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One Dollar

Ants have high hopes

BY MANDY MILES
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Ah, August. The saturated air feels too thick to breathe. Afternoon storms wring out the clouds in sudden, but selective downpours that drench only one neighborhood at a time, and those damn, teeny-tiny ants show up en masse for their annual and relentless summertime infestation.

You know the ones I mean. These blasted things are so small it takes a second glance to be sure you even saw something move. Then, upon closer inspection, you notice a few more, moving jerkily, but in the same direction, following some invisible route down a



TAN LINES

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RV to bring services to homeless

Mobile outreach unit to travel to hangouts

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One minute after midnight on a recent Sunday, a 46-year-old homeless man turned up in an Old Town driveway — shirtless, red-eyed and stinking drunk. The troubled soul had bottomed out under a no-trespassing sign, according to a police officer flagged down by a passerby

who saw the man crumpled on the ground.

"I woke him up and asked him if he was OK," the officer reported on his Aug. 7 call to duty. "He told me that he was drunk and then asked me to take him to jail."

Glassy-eyed, slurring his words and wet from urinating on himself, the man was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of a patrol car that delivered him to jail. And jail is where he remained late Saturday in lieu of \$500 bail on a charge of trespassing on private property. He

had plenty of company, homeless people like himself that some in the local community think will be better served with a mobile outreach unit. The 31-foot recreational vehicle, bought off the streets of Key West, will be outfitted with a counselor and an Internet connection.

In response to the historic vagrancy issue that has saddled the city of Key West with a roaming — and sometimes defiant and dangerous — population of homeless men



MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen

Homeless people stream along College Road after a night's rest at the Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter on Stock Island in this undated file photo.

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'TIS THE SEASON



Photos by MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen

Above, City Commissioner and businessman Mark Rossi grills up some lobster in front of his Duval Street bar Saturday at the annual Key West Lobsterfest. Right, Fogarty's line cook Gus Banks and its Flying Monkey Saloon manager Jon Marshall do some grilling of their own in front of the establishment. The yearly event celebrates the beginning of lobster season, with many restaurants on the island's main tourist strip offering various dishes featuring the fresh crustaceans.



Heat may be killing fish

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA
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The state is investigating multiple reports of fish kills off Key West, including in the Lakes Passage and areas off Fleming, Cottrell and Marquesas keys.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) received six reports via its Fish Kill Hotline early last week. The agency was unable to dispatch its staff to take water samples and temperature readings last week, but officials plan to do so this week, spokesman Kevin Baxter said.

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Seaplane was on fire; wings snapped off

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Two of five people aboard a chartered Key West seaplane were injured in a 3 p.m. Friday crash in Arcadia, according to a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

The injuries were not life-threatening, Jim Peters told The Citizen. The FAA is investigating the incident.

The Cessna 206 Stationair owned by Key West Seaplanes, a company based at Key West International Airport, apparently was totaled in the wreck.

Peters said the seaplane initially left the Key West airport

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WEATHER



James Reynolds, kindergarten Grace Lutheran School

Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.
Sunset: 8:02 p.m.
Today: Sunny, cloudy, mazy
High 91
Tonight: Partly cloudy
Low 81

Complete forecast on Page 2A

EDITORIAL

With your vigilance, poachers will pay

"For most of the wild things on Earth, the future must depend on the conscience of mankind." Page 4A

FLORIDA KEYS

Academy prepares new law enforcers

Matthew O'Neill hopes to follow in his father's footsteps. The 21-year-old was one of five aspiring cops who graduated last month from Florida Keys Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Page 5A

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Keys residents help fund women's clinic in Haiti



Photo courtesy of Bette Brown

A nurse treats children at the Klinik Sante Fann Kensoeff in Haiti.

BY ADAM LINHARDT
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Rains from Tropical Storm Emily pounded the clinic roof as a 22-year-old woman gave birth to a boy in the mountainous Haitian village of Kensoeff earlier this month.

It was her fourth child, and the mother has no money. Like so many of Haiti's youth, the boy will go to an orphanage and his future is unknown. He was, however, born healthy at a clean and staffed clinic funded primarily by residents of the Florida Keys.

It was the first birth at the Klinik Sante Fann Kensoeff, which officially opened in June, said Bette Brown, a Rotarian and top executive at First State Bank in the Upper Keys. She has been traveling to Haiti for the clinic project since January 2010, when a 7.3-magnitude earthquake created a humanitarian nightmare.


The clinic has treated more than 600 children and women since it opened with the goal of not only helping those in need, but educating pregnant women about nutrition.

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BUSINESS

KEY WEST

KFCU supports military

Keys Federal Credit Union is a sponsor for the commissioning of America's newest warship, the USS Spruance, which will take place in Key West in October.

CEO Scott Duszynski recently presented a \$1,000 check to the USS Spruance Commissioning Committee.

"Although Key West has a long and proud naval history, it has never commissioned a large warship. The commissioning is the most significant event in the life of a ship and Key West is honored to have been chosen as the USS Spruance's destination of choice," he said.

KEY WEST

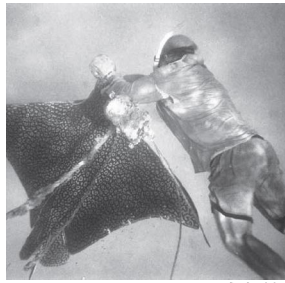
Sunset Key homes sold

Engel & Volkers Florida recently announced that its Florida Keys real estate franchise brokered two luxury residential deals on Sunset Key.

Principal broker and franchise partner Bob Cardenas was the selling and listing agent for sales at 2 Sunset Key Drive for \$3.2 million and at 47 Sunset Key Drive for \$2.7 million.

Sunset Key is an island off Key West that is accessible only by boat.

FLORIDA KEYS



Courtesy photo

Robert Keeley, who feverishly disentangled this spotted eagle from derelict fishing gear in 2002, considers the task part of his job at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Keeley has worked at the sanctuary since 2001, and is currently being honored by the state for his work as an outreach staffer with the local sanctuary. Keeley is being honored for his "unflinching work ethic and strong commitment to marine conservation," said sanctuary spokeswoman Karrie Cames.

FLORIDA KEYS

Bank exhibits student art

First State Bank of the Florida Keys is hosting the Be the Change of the Florida Keys youth art project entitled A Peace of Art.

The artwork is designed by students throughout the Keys to promote awareness and inspire action toward social issues including hunger, poverty, racism and equal access to water.

The Peace of Art project consists of 10 paintings that will be on rotation at various bank branches throughout August.

The entire Peace of Art collection, along with information on each project, can be found at <http://www.KeysBank.com>.

ISLAMORADA

Upper Keys boutique is all about island time

BY ROBERT SILK
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You'll always know what time it is at Islamorada Mercantile, Upper Matecumbe Key's newest boutique.

The walls of the shop, located at Mile Marker 81.9, are lined with the signature Low Key Clocks designed by shop owners Susan and Mike Johnson.

Made from driftwood the couple collects on the Bahamian island of Eleuthera, the clocks are handmade by Mike both at home and in the shop. They come in a variety of sizes, from mostly large, and range in price from \$525 to \$1,475.

"They're unique," Susan said modestly on a recent afternoon.

In addition to time clocks,

the Johnsons also plan to sell tide clocks, which track the ebb and flow of local tides.

Clocks, though, are far from all that is offered at Islamorada Mercantile, which the Johnsons opened last month.

True island hoppers, the couple had four retail shops on Maui a decade ago before making the move to the Bahamas, where they had the luxury of taking things easy for a while. When they moved to Islamorada in May, they brought a little bit of Hawaii to the Florida Keys; from one island chain to another.

Islamorada Mercantile features what Susan calls practical island wear from Hawaiian clothing labels including Tori Richard and Kahala. Casual yet elegant dresses and blouses,

lightweight Hawaiian shirts and a variety of fishing and Panama hats are among the offerings. Shirts start at \$68, Susan said, while dresses go from \$115 to \$145.

The Johnsons also plan a line of T-shirts, though they have not yet been stocked.

"I would say it's a store that fits the island lifestyle," said Susan, referencing a topic for which she has plenty of firsthand knowledge. "Things for your home and to wear."

On the accessories front, Islamorada Mercantile features shell necklaces and earrings from the Cook Islands, priced from \$18 to \$28. For children, there's an assortment of stuffed animals. For everyone else, smaller items, such as boutique soaps, are also available.

Susan says she believes one role the boutique plays compared to larger department stores is to simplify the shopping experience.

"I think boutiques are like having a personal shopper," she said. "For a lot of people, shopping is overwhelming."

Along those lines, her philosophy, she said, is to emphasize quality, even if it means her prices won't be on the low end.

"If you're going to be a boutique, you need to have stuff that people can wear for years," she said.

Islamorada Mercantile is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 305-664-9969 for more information.

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Cruise

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thing right in front of you," he said, while steering the vessel expertly out of its slip behind Schooner Wharf Bar at Key West Bight.

The dinner cruise lasts about three hours, and includes a brief tour of the harbor before Aller finds a perfectly calm spot to drop anchor with a sunset view that he promises is never blocked by a cruise ship or island.

Then the magic begins as the sky changes color and the onboard grill sizzles with mouthwatering grilled cucumbers, Aller's famed shrimp boat and crabmeat portobello appetizers.

Aller keeps up a steady stream of lighthearted conversation, local knowledge and impeccable service, with the help of an able first mate, who has mastered the art of carrying full plates up a ladder.

After the hors d'oeuvres, appetizer, salad and entree comes Aller's famous dessert of strawberries served with Key lime white chocolate whipped cream, creme brulee or chocolate mousse. It's also become the perfect time for a nervous man to pop the question or an anniversary couple to share their desserts and



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Guests enjoy their entrees as the sun sets over the Gulf of Mexico.

move their chairs a little closer to watch the ever-changing sky show.

"I really love what I do," Aller said, moving the vessel through Key West Harbor and waving at familiar passing boats.

And so do his guests. Islescapes' dinner cruise has received the highest ratings from Trip Advisor and comes highly recommended by local connoisseurs.

"I like to plan the menu with people before we depart and let them know everything to

expect," he said.

Despite several past trips to Key West, this was Julie Robinson's first such dinner cruise, and she said it was to become a vacation tradition.

"It was so intimate and more comfortable," she said. "I would have been intimidated with a bigger crowd, but Capt. Alex only takes up to six people at a time, so it was perfect and we really had the best time."

Islescapes also offers custom snorkeling trips and beach picnics that provide more privacy

and customization than the giant catamarans that head out to the coral reef two to three times a day.

Trips can be tailored for anyone, Aller said, and he's happy to arrange the perfect days and evenings.

Reservations are required and the cost of the three-hour gourmet dinner cruise is \$95 per person, not including gratuity. A party fewer than six may charter the whole boat for \$500.

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Levy

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Asking for compliments may seem unprofessional, and would defeat the purpose of getting them, but there are some things you can do to make sure you get your needs met:

1. Use your stories. Your boss is just as busy as you are. He probably doesn't know everything you do all day. There are plenty of ways of sharing your accomplishments without sounding like a braggart. If you helped an excessively needy customer, or turned around an angry ven-

tor, tell the story to your boss. Write a quick email or tell him in passing. People remember good stories, and it only takes a minute of your time.

2. Send updates. Most bosses would love to know what their employees are doing, but they don't necessarily want to micromanage them. Giving your boss a monthly checklist of things you've accomplished (a one-pager is more than enough), with a short note explaining that you want to keep her updated, can be a great way of making sure your work gets noticed; and it reminds you that you are making progress.

3. Set goals with your boss.

Asking your boss for his input to help you achieve three to five goals per year is a great way of showing him that you are interested in growing, and it gets him involved in the process. If he sets the goals with you, chances are he'll want to check in and ask you about your progress. That helps him realize what you are doing.

Getting noticed isn't necessarily the job solely of those around you. In a busy and sometimes hectic working world, we need to present what we do, to make ourselves get noticed, and to feel perfectly justified in doing it.

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In a battered economy, 4 smart moves to get by

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The stock market is swinging wildly and the economy is barely registering a pulse. And that presents some opportunities for consumers.

Given the drop in stock prices over the past two weeks, for example, bargain hunters should consider making their portfolios more aggressive. Parents may think it's a good time to start a 529 college savings plan for the same reason.

Meanwhile, interest rates on mortgages and car loans are near record lows.

They're admittedly small comforts at a time when nest eggs are shrinking and anxiety about job security is high. But seizing such opportunities will be increasingly vital as household budgets continue to feel the pinch. The government now says that growth in the first half of the year was far slower than previously believed and the rest of year isn't expected to be much better. For anyone who still has some financial flexibility, here are five moves worth considering:

1. Strengthen retirement savings

Even if it feels a bit uncomfortable, the best time to buy stocks is when prices are low. And the stock market remains down by several measures; the Dow Jones industrial average is down 7.4 percent this year, the Standard & Poor's 500 index is down 10.9 percent and the Nasdaq is down 10.2 percent.

Some stock prices are low for good reason. But even companies with strong earnings got swept up in the sell-off this week. So if you already own shares of a company you believe in, buying more at a lower price would reduce your average cost per share.

2. Snap up dividends

The recent drop in stock prices also means some quality dividend-paying stocks are selling with even greater yields.

A dividend yield is the amount of the dividend paid divided by the share price.

For example, if a company's annual dividend is \$1.50 and the stock trades at \$25, the dividend yield is 6 percent. If that stock price falls to \$20, the yield rises to 7.5 percent.

The average yield on S&P 500 companies that pay dividends is 3.17 percent this week, according to Howard Silverblatt, an analyst with Standard & Poor's. That's up from 2.4 percent just two weeks ago.

By comparison, the yield on the 10-year Treasury briefly touched a record low of 2.03 percent on Tuesday before heading higher.

3. Capitalize on low mortgage rates

Mortgage rates are poised to go even lower. Any homeowners who felt that the opportunity to refinance was slipping away will likely have more time. The average rate on a 15-year mortgage, a popular refinancing option, fell to 3.54 percent last week. That's the lowest level since Freddie Mac began tracking the rate in 1991.

A few percentage points may not seem like a lot. But the difference in the monthly payment on a 4 percent loan and a 6 percent loan is more than \$150 a month. That's assuming you're borrowing \$150,000 over 15 years.

4. Watch for new car incentives

The conditions for buying a new car are ripe. To start, the sluggish economy has resulted in drivers holding onto their cars longer. That pushed up the prices dealers are willing to pay for used cars in the last few years. On average, dealers are paying around 10 percent more for three-year-old used cars than they were last year, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Meanwhile, sales of new cars have slowed in recent months. Some experts think auto makers will soon resort to big discounts to get shoppers in showrooms.

TOURISM SNAPSHOT

Leading occupancy report for the week of July 31-Aug. 6, 2011

The following is a glimpse of what percentage of hotel rooms were booked in Key West and the Florida Keys during the previous week based on information provided by lodging properties throughout Monroe County.

KEY WEST	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
OCCUPANCY (%)							
This Year	80.0	86.0	94.3	91.8	88.7	96.0	89.6
Last Year	77.6	78.9	83.6	84.7	88.5	97.4	90.2
% Change	3.2	9.0	12.8	8.3	0.2	-1.5	0.5

FLORIDA KEYS	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
OCCUPANCY (%)							
This Year	74.2	80.1	86.0	83.8	84.2	92.1	95.4
Last Year	74.7	75.9	78.4	80.9	86.5	95.8	97.5
% Change	-0.7	5.6	9.7	3.6	-2.7	-3.8	-2.2

Courtesy of Monroe County Tourist Development Council
Source: Smith Travel Research, Inc./STR Global, Ltd. 2011