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"Think I have some shopping to do along Duval."

NATION

Officer shares his concerns with call

A U.S. Army officer at the National Security Council who twice raised concerns over the Trump administration's push to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and Joe Biden, arrived Tuesday on Capitol Hill to testify behind closed doors in the impeachment inquiry. Alexander Vindman, a lieutenant colonel, was prepared to tell House investigators that he listened to President Donald Trump's July 25 call with new Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and reported his concerns to the NSC's lead counsel. **Page 5A**

FLORIDA

President coming for fundraiser

President Donald Trump is coming to the rescue of the Florida Republican Party and its annual marquee fundraiser. Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that the president will headline the Florida GOP's Statesmen Dinner on Dec. 7 in Tallahassee. **Page 5A**

ON THE RADIO

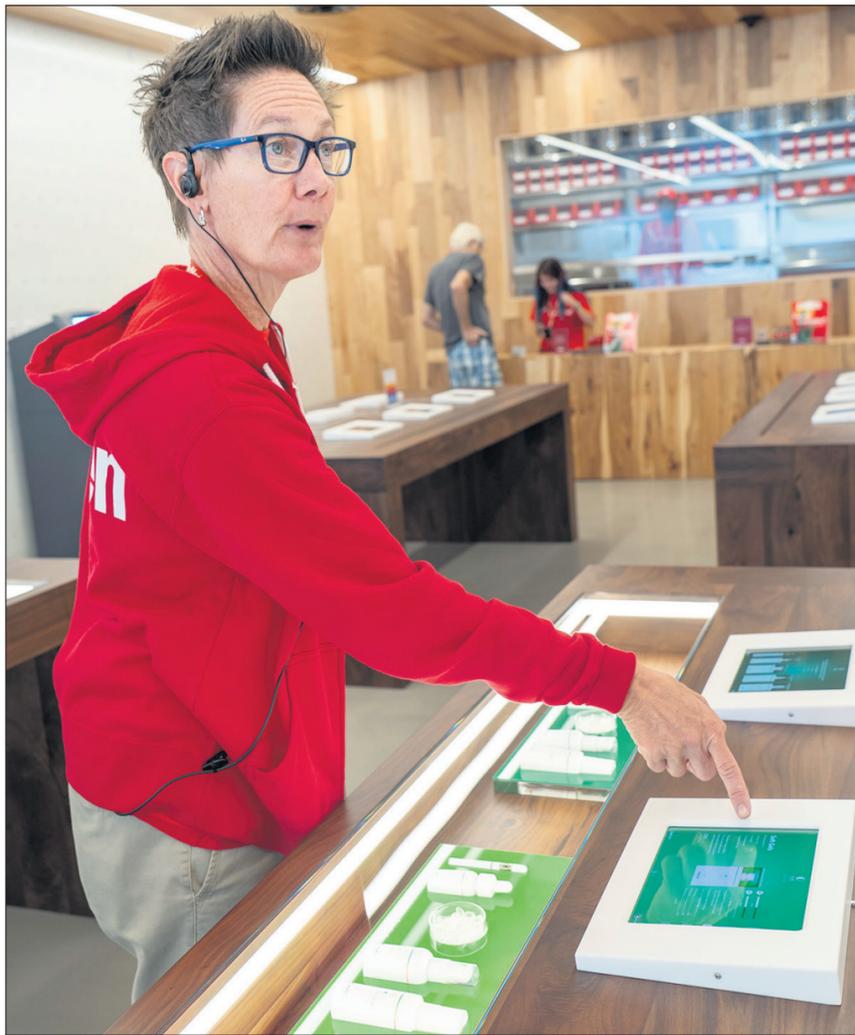


County Administrator Roman Gastesi talks about the announced retirement of Commissioner Sylvia Murphy and other county issues.

- Also on today's show:
- **Judd Wise** — Key West High School coach and teacher
 - **Amber Shaffer** — Locals Night Out
 - **Rick Ramsay** — Monroe County Sheriff
 - **Greg Veliz** — Key West City Manager
 - **Liz Young** — Arts Council

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ROB O'NEAL/The Citizen

Dana Heath, general manager of the new Med Men medical marijuana dispensary on Duval Street, explains how their operation works. Nicknamed the 'Apple Store of weed,' tables lined with iPads help consumers choose their desired combinations of CBD and THC. Currently, lotions, tinctures, oils and gel caps are available to holders of medical marijuana cards issued in the state of Florida.

HIGH HOPES

2nd medical marijuana dispensary opens on Duval

BY CHRIS SEYMOUR
Key West Citizen

Key West's newest medical marijuana dispensary opened Tuesday in the heart of Old Town, as the company MedMen held a grand-opening celebration of its store at 130 Duval St.

MedMen, well established in the burgeoning national medical marijuana market, quietly opened with a ribbon-cutting outside of the stark, white building that formerly housed the Pirates Key gift shop.

MedMen is the second dispensary to open on the city's main drag in the past few months. Another company, Trulieve, opened a shop at 400 Duval St. in September.

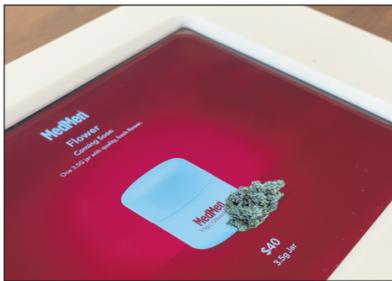
Surterra Wellness, the city's first medical marijuana dispensary, opened in March in Habana Plaza

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CHRIS SEYMOUR/The Citizen

The new Med Men medical marijuana dispensary officially opened Tuesday at 130 Duval St.



ROB O'NEAL/The Citizen

Actual marijuana, known as 'flower,' will be available soon at MedMen, sold as buds as well as pre-rolled marijuana cigarettes.

Murphy won't seek 5th term

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA
Key West Citizen

Monroe County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy will not seek reelection, she said, citing health reasons.

Murphy, who is serving in her fourth term as county commissioner, will complete the remainder of her term, which will expire in November 2020, she said.

Murphy told The Key West Citizen she made her decision not to run again during the past weekend. Murphy had been battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy. She recently lost a lot of blood following a procedure, she said.

"I felt weak and woozy," Murphy said. "It's been a chore to keep up as a commissioner. Some times I don't feel well enough to leave home."

Murphy said earlier this year that she had planned to seek another term.

So far, only Islamorada Village Councilman Mike Forster has filed to run for the District 5 seat, which represents residents from Tavernier through Ocean Reef. Upper Keys pet store



Murphy

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Attorney eyes retiring judge seat on bench

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA
Key West Citizen

One of Monroe County's veteran judges will not seek retention when her term expires in 2022, and a local attorney has already filed to run for the seat on the bench.

County Judge Peary Fowler, who works out of the Key West Courthouse, will not seek another term, she said. Key West-based attorney Al Kelley has filed the paperwork with the Monroe County Supervisor of Elections Office to run for Fowler's seat.

Kelley has been a practicing attorney in the Florida Keys since the 1990s and authored four books on various aspects of the law, from small claims court to landlord tenant disputes, he said.

"My goal has always been to educate the



Kelley

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Marathon tackles floodplain management, housing considerations

BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI
Key West Citizen

From recreational vehicles to 16-bedroom homes, housing and governing laws present a challenge in the Florida Keys, where limited building

permits and land, and hurricane evacuation times, lead to quality of life and safety concerns.

People get creative from time to time in their attempts to live and earn a living in paradise, and Marathon's

Planning Department intends to stay ahead of the game.

Eleven- and 16-bedroom houses are being built in Marathon, prompting Planning Director George Garrett to seek feedback on

some proposed land development regulations to address these unusual residences. While he said there have been many building applications for homes with five or fewer bedrooms, the need for seven or more bedrooms clashes

with the usual regulations, such as wastewater service, where one home counts as one "equivalent dwelling unit" and is charged base rate and water usage fees accord-

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