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Emily Gould, fifth grade, The Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea

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ROAD WORK



Roadway, bridge work set

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a combined roadway construction and bridge repair project during the week of April 6.

The project will take place along the Overseas Highway, from Mile Marker 3.9 at the triangle entrance to Key West to Mile Marker 9.8 at the end of Rockland Key. The nearly \$15 million project take about 15 months to complete, according to FDOT.

It will be necessary to shift lanes and periodically close travel lanes, officials said, and construction may be done in stages to minimize impacts to the public, especially during special events and peak periods of traffic. Closures will occur during non-peak hours.

For information, call 305-849-1474 or visit www.fdotmonroe.com. Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel, or log on to www.fl511.com to get real time traffic and lane information.

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Coast Guardsman found not guilty

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Edwin Angulo was found not guilty by court martial Friday of sexual assault.

The verdict against the 26-year-old followed a three-month investigation into an alleged assault of a 21-year-old female Coast Guard member at off-base housing in Key West in December 2013, according to the Coast Guard.

The alleged victim was "incapable of consenting to the sexual act due to impairment by an intoxicant, and that condition was known or reasonably should have been known by" Angulo, according to a Coast Guard report.

It is Coast Guard policy to withhold the identity of alleged victims.

The Coast Guard Investigative Service completed a three-month investigation in June 2014 and Angulo has since been transferred from the 270-foot Thetis to Sector Key West duties.

It was unclear where Angulo will be stationed.

The Thetis, and a sister ship, the Mohawk, don't receive orders from Sector Key West but from Coast Guard Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, Va. Local Key West authorities did not investigate the Angulo case.



\$130K to settle city worker's case

BY GWEN FILOSA
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The City of Key West would be smart to settle a former employee's worker's compensation case for \$130,000 rather than risk having to shell out nearly twice that if it loses at trial, city attorneys say.

Craig Allen, 66, injured his shoulder in 2012 while working construction at the Key West Historic Seaport and suffered hearing loss from the blast of a nail gun, accord-

ing to his claims requesting permanent total disability.

"By settling this case for \$130,000, I project a savings to the city of \$120,000," wrote assistant city attorney Ron Ramsingh. "Any and all of the city's attorneys fees have been saved by the city's legal department."

Allen, a Key West native who has an 11th grade education with a GED, has worked in construction since he was 22 and was a city maintenance worker from 1997 to

1998 and from 2008 to Oct. 6, 2014.

As a maintenance technician for the city, Allen had been earning an annual salary of \$33,479 a year when he was unable to return to work "within his medical restrictions," Ramsingh wrote in a memo to the city commission.

Commissioners will vote on the proposed settlement at their Tuesday meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. at Old City Hall, 510 Greene St.

If approved, the city will pay

Allen \$130,000 in one lump sum.

Allen, by law, would have to pay his attorneys \$11,950, according to the settlement paperwork attached to the city's meeting agenda.

With Allen's most recent weekly wage at \$625, the compensation rate works out to \$417 a week, both sides have agreed.

Allen's medical troubles started on Jan. 10, 2012, when he was at work removing 6-by-6-inch-by-

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Biking by the numbers



MIKE HENTZ/The Citizen

Charlie Roswell cruises along the White Street Pier on his bicycle Thursday morning. Roswell can be seen daily logging extensive miles on his bike.

STOCK ISLAND

Resident rider redefining mile markers

BY MANDY MILES
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Charlie Roswell is a numbers guy.

He sits contentedly at his adding machine — the classic version everyone's grandfather had — calculating, averaging and comparing times and distances,

occasionally consulting an atlas or the Internet.

And he has every right to crunch the numbers. Just two weeks shy of his 82nd birthday, the Stock Island resident is still posting some seriously impressive statistics:

Roswell wakes at 3:30 a.m., when the downtown

bars are just at last call and the revelers are trying to find their way home.

He makes a breakfast smoothie with "two handfuls of Cheerios, a banana, strawberries, yogurt, Ensure, and a spoonful of flaxseed" and gets on his bike at 4:40 a.m.

By the time the sun breaks

the horizon, Roswell has bicycled 26 miles, across Cow Key Bridge and around the island that has been his home since 1978 when he and his late wife, Pat, sold their home in Long Island, N.Y., and headed south for good.

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Drug runner seeks reduced sentence

BY ADAM LINHARDT
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A Jamaican man aboard a go-fast boat loaded with nearly 4,000 pounds of marijuana that was stopped by the Key West-based Coast Guard Cutter Thetis is asking a federal judge to reduce his sentence, according to court records.

William Alexander Campbell was with two other Jamaican men in a boat that was heading east near Jamaica in the Caribbean Sea on Sept. 6, 2013. The three men began hurling 69 marijuana bales into the water while running from a Thetis response boat that was hailing them over a loudspeaker, records state.

The go-fast boat finally stopped and all three men were taken into custody and brought back to Coast Guard Sector Key West.

The other two men told investigators they were offered \$3,500 and \$7,000 to run the drugs to the Dominican Republic, and Campbell stated he was recruited by the other two men, who allegedly asked

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Treasure hunter celebrates 300th anniversary of sunken fleet

BY JOSH GORE
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FLORIDA KEYS — Three hundred years ago this summer, a Spanish fleet sailing off the east coast of Florida sank and with it tons of gold, silver and precious jewels were lost at sea.

Carl Fisser, a well-known treasure hunter and Upper Keys resident, recently spoke at Islamorada Jewelers about the 300th anniversary of the fleet. Fisser salvaged more than 7,000 coins of gold and silver from the feet between 1980 to 1992.

"There's just so much more treasure there than anywhere else," he said.

The loss came in the early 18th century when Spain was coming out of the War of the Succession against the English and the Dutch. The country desperately need money, so it sent a fleet of ships to the Caribbean to bring back riches and crown treasure.

Twelve ships crossed the Atlantic Ocean and eventually gathered together in Havana with

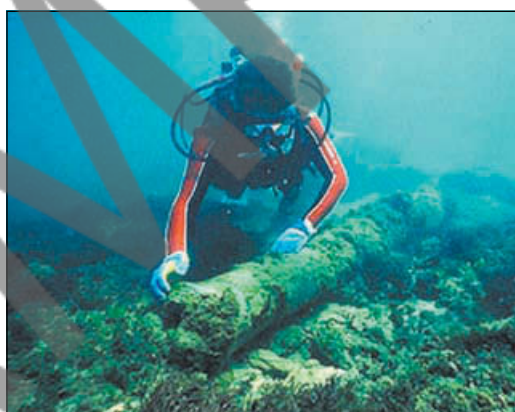


Photo courtesy of Florida Bureau of Archeological Research

In 1987 the Urca de Lima, one of the ships from the 1715 fleet, became the first shipwreck in the Florida Underwater Archeological Preserves.

loads of riches. By the summer of 1715, after much delay, the ships prepared for a summer crossing back to Spain. Crews knew they were taking a risk as July was already well into the hurricane season. In 1711, a Spanish treasure ship had sank off the coast of Cuba.

But, at the king's order, the crews prepared to get the riches to the government and merchants. The entire fleet was estimated to be valued at 15 million silver pieces of eight, or Spanish dollars. The crews set sail July 31 and hit a storm of present-day Vero Beach a couple of days later.

Of the 12 ships sailing, one made it to Spain not knowing all of the others had fallen. The armored ship, Griffon, sailed directly into the storm and was able to survive, though it was carrying little treasure. Some of the ships and their crews washed up on shore and were left with nearly nothing. Some fell prey to attacks by natives. Others died from tropical disease, lack of water and starvation. Other ships took their crews to the ocean floor.

"The seas were not a safe place," said John de Bry, a paleographer and historical archaeologist who lives in Melbourne Beach.

Bry has studied the 1715 fleet since 1992 and visits Spain yearly to conduct research on the

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