

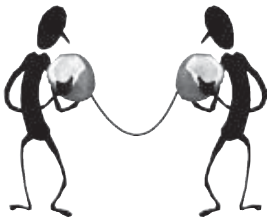
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Hunk of the Month



Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Jason Madnick

Editorial: Fallout from Last Month's Issue and the Election

We got a lot of phone calls about last months article about the infestation throughout the Key Largo Moose building but not what we wanted to hear. We wanted to hear that they had hired an exterminator and solved the problem, but that didn't happen. We did get a call from someone who was very concerned because a "busload of about 25 veterans from the VA hospital were going to the Key Largo Moose for a luncheon and they were worried about the veterans taking the bed bugs back and infesting the VA hospital". It appears that the Key Largo Moose is more worried about money than about the health and welfare

of their customers and the community. The problem should have been taken care many months ago when they first knew about it. We at the Coconut Telegraph are greatly saddened by the sudden death of Chief Assistant State Attorney Manny Madruga. Dennis Ward defeated State Attorney Catherine Vogel in the November election by a small margin. Ward admitted to the press that he had phoned Madruga and fired him just prior to Madruga's suicide. Ward then went on to trash the entire State Attorneys office. Catherine Vogel, Manny Madruga and the entire State Attorney's office have

done an excellent job for us. Many of the great people employed there chose to support their boss,Vogel, and therefore are afraid that they too will be fired by Ward in a tirade of vindictiveness.



Chief Assistant State Attorney Manny Madruga. Photo: Miami Herald.

Madruga worked his entire career for Monroe County and at age 53 had also contributed so much to the community he loved. Perhaps to him it was much more than just a job, it was his life. Just a few days later Ward and his supporters threw an "Appreciation Party" for Ward in Islamorada. Plenty of posed pictures appeared in Facebook of them grinning and partying up a storm while the rest of Monroe County mourned Manny Madruga. As we enter 2017 we respectfully remember the friends and family who won't be with us in the new year. On page 7 we share their photos.

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