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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.
Sunset: 8:03 p.m.
Today: Partly sunny
High 91
Tonight: Partly cloudy
Low 82

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FLORIDA KEYS



Key West seaplane crashes; some injuries

DESOTO COUNTY: A Key West-related seaplane crash-landed with five people aboard Friday afternoon in DeSoto County, according to multiple online reports.

There were injuries, which didn't appear to be life-threatening, and a fire, said Maj. Sam Williamson of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, according to www.nbc-2.com. Williamson said the plane, tail number N8737Q, was taking off from the Peace River shortly before crashing, according to the article.

That tail number is listed as a Cessna 206 Stationair belonging to Key West Seaplanes, based at Key West International Airport. No one answered the phone numbers or emails listed at www.keywestseaplanes.com. The company is owned by Nicholas Pontecorvo and Julie Ann Floyd, both commercial seaplane pilots, the site says. No further information was available Friday night.

Ripley's recently sold

KEY WEST: The longtime owner of the Ripley's Believe It or Not franchise in Key West has sold the museum to the parent company, according to a press release issued Friday. **Page 3A**

SPRAY ALERT



The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District will conduct aerial spraying this morning over the Lower and Upper Keys, weather permitting.

Helicopters will treat Windley, Plantation and Upper Matecumbe keys, as well as lower Key Largo. Airplanes will treat Sugarloaf, Saddlebunch and Boca Chica keys, the south shoreline of Geiger Key and from Mile Marker 98 to 107, including the Ocean Reef Club.

COMING SUNDAY

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In Solares Hill tomorrow, available in the Sunday Key West Citizen:

- **World Wide Web is 20 Years Old:** Quo vadis, Google, Wikipedia, eBay and the rest?
- **Allan Merrill:** A life of kindness and compassion.
- **Wynton Marsalis:** A life full of jazz.

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Feds: Charters can't sell extra fish

Ban on selling customers' extra dolphin awaits US commerce secretary OK

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA
Citizen Staff

Charter fishing captains and their mates will not be able to sell their customers' excess dolphin catches if the U.S. commerce secretary approves a proposed rule federal regulators want enacted by the end of the year.

The South Atlantic Fishery Manage-

ment Council approved the rule Tuesday.

"It was the council's intent to do away with recreational sale," spokeswoman Kim Iverson said Wednesday. "If you are commercial, you are commercial. If you are recreational, you are recreational."

Charter captains say selling dolphin — now the only fish their federal charter permits allow them to

sell — helps subsidize their income and cover rising fuel and bait costs, and guarantees the fish will not go to waste.

"I think shutting off any opportunities for fishermen to earn money in this economy without the solid facts that it will help the fishery ... is BS," said Steve Leopold, president



ADAM LINHARDT/The Citizen

See **FISH**, Page 8A An angler hauls in a dolphin fish.

PIECE BY PIECE



ROB O'NEAL/The Citizen

Key West artist Jane Rohrschneider works Thursday on her 14-by-18-foot tile mosaic on the front of AIDS Help Inc.'s Poinciana Royale apartment building in the 3400 block of Duck Avenue. The design was chosen from the Poinciana Royale Associates and AIDS Help visual arts competition.

BOCA CHICA KEY

DCA head urges talks

Navy, county must resolve AICUZ issue

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA
Citizen Staff

The head of the state office that oversees development in the Florida Keys is calling for greater dialogue between the Navy and Monroe County Commission about the most recent flight maps for Boca Chica Field.

The county has refused to recognize the 2007 maps that show high-risk zones for jet noise and crashes, called AICUZ for Air Installation Compatible Use Zone.

Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Secretary Billy Buzzett, along with Gov. Rick Scott and Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll, met with Naval Air Station Key West brass on Thursday as part of a quarterly meeting with the state's military base commanders. It was Buzzett's first official visit to the Keys.

Despite the Navy's numerous requests, the county has continued to rely on a 1977 map the Navy says is outdated for



Buzzett

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Police rethink rules to improve ICOP system

BY ADAM LINHARDT
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The Key West Police Department has tweaked and adjusted its officer procedural requirements concerning the patrol camera car systems in light of ongoing

problems with the \$159,000 system.

Issues with the ICOP camera system have been prevalent since it was installed in 2008 and 2009, but many problems appear to be operator error, so Chief Donie Lee and his command staff have

updated and clarified officers' responsibilities regarding the system, spokeswoman Alyson Crean said.

The issue has been a subject of concern for the Citizen Review Board (CRB), an independent volunteer board that investigates complaints

against police officers, and Lee took their suggestions and clarified the policy, CRB Executive Director Sue Srch said.

"The main clarification to the policy is that officers are

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GRASSY KEY

City approves new fire station design

BY MARC PHELPS
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All but the most basic options for a new fire station on Grassy Key would exceed the city's budget for the project, according to a Marathon City Council review.

Architect William Horn on Tuesday showed the council his plans for a station that would house four firefighters and their equipment. Site plans have shrunk some since the project was conceived due to a landscape buffer promised to alleviate neighbors' concerns.

The basic design has the 5,000-square-foot building rated for wind speeds up to 150 mph — in

the upper ranges of a Category 4 hurricane. The structure would be raised up about 10 feet above sea level.

Some council members have expressed a desire to see the building able to withstand greater wind speeds, as it is to house emergency services. Horn's presentation made it clear, however, that the modifications necessary for that would put the project over budget.

"The 175 [mph] wind load exceeds our current budget. But we have the project split over two years," City Manager Roger Hernstadt said at a staff briefing Tuesday morning.

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MAGICAL BEAUTY



Photo courtesy of Bob Care

Tonight's full moon could spark this year's coral spawn, when reefs release millions of eggs and sperm to produce new polyps. Scientists don't know what triggers it, but have linked it to the moon, tides and water temperature. The next full moon will be Sept. 12.

