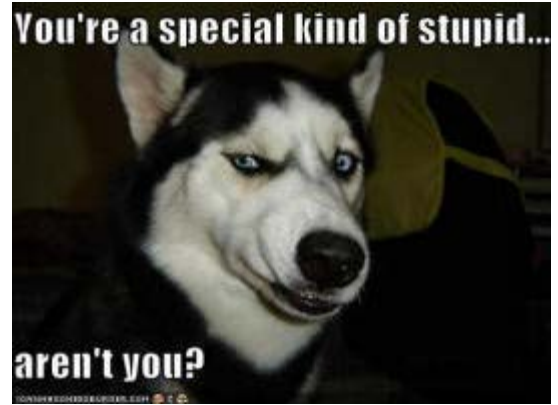


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Journal Month in Review and Journal Year in Review are coming very soon. You can see that I am building on the successful Journal Week in Review.

Election 2012 has already started. It started the day after the results of the 2011 elections came in. The Journal will cover the elections only with the Florida Keys races.

Lynn Samuels died Christmas Day. She was the queen of Sirius XM. You could not put a tag on the woman. Each issue got the Samuels once over. Then she talked it to death. She took calls, and, well, you see Lynn was an icon to talk radio.



Florida House Representative Ron Saunders is looking to run for state senate. He has overwhelmingly consolidated his base. Bob Horan from Endicott NY writes in the Keynoter that he has expressed his lack of political practical understanding. Ron Saunders election campaign will be easy, if all he has to face is a Bob Horan from New York.

We are lucky to have so many media outlets in the Middle Keys. I read them in no particular order [KeyNoter/Miami Herald](#), [Free Press/Citizen](#), [The Weekly Newspapers](#), [Coconut Telegraph](#), and [News-Barometer](#). I paraphrase most everything because the story is already covered. I just add a bit of sarcasm to the article. Anything that is a direct quote has to provide proper attribution.

George Neugent is for us or against us, playing games with the electorate. Neugent's interest with Marathon's 100 transient permits is just a bit disingenuous. George, you have finally gone too far. Neugent is wasting our time and taxpayers wallets. Are you still smarting from the incorporation vote? Get over it.

Monroe County vs. FEMA. Monroe County had plenty of notice to assure the right designation is applied to each property. FEMA is being way out of line in pushing their concept along. Where is the state in all this? Could someone please get all the kids together to figure how to behave at recess?

Winn-Dixie and Bi-Lo did the merger-type dance together. Or was it a takeover. I wonder whether it is a dance or takeover or both. Let's wait and see if our Winn-Dixie continues low prices and a high quality customer service.

Marathon gets another cell tower, what tower, any tower. Have you gone outside and took a looky-see. There are towers everywhere. Have you stepped outside and looked at all those towers situated all over town.

Islamorada and its sewage is in the news. Surprise, surprise. Those residents who believed that the state has to fund the required systems are all living in a fantasy world. The federal government tasked the state to clean up near shore waters. I hate to see the consequence of delaying the project.

If Islamorada does not complete the wastewater reductions, then each and every one in Islamorada will be tasked directly to put in the wastewater/stormwater. It is not the feds, state, county, and city responsibility. It is each resident in Islamorada tasked with that responsibility. Just ask Cinque to see the truth. He got a letter to modernize his sewer system.

Why is Marathon getting extra income, more transient allotments, and kudos all over the state? Marathon was dedicated to reaching the goals before the fourth quarter expires. They score another three-point shot, well deserved.

O whoa is us with the school board and one Jara wanting a contract. Someone outside the system needs to be hired. Anyone caught up in the recent staff and school board incidents should be fired.

Journal Month in Review is located at <http://marathonjournal.us/journal/2011/120111.htm>. It is almost ready for publication. Journal Year in Review is coming soon.

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