

FEDERAL BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OWNS WISTERIA ISLAND

by Naja Girard

An extraordinary new twist in the Wisteria Island saga may have driven the “final nail in the coffin” of the moribund development project.

The Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officially determined that it does in fact own Wisteria Island after all. Not only that, but it’s a part of the Key West National Wildlife Refuge!

About six months ago a claim by environmental group Last Stand triggered an investigation at the BLM as to who really owns Wisteria Island. Last Stand uncovered hundreds of documents including an executive order by President Coolidge reserving Wisteria Island for military purposes.

Interestingly enough, the BLM had previously announced that the federal government did not own Wisteria Island.

“What happened,” says Frankie Morgan, Land Law Examiner at the BLM, Eastern States division, “is that the first determination was made too quickly, without taking into account all of the documentation. Now that we have done

DOES THIS KILL POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ONCE AND FOR ALL?

WHEN STATE OFFICIALS SOLD WISTERIA ISLAND TO POTENTIAL DEVELOPERS—DISPITE THE NAVY’S CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP— THEY MADE NO WARRANTY OF TITLE

the research, and based on the history of the land, we have completed our Federal Ownership Determination and we have concluded that Wisteria Island is federal land. It is now under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.”

“Our main goal,” says Last Stand director Deb Curlee, “was to protect the island. Despite the developers’ claims, our own naturalist Roger Hammer told us that Wisteria had significant environmental value. It looks like the island will now be managed as part of the Key West National Wildlife Refuge. I can’t imagine better news!”

From the start, it’s been a rough ride for the would-be developers— FEB Corporation, owned by the Bernstein

and Walsh families. The first attempt (in 2007) to turn Wisteria into an exclusive resort came to a crashing halt when a group of City Commissioners was caught enjoying a “power dinner” with the developers on Sunset Key just days before a final vote on annexation of the island. Voters were so outraged that they passed a referendum stripping the City Commission of its right to determine annexation issues.

Developers came back in 2010. But again, the project was embroiled in scandal. One of the owners, Roger Bernstein, was exposed for having engaged a local tough guy with a criminal background to infiltrate and discredit a group that
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KEY WEST REACTOR

Global Warming: Are We All Gonna Die?

THE KEYS AS WE KNOW THEM WILL CEASE TO EXIST. ALL OF OUR REAL ESTATE VALUE WILL DISAPPEAR

by David Lybrand

In the last century, the seas around our island have risen 9 inches. In the rest of this century, if no change happens, the seas will rise over three FEET around us – could be as high as seven feet! Needless to say, the Keys as we know them will cease to exist. This is a fact. There is no global conspiracy of liberal scientists making this up to get more funding (or whatever other nefarious political reason Beck or Rush can dream up). Sometime in the not-distant future all of our real estate value will disappear.

But that’s NOT the biggest thing we must worry about! We need to worry about DYING. No joke.

While everyone has been entranced with Cain’s peccadilloes, Jersey culture and royal marriages, a lot of good science has been going on. Even the Koch brothers’ own bought and paid-for climatologist, after a

two year study, has admitted that the science is valid. Human impacts to our climate— especially green house gas emissions—are pushing us dangerously toward an unsustainable future. I’m just sayin’.

Actually, thousands of scientific researchers and analysts are just sayin’ it. We risk global catastrophe if we ignore what’s happening— we are gambling with the very air that we breathe. No shit! You just have to connect the dots . . .

Phytoplankton (microscopic plant life) in our seas is the food of the microscopic zooplankton (animal life) that virtually all baby fish and many other sea creatures feed on. Less phytoplankton, less zooplankton, less fish. It’s that simple. Anything that interferes with the phytoplankton risks the entire marine food-chain—the food-chain that provides an enormous component of our

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GAYFLY

The World Needs More Ass Grabbery

by Scott McCarthy

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seven! I thought it was really funny how they showed the 7 billionth person's face; it turns out that it was a baby.

Seriously, do you know what is the most shocking part of overpopulation is to me? You cannot swing a cat without hitting a moe, yet I am still single. Hmmm.

One of the few memories I have from my college studies is research conducted on the effects of overcrowding rats. The two behaviors that these rats exhibited were aggression and homosexuality. The rat population would put the brakes on by killing each other (sound familiar?). Now I'm not

saying that we should eat our young but maybe mellow out on the number of young. Wait, I may need those extra kids to pay into my Social Security someday.

Possibly the homosexual behavior is the same reasoning, population control. Let's face it, not only does gay sex control the population but it's really fun. Two birds with one stone . . . a win/win, if you will. I don't think the researchers took this idea as far as I have, but perhaps I am more qualified in this area.

There are some countries that just need more homos and less aggression. Like 'Make Gay Love not War' kind of thing. It



seems that all of the aggressive countries are against homosexuality. There aren't enough atrocities going on all over the place? Maybe these guys should try a little man on man action and loosen up a bit. Relax, you might like it. Well, that may be the problem.

I think the president of Iran may be gay and self loathing. He just protests too much. Did you hear his stupid statement a few months ago? He said during a speech that there were no homosexuals in his country. The audience laughed in his face. He didn't get it. You seriously have to question his way of thinking. What is he afraid of? Meanwhile he is probably banging a camel. Even if you oppose homosexuality, you have to at least admit that it exists.

Then last week there were two Iranian soccer players that patted a team mate's ass after a goal have been suspended indefinitely and fined \$40,000 for their 'immoral act'. Apparently it's acceptable for them to kiss on the field but no ass grabbery. I'm serious. Some Iranian officials want to end the players'

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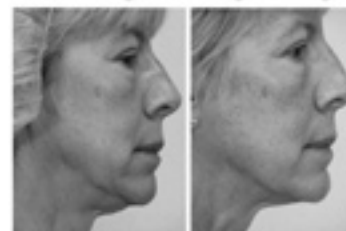


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Gayfly

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careers for good. Iran must be such a wonderful place if this is on the government's to do list. I'm sure this reaction keeps the gays way in the closet. They should unite on Facebook, have a mass coming out and boot that idiot President and Parliament out of there. Tyrants and dictators are dropping like flies these

days.

I find forbidden sex to be really hot. Nothing immoral but maybe inappropriate time, place or circumstance. However, the fear of losing my head for getting head is not hot. A hand job may be worth the risk depending upon the guy. Imagine the penalty for sodomy. Oy!

Are the Gays still approximately ten percent of the population? I say that we raise that number. Let's get it up to

about fifty percent. If everyone who has just had any homoerotic thought acted upon it we would be close. Just look at Ricky Martin; he finally came over to the right side. You know, if all of the gay Catholic priests came out that would put us over the top. Case closed.

If the homos had a majority then not only would the world be safer, cleaner and tidier but I think that it would smell better too. I can dream.

Warming

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global HUMAN food-source.

And even more ominous: the phytoplankton provides close to 70 percent of the oxygen we breath! It converts far more of our atmosphere's carbon dioxide into oxygen than trees do. There is so much phytoplankton in our seas that it dwarfs the effects of even the rainforests.

So what's going on with the phytoplankton? Large areas of our oceans are becoming the equivalent of dry-land deserts through a process known as "ocean desertification". This happens because natural shallow-water to deep-water and back to shallow-water currents that move nutrients around are being interfered with. The warm-water currents near the surface must cool to sink into the depths and push nutrient-rich deep water up to support the phytoplankton. But those currents are being altered due to global climate change.

There has been a whopping 40 percent decline in phytoplankton since the 1950s, almost completely attributable to global warming. Result: less fish, and more importantly LESS OXYGEN. If this decline is not arrested, WE WILL DIE.

Our sea temperature has risen 2 degrees in that scant half-century, far, far beyond the natural average. Bluefin Tuna (can you say "Sushi"?), are already starting to become scarce in the Atlantic. They migrate to areas where the baitfish they feed on are concentrating due to increased surface temperatures. Because the massive numbers of tuna remain close to the surface in these areas, commercial fishing fleets drop mile-long very deep nets and pull in every swimming fish. The bluefin is already greatly overfished, and this will only get worse.

We haven't even discussed acidification of our oceans, coral bleaching, melting ice caps, red tides or many other by-products of our careless ways, but all of those will get worse if left unattended.

Rising sea temperature will at a minimum cause submersion of our Keys and give us less fish to feed our masses.

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At worst it will kill us due to dropping oxygen levels. The indisputable climate record shows that we're increasing the temperature faster than ever in the history of the planet. The climate changes we're witnessing typically take thousands of years. But humans are now driving us through it within a century or so. We must not stick our heads in the sand and ignore this.

What can we do?

Sea temperature falls VERY slowly. On its own, it can take THOUSANDS of years to drop just 1 degree. All that we can do to clean up our mess at this point is work to stop the deadly increase—because WE are the ones causing it. Spending time chanting, "It's China's fault; It's India's fault." will do little to help. We have to do what WE can—NOW. And in the meantime, try hard to help convince everyone else do the same.

The number one thing we can all do: don't put ANYBODY into power who won't even admit that we have a problem. No matter what your politics are, doing so will NOT pay off. It'll only serve to speed the day of reckoning. It will certainly make us parties to our own slaughter.

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Wisteria

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was opposing development. In Key West and throughout the Keys, people were shocked at the apparent willingness of some County Commissioners to yield to special interests and give developers the right to build hundreds of residences on the offshore island when ordinary citizens could have only built two. The City Commission picked-up on the populace's outrage and voted unanimously not to support development of Wisteria Island.

Developers recently re-launched their efforts— this time trying to amend County laws so that Wisteria Island would be the only offshore island to have the right to go from vacant land to a development including 105 hotel rooms, 40 private mansions, a marina, a restaurant, a ship's store, etc.

However, while the developers were pitching their project at the first public meeting on last week, BLM officials were crafting their official letter confirming that, in fact, FEB does not even own Wisteria Island.

"For me, the fact that the Navy owned Tank Island and sold it at auction was a strong indication that we also owned Wisteria Island," says Ron Demes, Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West Business Manager.

Tank Island is now Sunset Key.

"We owned Wisteria Island until 1982 when it was transferred to the BLM and we owned it in 1951 when the Navy objected to the initial sale by the State of Florida," Demes said.

"With very little work, Wisteria Island could become an extraordinary asset to the National Wildlife Refuge," says Tina Henize, former Monroe County Invasive Exotic Plant Technician. "Birds, like the White-crowned pigeons,

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Here Comes the Anchors Aweigh Gift & Yard Sale

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Wisteria

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"Those plants are already doing very well on Wisteria. However, important immediately for allowing this habitat to naturally develop further is to get rid of the small infestation of invasive non-native plants, a task easily accomplished using knowledgeable and consistent effort. Volunteers could be a big help to US Fish and Wildlife here. This could be a real get-together opportunity for the community."

So what about FEB Corporation officials who had us believe they owned the island? We posed this question to land-

use attorney Lee Rohe.

"When the State sold the island despite the Navy's claim, they made no warranty of title," Rohe said. "The buyer took the risk with full knowledge. The Navy claim to Wisteria Island has been in the deed file for the property since 1951. The State pledged only to pay back the \$3,000 purchase price if the federal government ejected the buyer. What is interesting is that the County agreed to waste its time entertaining private development plans when the cloud over the title was so obvious.

"Would you buy a condo on Wisteria Island knowing what we know about the title dispute?"

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ROBERT DOUGLAS (left) will be at the Hogfish Bar & Grill on Stock Island, tonight, Friday, November 18. DIN ALLEN has the Saturday night gig. Showtime both nights is 6 'til 10

Johnny Rawls and Mango Men at the Schooner



JOHNNYRAWLS (left) will be at the Schooner Wharf Bar tonight, Friday, November 18, 7 'til 11. The MANGO MEN take over on Saturday night. Showtime is 7 'til 12

Jettison Theory CD Party



THE JETTISON THEORY, above, is throwing a CD release party this Saturday night, November 19, starting at 8pm. THE MONKS OF PHUNK will be on stage tonight, Friday, 7 'til 11.

The Legendary J.C.'s Back at the Green Parrot Bar



THE LEGENDARY J.C.'s (top left) are returning to the Green Parrot tonight, Friday, November 18, starting at 10. They will also do a 5:30 "sound check" this afternoon. BILL BLUE (above right) and his band will do the Sunday afternoon "sound check," starting at 5:30. The STONED CRABS will debut Saturday night, starting at 10. And the SUNDAY JAZZ SHOWCASE returns, starting at 1pm.

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Moose and the Monks at the Kraals

MOOSE (far left) & the Bullet Proof Blues Band will be at Turtle Kraals tonight, Friday, November 18. THE MONKS OF PHUNK takes over on Saturday night. Showtime both nights is 5 'til 9.



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KEY WEST IS FAMOUS FOR ITS LIVE MUSIC. HERE'S A LISTING OF SOME OF THE TOP MUSIC VENUES IN THE SOUTHERNMOST CITY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Music schedules are subject to change without notice. To be included in this listing, venues may email musicschedules@entertainment@kwtn.com by end of day Monday.

Bobalu's, next door to the Green Parrot, is the island's newest music venue. Live music this weekend: Monks of Phunk tonight, Friday, November 18, 7-11pm. Jettison Theory CD release party Saturday night, starting at 8.

The Bull One of Duval Street's last open-air bars— actually three bars: The Bull on the first floor, the Whistle on the second floor and the clothing-optional Garden of Eden on the roof. Live music all day and late into the night.

Capt. Tony's Saloon A Key West landmark at 428 Greene Street, just off Duval. Since the 1850s, the building has been an ice house, a telegraph station, a cigar factory, a bordello and a series of bars, including the original Sloppy Joe's. This is where Hemingway



THE BULL



CAPT. TONY'S SALOON

drank 1933-37. The legendary Capt. Tony Tarrecino, a charterboat captain and a former gunrunner, bought the place in 1958. Tony was the Mayor of Key West 1989-1991. Live music every day from noon. The Carl Peachey Band is the house band.

Cowboy Bill's Honky Tonk Saloon Duval Street's only country bar. 610 Duval Street. Live music Friday, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday. Two stages. Ladies drink free Wednesdays 9-11. Sports venue, too. Come ride the bull.

Finnegan's Wake An authentic Irish Pub, off the beaten path at 320 Grinnell Street. Live music on the weekends.

Green Parrot Bar A Key West landmark since 1890. A favorite of locals and visitors alike. But even regulars were mystified when, in May 2000, *Playboy* magazine named the Parrot one of the 24 Best Bars in America. We don't make this stuff up. More recently, the Parrot was named the Best Live Music Venue in Florida for 2010 by *Florida Monthly Magazine*. This is the home of great drinks and bad art— and one of the top venues for live music on the island.

Hogfish Bar & Grill Funky waterfront venue on Stock Island. Maybe the best hogfish sandwich in the world! Live music Friday and Saturday, 6 'til 10.

Hog's Breath Saloon Live music every day from 1pm 'til late.

Pier House Pianist Larry Smith and guests entertain Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings in the Wine Galley. Larry starts at 7. His guests join him at 9.

Rum Barrel A popular restaurant, bar and music venue at the corner of Front and Simonton.

Schooner Wharf Bar Another top music venue. Famous mostly-outdoor bar located right on the water at Key West's Historic Seaport at the foot of William Street. "This must be the center of the universe," wrote newsman Charles Kurault. Voted Best Locals Bar six years in a row. Michael McCloud is on stage every afternoon except Monday and Tuesday, noon 'til 5.

Music this weekend: Johnny Rawls will be in the house tonight,



FINNEGAN'S WAKE



GREEN PARROT

Friday, November 11, 7 'til 11. The Mango Men have the Saturday night gig.

Sloppy Joe's One of the most famous bars in the world. Hemingway's favorite in the 1930s. Live music every day from noon 'til late.

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SCHOONER WHARF

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Turtle Kraals Live music on the weekends.

Willie T's A classic Key West open-air bar on Duval Street. Live music afternoon from 1 to 4pm. At night, the music starts at 8.

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December Green Parrot Ukulele Association Meeting to be Held Nov 23

"In terms of improving one's mood and general outlook, I consider the ukulele to be the big gun."- Louden Wainright III

The December meeting of The Green Parrot Ukulele Association will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 8 p.m. with co-hosts Jeff Clarke, Tim McAlpine and Jay Gewin

Following the same format as the previous monthly, well-attended, high-spirited shindigs, the meeting will begin with a Workshop at 8 p.m. for those just starting out on the instrument. Basic instruction and chord and song sheets will be provided. At 9 p.m., there will be featured performers, an open mic and a play-along in no particular order.

For those who missed the last months' events, they



CO-HOST JEFF CLARKE

were outstanding, with an ever-growing congregation of uke-bearing aficionados in attendance, most of whom crowded the stage for a few nimble and professional sing-along covers of popular songs to wrap up an already lively night.

It is obvious from last two month's turnout that there is a serious Key West ukulele scene simmering just below the surface," said John Vagnoni, Green Parrot manager. "We also see this as a unique way for Key Westers to meet people and make music at the same time."

So dig out that old ukulele from your attic or closet and strum your way into a four-string stupor at Green Parrot Ukulele Night, Key West's only ukulele-powered jam session.

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Biscuit at Hog's Breath



BISCUIT MILLER & the Mix will be taking over the late night gig— 10 'til 2— at the Hog's Breath Saloon next Monday night, November 21. They will be in the house 'til November 27

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THE ORIGINAL WAILERS— Bob Marley lit the fire, now The Original Wailers carry the torch. Bob's right-hand man, guitarist Al Anderson, brings The Original Wailers here tonight, Friday, November 18. They'll be jamming to all the Marley hits, plus premiering songs from a new album!



Always fun and energetic, PATO BANTON & The Now Generation Band— always fun and energetic— kick the party off early tonight. They hit the stage at 6:30 pm — an hour after sunset. And they will play an extended set.

Another great Rotary Club fundraiser for their College Scholarship Fund is coming to town tonight, Friday, November 18, at Truman Annex Waterfront.

Led by Marley's right-hand man, Al Anderson, The Original Wailers play all of the classic Marley hits—plus they'll be premiering a few songs from their new album.

Opening are Pato Banton & The Now Generation Band, one of England's best known Reggae acts. Pato has worked with UB-40, Sting and Ranking Roger. Pato has already made his mark in Key West last year when he opened for for Kymani Marley.

The DJ in between sets is legendary Reggae DJ "Lance-O"—he spun at the Yellowman show at Higgs Beach. Local favorite Bill Hoebee will MC the night.

Extra Production: The promoters are bringing in an extra large stage, additional lighting, as well as a supplementary sound system.

TICKETS: VIP & GA both available at www.Keystix.com. Advance Tickets: \$22. On the day of the concert, they'll be \$30. Local Ticket Outlets: Stick & Stein, Neptune Designs, Southernmost Beach Cafe.

Children under 12 Free with a paying adult. Blankets and small chairs welcome. No backpacks, outside beverages or pets, please.

VIP Section is first 8 rows of seats with a private Bar.

TIMES:

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FKCC Keys Chorale Launches 22nd Season

The FKCC Keys Chorale, under the artistic direction of Dean Walters, will begin its 22nd season with its annual Holiday Concert on Friday night, December 9, at 8pm, at the Tennessee Williams Theatre.

This year's Holiday Concert will feature the Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi. The second half will feature more traditional holiday music such as Little Drummer Boy, The First Noel, and Sleigh Ride.

Accompaniment will be provided by Jim Cutty on piano, Linda Sparks on piano and oboe, Ken Chopcinskik on bass, and Dave Parker on percussion. Soloists include Ginny Barr, Heather Caruthers, Libby Curtis, Natalie Herndon, Alison Heymann, and Sandy Walters.

The Keys Chorale was introduced into the Florida Keys Community College's

curriculum in January 1990, and now numbers 60-80 singers in full season. It is a true microcosm of the Keys population and represents multifaceted talents, backgrounds and interests.

"In addition to being Monroe County's only major choral ensemble, the Keys Chorale has been a training ground for young musicians," said the group's director, Dean Walters. "Over the years, many high schools students have participated in the Chorale performances, sharpening their skills and going on to pursue music at colleges and universities, and some, having careers in music as both performers and teachers. Many of them return to Key West frequently to perform with many of our local arts groups."

The Chorale performs at least one major work each term from the opera, oratorio or cantata literature plus lighter

works from the popular music repertoire, including spirituals, love songs and songs of the season. Past programs have included Verdi's Requiem, Charpentier's Midnight Mass, Bach's Magnificat, Orff's Carmina Burana, Haydn's Creation and Paukenmesse, performed with Capella Cracoviensis Orchestra from Poland, Faure's Requiem, Mendelssohn's Requiem, Schubert's Mass in E-flat, Respighi's Laud to the Nativity, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Magnificat by John Rutter, both Brahms' and Mozart's Requiem, the Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, the Magnificat by Claudio Monteverdi, Laud to the Nativity by Ottorino Respighi and the Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein.

The Keys Chorale has also been at the forefront of collaborative productions, having performed joint concerts

with organizations such as the Key West Pops, Island Opera Theatre, and the Key West Contemporary Dance Company. This coming season they will provide choral support for the Key West Pops productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Kiss Me, Kate.

Tickets for the 8pm Friday night, December 9th concert are

\$30 for reserved seating, and \$20 for general admission, and includes a post-concert reception provided by Pearl's Key West. Tickets can be purchased from the Tennessee Williams Theatre box office, online at www.keystix.com, from Chorale members and at MacArthur Music. And as always, children 12 and under are free, when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

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FILM

What's on at the Tropic

by Phil Mann

Oh my, this week is a dream for moviegoers, but a nightmare for this columnist. Because of Thanksgiving, the movie changeover, which usually occurs on Friday, is taking place mid-week. So we've got one batch of films scheduled for Friday (11/18) through Tuesday (11/22), and then a separate batch starting on Wednesday (11/23).

Let's start with Friday's new films.

MOZART'S SISTER is like a crême brûlée, so French, so luscious, so irresistible. The sound track, which you'll hear in the Tropic's unrivaled acoustic environment, is richly Mozartian; the visual setting is the palace of Versailles where the movie was filmed. The garb and accoutrements, both male and female, are true to an era of excess that led to the French revolution. It almost doesn't matter what the story is, but it happens to be a compelling and dramatic tale of Wolfgang's older sister Nannerl. She was his idol as a child, inspiring him with her talent. But when the legendary prodigy blossomed, father Leopold relegated Nannerl to the role of harpsichord accompanist, refusing to allow her to study composition, or practice a virtuoso instrument like the violin.

Despite this, her talent was recognized by her peers at the French court, both the Dauphine and the Princess. If you notice a resemblance between Nannerl and the Princess, it's because they are real-life sisters, the beautiful daughters of the director. "Alive with exuberantly thesped personages and awash in the joy and power of music, the picture is a stunner." (Variety)

TOAST, like its title which alludes to the Brit snack of



MOZART'S SISTER

cheese toast, is one of those little treats you find at the Tropic. Based on the comic memoir of a British celebrity chef, it's about coming of age with a father who wasn't taken with his son's delight in cooking and in ogling scantily clad guys. "Sweet and tart, airy and rich and, above all, a thoroughly irresistible confection." (Gary Goldstein, L.A. Times)

Joining these on Wednesday is the much talked about MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE. Just so you understand the perplexing title, Martha was the name given the central character by her family, Marcy May is the name she acquired while living in a patriarchal commune, and Marlene is the all-purpose name used by women in the commune when answering the phone.

We see M ((Elizabeth Olsen) at the commune under the powerful influence of its craggy, charismatic leader Patrick (John Hawkes - Winter's Bone, Higher Ground), who evokes Jim Jones or Charles Manson. And we see her at her sister's gorgeous lakeside home - a jarring juxtaposition -- where she goes to escape. What led her to the commune, and what drove her away?

Ms. Olsen is the younger sister of the famed twins, but unlike them she has taken acting seriously, studying at NYU's prestigious Tisch School. This is a breakout role for her, portraying a woman

who struggles to find herself (hence the multiple names). She's already being touted for major awards. "The story of a scarred, scared woman— an extraordinary, mesmerizing performance from Elizabeth Olsen... a beautifully spooky film." (Steven Rea, Philadelphia Inquirer)

After this, you'll be ready for something light, which the French comedy THE WOMEN ON THE 6TH FLOOR nicely supplies. Set in the 1960's, it's sort of a French version of The Help, but without the edgy undertones of the Civil Rights movement, as a straitlaced French stockbroker and his wife interact with a bevy of Spanish maids who live on the servants' floor of their apartment building.

Lots of holdovers: ANONYMOUS, MARGIN CALL, IDES OF MARCH, plus a brief run for RUM DIARY.

And a couple of very Special Events. On Sunday, it's the ballet SLEEPING BEAUTY, shown live from the new Bolshoi at 10:00am EST (7pm in Moscow), with an encore show in the evening.

On Monday, Susan Orlean (author of The Orchid Thief), will be live on stage at the Tropic, introducing and signing her new book on RIN TIN TIN, followed by a screening of Rinty's most famous silent film CLASH OF THE WOLVES. It's all a benefit for the SPCA and the Tropic.



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CALL TO POETS: KW LOVE POEMS REQUESTED--The Key West Poetry Guild is accepting submissions of original work for publication in a book of Key West love poems. Poets are invited to send poems no more than 40 lines long to project executive editor Leonel Valle at macabinoni@verizon.net. More info: (305) 295-9466.

MONKEY BINGO EVERY MONDAY--MARC House and Sister Season Fund, as an all-locals benefit duo, are now partnering to sponsor Monkey Bingo every Monday at the Green Parrot from 7-9pm. All are welcome! Sister Season is the charity that provides assistance for rent and basic utilities to locals in the hospitality and entertainment industries when they are unable to work through no fault of their own. For details or an application please phone SSF President Ginger King at (305) 849-0991.

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PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP--Pet food donation boxes are set up at Albertsons, Pampered Pet, and Fausto's Fleming Street location. Pet food can also be taken directly to St. Mary's Star of the Sea Outreach Mission, where the Pet Food Pantry is housed (5640 McDonald Ave., Stock Island) or to the FKSPCA's shelter at 5230 College Road on Stock Island. To make a monetary contribution, checks can be made payable to the FKSPCA Pet Food Pantry and sent to 5230 College Road, Key West, FL 33040. Credit card payments can be made by calling (305) 294-4857. The Pet Food Pantry is open during the normal working hours of The Outreach Mission. Call them at (305) 292-3013 for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT TROPIC CINEMA--All areas of operation. Flexible schedules, free passes, popcorn, and t-shirts. Info: Lori Reid, 877-761-FILM or volunteer@tropiccinema.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN'S VISITOR CENTER--Become a greeter and use your talents to help the garden grow. Two 3-hour shifts per day available to do your part to help Key West's original "green team." If you can't commit to a regular schedule but are interested in helping as a fill-in, that would also be appreciated. Training provided. More info: (305) 296-1504.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE--To find out when the bloodmobile will be at a location near you, call your Community Blood Center at (305) 294-7668.

REEF RELIEF--Join Reef Relief for only \$15 and get many membership perks in addition to helping helping raise awareness about protecting coral reefs. www.reefrelief.org or (305) 294-3100.

WANT TO BE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER? More than 100 students waiting to be tutored. You do not have to speak another language to be a tutor. Info: Mary at (305) 294-4352.

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO WRITERS, MUSICIANS, ACTORS, ARTISTS--Contact the Florida Keys Council of the Arts, (305) 295-4369.

BOATING COURSES--The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts boating courses throughout the year. Info: 1-888-470-5566.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-AIDS HELP, INC. needs volunteers to help with transportation, office work, special events, etc. Call (305) 296-6196.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--The local unit of the American Cancer Society seeks volunteer drivers

to provide transportation for cancer patients to treatments and licensed cosmetologists, or hairdressers, to help cancer patients feel good about their appearance while undergoing cancer treatment. Info: (305) 292-2333 x112.

LALECHELEAGUE--Free monthly meeting for pregnant and breastfeeding moms; mother to mother support and current info. Non-denominational, non-profit. Held 4:30-5:30pm on the second Thurs. of each month at the Key West Library, 700 Fleming St. Info: Eva (305) 295-8597.

DONATIONS NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA OUTREACH MISSION--Please deliver any unused food and other basic survival items to the mission location at 5640 Mac Donald Avenue on Stock Island, Monday through Friday. 10am-5pm. Info: (305) 292-3013.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES--Literacy Volunteers offers free Citizenship classes for intermediate English as a Second Language students. Info: (305) 294-4352.



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