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## Former City Commissioner Ed Scales: Is He Appellate Judge Material?

by Dennis Reeves Cooper

Local attorney and former city commissioner Ed Scales, wants to be a judge— but not just a local county or circuit judge, who have to be elected by the people every few years. He wants to be a big-deal appellate judge, sitting on the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami. Appointment at that level is, for all practical purposes, a prestigious, well-paid job for life.

And he wants one of those seats so badly that he has applied for the job four times in

### WAS HE PART OF A SCHEME TO SCAM THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT HIS CLIENT'S MONOPOLY IN THE LOCAL TOUR BUSINESS?

the past five years.

The way the selection process works is that a Judicial Nominating Committee (JNC) screens the applicants and sends the governor a short list. Then the governor makes the appointment.

We here at *KWTN* have known Scales for years, even

before he moved here from Lakeland. He is very likable. In fact, he is one of that genre of soft-spoken lawyers— like defrocked attorney Jim Hendrick— who can convince you, in just minutes, that whatever is good for one of his clients is also good for you.

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## It's Still Adopt-a-Cat Month at the Shelter



*JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH and that means that all adoptions of adult cats and kittens are free during June, thanks to a private donor who is underwriting expenses. But as June comes to an end, shelter officials have announced that free adoptions will be continued through July. All the cats that are up for adoption have been spayed or neutered, microchipped and are up-to-date with their shots. The shelter at 5230 College Road on Stock Island is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Info: (305) 294-4857.*

## SPECIAL REPORT

## Who Really Owns Wisteria Island?

by Naja Girard

You're not going to believe this one! Back in September of 1951, when the State of Florida sold Wisteria Island to then-State Representative Bernie Papy Sr, the U.S. Navy filed a formal objection to the sale, claiming the United States, not

the State of Florida, owned the island.

This, of course, is big news for the group of concerned citizens opposing increased development potential for the island. The Navy letter is not just a cloud on the title, "It's a typhoon. A category 5 ty-

phoon!" says Sloan Bashinsky, one of several vocal opponents to Wisteria Island's owners' (the Bernstein and the Walshes) plans.

It all started with one simple observation: There is a straight line of spoil islands just west of Key West Harbor.

Each of those islands belongs to the US government: Split Rock Key, Tank Island (sold by the US Navy to Pritim Singh), Fleming Key, Demolition Key. Like Wisteria Island, all of those islands were created by the U.S. Navy.

Wisteria Island, however,

was sold by the State of Florida. So the question is: When and how did the State end up with that one island?

The minutes of the debate at the state level reveal that at the time of the sale, the Navy intervened and made a strong

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**I Hate a Parade**

by Kimberley Denney

Actually, I loathe a parade. Remember when they used to be fun? Like, when people didn't value their own self-worth by the number of cheap beads hanging from their necks?

I think my excitement about parades started to dim about 10 years ago during Gasparilla in Tampa, when I was more preoccupied by the assholes who brought their

poor dogs to a crowded scene chock full of canons blasting every five seconds. It was horrible. I haven't been to Gasparilla since.

But then you move to Key West and you are like totally psyched to finally live here during Fantasy Fest, no longer a sucker who has to pay \$300/night at the Days Inn.

You think you have really hit the big time when you are asked to participate in the parade. You get to wear a really cool costume that ends up costing a fortune and which, try as you might, you'll only wear once and end up selling at a yard sale for \$30. But who cares? No more getting elbowed

and trampled in the crowd. You are part of the show.

And nothing can describe the feeling as you turn onto Duval from Front St. and see the masses crammed behind barricades, waiting for you. They love you. Really, it's not because you have 1,000 pounds of beads at the ready.

Ok, maybe part of it is the beads. And it is totally cool wielding the power of cheap plastic. But the novelty wears off by the time you reach Antonia's in the 600 block of Duval. After two consecutive years of finding helpful guys to crowd surf you over the barricades in your quest for a nice bathroom and an ice cold dirty martini, you think that perhaps you and a parade are not a match made in heaven.

Until one of your GBFs invites you to be part of the Gay Pride Parade. Now, this will be much more civilized. For one, it's way shorter than Fantasy Fest. You will be in an air con-

ditioned vehicle that contains your fun friends and your mom, who you've encouraged to stay an extra night because being in a parade is going to be like, the best vacation story ever.

You were going to have to drive the vehicle, which is fine, except your friend doesn't think you can go the whole day without drinking and organizes a driver who is supposed to be really cool and fun.

Except you find out too late that your driver is Mommie Dearest. And not campy fun Christopher Peterson as Joan Crawford Mommie Dearest. We're talking Mean Mommie from Hell.

Our goal after leaving the parade launching point was to get to Courthouse Deli, where we'd let my mom out on a beer run. None of the three Muriels in the car (me, Scott McCarthy and Susan Campbell, a/k/a See **KIMBERLEY**, page 5

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Candidate Forum Set for Monday

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Candidates who have declared that they are running for election or reelection, as well as potential candidates who may be just “testing the water,” have been invited to attend and speak briefly at this event, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Four City Commission seats are up for grabs this year—the District 2 seat, currently occupied by Mark Rossi; the District 4 seat, currently held by Barry Gibson— who is not running for reelection; and the District 5 seat, currently occupied by Teri Johnson. Mayor Craig Cates is also running for reelection this year. Three incumbents on the Utility Board are also up for reelection.

All candidates must qualify by noon on August 19. The general election is on October 4 and if any runoffs are required, that election is scheduled for November 8.

### Word Lists Available for Spelling Bee

It’s time to help your kids prepare for the 4th Annual Frederick Douglass Community Center Summer Spelling Bee! Word lists are available until Monday, June 27, at the Frederick Douglass Community Center, 111 Olivia St. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The spelling bee is scheduled for August 5. The contest is open to all children ages 9 to 16 years of age. See Mrs. Gwendolyn Sommers, Mr. Charles Major, Mr. James Murphy or Mr. William Stafford for the word list. Call 293-8305 for more information.

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## Wisteria

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and unequivocal claim to own Wisteria Island.

Under the State's policy, such a claim would usually put a halt to the sale until the issue was resolved. Curiously, in the case of Wisteria Island, the State officials, under the direction of the Florida Attorney General, decided to go ahead with the sale, but added a "buyer beware" caveat: The sale, in the amount of \$2,769 was confirmed— so long as the buyer was "willing to take the risk of condemnation by the Government. In the event the title fails, the Trustees will be required to refund purchase price of the land."

This bold decision on the part of the State— to sell a property it did not necessarily own— may have come about due to the identity of the island's first purchaser— none other than, the legendary Bernie Papy Sr.

According to Monroe County historian Tom Ham-bright, Mr. Papy was known as the "King of the Keys" and was an extremely influential figure here as well as in Tallahassee where he had, by the time the sale of Wisteria was confirmed,

been a State Representative for more than 17 years.

Apparently, back then, the Keys' real estate craze included buying up baybottom lands and filling them in with dredged materials to create bigger and better waterfront properties. In the case of Wisteria Island, the filling-in had already been done, thanks to the US Navy.

For Mr. Papy, this particular investment turned out to be extremely lucrative indeed. According to a February 24, 1966, *Key West Citizen* article, Papy had flipped the island (about three or four years after his purchase) selling it to Wisteria Inc. for \$55,000 (which equates to about \$950,000 of profit— adjusted for today's economy).

Key Westers loved Bernie Papy Sr. According to Ham-bright, Papy would sit behind a huge old style desk and when locals would come into his office sheepishly asking for help, perhaps unable to pay their overdue rent, Papy would open an old shoe box he kept stashed away, and hand over a twenty dollar bill— always ready to lend a hand.

He was invariably re-elected and served for 14 consecutive terms.

Statewide, Papy is perhaps best known for his controversial opposition to the "bookie bill" which would have put a damper on the local gambling industry.

In 1966, it appears that David Wolkowsky, bought

into Wisteria Inc. According to Roger Bernstein, Wolkowsky, lacking funds to finish up the construction of bathrooms at the Pier House, had secured a loan from Roger's father, Benjamin Bernstein. Wisteria Island was set aside as collateral and the Bernsteins "reluctantly" ended up with ownership of the island in 1967.

So, where does this leave us in our search for an answer to our question: Who owns Wisteria Island?

The Navy has taken a position in opposition to increasing development rights on Wisteria, with a "less is better" formal policy on the issue. Ron Demes, Executive Director/Business Manager, Naval Air Station Key West, is currently looking into the 1951 Navy claim of ownership of the island.

According to Demes, the Navy turned over ownership of several spoil islands in the Keys to the State of Florida, back in the 1980s. But, typically, these transactions were done on a case-by-case basis. So far, no paperwork has surfaced that would show that the Navy formally withdrew their 1951 claim of ownership of Wisteria.

For those who are eager to see Don Bilodeau succeed in his challenge to Roger Bernstein's trespass prosecution, the Navy claim seems promising. Bilodeau is a fisherman and arguably the first person to ever be prosecuted for walking the beach of Wisteria Island.

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## Wisteria

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Bernstein had any right to post No Trespassing signs on the island and whether he should be required to have his own attorneys resolve the civil dispute over title before trying to use the criminal justice system against Bilodeau.

According to local land use attorney, Lee Rohe, the Navy claim also poses a problem for any future development of Wisteria Island.

In 1967, when the Bernsteins acquired the island, they knew or should have known through due diligence, of the risk they were taking. The Navy's claim had been on record in the deed file since 1951.

Apparently, that claim is still very much alive. "A private person can not claim fee simple title to land owned by the State of Florida or the United States through a claim of adverse possession," explains Rohe.

Some County Commissioners have become aware of the problem. How will this affect future development of Wisteria Island? Platting and selling newly created parcels to unsuspecting buyers could resemble a borderline business operation. What would their title insurance look like?

The current Monroe County zoning laws allow only two homes to be built on the island. Roger Bernstein's attorneys and lobbyists continue pounding the County with repeated demands for loophole zoning— most recent plans revealed a push for 75 buildings, including 85 hotel rooms, a marina, a bar and restaurant and even a marine hardware store.

Only one thing is certain. Wisteria Island seems to have a way of slowly but surely luring old skeletons out of their closets.

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## Kimberley

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The Waterloosers) could make the run because we were going to be jumping out of the car periodically to perform part of the ABBA routine we'd just performed during the Mr. Pride contest the previous Friday night. An act sure to make any mother proud. Surely.

We were in costume and had our ABBA CD ready for blaring. First, our driver was a little overly polite, letting non-parade traffic in front of us and into the parade line. WTF? However when we asked her to stop for five seconds so my mom could jump out, she refused.

Alcohol is a most vital element in any parade, and my mom literally jumped from the moving vehicle and saved the day. After she jumped, Mean Mommie decided that now she would once again come to full stops . . . in order to let more non-parade traffic into the parade. I'm sure she was disappointed to realize that my mom would catch up to her during one of these stops and thus not have to jump back into a moving vehicle. Ha! Score one for the Muriels.

I asked Mean Mommie to turn up the music, which was barely audible in the backseat. After all, Waterloo was playing and this was our gig. Our big moment. She ignored me. I asked her to set the song on a loop. She ignored me. So I put myself on a loop and kept repeating my requests over and over. She was the only one in the car who didn't hear me.

Then she started fiercely demanding beads from the backseat, which she was throwing into the crowd with a vengeance. It was bizarre. We were trying to hold some beads back until we got to Bourbon and 801. This being the GAY PRIDE PARADE and all. She was super pissed when we got to Fleming St. and was told we were out of beads. She then demanded that Scott go to the partner car in front of us to pilfer beads from their stash.

What she didn't know is that we all schemed to withhold a bag of beads each, and we were going to jump out of the car in the 800 block and hand beads to the gays. Until then I focused on my warm beer, and it suddenly occurred to me that Mean Mommie didn't even have the air conditioning on! Ok, it was only about a million degrees. And she wouldn't turn it on. I couldn't help but

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## Kimberley

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vocalize that I wanted to punch her in the back of the head. I really, really did, but my mom wouldn't let me.

So now we were all drenched with sweat, and angry. We decided to jump out of the car and do our Waterloo. Naturally you could not hear the song outside the car and we looked ridiculous (because we absolutely would not have looked ridiculous if you heard the music). We all demanded that she crank the music. She put her fingers to her ears and vigorously shook her head no.

Seriously.

Once I get myself worked up into a fury I can't let go. I reached in the car and grabbed my beads. I could not be contained for five more seconds with this crazy bitch who totally rained on our parade.

I was so sweaty that my afro pigtail wig kept sliding off my head—and I do not look good with sweaty wig head. My beads were tangled. I had one beer coozie to give away. So what do you think my reaction was when this jackass walked into the parade and said, "Yeah, I'm gonna need two coozies, one for me, and one for my girlfriend."

Um hi, do I look like Burger King? You're just gonna walk up to me and place your order? Without even asking nicely or

saying please? I don't think so. I snarled and told him to get some manners. Which I think was pretty nice of me considering the mood I was in.

The further I walked, the more demanding people became, chanting for beads. Nobody smiled. Nobody asked. They just demanded. So now I was also pissed at the lack of parade etiquette. I have to say, bead beggars are way nicer during Fantasy Fest. And that's saying something.

Fortunately at this point I found friends in the crowd, shoved my beads at them, caught up to the car and grabbed my purse. Yes, I left my mom in the car with Mean Mommie and I walked away from the parade.

Minutes later mom and the Muriels caught up to me, box of beers in hand. We downed what we had and went our separate ways.

I was trying to let it all go. We stopped for a minute to watch the rest of the parade when along came the Island House float, which consisted of a bunch of guys in tiny bathing suits shooting water uzis into the crowd. Not sure if I've ever mentioned that if there's one thing I hate in life, it is to be sprayed in the face with water.

Naturally, one of those hardbodied mofos was aiming right at me. I know he could make out the words I was saying: don't you fucking dare. But he dared alright. And he had great aim. Pow, right in the kisser.

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## Scales

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Although we would never predict whether or not Scales might make the JNC's short list and, then, whether or not Governor Rick Scott might appoint him—we can report that history is against Scales. A Monroe County resident has never been selected to serve on the Third DCA.

Scales did make the short list last year, but lost out to a Miami-Dade County circuit judge.

But likable or not, Ed Scales carries some serious baggage. Back in 2004, he allegedly attempted to use his position on the city commission to scam the legislature to benefit one of the clients of his law firm.

Also, we have some issues with him concerning his tenure as chairman of the board of trustees at Florida Keys Community College.

Here's the story on the alleged attempt to scam state legislators in Tallahassee. As the Ripley people say down on Duval Street, you can believe it or not.

In 2004, the Duck Tours Seafari v. the City of Key West lawsuit had been working its way through the courts since 1996. The lawsuit argued that city officials had illegally put the Ducks (amphibious WWII vehicles) out of the tour business in order to protect a tour business monopoly for the Conch Tour Train and Old Town Trolley Tours—both owned by Historic Tours of America (HTA).

At that time, HTA was not only one of Ed Scales' clients, he was HTA's general counsel.

On March 17, 2004, the Third DCA ruled that the city's contract with HTA, which gave that company a tour business monopoly in Key West, was unconstitutional and that cleared the way for the Ducks to go to trial. Ultimately, the city had to pay the owners of the Ducks more than \$8 million in

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# Scales

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damages and to allow competing tour companies to use the streets of Key West.

But back in 2003, city officials— including City Commissioner Scales— could see the writing on the wall. So, in September 2003, the city commission adopted a resolution requesting that the legislature amend the law that regulates commercial traffic to give the City of Key West immunity from lawsuits that might arise concerning permits, licenses or franchises that may be issued by the city to regulate sightseeing operations on city streets.

Scales told us this week that he and all the other commissioners and the mayor supported the resolution.

Apparently they did like it. A lot. In fact, they liked it so much that they didn't feel that they even had to discuss it in public. Scales said he recalls that the resolution passed on the consent agenda.

Actually, we can't really blame the city commissioners and the mayor for liking that resolution. They knew that they were facing a real possibility of having to shell out millions of dollars in damages to the owners of Duck Tours Seafari.

In Tallahassee, the proponents of this bill referred to it as just a little traffic control bill that simply "reaffirmed" state policy. Opponents of the bill, including Deputy Majority Whip Jeff Kottkamp, pointed out that there was no such state policy to reaffirm and, in any event, the bill had almost nothing to do with traffic control.

In a written statement sent to KWTN this week, Scales said that he was invited to Tallahassee to testify before a house committee as a city commissioner on behalf of the City of Key West.

"At the hearing, I gave truthful, accurate testimony as to why I thought that the legislation was good public policy which would benefit the city and would benefit other municipalities in Florida," Scales said.

But our bitch with Attorney

## LETTERS

### Cabbies & Commissions

I have been driving cabs in Key West since 1987. I find it quite ironic that some of the so called "United Cab Drivers of Key West," who work as independent contractors, have not been resourceful enough to establish their own clientele. Many businesses in this town (and other places) pay commissions for everything. The big cab companies in town have paid hotels, airlines, and businesses in the past for exclusivity.

It is a well known fact that the cab company's dispatchers are "tipped out" by the drivers who hope, by doing so, will result in the more lucrative dispatched calls. This has always gone on since I have been working the cabs.

I also wonder if the "United Cab Drivers of Key West" are still paying the dispatcher for the next run to Miami.

Josh Grob  
Key West

Scales here is that he did not happen to mention to the committee that passage of the bill would also be of great benefit to his client, HTA—and that he was HTA's general counsel.

He told us here at KWTN that he did not disclose his lucrative relationship with HTA to the committee because, he said, it was not relevant. We guess that we will just have to see if those who are advising the governor on appointments to the Third DCA will agree that Scales' lack of disclosure is relevant.

In any event, by the time that Scales testified before the committee in Tallahassee, the top lawmakers had figured out the attempted scam. In a letter to Speaker of the House Johnnie Byrd, Kottkamp said that the real purpose of the bill

was to try to get the House of Representatives involved in the Duck Tours Seafari lawsuit that, at that time, was still working its way through the courts.

Once the scam was uncovered, the bill was sent the House Judiciary Committee for "further study." And you probably know what that means. The bill just disappeared, never to be seen again.

*NOTE: We're out of time and space for this issue. But next week, we'll tell you (or remind you) about the role that would-be judge Ed Scales played in trying to protect the Bubba culture at Florida Keys Community College while serving on the board of trustees at the college. Stay tuned.*



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**RHONDA**

# Cabby con Crazy

by Rhonda Linseman-Saunders



It's so hard to get through that last week at work before a vacation, isn't it? It's hard even if you love your job. That's the boat I'm in.

There's really no such thing as a true vacation from this job, though. I'll be working remotely, albeit extra super efficiently, leaving deadline day to the boss and the art director. Actually, I can't think of anybody I know—in any profession—who really leaves work, entirely, even on vacation. But I'll be off the rock for a while, and that's all the break I need.

One reason I know I'm ready for this respite is that my tolerance for morons has worn thin. No, it has worn out. If tolerance is the barrier of cartilage between morons and me, we're now bone on bone as a result of strenuous, frequent interaction. It's painful.

For example, in recent weeks some guy has written to us several times, in an increasingly demanding tone, imploring, and finally commanding us to publish his letter to the editor in full. We didn't print it for various reasons. It was long and difficult to extract specific meaning from, for one thing.

Regardless, in last week's *KWTV* my boss graciously explored this guy's issue (on page one, no less) and coupled it with the topic of why we don't publish letters to the editor on demand. Personally, I felt the boss went too easy on him, especially considering the jerkwad's approach to getting his message out, but whatever.

This guy is such a coward that he doesn't even sign his rants with his name, but he does cc: other people on his neverending emails.

Off the top of my head, I recall that he has copied Bill Hoebee (local popular radio dude), Mark Howell of Solares Hill, and Dave Barry (yup, that Dave Barry). Yes, I'm certain that our refusal to meet daily (sometimes multiple times per day) demands to print an anonymous letter to the editor will be *Miami Herald* front page news. Delusional much?

I mustered a final ounce of patience for him and took the time to suggest he start a blog where he can print his daily rants and demands in full. I suggested that, outside of therapy, his own blog would be the most appropriate way to work through his hostility and misogyny. That's correct, misogyny. The guy can't decide if I'm too young, or just too female to fathom his genius. Which is odd because my boss is, well, an old man, and he's no more interested in publishing the letter than I am.

Here's a tiny sample of his persuasive writing: "Miss Rhonda, Thank you for a revealing insight into the feminine side of KW journalism. Certainly reminds us of 'Men are from . . . Women are from'; and 'Where KW women journalists might be coming from.' When the truth does not flatter a woman, she

often finds the truth taunting. Men find the truth a constant. Women make of the truth a variable."

God, you nailed it Ass Breath—if only you'd said that you think I have beautiful eyes, I'd have giggled, blushed, and printed your letter in full. And, you big smart man, just how am I supposed to understand all those clever references and earth-shattering insights into gender and journalism without a penis to guide me?

Maybe it's because I'm in the homestretch before my vacation, but the overriding reaction I'm experiencing, really, is amusement. And it's not even the kind of amusement that's mixed with annoyance, like when Bubba called my husband to threaten him to "reel in his fucking wife" after a short series of FKCC stories he didn't like. But at least *that* guy left his real name and owned his crazy, which I'm pretty sure was just temporary.

This most recent whackjob doesn't sign his name. Ever. Instead, he has apparently created/fabricated an organization he's calling United Key West Cabdrivers, and signs all his emails using only that "group's" email address as a signature.

He ends most of his long-winded, incoherent emails with some variation on "PRINT OUR LETTER IN FULL. DO IT NOW." Yup, no more Mr. Nice Guy. It's all fun and games until some woman doesn't do what you done told her to do. You 'aint gonna tell me again, are you, Mr. Anonymous Coward Representative of Fabricated Organization Claiming to Speak for Key West Cab Drivers. Yeah, let me get right on that.

Key West Cab Drivers: Does this guy really represent you? Somehow I doubt it. But if so, and if you've got something legitimate to accomplish, I'd consider replacing your PR guy, like two months ago.

And if this guy does not actually represent Key West cab drivers, let him know that you want him to shut his rotting pie hole and speak for himself, not for you. Here's the address he's using: unitedkwcabdrivers@yahoo.com.

Just leave me out of it for a few weeks. I'll be far, far away.

Rhonda@kwtn.com  
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**MATT GARDI**

# The Sunshine Flaw

I'm not a fan of the Sunshine Law. Oh, don't get me wrong, I love the intent of the Law, just not the law itself. You see very often politicians in the interest of appearance "solve" a problem by creating legislation, then pat themselves on the back, give themselves accolades and add the accomplishment to their campaign rhetoric. Regardless of whether or not they actually resolved the problem.

In the case of the Sunshine Law, who could argue with trying to stop public officials from conducting business behind closed doors, or working back room deals? But as with many of these feel good laws, it only serves to keep legal people legal. Those intent on doing back room deals will continue to do so simply because the parties involved and benefiting from the meeting behind closed doors wouldn't turn each other in. It is also important to note that the legislature in all it's great concern, exempted themselves from the law. Go figure.

So what does that leave us with? Those trying to abide by the law have to struggle with understanding it, abiding by it, and need to worry about the occasional minor slip up. That slip up then becomes the fodder of political opponents, and a consumption of time for

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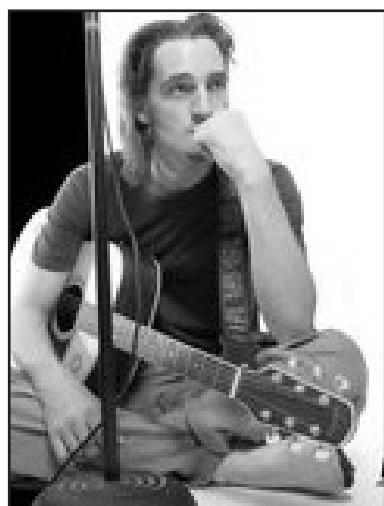
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## KEY WEST THIS WEEK



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### Rock Solomon at Finnegan's



*ROCK SOLOMON will be at Finnegan's Wake tonight, Friday, June 24. The music starts at 8.*



### Paul Deakin at Hog's Breath



*DRUMMER PAUL DEAKIN, one of the original members of the Mavericks, will be playing the Hog's Breath Saloon's late-night gig, 10 pm-2am, through Sunday, June 26, with his band Fanny Pak.*

### Robert and Michelle at the Hogfish



*ROBERT DOUGLAS and MICHELLE DRAVIS will be performing together tonight, Friday, June 24, at the Hogfish Bar & Grill on Stock Island. BUBBA K has the Saturday night gig. Showtime is 6 'til 10 both nights.*

### George Victory at the Schooner Wharf Bar



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# Live Music on the Island

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Music schedules are subject to change without notice. To be included in this listing, venues may email music schedules to [entertainment@kwtn.com](mailto: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 all weekend. This evening, Friday, June 24, The Joneses will be on stage. The Fabulous Vaporizers have the Saturday night gig. Sunday night, the Monks of Phunk will be back. And Fonzarelli is in the house Thursday night. Showtime is 7 'til 11.

**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 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.



LELAND WILLIAMS is the featured artist at Cowboy Bill's.

**Finnegan's Wake** An authentic Irish Pub, off the beaten path at 320 Grinnell Street. Live music this weekend: Rock Solomon will be entertaining tonight, Friday, June 24. The music starts at 8.

**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. Music this weekend: The Heavy Pets are back and they'll be in the house tonight and tomorrow night, Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, starting at 10.



FINNEGAN'S WAKE



GREEN PARROT

They will also be doing the Friday "sound check" this afternoon at 5:30. There's a Sunday afternoon "sound check," too, at 5:30, starting Bong Hits for Geezers.com. The Red Elvases will be on stage Wednesday and Thursday nights, June 29-30, starting at 10. They will also do a 5:30 "sound check" on Wednesday afternoon.

**Hogfish Bar & Grill**  
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**Hog's Breath Saloon**  
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**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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**Heavy Pets, Geezers and the Red Elvises at the Green Parrot Bar**



THE HEAVY PETS (top left) will be back at the Parrot tonight and tomorrow night, Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, starting at 10. They will also do the Friday "sound check this afternoon at 5:30. BONG HITS FOR GEEZERS.COM (above) will do the Sunday afternoon "sound check" at 5:30. And the RED ELVISES (left) are back in town and they will be at the Parrot Wednesday and Thursday night, June 29-30, starting at 10. They will also do a "sound check" at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon.



**Lots of Music at Bobalu's**



THE FABULOUS VAPORIZERS (top photo) will be on stage at Bobalu's tomorrow night, Saturday, June 25. THE MONKS OF PHUNK (left) have the Sunday gig. THE JONESES will be entertaining tonight, Friday; and FONZARELLI will be entertaining on Thursday night. Showtime is 7 'til 11.



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by Phil Mann

There's something new going on at the Tropic this summer. Would you believe *ANIMAL HOUSE*? Yes, that *Animal House*, with John Belushi and the whole awful, obnoxious crowd. It's part of the Summer of Fun Cult Classics Series curated by the theater's youth movement. The first in the series, *THE BIG LEBOWSKI* was a sold out hit and will be repeated this week. So it's *Animal House* on Monday and *Lebowski* on Wednesday for double the week's fun.

What's the draw, since you can easily sit on your couch and watch these movies for free? Hey, it's a party. Gather your buds and share the fun. The Tropic has a bigger screen than you do, more seats, and, if I may say it, a better selection of beer. Here's a tip: Wear a toga and get a free bag of popcorn!

After that intro, I have to pause a moment before turning to the serious program.....

Opening this week is *WINTER IN WARTIME*, the Netherlands Oscar winner (they call it the Rembrandt Award - that's class) about Michiel, a thirteen-year old Dutch boy who aids a downed

British pilot during World War II. Holland is occupied by the Nazis, whose banners hang from the public buildings in his small town. His father is the mayor, a man whose position leaves him no choice but to cooperate with the Germans. As the plot unfolds, no one can really be trusted in this world where resistance fighters, informers, and ordinary citizens are impossible to sort out.

*Winter in Wartime* is one of a new breed of WWII films, where the good guys and the bad aren't caricatures. Like *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, it views the moral dilemma of the war through the simplified eyes of a young man, this time one of the age where desire for heroism is natural. Given the situation, every moment is tense, as Michiel skirts the risks of discovery and joins in a plot to help the pilot escape. "[H]andsome, exciting and morally rich...., could become a lot of boys' favorite movie." (St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Tuesday brings a very Special Event, a free concert by the fifty-four person strong Alabama Youth Chapel Choir. Live on stage.

Rounding out the pro-

gram are four extremely popular films held over for more to enjoy. Woody Allen's *MIDNIGHT IN PARIS*, universally regarded as his best in a decade, is a fairy tale for lovers of the Parisian literary golden era of the Twenties. *BRIDESMAIDS* is proof that women can be as raunchy as men, though they do it with more style. *PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES* reassures us that Johnny Depp can do no wrong. And *DOUBLE HOUR* is for all noir thriller lovers.

Things are busy at the Tropic as these summer promotions unfold. Did you know that they are running the Summer Sizzles deal again? Just ask for a free card, and when you get it punched ten times for movie attendance, your next show is free. It's the quickest route to a free movie pass in town. And if you're smart enough to sign up for a Tropic membership (only \$35 for a year), each movie only costs six bucks. What are you waiting for?

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the State Attorney to diagnose. In addition, the State Attorney has sponsored symposiums that only a handful of locally elected officials have attended, or even expressed interest in.

What a cataclysmic waste of time and resources. However, if any politician had the courage to propose a change to it, it would be political suicide. Imagine the simple minded headlines, "Gardi wants to promote back room deals!"

However, it is the law. There are many laws as individuals we may not agree with, but it doesn't change the fact that it is the law. Until someone has the cojones to step up and change this law, we'll keep experiencing the only product of it, political footballs.

This was evident yet again with the recent boondoggle between the school board and it's audit committee. Ultimately, the only truth or revelation that this latest debate revealed was that all we voters needed to see was right out in the open all along. We didn't need a law to see how some elected officials behaved right out in the sunshine.

The abbreviated version of the latest "fun in the sun" is that it appears that School Administration met with the Teachers Union officials to iron out the details, or a Memorandum of Understanding for a contract that was subsequently ratified in a second meeting open to the public.

According to School Board Chairman John Dick, concerned that the first meeting may have been a Sunshine violation as suggested by the School Board's attorney, Internal Auditor Ken Gentile asked Dick if it was something that should be discussed with the State Attorney. Audit Committee Chair Stuart Kessler proactively raised the concern with Gentile as well. Dick appropriately suggested that they didn't have the luxury to cherry

pick when they should go to the State Attorney. A subsequent discussion with Dennis Ward resulted in a determination by Assistant State Attorney Mark Wilson that there was in fact a Sunshine Law violation. While neither party benefited from the infraction it was suggested that the contract should be renegotiated to cure the infraction to eliminate any subsequent legal challenges. Since then a myriad of arguments have been made regarding whether or not the infraction occurred and what should be done about it. Even Jesus Jara, second in command of the School District, and School Board Vice Chair Andy Griffiths got in the fray with opinions from the Florida Education Negotiators.

While I think it is a classic example of the waste of time and resources the Sunshine Law creates, those reporting the infraction did exactly what they were supposed to do. Again, it is the law, end of story.

But that's my whole point about the Sunshine Law, it sounds good, but is useless and a waste of our tax dollars. And more importantly, who needs it when we have such a glaring example of what we should really be paying attention to as evidenced by what happened next? You see, apparently Gentile's and Kessler's concern about the violation irked a few School Board members. I guess they stepped on some toes.

So in a hastily drawn up motion at a School Board meeting on Tuesday, June 14 the School Board "disciplined" the audit committee by suspending them for sixty days, and requiring them to take ethics training. Ethics training? Really? This occurred while Board Chairman John Dick was out of the country and the meeting was led by, and motion promoted by Vice Chair Andy Griffiths. The motion was supported by Griffiths, and board members Duncan Mathewson, and Ron Martin.

Folks, the audit committee is a group of incredibly gifted professional accountants

and auditors, and this is their reward? These individuals have volunteered for up to 25 hours per week as a service to their community. In essence, they serve to make up for the shortcomings of the skill sets of paid politicians like Griffiths and Mathewson. I struggle to remember a time when Griffiths or Mathewson did anything proactively aside from cheerleading, and this is when they decide to step up and assert their tenacity. And excuse me but didn't Ron Martin just campaign on a theme of transparency?

Now the latest Griffithism is to profusely apologize and offer to rescind the sanctions? He should consider resigning instead.

Regardless of this wishy washy backpedalling, this brand of "leadership" only serves to discourage talented professionals from volunteering to help our schools, in exchange for controlling the release of truth. The preference for appearance over reality is exactly what we as members of the public are fed up with. That's all the sunshine I need. We don't need feelgood cheerleaders, we need more watchdogs like John Dick. Keep that in mind next time you vote.

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The "One World, Many Stories" summer library program is sponsored by the Key West Monroe County Public Library and the Friends of the Key West Monroe County Public Library.

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