

**In brief**

**Key West sailors hold Hills regatta**

The Key West Sailing Club sets sail Sunday for the Larry Hills Memorial Regatta. The club also holds the Newfound Harbor Race on May 19. Races are open to all monohull sailboats 20 feet or over, and all multihull sailboats. Call Denise White at 293-1095.

**Contest targets biggest wahoo**

Anglers head offshore for wahoo Saturday in the annual Snapper's Wahoo Extravaganza Benefit Fishing Tournament in the Upper Keys. More than 75 anglers are expected for the annual event that honors the top catches of the speedy fish. A secondary prize goes to the day's biggest dolphin catch. Regular adult entries are \$75, with junior and senior categories also available. Activities begin with a Friday anglers' meeting, and include an awards banquet after fishing. Call 852-5956.

**Kayak lovers invited to help create club**

People who love to kayak are invited to help create a Middle Keys kayak club. The group is designed for people to share kayaking experience and possibly to organize group events in the future. "Even if you don't own a kayak, but have an interest, this might be for you," said an organizer. Call 743-0771 and leave a message.

**Sombrero Resort hosts tennis championships**

The Monroe County Junior Tennis Championship, which matches some of the Keys' best young netters, closes its registration books Thursday. The Saturday and Sunday event has divisions for boys and girls singles in brackets including age 17-18, 15-16 and 14-and-under, and doubles for ages 15-18 and 14 and under. Winners are decided in best-of-three-sets competition. Entry for each event is \$10. The tournament is sponsored by Wonderlin Tennis. Call Tim Wonderlin for details at 743-2250, Ext. 526.

**Dolphins face playoff for district slot**

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Two 10-run losses in the past week didn't sit well with Marathon High School baseball coach Francis Felder. The Dolphins leader put his players through what he called "a helluva of a workout" the past few days in anticipation of a 4 p.m. Monday playoff with Archbishop Curley at home. The winner gets the fourth

and final spot in the District 8-3A tournament. "It's all or nothing," Felder said. He hopes to head into the game riding a two-game win streak, both against La Progesiva. The Dolphins play a makeup game today at La Progesiva and have another makeup contest against the Dade team that has yet to be rescheduled. A double-



header today would seem logical but wasn't planned as of late Monday. Felder stressed offense during the practices but also emphasized defense, an area in which his team has been lacking since players returned from spring break last week. Compounding the defensive woes is the bad news that Jason

Bass, his No. 1 hurler, won't be back for the rest of the season. The junior hurler injured his left leg during spring break and the injury is worse than first suspected, Felder said. Marathon dropped to 5-12 following its Thursday 14-4 loss to the junior varsity Conchs of Key West. That was two days after the Dolphins' 10-0 loss to Coral Shores.

**RUNNING WITH THE PACK**

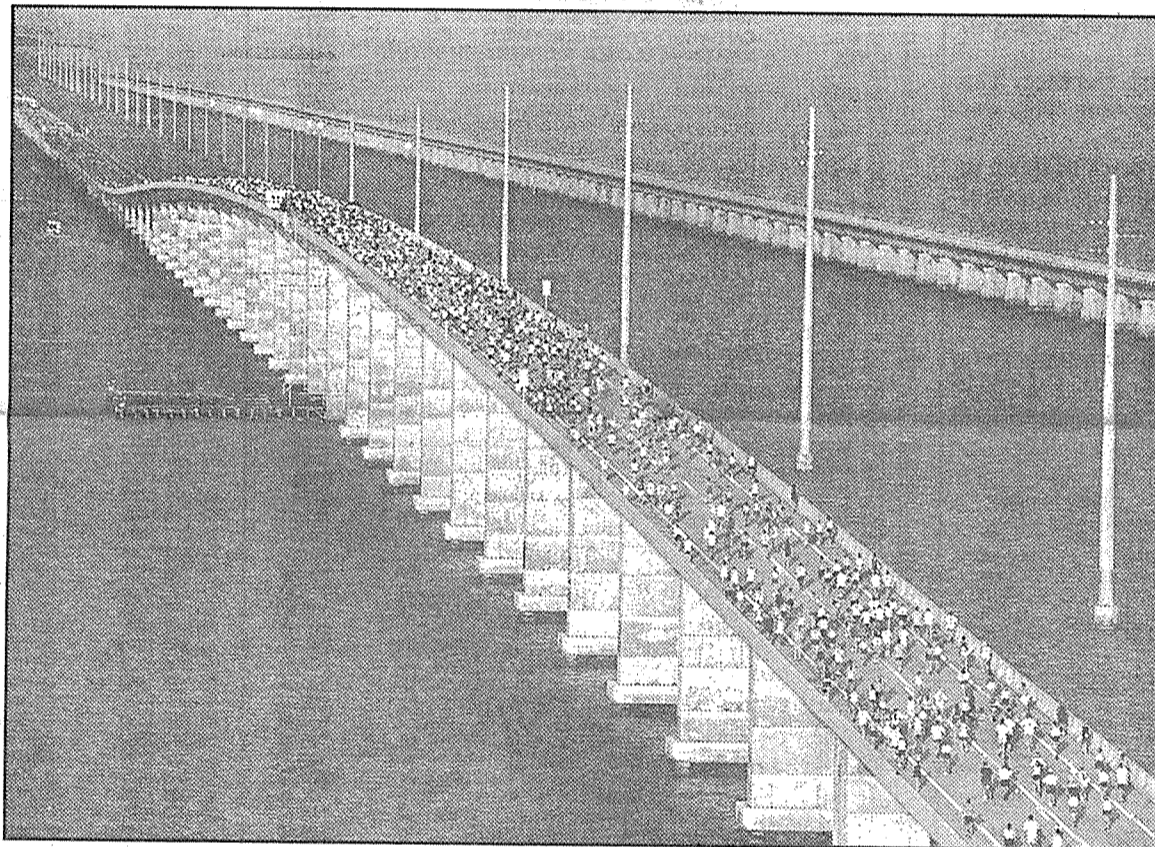


Photo by ANDY NEWMAN

With the Atlantic Ocean at left and Gulf of Mexico at right, the main pack of 1,500 runners competing in the 15th Annual Seven Mile Bridge Run Saturday approaches the highest point of the bridge affectionately known as the 'hump.' Roberto Castillo of Miami and Karen Miles of Fort Myers, were top men and women's finishers in the annual competition over the longest of the 43 bridges that helps make up the Overseas Highway. For complete results, see Page 32.

**Baseball 'Canes hammer out 15th**

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Hollywood Christian broke the Coral Shores' Hurricanes string of shutout victories in the first inning Friday, but paid for it. The Hurricanes answered with 12 hits and collected nine walks to post a 16-7 win, upping the Coral Shores slate to 15-7 heading into the regular season's final week. Before Friday's game, the Hurricanes had won three straight games without allowing a run. "We hit the ball well against Hollywood," said Coral Shores head coach Rich Russell. "That's something we have got to do at this time of year." Joe Havel, improving his average to .435, smacked doubles in the first and third innings to key rallies of three and four runs. In the Coral Shores sixth, four singles set the stage for junior Bobby Zlockie to rip a two-run triple that capped a seven-run outburst.

The Hurricanes were up 9-1 after three innings as left-handed senior Eric Suesz allowed just four hits through the first six innings. Hollywood mounted a last-ditch rally in the bottom of the seventh. Coral Shores committed pair of infield errors and Hollywood notched a pair of hits to score three times. "Eric pitched a great game, but he hadn't been on the mound in about two weeks and got really tired," said Russell. Jon Young, the 'Canes No. 1 starter, pitched out of the inning. Coral Shores faces a pair of

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**State splits Keys schools' soccer classes**

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Scholastic soccer in the Florida Keys is getting a kick toward competitiveness. Convinced by coaches and principals that smaller schools were unfairly matched against larger schools, the Florida High School Activities Association has created a new Class 4A. It means smaller schools won't be required to play their larger counterparts, although they are not precluded from doing so. Wins and losses against those schools would not count in district standings. "Now we can start the year

without six consecutive losses," said Marathon High School coach Dennis Doll, who lobbied for the change. Under the old classifications, 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A schools played in the same class. Class 5A and Class 6A had their own divisions. The new system gives 4A schools their own class. Schools that are 1A, 2A and 3A will still play together. The move, made statewide, means Class 3A Marathon and Coral Shores High School will not be required to play the larger Gulliver Prep, Key West, Ransom-Everglades, and Belen Prep, which have been staples on their sched-

ules. "It was a request by a lot of our member schools. We had gotten a lot of input from coaches and principals," said Sandra Harris, assistant director of athletics for the Activities Association. "Soccer's very physical and it just wasn't fair match up a 4A school with a 3A school," said Marathon athletic director Bill Sympton. Doll said the new District 8-3A is made up of Marathon, Coral Shores, Archbishop-Curley, Country Day, Dade Christian, Florida Christian, Westminster Christian, LaSalle, MAST and Palmer Trinity.