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Dedication is set for bridge, line

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MARATHON — What is sure to become one of the largest celebrations in the history of Monroe County is scheduled to get underway here at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

At that time, at the Key West end of the new Seven Mile Bridge, a starting gun releasing more than 1,000 runners in a 10k run will mark the beginning of a day-long dedication of the new Seven Mile Bridge and Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Pipeline.

The day's schedule also includes a fishing tournament, boat parade, speeches, ribbon-cutting ceremony and a food festival.

The run and the ensuing awards presentations for runners will be followed by the official dedication ceremonies and speeches at 11 a.m. at the Marathon end of the bridge.

Various state and local officials will be on hand for the event, including U.S. Rep. Dante

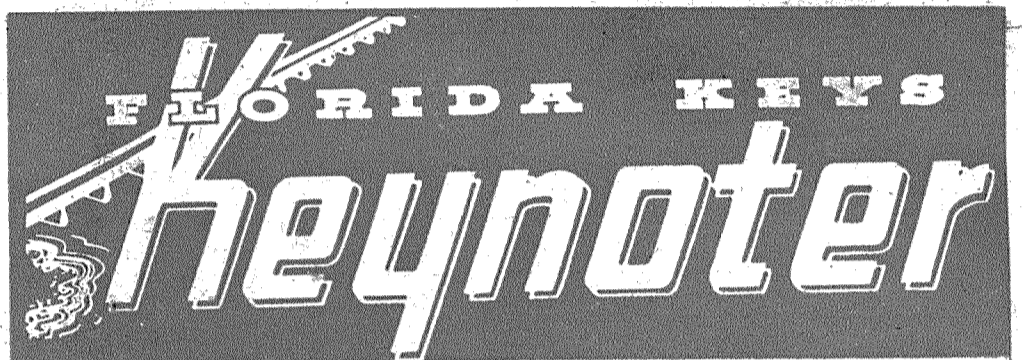
B. Fascal, U.S. Sen. Lawton Chiles, Florida Sen. Richard Renick, Florida Rep. Joe Allen, Misener Marine Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board Richard H. Misener, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Chairman Stanley Hole and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Paul Pappas.

Various representatives from area chambers of commerce and other organizations will also be in attendance. An invitation extended to baseball star and Keys' resident Ted Williams has been accepted.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. will be accompanied by the release of hundreds of balloons and a fireworks display. The Marathon High School band will provide music for the event.

During the ceremonies, a boat parade will

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Commission extends development freeze

PLANTATION KEY — Summer may just be around the corner, but the word for developers in Monroe County is still freeze.

The Monroe County Commission voted 4-0 Monday to extend its freeze on major development projects another 60 days.

Major developments include any building project that covers more than five acres. The county had 15 such projects in-house when the freeze went into effect Feb. 10.

Those projects were unaffected by the freeze and the county's building, planning and zoning department has continued to process the applications.

Commissioner Curt Blair originally proposed to extend the freeze 90 days from its May 11 expiration date. According to Mr. Blair, five new major development projects have been submitted to the county since May 11.

He added that the extension was needed to allow the

county's director of building, planning and zoning, Allan Lessler, time to hire additional staff.

Commissioner Ken Sorensen counterproposed that the freeze be extended for only 60 days.

Mr. Lessler said that "60 or 90 days is not an issue. The issue is that the reason for the freeze still exists."

The commission voted 4-0 to extend the freeze until its July 12 meeting.

Water tie-ins slated

FLORIDA KEYS — Just because the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority's (FKAA) new pipeline is going to be dedicated Saturday, don't think you're going to have water any time you want it.

Fresh on the heels of the dedication ceremony will come a 10-hour shutdown of the complete line beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Kathy Ovide, FKAA executive office secretary, said the line will be shut down from 10 p.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. Wednesday to allow tie-ins between the old and new water lines at the Channel Five and Bahia Honda bridges.

Persons who receive their water directly from the main line will not have water service during those hours. Persons who are serviced through water storage tanks will not be affected.



Photo by ANDY NEWMAN

PICKING 'EM UP and putting 'em down on the uphill stretch of the new Seven Mile Bridge, this trio of runners work out for Saturday's race. From left to right are: Nash Ariza of Rockland Key, Brian Jacobs of Marathon and Toni Roman of Islamorada.

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DATE	HIGH	LOW
May 12	88	75
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