

### **Stan Dingwater: Culprit**

The Monroe County Health Department reminds the public to drain standing water in and around properties, especially after rainfall and watering lawns and landscapes, as a means of preventing dengue, a virus that can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito. On Thursday afternoon, the Miami-Dade CHD reported its first case of locally acquired dengue in 2012. In response, the Monroe CHD reconfirmed that there have been no known cases of dengue reported in the Florida Keys since November 2010. Anyone experiencing dengue-like symptoms, including sustained high fever, severe headache and bone pain and mild rash, should see a health care provider. Prevention tips include draining standing water where mosquitoes like to breed, wearing mosquito repellents, ensuring there are no holes in screens on windows and doors where mosquitoes can gain access and using air conditioning whenever possible. For more information, call 809-5653.

