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**WEATHER**



**Charnelle Williams**, fifth grade  
 Gerald Adams Elementary School

**Sunrise:** 6:53 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 5:38 p.m.  
**Today:** Mostly cloudy, shower  
 High 81  
**Tonight:** Mainly clear  
 Low 74

Complete forecast on Page 2A

**FLORIDA**



**Down syndrome teen is homecoming queen**

**JACKSONVILLE:** Dave and Melanie Stieglitz were asking for friends at their church to pray for the youngest of their three daughters, the one who was born with Down syndrome. Specifically to change her classmates at Fletcher High School. Not all 2,000 of them. Just one. **Page 5A**

**NATION**

**Leaked cables reveal sensitive diplomacy**

**WASHINGTON:** Hundreds of thousands of State Department documents leaked Sunday revealed a hidden world of backstage international diplomacy, divulging candid comments from world leaders and detailing occasional U.S. pressure tactics aimed at hot spots in Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea. **Page 7A**

**WORLD**

**US, South Korea launch war games**

**YEONPYEONG ISLAND,** South Korea: A U.S. supercarrier and South Korean destroyer took up position in the tense Yellow Sea on Sunday. **Page 8A**

**ON THE RADIO**



**Warren Benjamin** of Stay Fit Studios previews this weekend's inaugural Key West Triathlon.

- Also on today's show:**
- **Rudy Bonn**, Reef Relief
  - **Capt. Pat DeQuattro**, U.S. Coast Guard
  - **Wayne Miller**, county judge
  - **Roger Hernstadt**, Marathon city manager
  - **Bobby Dube**, FWC
  - **Julie McEnroe**, Pirates In Paradise festival

**LOCAL NEWS**  
**US1 Radio 104.1 FM:**  
 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., Noon, 5 and 6 p.m.  
**98.7 FM Conch Country:**  
 7, 8 and 9 a.m., 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

# Development debate heats up

## Recommendation expected Tuesday on court-ordered conservation map

**BY TIMOTHY O'HARA**  
 Citizen Staff

The Monroe County Planning Commission, on Tuesday, will finalize its recommendations on a series of

controversial changes to the county's land-use code that could impede development on hundreds of Florida Keys properties.

A 2007 court ruling invalidated the existing land-use

classification of thousands of properties. Earlier this year, the county embarked on an arduous review of the classifications, known as tier designations, to make sure they comply with the court's mandate that sets aside habitat of endangered species.

More properties could be added to the list, as two prop-

erty owners are asking the county to expand the scope of the review to potentially thousands of additional properties.

In January, the county began considering the classification of 3,124 lots, but the number crept up by 171 when the environmental organization Last Stand, which was a party to the lawsuit that sparked the

review, successfully lobbied the county to add more.

Other lots were later included on the advice of an advisory committee after conservationists questioned whether their designation afforded enough protection for endangered species.

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## SANTA'S HELPERS RIDE HARLEYS



ROB O'NEAL/The Citizen

The northbound lane of the Seven Mile Bridge is filled Sunday with more than 300 motorcycles as the southernmost chapter of American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) makes its 27th annual Toys for Tots run up U.S. 1. The group ultimately met up with members of the Upper Keys chapter at the Safari Lounge on Lower Matecumbe Key after gathering donated toys from collection boxes. The toys are given to Grace Jones Day Care Center, Wesley House Family Services, Florida Keys Children's Center, Domestic Abuse Center, Just 4 Kids and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Toyz for Keyz Kidz program.

## State to vote on stricter rules for permit



Citizen file photo

Fishermen and conservationists want stricter rules to protect permit.

**BY TIMOTHY O'HARA**  
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The state board that oversees fishing rules in Florida waters is scheduled to vote Thursday on a series of controversial rule changes for permit that fishing guides and conservation groups say don't go far enough to protect the species.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists who developed the rules say they

reduce bag limits, extend state rules into adjoining federal waters and ban the commercial harvest of permit, except when incidentally taken while fishing for African pompano. The rule changes also establish a closed fishing season for permit in May, June and July, which coincides with the species' spawning season.

Anglers commended the

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**KEY LARGO**

## Land use rule puzzles builder

### Offices allowed, but not housing

**BY STEVE GIBBS**  
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Even a county planner can see the irony.

Last year, local entrepreneur Monte Green began construction of a building in Key Largo at the corner of Tarpon Basin Drive and the Overseas Highway, directly across from the Tradewinds Shopping Plaza. The property, which he purchased three years ago, had been cleared by previous owners, Barnett Bank, before it folded.

Green says he obtained a permit to build what he intended as one of four office buildings behind the 300 feet of highway frontage he owns. Plans called for two affordable housing units upstairs and two office units downstairs in the first building.

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**KEY WEST**

## WomanKind to accept insurance

**BY JOHN L. GUERRA**  
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WomanKind Inc., created a decade ago as a nonprofit health care center for women of all ages and incomes, plans to compensate for a reduction in grants and other funding experienced by many nonprofits by accepting private and federal health insurance.

The move to add such private payers as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, UnitedHealthcare and federal Medicaid and Medicare will draw more women to the center, WomanKind President Kim Romano said Friday.

The present pay model, in which women pay for services based on their income, keeps

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