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HARC to revise rules for new construction

BY GWEN FILOSA

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The public is invited to weigh in on new construction in Key West's historic district, as the advisory panel that governs architecture in the oldest neighborhoods plans to revise the guidelines.

Over the past year, some new

projects approved for Old Town have riled the neighbors over their sheer size as well as design. But Key West has long frowned upon anything new being built to resemble a truly historic structure.

"The guidelines are specifically against that concept, at the federal level and at our level and the state level," said architect Michael

Miller, a HARC member for four years. "What you don't want to do is build some cheap copy and put it next to some historic houses."

On Wednesday, the Historic Architectural Review Commission will host a special workshop on the proposed guidelines for new construction and signs in the historic district at

5:30 p.m. at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, 35 E. Quay Road.

City staff has posted the guidelines and related reports on its website, www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov.

"While new work should be compatible with the materials, features, size, proportion and massing of the surrounding structures, it is not necessary to replicate existing

building details, types or styles," according to part of a report by staff. "The rationale is that this can make it more difficult to identify what is truly considered historic."

As for size, a building's height and width determine the overall measure, the staff report states.

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Jakenia Louis, fourth grade, Gerald Adams Elementary School

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FLORIDA

Organ bank cited for care violations

South Florida's only organ bank is under fire from a national board that oversees policies and practices for organ transplants. Federal regulators have declared the University of Miami's Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency a member not in good standing. The Miami Herald reported on Saturday. **Page 3A**

NATION

Justices look anew at affirmative action

Basketball coaches, leading military officers and many of the country's biggest businesses agree that the Supreme Court should preserve the use of race as a factor in college admissions. But they may be in a fight they cannot win as the justices take up a case that presages tighter limits on affirmative action in higher education. The court is hearing arguments Wednesday for the second time in three years in the case of a white Texas woman who was rejected for admission at the University of Texas. **Page 7A**

ON THE RADIO



Congressman Carlos Curbelo talks about the new boundaries for District 26.

Also on today's show:

- **Mary Turner** — Health Dept.
- **Mike Davila** — KWFD
- **Paulette Summers** — FDOT
- **Capt. Jeff Janszen** — Coast Guard
- **Mike Puto** — Marathon city manager
- **Bobby Dube** — FWC
- **Michael Haskins** — mystery author

NEWS: 7:30, 8:30 a.m., noon, 5 & 6 p.m.
Evening Edition 5-5:30 p.m.



FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH



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TOP: B'nai Zion President Fred Covan, left, and Rabbi Shimon Dudai, right, light an outdoor, ceremonial menorah in front of the United Street synagogue Sunday night at sunset.

LEFT: Rabbi Jacob Zucker of Chabad Jewish Center of the Florida Keys lights the last two lights of the City of Key West's Menorah, signaling the beginning of Hanukkah.



Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to discuss seagrass death

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA

Key West Citizen

The seagrass die-off in Florida Bay off Key Largo this year has been called some of the worst since marine biologists were warning of the bay's collapse in the late 1980s and 1990s.

The South Florida Water Management District board, Florida

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Monroe County Commission have all discussed the issue and commented about the need to expedite multi-million dollar projects designed to restore historical fresh water flows from the north end of the Everglades to the south end and into Florida Bay.

The historical water flows in the

Everglades were diverted decades ago to support agriculture and development. Those diversions eventually led to the seagrass die-offs in the 1980s and 90s.

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, which was established to help set policy, will take up the discussion when it meets Tuesday in Marathon. The ecosystems of the Everglades,

Florida Bay and sanctuary are connected as each abuts the other and fish and marine life regularly traverse the three ecosystems, scientists say.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Hyatt Place resort in Marathon, 1996 Overseas Highway.

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Sheriff: Murder probe ongoing

BY ADAM LINHARDT

Key West Citizen

The October shooting murder of a Tavernier couple remains a top priority for Sheriff Rick Ramsay, who described it Friday as "Case No. 1."

Carlos Ortiz, 30, and Tara Rosado, 26, were found dead from gunshot wounds to their heads in their home on Cuba Road at 2 p.m. on Oct. 16.

"We are making strides every day and the case is moving forward," Ramsay said. "We are pursuing leads and information is coming in."

Ramsay declined to comment specifically on whether or not lead detective Vince Weiner has isolated a suspect or suspects.

"I don't want to say or do anything that would hurt our case," he added.

Ramsay reiterated that he believes this was a "calculated act" perpetrated by one or more individuals and not random.

"This was a heinous act, but people should not fear a rogue killer in their community," Ramsay said.

Ortiz — a tattoo artist who listed his profession as "Head --gga" at the yet-to-open Ink-Your-DreamZzz Tattoos & Smoke Shop, 300 Atlantic Drive in Key Largo — was sentenced to five years in state prison in Miami-Dade County in April 2010 for robbery with a gun, aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, carrying a concealed firearm and trafficking in marijuana.

Ortiz, formerly of Miami, was released in January

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