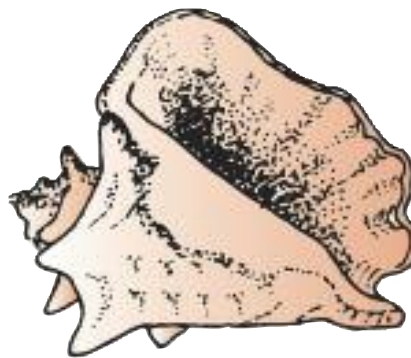


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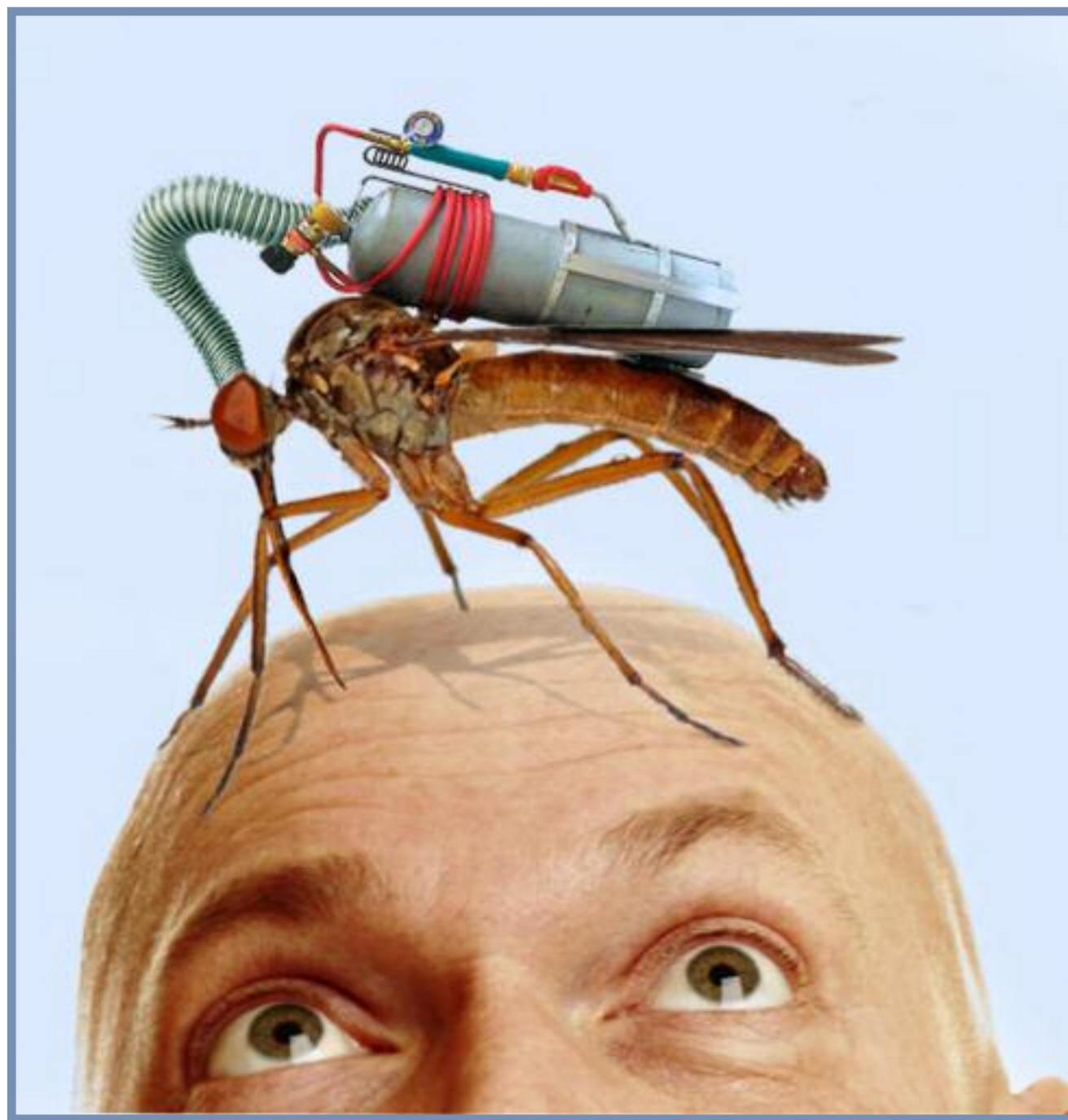
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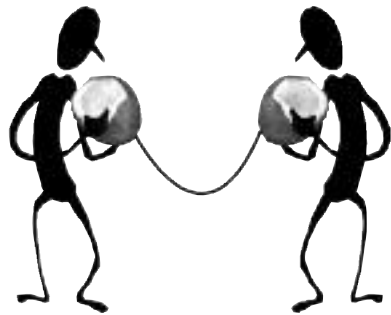
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Editorial: Planning Party  
to Benefit Food Pantry

In November we will celebrate 3 years in business and WORZ Ocean Reef Radio will celebrate 16 years so we have decided to throw a big bash at the Pilot House. There will be food, entertainment, door prizes and raffles. It will be open to the public; the only requirement to get in is to bring some canned food for the Burton Memorial Food Pantry.

I stopped by the Food Pantry yesterday and it was just about empty. The Coconut Telegraph and WORZ want to see it replenished so that no one will go hungry over the holidays. If you would like to help call me. We will need items for door prizes. First State Bank has already agreed to be a sponsor.

We chose the Pilot House because it was the first advertiser in our paper and they have been with us through thick and thin. George Wilson, the owner, has done some amazing things that you just have to see. For instance, stop by and see the glass bottom floor where you can feed and watch the fish. It delights kids of all ages!

Letter to the Editor:  
Thanks Dr. Bailey

Dear Coconut Telegraph,

We saw the big ad for Doc Bailey and we want to publicly thank him for his assistance and compassion when we lost our dog Jimmy to sudden cancer. It was a hectic couple of months. Dr. Bailey performed emergency surgery, we took Jimmy to the Marathon Veterinary Clinic for a transfusion, finally an ultrasound showed that the cancer was everywhere. When the time came, Dr Bailey gave us time to say goodbye, and time to grieve.

Jimmy was the last of three Samoyeds dogs that came with us from Denver in 2001, and my 6th Sammie overall. We still have 2, 3 year-old sisters, a Springer Spaniel, and a cat, but there is a big space where Jimmy used to be, and we miss him a lot.

Many thanks to Dr. Bailey and veterinary technician, Vanessa, who will be a top-notch veterinarian; Colleen, Maggie, and everyone at the Animal Care Clinic for their never-ending friendliness and love for the animals in their care.

Thank you,  
Bernie Shwayder and Chloe Porter  
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Entertainers of the Month  
Troubadour Troy



By Rich and Rachel Peine

If you like classic rock, check out Sharkey's on Friday nights. You can hear the sounds of all your favorites echoing across the canal while you enjoy your Shock Top Belgian wheat Ale and garlic crab claws. What a combination!

This month's featured entertainer has had roots in the Keys since his grandfather retired here in 1969. "I remember coming

down here to fish when I was 5", he told us, "so my kids are 4th generation Keys residents." Troy Allen performs solo as "Troubadour Troy", and he also plays with his band, "The Barefoot Bottom Feeders" (I didn't ask...), which includes Sundiver Dave (Brigham) on percussion and Gary Phillips on bass.

Troy's a singer,  
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Troy Allen and the "Barefoot Bottom Feeders".

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# Amazing Mosquito Facts

- You're more likely to be a target for mosquitoes if you consume bananas. Biting activity increase by 500 times when there is a full moon. A mosquito's wings beat 500 times a second.
- The animal responsible for the most human deaths world-wide is the mosquito.
- Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.
- Mosquitoes prefer children to adults, and blondes to brunettes.
- A mosquito can detect a moving target at 18 ft away
- The average lfe span of a female mosquito is 3 to 100 days. the male lives 10 to 20 days.
- Mosquitoes: lay up to 300 eggs at a time, fly across 150 miles in

- their lifetime, range from sea level to altitudes as high as 10,800 feet (3,600 meters), develop from egg to adulthood in 4 to 7 days.
- There are about 2,700 species of mosquitoes are there.
- A mosquito weighs about 2 to 2.5 milligrams (for an Aedes aegypti).
- A female mosquito drinks about 5-millionths of a liter (for an Aedes aegypti) of blood per serving.
- A mosquito finds new hosts by sight (they observe movement); by detecting infrared radiation emitted by warm bodies; and by chemical signals (mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide and lactic acid, among other chemicals).
- A mosquito can fly an

- estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour.
- Salt marsh mosquitoes migrate 75 to 100 miles.
- A mosquito can smell you, or a cow or another host from 20 to 35 meters away.
- A film of oil on water kills mosquito larvae because the oil clogs up the snorkel that the larvae use to breathe.
- Mosquitoes can't see you until they are 30 feet away. Even then, they have trouble distinguishing you from any object of similar size. When they are 10 feet away they use extremely sensitive thermal receptors on the tip of their antennae to locate blood near the surface of the skin. The range of these receptors increases threefold when

the humidity is high.

- Mosquitoes Do Not Ingest Enough HIV Particles to Transmit AIDS by Contamination.
- An AIDS-free individual would have to be bitten by 10 million mosquitoes that had begun feeding on an AIDS carrier to receive a single unit of HIV from contaminated mosquito mouthparts.

Thanks for these to [www.controlmosquitoes.com](http://www.controlmosquitoes.com) and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet # FS736.



# Sherry Dunn - She's the One



By Rachel R. Peine

It's midafternoon, and five cockatiels are clamoring for the syringe full of goop that Mama Sherry is extruding down their throats. One cage after another moves from the "bird section" of Keys

Now she's feeding eight little green Quaker parrots. "Look", sings Sherry, "they're like little bobbleheads," as they bounce up and down seeking the syringe. The babies get fed the way their feathered parents would do it, except that Sherry warms up the mix in the microwave. The store has 22 baby birds right now, which she's feeding four times a day every day. She also cooks mixed vegetables for the older birds, both residents and those being boarded; on the floor there's a case of fresh

corn ready for peeling and shucking. That's more nutrition than I give Rich at home. "We have some very spoiled birds here," she chirps.

Sherry's been Keys Kritters' bird expert for four years now, after apprenticing to Robbie, the owner. "Every single bird in here has been hand raised by me. I talk to them nonstop, and they all sound like me. They even say things I don't remember telling them - like one day out of the blue I heard, 'I loooooove you, ahhhh' in my own voice." To Sherry, hand raising means petting, kissing, and cuddling them. While we were talking, a young customer asked her what kind of bird she likes the best. "All of them", she cheeped.

Now's the ideal time to take home a baby bird, because there are several different breeds ready to go. "The younger you get it, the better. If you're hand feeding your baby, you'll be

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*Nouveau Italian Wine Dinner*

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**Friday 8/7**  
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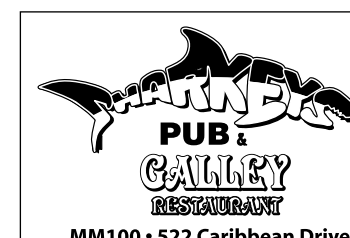
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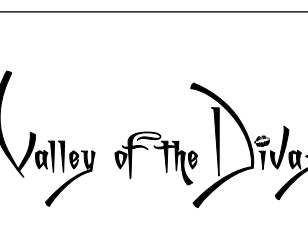
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We won't tell you all the secrets the new building has to offer but we will tell you that the bar is huge and hand painted by local artist who also fixed up the painting on the front of the building. If you don't like smoking half of the room is smoke free but you can still converse with the smokers. Look up and around you'll see eight big screen plasma TV's. You can play a game of Wii or watch horse racing - there is something for everyone.

Bernie Kay, the Governor of the lodge tells us that some anonymous donors that love the Moose Charities donated the money to rebuild. "The Moose support Mooseheart Child City and School, a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need located 40 miles

west of Chicago and Moosehaven, a 63-acre retirement community for its members near Jacksonville, FL. We also donate to the Islamorada Boy Scouts, help with the Alzheimer's Walk, clean up of Indian Key and Christmas for Upper Keys kids in need," says Kay. Kay cooks the N.Y. Strip steak dinner the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 6 till 8 pm. For \$12 you can enjoy the steak cooked to perfection in their new spotless kitchen, it includes tossed salad, baked potato, vegetable, and desert. Now that's a deal!

One of the Women of the Moose, 23-year member Jan Nolen, is known for her stuffed pork chops, they usually sell 80 to 100 dinners when Nolen's cooking. The women have their special dinners on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. The Coconut Telegraph is going for Prime Rib and all the fixin's for \$15. You can't beat it! Breakfast is served Sundays from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.; Fish Fry is Fridays 6 to 8 p.m.; and bingo is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Mary Eager tells us the pots are getting big.

The Moose Lodge is only open to members and qualified guests, if you're interested in joining call Bernie Kay at 305-393-4722.



## First State Sponsors School 's Einstein's Homies



First State Bank of the Florida Keys Tradewinds Branch Manager and Customer Service Officer Patti Marshall presents a check to Key Largo School student Thomas Mirabella for the Einstein's Homies after school program.

## Arrghhhhhonauts win Hospice Treasure Hunt



The "Aaaaaaarrrrrrrrgh-onauts" found the Pirate Booty, 200 pieces of gold, to win the recent Treasure Hunt fundraiser for Camp Coral, sponsored by Hospice Care of Southeast Florida. Picture is Joyce Ward, Mike & Sherry Booth of T-Toons, who donated T-shirts for participants, and Jim Booth. The Big Chill hosted the event.

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## Fanning the Creative Flames Boredom

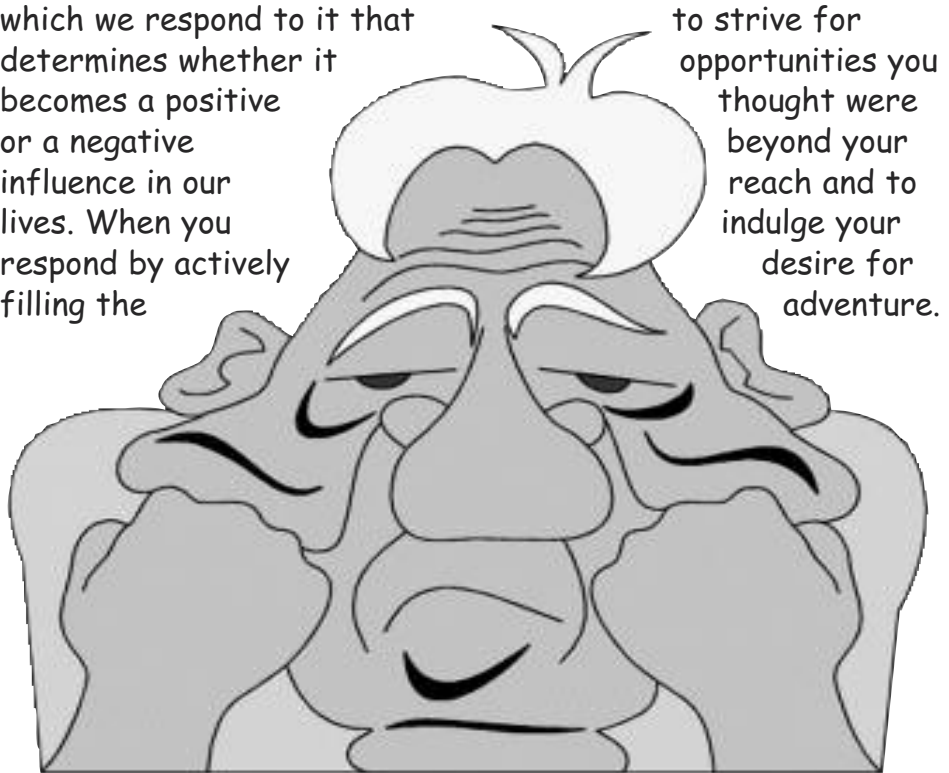
The human mind thrives on novelty. What was once a source of pleasure can become tedious after a time. Though our lives are full, boredom lurks around every corner because we innately long for new experiences. Yet boredom by its very nature is passive. In this idle state of mind, we may feel frustrated at our inability to channel our mental energy into productive or engaging tasks. We may even attempt to lose ourselves in purposeless or self-destructive pursuits. While this can be a sign of depression, it can also be an invitation issued from your mind, asking you to challenge yourself. Boredom can become the motivation that drives you to learn, explore the exotic, experiment, and harness the boundless creative energy within.

In Hindu and Buddhist traditions, boredom is perceived as a pathway to self-awareness. Boredom itself is not detrimental to the soul—it is the manner in which we respond to it that determines whether it becomes a positive or a negative influence in our lives. When you respond by actively filling the

emptiness you feel lurking in yourself, you cultivate creativity and innovation. If, when in the grip of boredom, you have difficulty acknowledging the merits of any activities you might otherwise enjoy, generate your own inspiration. Before you find yourself beset by boredom, create a list of tasks you can consult when it feels like there is simply nothing to do. Referring to a list of topics you want to learn more about, projects you've yet to begin, or even pending chores can spark your creative energy and reawaken your zest for life.

When we are troubled by boredom, it is not that there is nothing to do but rather that we are not stimulated by the options before us. A bored mind can be the canvas upon which innovation is painted and the womb in which novelty is nourished. When you identify boredom as a signal that you need to test your boundaries, it can be the force that presses you

to strive for opportunities you thought were beyond your reach and to indulge your desire for adventure.



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# Mrs. Florida American Dream 2009

Mrs. Lisa Lansden of Tavernier has been chosen to represent Florida as Mrs. Florida American Dream 2009. She is the wife of Dr. True Lansden and the mother of four sons, Tommy, David, Tyler and Michael and the grandmother of one grandchild, Perry. Lansden has resided in the Florida Keys for the past five years and is the Office Manager of The Florida Keys Center for Plastic Surgery's two locations.

Lansden was born and raised in Mississippi and is the daughter of William and Carolyn Vineyard. Lansden attended The University of Southern Mississippi where she majored in Education and Criminal Justice.

Recently, Lansden had the honor of being the very first Mrs. Florida Keys America in 2008 and Mrs. Florida Keys United States 2009. She has developed project "Inspiration" and is in the process of renovating the bedrooms at the Florida Keys Children's Shelter. She has also been active in Relay for Life,



project "Wounded Warriors", the Good Health Clinic, as well as providing free skin cancer screenings for all Florida Keys residents at The Florida Keys Center for Plastic Surgery. Prior to this Lansden also organized a massive relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina where essential items were donated by Florida Keys residents, gathered and packaged with the assistance of the Coral Isles United Church of Christ, and then delivered to the ravaged area, first by truck and then with the assistance of the United States Coast Guard. She looks forward to her year as Mrs. Florida promoting breast cancer awareness and the importance of volunteerism. Lansden enjoys modeling, photography, art and playing the piano. As Mrs. Florida she will compete in the national pageant to be held in October and she will continue traveling the State of Florida promoting her causes.

# Bartender of the Month Holly Stewart at Island Grill



The Coconut Telegraph is proud of Holly Stewart, and it's not just because she was voted "Best Bartender" at the 18th Annual Island Fest presented by the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, but because she is a really great person.

Several years ago, the late Jack Webb and I decided to do a benefit for Brandon Beyer, a 5-year-old boy who needed serious brain surgery. When Holly got wind of it she called me right away to

volunteer. She told me, "I went to school with his parents, they are my friends and I want to help." And help them she did. She jumped right in and collected donations and stayed late the night of the event serving hotdogs. She volunteered from her heart and

wanted no recognition. Holly is well known as she has lived in the Keys since the age of 8. She has only been a bartender for a year and a half at the Island Grill, but everything she does she does well. Her bright smile and sparkling personality make her a favorite. At this year's Annual Island Fest several bartenders competed taking 2-hour shifts over the 2-day contest. Holly received the most votes and has a plaque to prove it. Her co-workers have hung it at the Island Grill Tiki Bar

and are also very proud of her. Holly, the owner of HS Events, is also a wedding planner. Thinking of getting hitched? Call Holly Stewart at 305-393-5030 or just stop by the Island Grill where the t-shirts say "A little taste of the good life".



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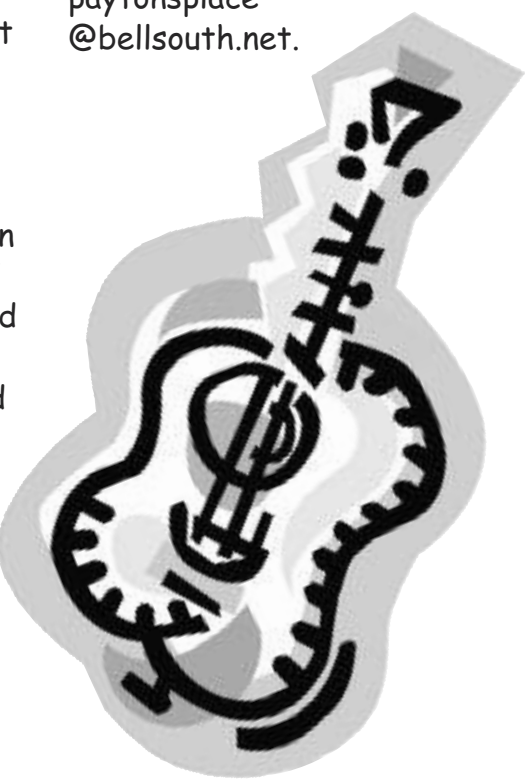
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## Troubadour Troy

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songwriter, and guitarist. His repertoire includes artists such as the Grateful Dead, Dylan, The Stones, and CSNY as well as his own original songs. He's been involved with music all his life, including following the Dead for about 20 years. When he was in school at the University of Kansas, he formed a Dead cover band, the L.A. Ramblers, and later played in Ft. Myers with "Some Band" (as in "I went to this bar and heard Some Band"). Since being down here, he's played with many of the local musicians, so you've probably seen and heard him.

You can check out Troy's classic rock sound with the Barefoot Bottom Feeders at Sharkey's on

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# Coconut Conch Characters of the Month



The Mosquito Heads are awesome at Gilbert's Resort.



Stephanie Allen and "Little Nugget" Cara at Troy's Birthday Party at the Pilot House.



Bartender on duty at the American Legion is Michelle!



Bob Curtis, Bert Gotfried of Olivia Cigar Co. Rep. and Bill Wissinger really know how to throw a cigar party at the Island Smoke Shop in the Pink Plaza.



Nick (former owner of the Quay) and Bonnie from Atlanta, G.



Chuck is working at the new Wyland Gallery in Islamorada.



Members and Officers of the Quarter Club convene at the Pilot House for Pat Eubanks birthday.



Mary Eager sings a song with Gwen during Karaoke Night at the Islamorada Moose.

# Coconut Conch Characters of the Month



Frank Patterson of WORZ Ocean Reef Radio presents Kathy Giles co-owner of the Hideout Restaurant the Coconut Telegraph's very first "#1" award for holding a rally to raise awareness for the Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies plight of having no raises in three years. Congratulations to Rae, Gunky, Gail, Kathy and everyone at the Hideout!



Burgess, formerly of Ocean Reef loves the changes at the Pilot House.



Fist State Bank shows patriotic spirit in Key Largo 4th of July Parade



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Mandi, Georgi, Allison and Brock proud to be Americans.



The Animal Shelter had some cute furry friends at the parade.



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Recently, real estate foreclosure and short sales have come to the Keys. Thanks to real estate brokers/agents who took foreclosure and short sale real estate courses and the qualified people at Realty Options of the Florida Keys, Misty Pace and Sal Livoti, we found a nice solid concrete house on a canal with davits for a great price.

But mostly, thanks to the professionals at First State Bank of the Florida Keys, Bette Brown and Lori Bailey, the mortgage was funded and the house closed with a 21-day escrow. There are fantastic real estate opportunities coming to the Florida Keys. The days of easy-to-get-started, little-money-down mortgages are over. Thank you - First State Bank of the Florida Keys!

Brooks Graduates



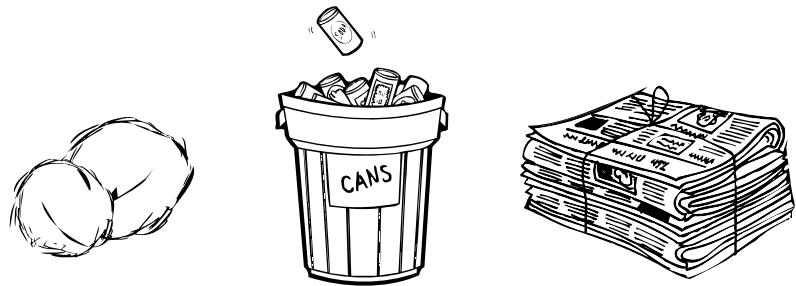
Tommy William Brooks II graduated from Full Sail University in Winter Park, FL. Brooks has earned his BS degree in Game Design and Development (computer programming) in only two years and finished top of his class. He tutored the “wash out” courses and was awarded two Course Director awards at graduation, one award for Machine Architecture and the other for Data Structure. Tommy has begun his own company, “Mastermind Studios” and has several interns working with him producing video games.

Brooks is the son of Dr. True and Lisa Lansden of Tavernier and Tom and Michelle Brooks of Collins, MS. He is the grandson of William and Carolyn Vineyard of Collins, MS and Carlene Brooks of Monticello, MS. He is also the grandson of the late William Brooks of Mendenhall, MS.

Brooks graduated from Coral Shores High School in 2006. He now plans to attend medical school and ultimately work in research and development in Neurology.

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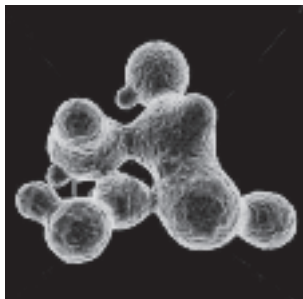
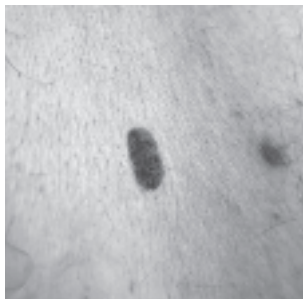
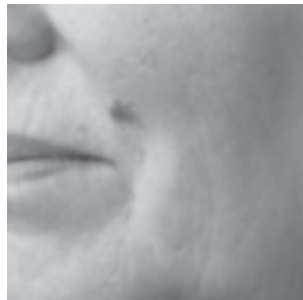
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# Sherry Dunn

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## Don't Let Negative People Bring You Down

*Think about this when negative people who know nothing and care less try to make you miserable.*

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Ugh, I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip!"

A month later, the woman

again came in for a hairdo and the hairdresser asked her about her trip.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "we on one of Continental's brand new planes, and even got bumped up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome young steward who waited on me."

"And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a remodeling job, and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They were over-booked, so they gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

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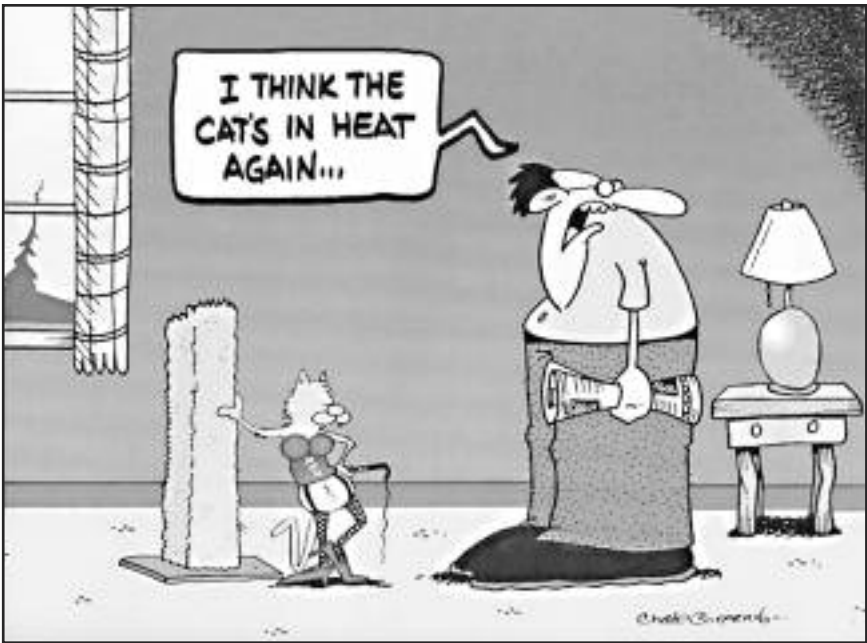
## Monitoring a Woman's Mood

My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

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