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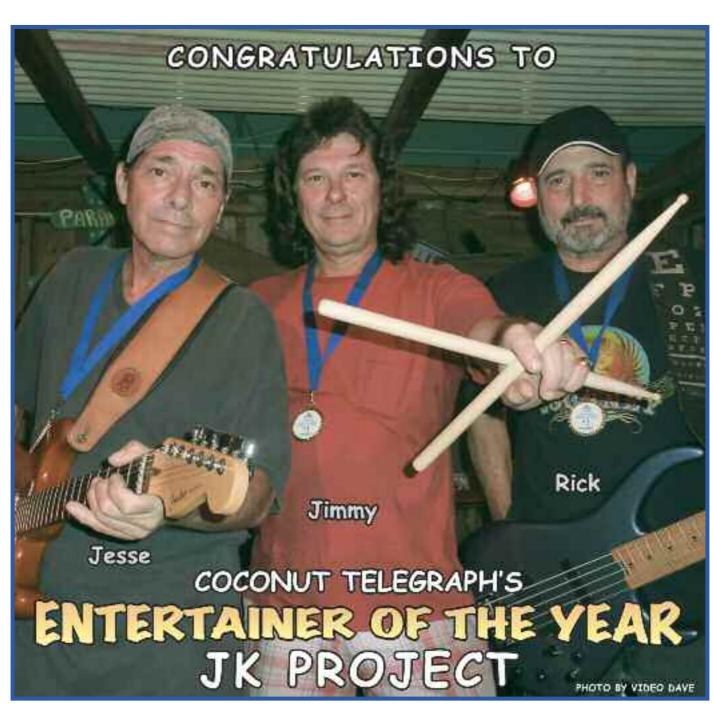
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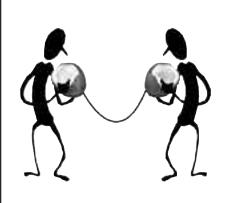
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Editorial: Big Things Come in Small Packages

Despite competing with the NASCAR races and football season, the Coconut Telegraph/WORZ Ocean Reef Radio Party for the Pantry at the Pilot House on November 22nd was an overwhelming success! With the best entertainment the Keys has to offer, it was standing room only. Cars were parked as far away as the Lions Club! No one, not even us, could believe that a little bitty newspaper and a small town radio station—the only forms of advertising—could generate that kind of turnout. We raised \$4,000 that day. The restaurant was full of nonperishable food and it took 2 truckloads to get it all to the Burton Memorial Methodist Church!

THIS JUST IN! A week later, the owners of the commercial fishing boat "Trapped in Debt" gave us a check for \$2,000 for the Burton Memorial Methodist Church Food Pantry and a challenge. They said "If we can do it, so can you". That brings the cash total up to \$6,000 and it's still growing!

The Coconut Telegraph and WORZ wish to thank the Quarter Club, Islamorada Women of the Moose and everyone who donated, participated and helped. We would like to especially thank Murray and his staff at the Pilot House, great job guys! When we delivered the food to the church the pastor

was delighted but sadly told us that it would only feed the 60 or 70 families the church supports for about 3 weeks. Our goal was to feed them throughout the holidays. If you were not able to attend and would still like to contribute please send a check or deliver food to the Burton Memorial Methodist Church 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, Fl 33070.

Congratulations to the JK Project our front page Entertainers of the Year! You can catch them every Thursday live at the Pilot House. Check it out on line at thepilothousemarina.com and click on Glass Bottom Bar to see

If anyone else saw the 5'11" tall man dressed in a dark blue shirt with olive khaki shorts who stole the raffle basket of cheer at the end of the night, please call me. This scumbag has some major karma coming for stealing from a church. How low

I would also like to thank a friend, advertiser, my former employer and owner of several restaurants that anonymously cooked, donated and delivered Thanksgiving Dinners to numerous families in need this year. You make the Keys a better

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Entertainers of the YEAR JK Project



The JK Project was first featured in the Coconut Telegraph as Entertainers of the Month in December of 2008. Now, they grace the cover as Entertainers of the Year!

These fine musicians have been playing together for four years, but by the way their sounds blends together you'd think they've been playing together since birth.

Jesse, who plays lead guitar, is extremely versatile and also writes music. Much of what they do is original. Jesse is a graduate of the

University of Miami School of Music and a semi-retired

Bass guitar player Rick Rolfes has a great sound the blends nicely with his band mates. He is also a Licensed Optician.

Jimmy McGuirl is not only a skilled drummer but also a talented hairdresser here in the Keys.

You can catch JK Project at the Pilot House, Pontune's Tiki Bar, Holiday Isle and Lorelei. No matter where they play they are always a crowd pleaser.







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The Conch structure that today houses Ballyhoo's was one of the buildings from an early fishing camp. While many buildings have not survived the ravages of time and storms, Ballyhoo's Dade County pine structure has been lovingly preserved and restored so that you may enjoy the beamed ceilings and quaint atmosphere while feasting on the best seafood, steaks and sandwiches that the Florida Keys has to offer. Ballyhoo's menu has evolved from traditional Conch favorites to current ones, and if you pay attention, you'll overhear some great fishing tales while you're here!

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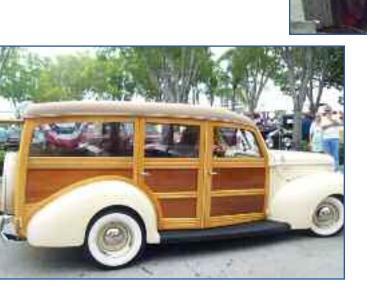


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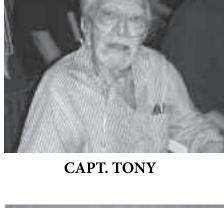




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Channel 10's Trent Aric is Grand Marshall of the Key Largo Boat Parade

Emmy Award winning Meteorologist Trent Aric is the Grand Marshall for this years Key Largo Boat Parade on Saturday, December 12th. "Trent steps into the shoes of his predecessor Don Noe a former Grand Marshall of the Parade," said Bob Stoky, Boat Parade Committee. "We do expect Don to be on the Grand Marshall boat too."

Trent joined the Local 10 Weather Team in June 2004 and has been serving as Chief Meteorologist since November 2008. In December of 2008 Trent won

an Emmy Award for "Goin' Green" an Earth Day special that highlighted the affects global warming could have on South Florida.

Trent began his broadcast career at WRBL in Columbus. Ga. where he was morning and noon meteorologist. While in Columbus. Trent was involved in several charity and community organizations including Juvenile Diabetes Research and the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life." He also served as emcee of the Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl For Kids Sake" and hosted an "Our House" benefit concert on Valentine's Day.

Audience and participants will have the opportunity of meeting Trent together with Don Noe and local celebrities Captain Skip Bradeen and Captain Spencer Slate at the awards party after the parade at Sundowners Restaurant, MM 104, at 10 PM.

This year's theme for the Parade is 'Hooray for Hollywood' entry is FREE and boats are encouraged to register early. There is \$1500 in cash and awards for Best in Parade, Best Use of Theme, Most Colorful, Most Original, Best Business, Best Boat Under 25' and Best Boat Over 25'. All entries receive a fabulous ditty bag and win great raffle prizes at the

Captains Party on Friday evening the 11th. In addition every entry except the overall winner will qualify for a \$500 cash drawing The winner will be picked at random at the awards party after the parade. The Boat Parade will begin

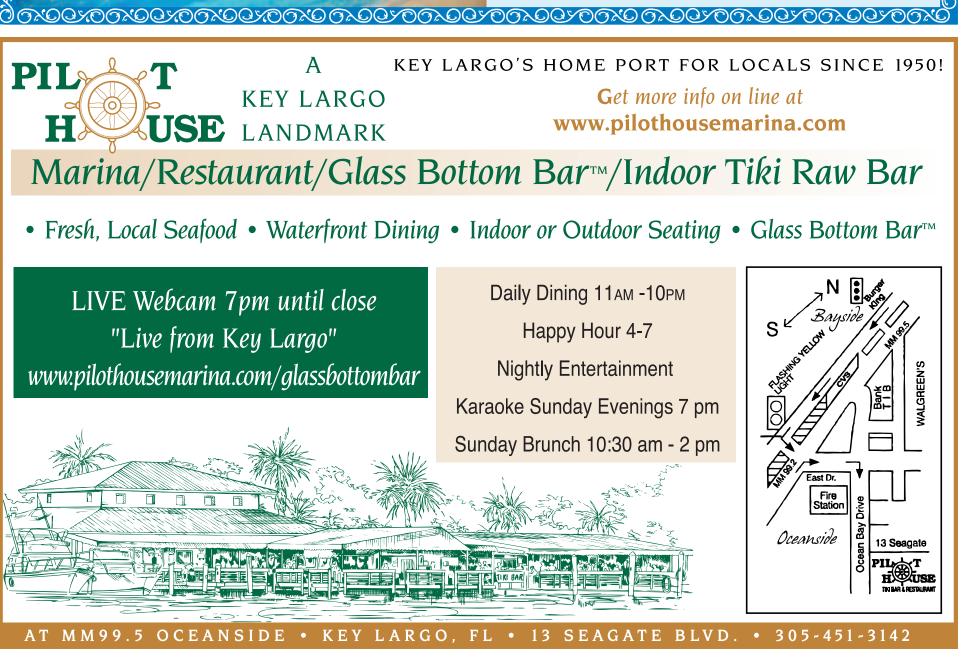
at 7.30pm on Saturday December 12th with an extended route beginning at Dusenbury Creek going north to Gilbert's Resort and then heading south back to Sundowners for the awards at 10pm. The best viewing locations along Blackwater Sound are the Caribbean Club, mile marker 104.5, Jimmy Johnson's Bia Chill and Sundowners Restaurant mile marker 104 and the Marriott Key Largo Bay Beach Resort, mile marker 103.5.

Parade entry forms are available at all Upper Keys branches of TIB, First State, Community and Centennial Banks and at KLI and Sundowners Restaurant or download entries at www.keylargoboatparade.com. For more information call Robert Stoky at (305) 451-4502, or Sue Finney at (305) 394-3736.

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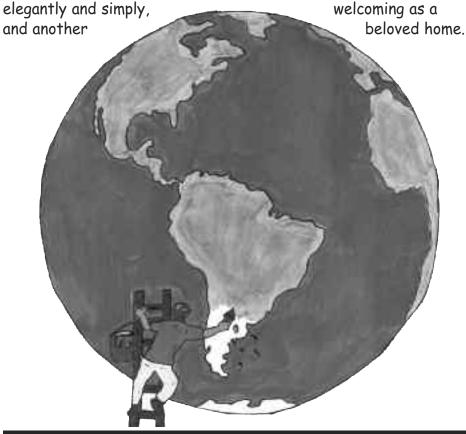
Decorating Life The World as Home

There are few things more thrilling than having a new house or an empty room to decorate. Our imaginations soar as we consider the many possibilities. In the same way, our lives offer us the opportunity to express ourselves within various contexts, to ask ourselves questions about what we want to see as we move through our days and how we want things to flow. Some people do this instinctively, moving through the various environments they inhabit and shifting the energy with their presence. These people have a knack for decorating life. This can be as simple as the way they dress, the way they speak, or the fact that they always bring a bouquet of wildflowers when they come for a visit.

As we move through the world, we make a statement. whether we intend to or not. We shift the energy one way when we enter a room dressed elegantly and simply,

when we show up in bright, cheerful colors and a floppy hat. One is not better than the other. It is simply a question of the mood we wish to create. What we wear is just one choice we can focus on. The way we speak to people, or touch them, shifts the energy more profoundly than almost anything else. The words we speak and the tone in which we say them are the music we choose to play in the world that is our home. Some of us fill the space with passionate arias, others with healing hymns. Again, one is not better than the other. We are all called to contribute.

Just as we consciously create an environment within our homes, we can consciously choose to decorate life itself with our particular energy. Ideally, in doing so, we express our deeper selves, so that the adornments we add to the world make it more meaningful, more beautiful, and as



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Bartender of the Month Jessica Morris at Paradise Pub



Paradise Pub with Dawn, Jill and Mike. We are a good team here," says Morris. There is always something

majoring in Journalism at FIU. going on at the Paradise Pub. She is a scuba instructor, an accomplished under water They have live music every photographer and a fabulous Saturday, karaoke with Gwen bartender at the Paradise Pub. on Tuesdays, free pool on So hard work is no stranger to Mondays and a famous \$1.99

"I love working

Pub with Dawn

Jill and Mike."

breakfast every morning.

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for only \$10."

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Jessica. In fact she thrives on As we are talkina, Morris casually reaches at the Paradise

Jessica Morris went from

growing up on a farm in Kansas

to an apartment in Miami,

in the cooler, pulls out a bottle of beer and sets it on the bar before the customer even

makes it through

the front door. The good-

they start pouring in. This

Jessica's shift starts at 5 and

comes as no surprise because

Jessica is beautiful, intelligent,

own words "perpetually single".

a very nice person and in her

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Santa Claus Must Die

The untold story of why George Wilson tried to "101" Saint Nick

By Edward Carboni

It's been two years since the fateful, near tragic plane crash that almost spelled the demise of Santa Claus, one of his elves and George Wilson. It was, to most, simply an accident. But there's more to the story than anyone could imagine ... well, almost anyone.

It all started in 1968. That

was the year George asked Santa Claus for an Easy Bake oven and a ceramic tea set. They were not quite the normal gifts an eight-year-old boy would ask for. George explained the choice as some sort of hormonal imbalance at the time. Whatever the reason, George was to be sadly disappointed and subsequently scarred for life when Christmas day came around and under the tree he found only a football, erector set and discount store aym socks. The trauma became worse after he talked to friends. They all seemed to have gotten what they asked for from Santa. Billy got his bicycle with the banana seat. Danny was truly excited about his new G.I. Joe with the kung fu grip. And his friend Cindy was a little dismayed that she got a new daddy for Christmas who looked like the milk man. But she was happy too. Everyone seemed happy except George. And that was where it all began. Why would Santa do that to him? Why didn't Santa give him what he wanted? Why did hot dogs come in packs of ten and the rolls in packs of eight? The questions seem to build inside of him into an anger he carried with him his whole life. Santa had cheated him, and some day, somewhere, that fat white-haired bastard would pay for it. And if any of those stinking little elves tried to get in his way they would pay

George carried his hatred of Jolly Old Saint Nick into his teens and early adulthood, through the years of experimental drug use and questionable tastes in women. He carried it with him into his middle years and through his

some years before and spent some time smugaling extra strength Tylenol and baby powder into Columbia. Although neither was illegal, he was caught. The four weeks in a Bogota jail cell and a nonconsensual personal relationship with a large man named Manuel



mid-life crisis where he found himself in love with a Brazilian prostitute who didn't shave her legs or her mustache. But she called him Poppi and smiled with shallow water near Dove Creek, a front tooth missing and George could not resist. He carried the seething loathing through his gun love years when he would go to the shooting range and pump 9mm rounds not into a silhouette, but into a picture of Chris Kringel. All the while he smiled at the prospect that somewhere, someday he would get his chance to off the jerk in the red suit.

That chance came quietly to him in 2007. After years of waiting, he was offered the opportunity to fly Santa and an elf in George's Maule-M7 seaplane to Snapper's Bar and Grill in Tavernier. It was some sort of publicity stunt for the fat guy, but George didn't care. He had gotten his pilot's license

did not soften his anger toward Santa and now was his opening for sweet revenge.

As he looked down into the he decided what he would do. He would take out Santa, and make it look like an accident. The small pontoon equipped Maule seaplane was in great shape and George, along with Santa and an elf who looked more of an ill-dressed leprechaun from the planet Vulcan were enjoying the flight when George decided it was time for payback. He brought the little plane down in squally weather just north of Snapper's and out of sight of the crowd anxiously awaiting his arrival. It would be a crash. Santa and the elf would buy the farm and he would be the only witness. No one to refute whatever story he wished to spin. He brought the plane

terribly, terribly wrong. The landing went terribly, terribly right. It was perfect and George was furious. He would have to kill Santa with his own bare hands. He turned to finish what he started out to do so many years ago with the burning image in his mind of the pretty pink tea set he was denied on that traumatic Christmas day. Just as he was about to grab the still unsuspecting Santa he noticed that one of the pontoons had broken a support and the plane was slowly sinking into the water. Rescue boats were racing to the scene. He didn't have time to kill Santa. He'd be caught. After so long a time in waiting, George had missed his chance at taking out Santa Claus. When they finally arrived at Snapper's George acted as if the incident had been an accident, and no one was the wiser. Unless of course you were someone who could see the cold and crazed stare he would throw every now and then at Santa as the jolly man talked to the little kids who had showed up to see him. There would be another time, George told himself He'll kill Santa some day, it just wouldn't be this day. George Wilson is the

down hard and into the waiting

waters. But something went

property manager of the Pilot House Marina and Restaurant/Bar. You can find the remnants of his seaplane hanging over the outside tiki bar. Edward Carboni is the author of Boss Ralphie—a holiday tale of redemption, and Cinderella Joe—a mystery novel. He also spends entirely too much time at George's tiki bar. And see him as Hunk of the Month on page 20.

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Coral Shores Football 2009

I had an opportunity this year to watch a lot of Coral Shores High School football from an "up-close and personal" prospective. Congratulations to a group of young men who hung in until the end and gave a great effort all year, no matter how difficult the task. This team may not have included the most talented, biggest, or fastest athletes that Coral Shores has to offer. but it certainly included the most courageous, toughest and persistent. These are all traits that will serve these athletes well throughout their years in school, and more importantly, throughout their entire lives.

It is a special person who can take defeat after defeat, and still show up week after week, with head held high. The players on this team came to each game with self esteem in tact and brought all that they had to offer, both physically and mentally, to the field of play. These kids are special, and the community should know that.

I also witnessed the support they received. An energetic and talented cheer

team, an extremely proficient marching band, and a small but vocal group of classmates showed up week after week in support of their friends and classmates.

They cheered as though their team was undefeated and stuck around until the final gun, no matter what the score, waiting for that moment of success to cheer on their team. Coral Shores High School and the community have a lot to be proud of. Something being taught in this school and at home is working. These things do not happen by accident. To the parents, teachers and coaches of these young people, congratulations and keep up the areat work.

To that group of young men and those who supported them, you are special. Never forget this season and what you learned, both on and off the field. Never quit, never give up and keep coming back, just like you did this year. In the end, you will be winners.

Long Narrow Valley - aka -Glynn Hooper

Keys Community Concert Band Pops in the Park

The Keys Community Concert Band Pops in the Park kicks off a the holiday season with two FREE performances under the impeccable baton of master conductor Hulber Gagliardini.

December 12 - "Holiday Melodies" begins at 4 p.m. in the beautiful Key Largo Community Park, mile marker 99.6 on December 12. Bring your blankets, friends and children to the concert complete with Santa.

December 19 - "Musical Holidays" begins at 4 p.m. at the TIB Bank Amphitheater, Islamorada Founders Park, Bayside mile marker 87. The vivacious Maestro Gagliardini once again takes the podium for the energetic interpretation of joyful music for the entire community. And Santa has something special for children.

PARTY for the PANTRY At The Pilot House Sunday, Nov. 22

Thank you - to everyone who helped, played music, attended, supported and contributed!













This is one of the piles and



The dolphin ladies partied with a porpoise!



Sharon and friends held up the bar











Cathy from the Hideout with her sister & kids





Video Dave worked Ted and Chris danced















Frank Patterson of WORZ Princess Melanie was





It was a very happy day for Denise....





It was an AWESOME SUCCESS!!!

THANK YOU VIDEO DAVE FOR ALL THESE PHOTOS!

•Ben was in charge of getting the food to the church. His friend Patrick helped and it took 2 truckloads! We raised \$10,000 in monetary donations and food for the Burton Memorial Church Food Pantry!



Lunch at Senor Frijoles includes free cotton candy in a frog holder!



Coconut Conch CHARACTERS of the Month

Only in the Keys.... The captain of this boat was selling hand made exotic wooden bowls at Gilbert's Resort.



A great gift idea is Jerry and Carol's handmade shell candles for sale at Gilbert's.

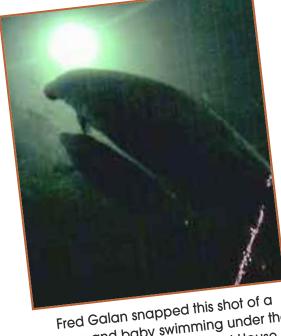


Looking for a unique gift for that hard to buy for person? Maybe a petrified dinosaur egg, pre-owned Rolex watch, treasure coins, musical equipment, or a bike?

Coral Financial at mile marker 103 also has everything from tools to generators, jewelry and even a concrete cannon. Stop in and expect and inspect the unusual!



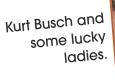
Pontune's newly acquired Pirate Ship is docked at Gilbert's Resort.



mama and baby swimming under the glass bottom bar at the Pilot House.



Race car dude Kurt Busch serves Capt. Rick a beer at the Pilot House.





their time to raise much needed funds for the Wild Bird Center.



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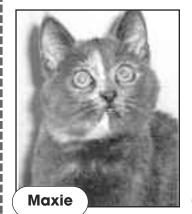




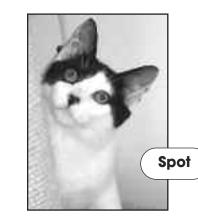






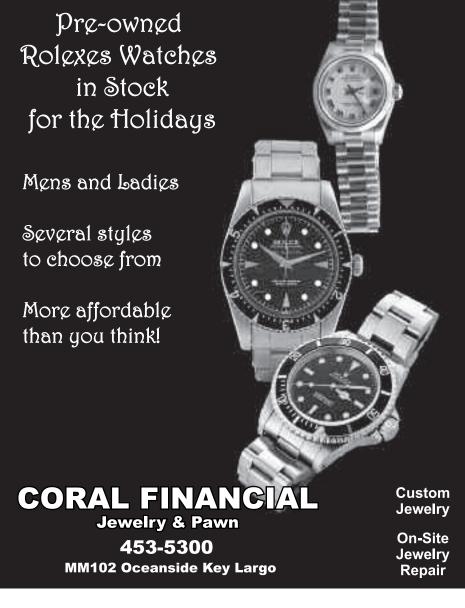












Local Magician Scores "Hat Trick" in Competition



Local magician Michael Trixx has been performing and improving his "ALL FIRED UP" magic act here in the upper keys for 10 years now and it pays off big at annual convention. Once a year Daytona magic shop

www.daytonamagic.com puts on a 3-day magic convention at Daytona Beach Resort where some of the worlds best magician's come to share their art and lecture to local pros, amateurs and enthusiasts.

"I never went to a magic convention until three years ago when I heard about Daytona," says Trixx. "In 2007 I decided to go and enter the stage magic competition, missing third place by 1.5 points. In 2008 I went again and got second place, it took me awhile to figure what these judges are looking for. Your only allowed eight minutes in this competition, so it's hard to pick which eight minutes of my 45 minute act to put into a competition."

November 6, 2009 Michael
Trixx returned to the Daytona
Festival Of Magic's Florida
State Magic Convention and
entered three competitions
receiving awards in each
category. Mr. Trixx was
awarded third place in the
close-up magic competition.

Next was the strolling

magician contest. This is at a big dinner (37 tables) and the contestants go from table to table performing tricks trying to hit as many tables in one hour. This is the only category where the audience is the judge (by applause). Michael won second place.

Now the Stage Contest, "This is why I've been going to Daytona, this is the one I've been working so hard for" says Trixx.

After only three years of competing Michael reached a small goal he set for himself back in 2007. He was awarded the Florida State Magic Convention's Stage Contest first place trophy. So Trixx returns home with three magic awards.

"It felt real nice to see my hard work and dedication to this art be recognized by my piers and to represent the upper keys in these competitions."

You can find Michael Trixx performing 5 nights a week here in the upper keys, Monday and Wednesday at Lor E Lei MM 82 Islamorada, Tuesday and Friday at Island Grill MM 85.5 Islamorada and Saturday nights at Gilbert's Resort MM 107.9 Key Largo. All shows begin shorty after sunset. For more on Michael Trixx go to www.michaeltrixx.com.

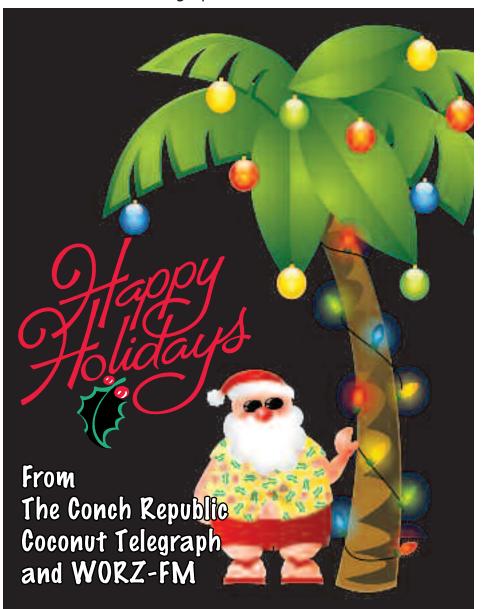
Boy Scout Troop 914 Canoes Peach River

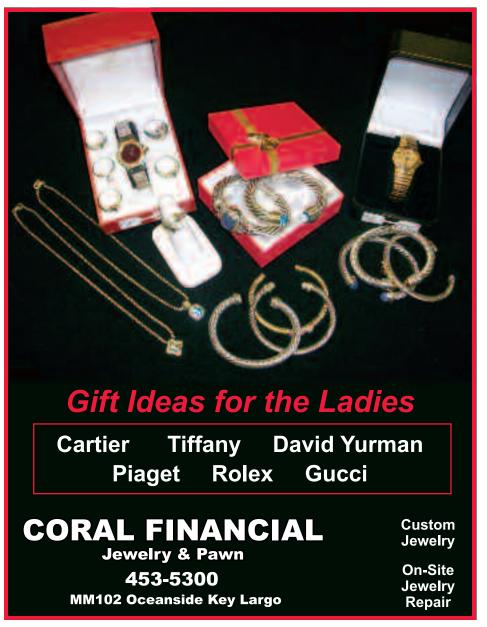


Recently eight Boy Scouts from Islamorada Troop 914, which is Chartered by Island Community Church, canoed the Peace River in middle Florida. The Scouts camped along the edge of the river for two nights. Besides canoeing the 18 miles they spent time teaching newer scouts canoeing skills, hunting for fossils and swimming. Pictured left to right are: Jadan Duncan, Connor Bell, Jim ONeill, Sean ONeill, Chris ONeill, Chadwick Duncan, Sam Gonzalez, David Bogue, Dana Vihlen, Chase Wood, Josh Bernstein, Dr. Paul Bernstein and Ed Gonzalez.



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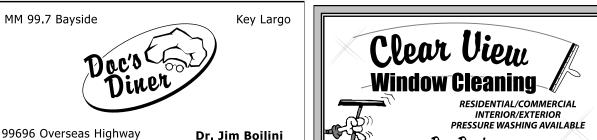
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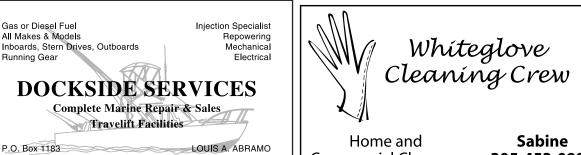
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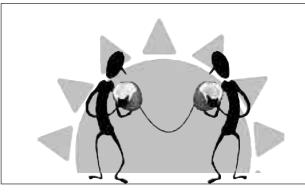








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When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious stories about how hard things were. And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way would lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia! And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet.. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalogue!!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox and it would take, like, a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!

There were no MP3's or Napster's! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the damn record store and shoplift it yourself! Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#*% it all up!

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called they got a busy signal, that's it! And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your mom, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, a collections agent, you just didn't know!!! You had to take the chance and just answer.

We didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like 'Space Invaders' and 'Asteroids'. You actually had to use your imagination!! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen... forever! And you could never win. The game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you die! Just like LIFE!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your butt and walk over to the TV to change the channel! There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning.

And we didn't have microwaves, if we wanted to heat something up we had to use the stove! Imagine that! That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled. You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980's or before!

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