agent defensive end Marcellus Wiley to a one-year contract Wednesday as the team added another free agent end to their defensive front.

"If everything works out though, (the deal) could be for much longer by the end of the year," Wiley's agent Brad Blank said.

The 6-foot-4, 278-pound Wiley joins fellow free agent pickup Reggie Hayward as the likely starters at defensive end next season.

SCOREBOARD

SPREADS			
GLANTZ-CULVER LINE			
NCAA Tournament			
Saturday's games			
At St. Louis			
Semifinals			
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Illinois	3	(146)	Louisville
North Carolina	5	(157 1/2)	Michigan St.
NIT			
Tonight			
At New York			
Championship			
Saint Joseph's	1	(122 1/2)	South Carolina

NBA				
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG		
Miami	5 1/2	at Indiana		
at Chicago	2	Cleveland		
at L.A. Lakers	1	Minnesota		

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	54	18	.750	—
xz-Detroit	44	27	.620	9 1/2
xz-Boston	38	33	.535	15 1/2
Washington	40	30	.571	13
Chicago	39	31	.557	14
Cleveland	37	32	.536	15 1/2
Indiana	36	34	.514	17
Philadelphia	35	35	.500	18
Orlando	34	37	.479	19 1/2
New Jersey	34	38	.472	20
New York	29	41	.414	24
Toronto	29	42	.408	24 1/2
Milwaukee	27	44	.380	26 1/2
Charlotte	15	55	.214	38
Atlanta	11	60	.155	42 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
xz-Phoenix	53	17	.750	—
xz-San Antonio	52	18	.743	1
xz-Seattle	49	21	.700	4
Dallas	48	23	.676	5 1/2
Houston	43	28	.606	10 1/2
Sacramento	44	29	.603	10 1/2
Memphis	39	31	.557	14
Denver	38	31	.551	14 1/2
Minnesota	37	34	.521	16 1/2
L.A. Lakers	33	37	.471	20
L.A. Clippers	32	40	.444	22
Golden State	26	45	.366	27 1/2
Portland	24	45	.348	28 1/2
Utah	22	48	.314	31
New Orleans	16	54	.229	37

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-division leaders

Tuesday's games				
Cleveland 94, L.A. Clippers 84				
Miami 103, Toronto 91				
Seattle 102, Memphis 99				

L.A. Lakers 117, New York 107				
Wednesday's games				
Washington 102, Atlanta 99				
Dallas 112, Boston 100				
Orlando 108, Toronto 96				
Chicago 102, Charlotte 99				
Detroit 99, Sacramento 82				
New Jersey 95, L.A. Clippers 78				
Golden State 113, Milwaukee 109				
Seattle at San Antonio, late				
Denver at Utah, late				
Houston at Portland, late				
Philadelphia at Phoenix, late				
Today's games				
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.				
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				
Friday's games				
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.				
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.				
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
Sacramento at Cleveland, 8 p.m.				
New Jersey at New York, 8 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 8 p.m.				
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.				
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
San Antonio at Denver, 10:30 p.m.				
Portland at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.				

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SPRING TRAINING STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	16	8	.667
Los Angeles	18	10	.643
Baltimore	13	10	.565
Minnesota	14	12	.539
Cleveland	14	13	.518
Tampa Bay	13	13	.500
New York	13	14	.481
Boston	12	13	.480
Detroit	12	13	.480
Oakland	14	16	.467
Kansas City	12	14	.461
Chicago	13	16	.448
Seattle	11	15	.423
Texas	10	18	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
New York	15	9	.625
San Francisco	17	11	.607
Colorado	17	12	.586
St. Louis	14	10	.583
San Diego	16	13	.552
Arizona	15	14	.517
Cincinnati	15	14	.517
Houston	12	12	.500
Los Angeles	12	12	.500
Chicago	14	15	.483
Atlanta	12	13	.480
Washington	11	13	.458
Milwaukee	13	16	.448
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440
Philadelphia	11	17	.393
Florida	9	19	.321

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's games			
St. Louis 10, Florida 5			
Houston 7, Cleveland 6			
Toronto 11, Pittsburgh 5			
Baltimore 4, L.A. Dodgers 3			
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 2			
Oakland 10, Seattle 5			
San Diego 13, Texas 12			
Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 6			
Colorado 4, Chicago White Sox 3			
Kansas City 10, L.A. Angels 9			
San Francisco 9, Arizona 5			
Atlanta 12, Detroit 4			
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 3			
Minnesota 12, Cincinnati 11, 10 innings			
Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 4			
Wednesday's games			
Washington 4, Atlanta 3, 11 innings			
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 4			
Baltimore 5, St. Louis 5, tie, 10 innings			
Detroit 7, Cleveland 3			
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 5, tie			
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 5			
Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Yankees 4			
L.A. Dodgers 9, Houston 8, 10 innings			
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 2			
L.A. Angels 6, Cincinnati 2			
Oakland 6, Milwaukee 1			
Chicago Cubs 5, Colorado 4			
Kansas City 5, Seattle 3			
San Diego (ss) 9, Texas 6			
Chicago White Sox 14, Arizona 0			
San Diego State at San Diego (ss), 10:05 p.m.			
Today's games			
L.A. Dodgers vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.			
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.			
Washington vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.			
Detroit vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.			
Boston (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.			
Acquired C David Ross from the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash.			
San Francisco Giants—Released LHP Wayne Franklin and RHP Al Levine.			

BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association			
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Activated G-F Jerry Stackhouse from the injured list. Placed C D.J. Mbenga on the injured list.			
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed F Damone Brown to a second 10-day contract.			
FOOTBALL			
National Basketball Association			
DENVER BRONCOS—Acquired DL Ebenezer Ekuban and DL Michael Myers from Cleveland for RB Reuben Droughns.			
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed DE Jay Williams to a three-year contract.			
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OL Ray Brown.			
SOCCER			
Major League Soccer			
FC DALLAS—Acquired F Carlos Ruiz from Los Angeles for an allocation.			
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Traded F Carlos Ruiz to Dallas for an allocation.			
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Signed MF Shalrie Joseph to a contract extension.			

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL			
Major League Baseball			
MLB—Approved the sale of the Oakland Athletics from Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann to Lewis Wolff.			
American League			
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired INF-OF Ramon Nivar from Texas for LHP Matt Riley. Traded C Keith McDonald to Texas for future considerations.			
DETROIT TIGERS—Assigned C Sandy Martinez and OF Dewayne Wise to their minor league camp.			
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Reassigned INF Dallas McPherson and RHP Chris Bootcheck to their minor league camp. Agreed to terms with INF Andy Fox on a minor league contract.			
National League			
ATLANTA BRAVES—Asked unconditional release waivers on LHP Gabe White.			
CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned RHP Jose Acevedo and RHP Todd Coffey to Louisville of the IL. Reassigned OF Jason Romano and LHP Jeremie Robertson to their minor league camp. Released C Bobby Estalella.			
FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent RHP Ben Howard outright to Albuquerque of the PCL.			
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Optioned OF David Krynzel and RHP Justin Lehr to Nashville of the PCL.			
Reassigned RHP Julio Santana to their minor league camp.			
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Amaury Telemaco on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Offered Rule 5 draft OF Shane Victorino back to the Los Angeles Dodgers.			
Reassigned C A.J. Hinch and OF Mark Budzinski to their minor league camp. Optioned 1B Ryan Howard to Scantony/Wilkes-Barre of the IL. Placed RHP Vicente Padilla on the 15-day DL.			
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Reassigned OF Ben Grieve and RHP Mark Corey to Indianapolis of the IL. Purchased the contract of RHP Rick White from Indianapolis.			
Acquired C David Ross from the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash.			
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Released LHP Wayne Franklin and RHP Al Levine.			

Qualifier

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surprisingly, the majority of fans at gametime consisted of blue-clad Guatemalan supporters. They filled the old football stadium with the sound of their national anthem, and cheered loudly for the Chapines, but by the end of the first-half, chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!" took over.

Nifty passing set up both goals.

On the first, Pablo Mastroeni sent a through pass to Landon Donovan, who let Johnson run onto the ball. His left-footed shot from 12 yards hit the right post, then rebounded across the goalmouth and into the left

side of the net.

On the second, Eddie Lewis crossed the ball into the center, where Johnson flicked it with his head to Ralston, who hopped over a defender and beat goalkeeper Richard Trigueno from short range.

In the 66th, Donovan put the ball in off a cross from Lewis, but was ruled offside on a close play.

U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller then made a sprawling one-on-one save on Carlos Ruiz and, at the other end, Johnson's bicycle kick was blocked by Trigueno. Guatemala's Nestor Martinez battled the ball with a hand during the sequence in the penalty area, but there was no call.

The Americans next qualifier is June 4 against Costa Rica.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
BoSox send Kim to Rockies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MYERS — The Boston Red Sox traded reliever Byung-Hyun Kim to the Colorado Rockies, calling the \$10 million, two-year deal they gave him in 2004 "a mistake."

Kim was sent Wednesday to the Rockies for left-handed pitcher Chris Narveson, 23, who was optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket, and catcher Charles Johnson, who was immediately designated for assignment and released.

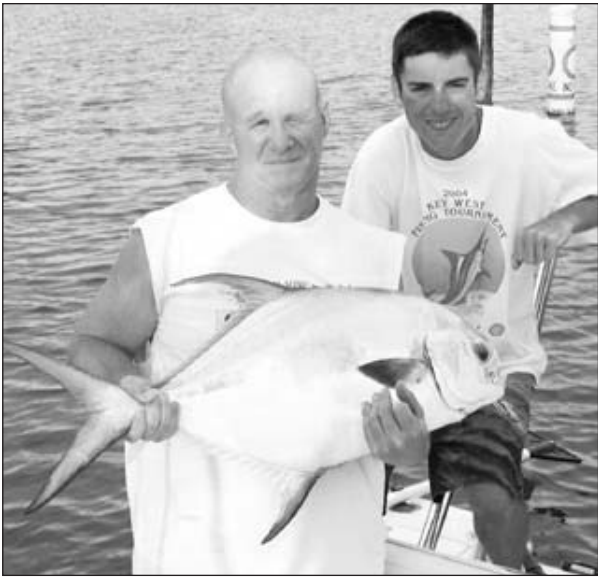
As part of the trade, Colorado sent Boston about \$2.6 million to equalize the salaries. Johnson is owed \$9 million and Kim \$6 million, part of a \$10 million, two-year deal he signed before the 2004 season.

"We certainly made a mistake and I take responsibility for that," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "It's just a mystery what happened to this guy."

Kim, a 26-year-old sidearm, was a major factor in Boston reaching the 2003 playoffs, but Epstein said Wednesday he should have let Kim get a one-year contract through arbitration rather than sign him to a two-year deal.

"I'm not so sure (success) would have happened to him in Boston," he said. "He was crying for a change of scenery."

Walter Davis, wrestling coach at Vestal High School in New York, is shown here holding his 20-pound permit caught while fishing on "Ware's the fish" with Capt. Mick Ware. The fish was caught in the backcountry and released unharmed to be caught another day.



Special to The Citizen



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Kelly Gander, left, displays this 30-inch, 20-pound black grouper along with her father Fred Cabanas. Gander speared the fish on Easter weekend aboard the the Grunt Molester at Pelican Shoal.

WHAT'S BITING

Backcountry

Tarpon, tarpon, tarpon. It's impossible to consider a back-country trip right now in the Keys and not look for tarpon, especially when reports have been flying that the big tarpon have finally arrived and are everywhere. One report had an angler snare a 170-pound tarpon that was 78 inches long and 42 inches in girth.

Offshore

The sailfishing is still on the rise as several boats reported catching and releasing multiple sails during the past couple of days. Also, tuna are still being caught during almost every offshore excursion, mostly in 600-to-800 feet of water. With a cold front bearing down on the Keys this weekend, expect the offshore action to drop off around

Saturday when the winds could be 15-to-20 miles an hour.

Reef

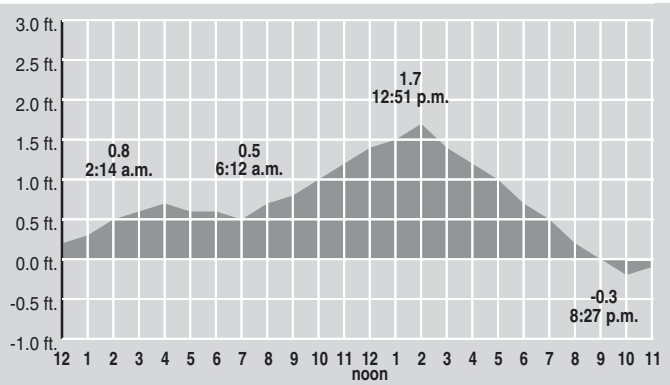
After a three-day excursion some 40 miles off Key West, Capt. Eddie Griffiths, of his brother Andy Griffiths' Charters, reported he and his anglers tore up the red grouper, king mackerel and mutton snapper.

● Fishing report contributed by Capt. Eddie Griffiths of Andy Griffiths Charters and Capt. Johnny Irwin of Seabreeze Charters.

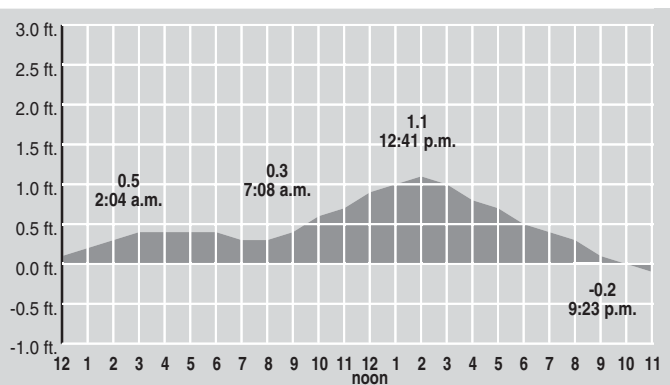
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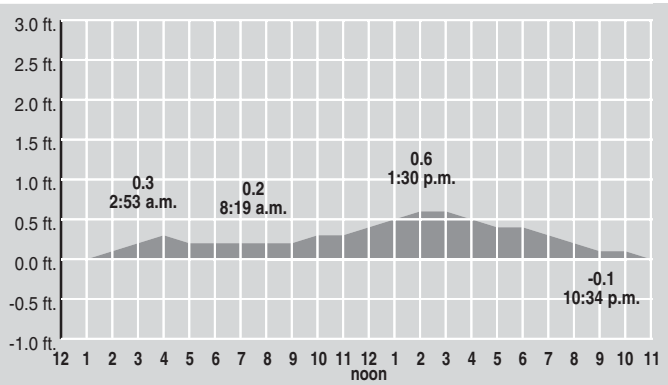


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DAILY KEYS TIDES

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SPORTS: Major League Baseball

McKeon, Marlins still unsure if Pierre will be ready for opener

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE — Juan Pierre played every inning of every Florida game last season, the only major-leaguer to manage such a feat.

Nobody knows if he'll be ready for the first inning of 2005.

Pierre, who hasn't missed a game since joining the Marlins two years ago, has been sidelined for the last three weeks with a strained right calf muscle, an injury suffered on a seemingly innocuous play—he was simply running down a fly ball.

Tests have not shown any tears of the muscle, but it apparently is not responding quickly to treatment, either. Pierre, the Marlins' center fielder and leadoff hitter, has repeatedly declined to answer any questions about the injury and his rehabilitation process.

"My gut feeling is, knowing him and maybe I'm optimistic, that he'll find a way to play," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said Wednesday before his team — with Chris Aguila in center field — faced the New York Mets. On the other hand, I don't know that for sure. It's better to be on the safe side if he's not right."

The Marlins have struggled mightily this spring. Even after beating the Mets 3-2 on Wednesday, they still have the worst exhibition record (9-19), are ranked last in batting average (.239), home runs (14), and runs scored (98), and have been held to three or fewer runs 19 times in 29 games, including one tie.

Clearly, they miss Pierre — their catalyst for the last two seasons. Last year, Pierre led the

National League last season with 221 hits, tied for first with 12 triples and batted .326; in the Marlins' World Series title year of 2003, he led the National League with 65 stolen bases.

"We know he'll be ready sometime soon," Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis said.

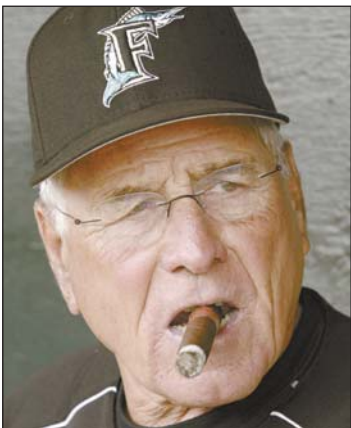
Pierre, who has been taking batting practice, was scheduled to resume running at the team's complex in Jupiter on Wednesday, McKeon said. Pierre did not accompany the Marlins on their short bus ride north to Port St. Lucie for the game against the Mets.

He's been on a light running regimen suffering the injury, but was held back in recent days — further clouding hopes that he'll be in uniform when Florida starts the regular season against Atlanta on Tuesday.

McKeon still hasn't ruled out having Pierre — who's missed just 16 games over the last four full major league seasons — start this year on the disabled list, a move that would likely lead to Juan Encarnacion spending the season's first two weeks in center field and having second baseman Luis Castillo bat leadoff.

"I'm going to rely on what the doctors say," McKeon said. "I think Juan is intelligent enough to realize that getting back when he's not right will jeopardize the whole healing process."

After Wednesday, the Marlins have four spring training games remaining. There's little chance Pierre will play Thursday against Washington, yet McKeon is optimistic that the center fielder could possibly play against the Mets on Friday or Saturday, or even against



JAMES A. FINLEY/The Associated Press
Florida Marlins manager Jack McKeon enjoys a cigar on Monday.

Florida's Single-A team in Greensboro, N.C. on Sunday.

McKeon indicated that if Pierre isn't back by the weekend, odds are slim that he'll play on Tuesday.

"So you miss the first series," McKeon said. "If you're not right, let's not have a chance of prolonging that injury."

Nationals

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things to accomplish, and lately he's been focused on matters ranging from handicapped seating to the installation of monitors with DVD players to be used as coaches' aids.

His list ballooned to 90 items a few days ago, but now he has it down to 50 or so. Not that all will be accomplished by Sunday, but he's confident the average fan will notice nothing out of sorts.

"Will everything be perfect for April 3? No," Tavares said. "We haven't had as many training sessions for staff as I would like, but we'll get through it."

The biggest outstanding issue is one over which the Nationals have no control: television rights — a big moneymaker and a hugely important public relations tool. The right to televise the games has been the subject of almost daily, drawn-out negotiations between baseball and Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos.

Angelos says the presence of a team in Washington devalues his franchise 40 miles to the north, and he wants a compensation package to include having Washington's games broadcast on his Orioles network.

Baseball is balking at that but maintains a resolution will be in place when the Nationals open their season Monday at Philadelphia.

"We're very concerned," said D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission Chairman Mark Tuohey, who helped negotiate the agreement that brought the team to Washington. "We want this game on television."

Once the Angelos matter is settled, Tavares will move as quickly as he can to hire on-air talent, secure broadcast trucks, sign up sponsors and resolve other technical issues. It will be the ultimate rushed job for a man who has become a master

of them over the last six months.

Meanwhile, many fans anxiously awaiting tickets they've ordered will have to wait a little longer. Season tickets have been mailed, but single game tickets won't go out until April 8 or so, less than a week before the April 14 home opener.

On Thursday, the team will move its offices from three claustrophobia-inducing trailers in the RFK parking lot — where the same small table serves as both a conference room and a lunch room — to new offices inside the stadium.

The stadium has its grass field in place, plus the fence and foul poles, leaving painting as the only major work remaining.

Allen Lew, the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission's chief executive, joked this week that fans might want to "check the seats to see if the paint's still wet" before they sit down.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FLORIDA KEYS
AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY**

Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Theater
5901 College Road
Key West, Florida 33040

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2005
6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this Public Meeting is for discussion on Wastewater Issues for Rockland Key, Big Coppitt Key, Geiger Key, Shark Key and Boca Chica Road. Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and Staff of Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board and Staff will be at this meeting to answer questions. Additional information is available upon request from Kathryn Ovide, Director of Executive Department, P.O. Box 1239, Key West, FL 33040, 296-2454.

Thursday, March 31, 2005 170158

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A SIGNAGE PLAN OF
THE FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRIAL**

Sealed responses will be received by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Procurement Section, Mail Station #93, 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, Carr Building, Room 235, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, until 2:00 P.M. **EDST on Thursday, April 21, 2005**, for the Development of a Signage Plan for the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.

Organizations interested in participating in this procurement opportunity may view and download the subject solicitation from the Florida Department of Management Services Vendor Bid System. To view the solicitation, go to www.myflorida.com and click on BUSINESS. Click on "Doing Business with the State". Under the "Everything for Vendors and Customers" heading, click on "Vendor Bid System". Click on "Search Advertisements". Under the "Agency" search field, select the "Department of Environmental Protection" and click on "Initiate Search". Select 2005050C. This will bring up the advertisement detail. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Click here to view more related documents".

Organizations must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to view and print the solicitation documents. Adobe Acrobat Reader maybe obtained, free of charge, at the following website:
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ACCOUNTING CLERK
Summerland Seafood now hiring for Receivables and Payables. Knowledge of Quickbooks required. Fax resume to 745-2658. or call 745-1322.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SPECIALIST
Self-starter with prior AP experience, must be computer literate. This is a full time position, Monday through Friday with a full benefit package available. Apply Monday through Friday between 9am-4pm at Historic Tours of America, Human Resources Dept., 201 Front St., Ste. 208, Key West. EOE & Drug free workplace.

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If you are someone with excellent computer skills, a quick mind, and willing to work hard and smart. Then join our team! Fast paced Summerland Key Real Estate office. Send resume to: tucars@aol.com, fax 305-832-0632 or phone 923-6159.

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Currently has openings for the following position:

FT Front Desk Clerk

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A CAB-DRIVER WANTED PART/FULL TIME
Good driving record required. Please apply in person to: **FRIENDLY CAB CO. 800 14th St. (behind KFC)**

Growing company needs additional service and installation crew for the installation of boatlifts, davits and docks. Full or part time. Benefits include Paid Time Off Program, Bonus Incentive Plan, and 401(k). Call 305-745-2840 or apply in person at Lifetime Dock & Lumber at MM24.5 on Summerland Key.

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A/C INSTALLERS AND SERVICE TECHNICIAN NEEDED
Exp. only need apply. Hol. & vac. pay. Health benefits avail. 294-9243.

AFTERNOON AND NIGHT SHIFTS AVAIL.
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Full time, needed at Cypress House. Good work ethic and people skills are required, duties include reservations and work front desk, laundry, general duties, breakfast and happy hour preparation. This is NOT a stationary, desk position! Must be able to work as part of a team, and read, write and speak English. You must have the legal right to work in this country. Applications will be taken from 11:00am until 4:00pm daily at 601 Caroline Street, with verifiable references. Phone 294-6969.

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 44-2004-CA-538-K

KEY WEST COCONUT MALLORY RESORT, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.s.

ROBERT BEAUDREault AND ESTELA BEAUDREault; RANDOLPH T. CHECK and DONNA CHECK; REGINALD N. LAVONG, II and JANET D. LAVONG; RANDY V. NAKER and JOSEPHINE A. GEORGE; and ROBERT E. SHAFFER,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 8th day of March, 2005 in the cause pending in the County Court, in an for MONROE County, Florida, Civil Case No 2004-CA-538-K, the undersigned Clerk will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I:
ANNUAL TIMESHARE PERIOD 110-4 in COCONUT MALLORY MARINA AND RESORT, a CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1482, at Pages 977-1076, inclusive, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

COUNT II:
ANNUAL TIMESHARE PERIOD 112-50 BIENNIAL EVEN in COCONUT MALLORY MARINA AND RESORT, a CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1482, at Pages 977-1076, inclusive, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

COUNT III:
ANNUAL TIMESHARE PERIOD 206-18 in COCONUT MALLORY MARINA AND RESORT, a CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1482, at Pages 977-1076, inclusive, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

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COUNT IV:
ANNUAL TIMESHARE PERIOD 107-1 ANNUAL in COCONUT MALLORY MARINA AND RESORT, a CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1482, at Pages 977-1076, inclusive, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

COUNT V:
ANNUAL TIMESHARE PERIOD 108-11 in COCONUT MALLORY MARINA AND RESORT, a CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1482, at Pages 977-1076, inclusive, of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 1:00 o'clock a.m. on the 19th day of April, 2005, at the main entrance, 500 Whitehead Street, the MONROE County Courthouse, Key West, Florida 33040.

DANNY L. KOLHAGE
Clerk of the Court
By: Sheila Frederick
Deputy Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been delivered by U.S. Mail delivery this 11th day of March, 2005, to : A.J. STANTON, III, ESQUIRE, 37 N. Orange Avenue, #210, Orlando, FL 32801; ROBERT BEAUDREault AND ESTELA BEAUDREault, 6825 Breen Drive, Houston, TX 77086; RANDOLPH T. CHECK and DONNA CHECK, 605 Cedar Flat Road, Battletown, KY 40104; REGINALD N. LAVONG, II and JANET D. LAVONG, 1622 Winston Homestead Drive, Richmond, TX 77469; RANDY V. NAKER and JOSEPHINE A. GEORGE, 12445 Tiffany Lane, Saint Francisville, LA 70775; ROBERT E.

NOTICE OF SALE

SHAFFER, P.O. Box 449, AMES, IA 50010.

Sheila Frederick
CLERK

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at not cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact Holly Elominia, Court Administration, at 500 Whitehead Street, Monroe County Courthouse, Key West, Florida, 33040, telephone (305) 292-3423 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (described notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, 1-800-955-8771.

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, it is required that we state the following to you: **THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** March 24 & 31, 2005

NOTICE OF SALE

A/C Secured Storage, Inc., 2010 Staples Avenue, Key West, FL 33040, will hold an auction on Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 12:00 noon to dispose of the personal property of the following individuals: Robert Kirkpatrick, Mark Jones, Anthony Ferrari, Erlien Etienne, Mark Chapin, Ursula Dunn, Edward Decker, Nancy Davis, Nelson Suarez, Denise McLaughlin, Jack Martin, Elizabeth Harris, Harry Harper, Brianna Moore, Brad White-wolf, Michael Syring and Kimberly Good. March 31, 2005

PUBLIC MEETINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Key West International AD HOC committee On Noise is scheduled for Tuesday April 5, 2005. At 2:00 pm at the Harvey Government Center, 1200 Truman Avenue. Upstairs in the Commission Chambers. March 31, 2005

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Looking for experienced Framers to handle all framing & shipping for our gallery & gift shop. Pay based on experience. PT, flexible hours. Knowledge of "Wiz-ard" computerized Mat Cutter 8000 software a plus. Please pick up an application at Audubon House 205 Whitehead St. Send resume via fax to 305-294-4513 or e-mail to: audubonhouse@audubonhouse.org

FRONT DESK AGENT
Position available. Please pickup application at Front Desk of Doubletree Grand Key Resort, 3990 S. Roosevelt Blvd.

FRONT DESK AGENTS
Hospitality Experience preferred **GREAT INCENTIVE PLAN** Benefit package, employee discounts. Apply in person at the **Sheraton Suites Key West:** 2001 S. Roosevelt Blvd. EOE/M/F/D/V 305-293-7923 Fax 305-294-1519.

FRONT DESK CLERK
Experience preferred. Full + part time, flex shifts, weekends required. Great pay + commission. Apply in person at Truman Hotel, 611 Truman Ave.

FRONT DESK CLERK
Part-time position available. Flexible hours. Apply in person at Coconut Beach Resort, 1500 Alberta St.

FRONT DESK FOR MARINA
Must be self motivated with a positive attitude. Should be detail oriented with good phone skills a must. FT 4 day work week with a Sat. or Sun. Must have professional office experience, be computer literate and familiar with A/P, A/R and daily accounting practices. Benefits available after 90 days. Please apply at Garrison Bight Marina.

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FRONT DESK MANAGER

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FRONT DESK
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FRONT DESK/ CONCIERGE
FT/PT position for established, detail oriented, guest services professional. Some early evening and weekends hrs. Willing to train the right person. Great pay and benefits. Please come by Curry Mansion Inn, 511 Caroline St. for application.

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GALLEON RESORT
Has immediate openings for Housekeepers to work on Saturdays only between 8am-4pm. Pay is per unit ranging from \$16.00-\$40.00 depending on unit size. Please apply in person at 617 Front St. or call 296-7717, ext. 1722 for details.

220 HELP WANTED
LOWER KEYS

FT/PT WAITSTAFF
Lunch & dinner avail. Exp. & references necessary. Call for appt. Old Town Mexican Cafe 296-7500.

GALLEON RESORT
Has immediate openings for Housekeeping Inspectors to work on Saturdays only between 9am-5pm in a fast paced, friendly atmosphere. Responsibilities include performing unit inventory check lists and quality control. A keen eye for details is important. Please apply in person at 617 Front St. or call 296-7711, ext. 1722 for details.

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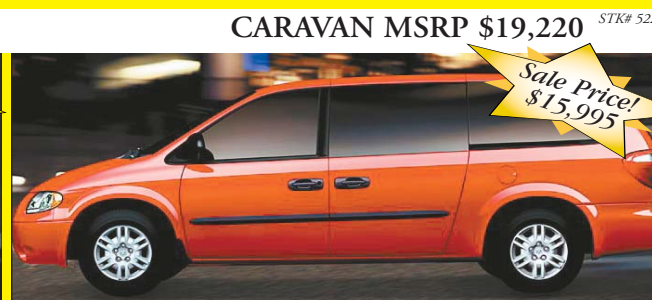
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