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## Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up

**Editor's Note:** The Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up comes out on Friday afternoon, and includes any announcements, important messages, or not so important messages that employees of the Sheriff's Office would like to communicate to the rest of the agency. If you have something you would like to get out to everyone in the agency, please send it to me and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Rap Up. Send it to my email at [beckyherrin@keyssso.net](mailto:beckyherrin@keyssso.net), or in the courier to Deputy Becky Herrin, Community Relations Division, Headquarters building on Stock Island.

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### Happy Birthday this week!

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB TITLE	DOB
Clark	Mathew	School Crossing Guard	3/1
Marinello	Valene	Sheriff's Aide	3/3
Martinez	Haydee	Secretary	3/3
Murphy	Rita	Sergeant Court Deputy	3/5
Cain	Carol	Communications Supervisor	3/6
Pinnock	Shalise	Detention Deputy	3/6
McCullough	Gary	Detective-Crime Scene Technician	3/6

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### Employee of the Year Ceremony

Next Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. the Sheriff's Office will be holding its Employee of the Year ceremony at the Marathon Government Center in the Commission Chambers. We will be honoring the following employees:

- Law Enforcement: SRO Deputy Sonya Morgan
- Corrections: Detention Sgt. Jonathan Crane
- Support: Animal Farm/Landscaping Specialist Jeanne Selander
- Communications: Comm. Officer Joni Greene
- Reserve: Auxilary Support Reserve Deputy Robert Guhl
- Explorer/Cadet: Cadet James Aurelio

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### Fingerprints to replace cards for building access

The Sheriff's Office is going biometrical using fingerprints to gain access to the Sheriff's Office facilities currently using swipe cards. Enrollment for the system is currently being held in the headquarters Human Resources Division. The first area to use the fingerprints will be in the fitness center in the DJJ building. For the time being, all members who use the gym or need access to the dij downstairs elevator should have their prints captured. We will be going live with the system towards the end of March. Gym only members will be encouraged to return the card at that time. Enrollment takes about 1 minute.

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## Art Behind Bars has a party

On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Art Behind Bars will celebrate its **1,000<sup>th</sup>** class with an Upper Duval "Cell Block" Gallery walk 6-8 p.m. and party at Square One 8-10 p.m. The gallery walk is a progressive cocktail party that will showcase highlights of Art Behind Bars' extensive inmate art collection, and will take place at Lucky Street Gallery, Joy Gallery, McKibben Studios and Monkey Apple Art Factory. The party at Square One will include a select silent auction donated by the community, food, drinks, door prizes, entertainment by Bongo D, and more. Food will be provided by Square One, Eaton St. Seafood, La-Te-Da, Exotic Fusion, and New York Pasta Café. Admission is \$50 per person, and can be reserved at 304-4772, or on the web at [www.artbehindbars.org](http://www.artbehindbars.org).

Art Behind Bars is an art-based community service program. Their mission is to give inmates an opportunity to contribute to society through the donation of artwork to non-profit organizations locally and nationally. In this manner, artwork valued at \$91,000 has been donated to 360 diverse groups since 1994. In addition, many inmates use the skills they acquire in art class to help transform their lives upon release.

Now in their 14<sup>th</sup> year, they have served almost 7,000 students. Though based in Key West, they put out a nationwide call for inmate art, and have received the most extraordinary work from inmates in 30 states and Thailand. They also mentor former inmates making the difficult transition back into society after release through their Art AFTER Bars project. Access to art-making while in jail can vastly improve the likelihood for successful re-entry, and helps to break the cycle of recidivism by improving inmate self esteem, lowering stress, and improving communication skills.

The program is sponsored in part by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Florida Arts Council, Division of Cultural Affairs, National Endowment of the Arts, and private donations. For reservations, more information, or to view the online gallery of artwork, visit [www.artbehindbars.org](http://www.artbehindbars.org).

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## What's Happening around the Keys

### KEY WEST'S HISTORIC SEAPORT TO SPOTLIGHT ART AND MUSIC MARCH 1

**KEY WEST, Florida Keys** -- Arts and crafts by some of the Florida Keys' most creative spirits combine with music by top local and visiting musicians in the eighth annual Schooner Wharf Open Air Art & Music Affair, scheduled Saturday, March 1, in Key West's Historic Seaport. Headquartered at the Schooner Wharf Bar and Galley, 202 William St., the event is to feature artists' and artisans' wares from 10 a.m. until sunset, with music continuing well into the night. The gala is to provide a creative taste of "Old Key West" and an opportunity to discover the arts and artists of the Keys. Artistry on display is to include acrylic and oil paintings, watercolors, jewelry, tropical clothing and items in mediums such as glass, stone, bronze, ceramic, leather, found objects and even palm fronds and coconuts. Some artists plan to work on site, giving attendees unique insights into their creative process.

Songwriter/humorist Michael McCloud is to kick off the musical offerings at 10 a.m., accompanied by Captain Carl "Guitar" Peachey and Chris "Hat Man" Flowers. A longtime local favorite, McCloud seasons his popular performances with offbeat humor and original tunes. Raven & Bubba are to follow at 4:30 p.m., highlighted by songstress Raven's enticing vocal stylings in languages including English, Spanish, French and Italian. From 8:30 p.m. until midnight, headliners Biz Z & the Sophistikatz are to deliver a high-energy show that includes rock, swing, salsa, funk and Motown. The 10-piece band also performs an unforgettable Blues Brothers segment with costumes and music drawn from the film classic.

For more information about the Open Air Art & Music Affair, call Evalena or Sheree at (305) 292-3302, or Carl and Kate Peachey at [swartaffair@yahoo.com](mailto:swartaffair@yahoo.com).

### 'CONCH HONK' TO SHOWCASE PUCKER POWER MARCH 8

**KEY WEST, Florida Keys** -- The conch shell isn't likely to eclipse the electric guitar as major-league musicians' favored instrument, but fans of the fluted, pink-lined shell are puckering up for an annual test of shell-playing skill in Key West. The 46th annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, on the Sunset Pier at Ocean Key Resort & Spa, Zero Duval St., overlooking the island city's historic harbor. Presented by the Old Island Restoration Foundation, the competition is an offbeat celebration of Key West's heritage. As many as 60 people from several states, ranging in age from toddlers to seniors, typically compete in the Conch Shell Blowing Contest in front of standing-room-only audiences. Winners are chosen for the quality, duration, loudness and novelty of the sounds they make, with trophies awarded in multiple age categories.

The 2008 Conch Shell Blowing Contest is free to enter and watch. Contestants are encouraged to bring their own

"instruments," but shells also are to be available for purchase. Entrants can register at the Mallory Square Museum in historic Mallory Square from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 8, or at the event itself if space is still available.

For more information about the Conch Shell Blowing Contest, call the Old Island Restoration Foundation at (305) 294-9501, e-mail [oldisland@bellsouth.net](mailto:oldisland@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.oirf.org](http://www.oirf.org).

### **FUN-FILLED FEAST AWAITS ATTENDEES AT ORIGINAL MARATHON SEAFOOD FESTIVAL MARCH 15-16**

**MARATHON, Florida Keys** -- Marathon is called the Heart of the Keys, but it's the tummy that will get the attention at the Original Marathon Seafood Festival. In its 37th year, the fun-filled feast is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16, at Marathon Community Park, mile marker 49 oceanside. The annual munch-a-thon features local delicacies like Florida lobster, stone crab claws, pink shrimp and smoked fish. Keys chefs are to offer conch in chowders, salad and fritters. Fresh oysters and clams, fried local fish and even hot dogs are to await hungry customers. Sweet treats, including fresh Key lime pie, should provide a fine finish to the seafood extravaganza. Beer and soft drinks will be available as well.

Other attractions include a nautical flea market, boat show, arts and crafts booths and scheduled entertainers including the Key Lime Pie Band. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 per adult. Children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For more information, contact the Marathon Chamber of Commerce at (305) 743-5417 or (800) 262-7284.

### **SCUBA-EQUIPPED EASTER BUNNY TO HOST EGG HUNT MARCH 23 IN KEY LARGO**

**KEY LARGO, Florida Keys** -- Instead of bright flower gardens and green grass, the Easter egg hunt off Key Largo is to be staged near coral heads teeming with colorful tropical fish or a bed of sea grass in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. After all, when the Easter bunny is a scuba-diving gentle giant nearly seven feet tall (including ears), he can hide eggs anywhere he wants to -- as long as it's underwater. Captain Spencer Slate of Atlantis Dive Center, mile marker 106.5 oceanside in Key Largo, is to host the annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in the warm, clear waters off Key Largo on Sunday, March 23. The fundraiser for Kids In Special Situations, which provides gifts and holiday cheer to the area's needy children, is to launch from the Atlantis dock at 8:30 a.m. Divers seeking underwater eggs are to check in at 8 a.m. at the Atlantis dive shop. There is no charge to participate in the hunt, and the dive charter fee is to be discounted to \$60 per person.

Once divers are aboard, the Atlantis boat will head out to a secret location on one of the Keys' pristine reefs. The scuba-equipped Easter bunny, bearing an uncanny resemblance to Captain Slate himself, is to submerge to hide his eggs, followed soon after by the egg-hunting divers. All Easter egg hunters are to win prizes, with a dive trip for two awarded to the diver who finds a specially colored egg. Real eggs and non-toxic colorings are used to prevent any negative ecological impact.

For more information and reservations (recommended), contact Captain Slate's Atlantis Dive Center toll-free at (800) 331-3483 or locally at (305) 451-3020.

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