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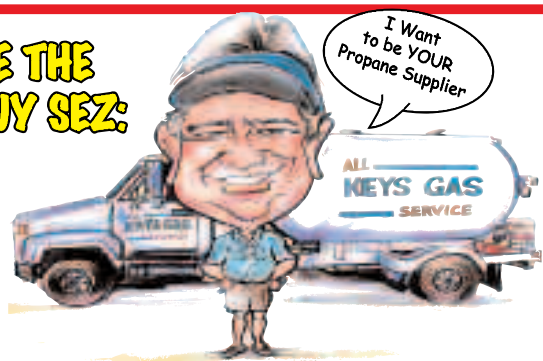
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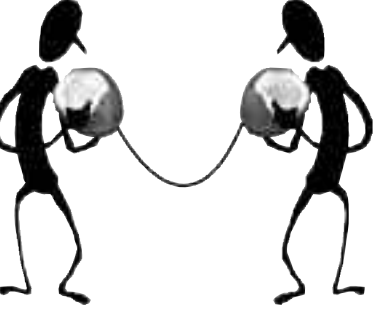
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Editorial:

Mark Your Calendars! Nov. 22 is Party for the Pantry
And Other Community Announcements

Sunday, November 22 is the Party for the Pantry at the Pilot House. All proceeds go to the Burton Memorial Methodist Church food pantry. This is our chance to give thanks for what we have and to help those in need. Festivities begin at 2 p.m.

Many of the Coconut Telegraph's Entertainers of the Month are donating their time and talent for the cause, so come and enjoy the music. Newly formed "Blackwater Sound" is joining us for their very first performance, and the Coconut Telegraph will present the first ever "Entertainer of the Year award". The winner is top secret and won't be announced until the party.

We regret that we cannot personally call and invite all the Entertainers of the Month but they are all welcome to join in. Just show up. Even Jimmy Buffett is welcome. No hard feelings Jimmy! There will be door prizes, raffles, a live auction, food and festivities. Ed Carboni will be there to sign

copies of his newly published book "Boss Ralphie" and will donate a portion of his sales to the cause. The book is a great gift idea for the holidays.

Other Announcements:

By now most everyone knows that the Wild Bird Center is having a financial crisis. How can you help? Purchase a paper bird (donated by Printing Plus) at various businesses around town to show your support.

In the December issue of the Coconut Telegraph we will have a memorial page for loved ones we lost in the last year. If you would like to share a photo of your loved one send them to denisemalefyt@gmail.com by Nov. 23rd, and please include your phone number.

Plan ahead. This January the Coconut Telegraph will publish a "Go Green" issue with special guest editor Karen Beal who is on the Board of Directors of GLEE.

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Entertainer of the Month
Bruce Isaacson
at Snapper's Tiki Bar



If you have never had the pleasure to enjoy the music of Bruce Isaacson in the Upper Keys now is the perfect time. The Coconut Telegraph stopped in to Snapper's for an ice-cold beer and there he was! Bruce has been coming to the Keys to play guitar and sing since I can remember and it is always a delight to see and listen to him. It won't take long before you realize that there is something very special about this guy. He's handsome, talented and a really nice person. Bruce has played a solo act

at Gilbert's, the Lor-e-lei, Morada Bay and Snapper's. He played a duo with Red Seidman till Red passed away in 2007 and together they released Bruce's 7th CD, "Bruce Isaacson with Red Seidman: Live at the Hog's Breath Saloon" in 2003 and it's accompanying DVD. For more information on Bruce email him at bruce@bruceisaacson.com or stop by Snapper's Waterfront Tiki Bar, tell him the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



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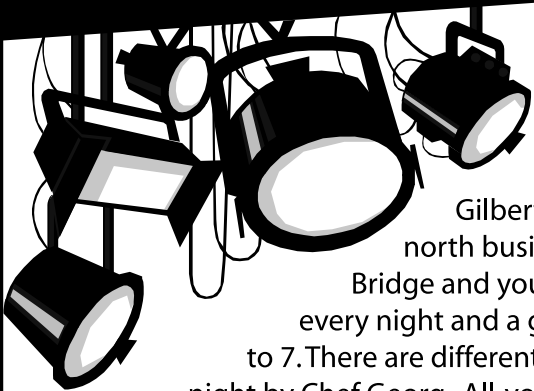
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Every Friday night until August 14th is Harley Davidson Bike Night. There are two bands playing interchangeably 'til midnight, with liquor specials from beer to Bacardi. Join up for the Gilbert's Poker Run, you can win prizes and the proceeds go to local charities. Ask about Gilbert's new Reward Cards, applicants get free entry to End of Summer Raffle on August 14th.

Gilbert's "on the water raw bar" is open weekends and serves the freshest seafood in Key Largo. From oysters, ceviche, fish dip, lobster bisque, a variety of different crab specialties and much more—you name it, they have it.

Why not make a weekend of it? The motel has real Keys charm with its water-front rooms and it is pet friendly and very affordable. Spend the day fishing, hang out on the sandy beach or dock your boat. Gilbert's Resort at MM 108 has it all.

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Mark your calendars for Saturday November 14th and the Upper Keys Second Murder Mystery Wine Dinner. Enjoy a fabulous four-course menu paired with wines and the chance to solve this new 'Who Dunnit' presented by Key Players. The mystery 'Bachelorettes and Bullets' features an all female cast and they promise there will be a few surprises. The first Murder Mystery night held in August during Key Largo's Food and Wine Festival was a resounding success. 'We realize people are looking for fun and different things to do' said Bob Stoky owner of Marker 88 'so we paired with Key Players again to present another exciting night this one I'm told is full of deceit, divas and dirty secrets'

During the evening and between courses attendees will be treated to scenes that will offer information and clues to the identity of the Murderer.



Characters from the play will also mingle with diners and answer questions to assist the audience in their quest to solve the crime and win the reward.

The four course menu features Bridesmaid's Bounty, a Pumpkin Bisque with Coriander Marshmallows followed by Diva's Delight, Pear and Gorgonzola salad with Candied Walnuts and Maple Balsamic Vinagrette, a main course of Vixen's Chicken, Bombay chicken, Shrimp and Beef in a Mild Coconut Curry Sauce served over bed of rice and to end Delicious Deception, Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream. Each course will be paired with wines chosen for the occasion.

Tickets are \$75 inclusive of tax and gratuity and can be reserved by calling 305-852-9315 'the last event was a sell out' said Stoky 'so we strongly advise booking ahead of time'

An October Booze Cruise Aboard the Norwegian Sky

In October seven friends set sail aboard the Norwegian Sky on a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas. The price was too good to pass up. The travel agent said "prices haven't been this low since 9/11!"

Prices start at \$109 per person, after taxes and fees \$191 each. A stateroom with a balcony was a few hundred dollars more. If you put aside \$10 a week, after a year you will have enough money to have the time of your life! All food is included and it is an all you can eat plentiful gourmet delight, but the drinks are expensive. A domestic beer is \$6 aboard the ship but you can purchase a helmet of 6 beers for \$30. We found a martini bar with a happy hour of 2 for 1 and for only \$10 we all got our moneys worth.

We met people from all over the world. One couple from California flies to Florida regularly just to cruise.

I have lived in the Keys for 20 years with the Port of Miami only an hour away and yet I had never been on a cruise.

As we left the Port of Miami the view from the 10th deck of the Norwegian Sky was breathless, people were scrambling to get the best pictures.

Day 1 - We woke up to find ourselves docked in what appeared to be a quarry. The clear Bahama blue ocean was beautiful but the land surrounding us was definitely not. From there we disembarked and for \$5 each took a cab 10 miles to Lucaya. The shopping was horrible. The jewelry is the same stuff you can buy for much less here, the straw items are made in Miami and dresses that I have bought at the Lion's Club flea market in Key Largo for \$22 were twice the price there. I did buy a cute pair of shoes for \$15 that fell apart the first day and are now headed for Mt.



The Norwegian Sky. It's an impressive ship!



Leaving the Port of Miami the view from the 10th deck of the Norwegian Sky was breathless.



The funeral procession we witnessed in Nassau.

Trashmore. The Casino in Lucaya was a disappointment too. The only saving grace to the area was Rumrunner's, a little hole-in-the-wall bar that served the best conch fritters for only \$4 and Sands beer, which is made on the island, 2 for \$5.

Day 2 - We found ourselves in Nassau, now that is beautiful! A few of us elected to walk around the town and found some excellent shopping there. The salespeople were very nice. I would advise to avoid the flea market. It is about a hundred desperate vendors all selling the same things crammed together under a sweltering tent.

As we roamed the street in search of a local bar for refreshments we ran into a funeral procession. A local dignitary had died and a huge parade was taking place. It appeared that the whole town came out to pay their respects. We were exhausted from the heat so we made our way back to the ship electing to skip Atlantis. We decided to save that for another cruise.

The first and second day of our trip we won big in the casino on 2 cent slots. The third and fourth day we weren't so lucky.

Day 4 - We awoke to a tropical paradise at Great Stirrup Cay, an island owned by NCL. Video Dave was the only one in our group to disembark and roam the island shooting photos with his new camera. The rest of us relaxed poolside intent on emptying our beer helmets in order to get our \$5 deposit back.

Day 5 - We disembark in Miami and headed home to the Fabulous Florida Keys already planning our next cruise to Jamaica in 2010.

Get your passport at the Post Office in Tavernier Town Shopping Plaza. For information on cruises we recommend CruisesOnly.com. Bon Voyage!

Outstanding Community Service



Doug Prew of the Fish House presents the Coconut Telegraph Award for Community Service to Harvey Ziegler. Mr. Ziegler is a retired lawyer who is donating his time and services to help us keep our Florida Keys Wild Bird Center open.

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"We like to think of it as Locals saving Locals" said Nancy Brundage, Area Director for the Blood Center because the units collected in Monroe County help patients in our local hospitals.

On hand to present the check was Nieves Losa, vice president of operations for CBCSF and Monroe County Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Burke. Dr. Burke is a board member of the Monroe County Education Foundation which serves as the "Lead Agency" for Take Stock In Children.

Mrs. Florida Crowned National Mrs. American Dream 2009



Lisa Lansden of Tavernier has captured the title of National Mrs. American Dream 2009 during competition aboard the Carnival Imagination cruise ship on October 18th in Nassau, Bahamas. Lisa also won the swimsuit competition. She is the wife of Dr. Frank True Lansden and the mother of four boys, Tommy, David, Tyler, and Michael and has one grandson, Perry. Lisa has lived in the Florida Keys for six years and is the Corporate Director for the Florida Keys Center for Plastic Surgery's two locations.

Lisa's platform, Breast Cancer Awareness, is very important to her as she sees on a first hand basis at work just what these women have to go through. "It is very sad when you see a woman who gets her mammograms and thinks that is enough only to be told the next year that she

has a stage two or three lesion. Self breast exams are so incredibly important because these lesions can develop in-between mammograms" says Lisa.

She will be traveling the United States making appearances, judging pageants and promoting her platform and causes. She is also promoting "Project Inspiration" which she created to renovate and decorate the bedrooms and living areas of The Florida Keys Children's Shelter by bringing in artists to paint murals with the children. Lisa hopes to stress the importance of volunteerism and basically reaching out to help others in need. If you would like to book an appearance or volunteer for "Project Inspiration" please call (305) 942-3546 or contact the national pageant office at americandreampageants.com.

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The deadline for applications is **April 10, 2010**. Applications may be delivered during a regular meeting at Kelly's Caribbean Restaurant or mailed to: **Key West Writers Guild, Post Office Box 4983, Key West FL 33041**.

The Key West Writers Guild Award is supported by private funds and is administered by the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. The winner will be announced in June 2010.

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Kristi was a beautiful and loving person who was creative, intelligent, and generous beyond her means. She was strong willed, independent and loved to laugh! She was a lover of animals and has been known to have adopted many stray animals, too numerous to count over the years.

She was a loving and doting grandmother who loved watching her grandson Adrian play, laugh and learn. He was definitely Grandma's favorite!

Kristi and her husband Ken loved to go boating and snorkeling together. They loved to travel and it gave Kristi a reason to use her camera and she became an excellent photographer. She thrived on spending time with her family and friends and loved to cook for them as well. It was just another of her many talents.

She will be extraordinarily missed by all who were blessed to know and love her. Kristi is survived by her husband Ken Burton, daughter Jessyne Peterson, grandson Adrian, brother Clifford Peterson, sister-in-law Julie Stone and her husband Gary, brother-in-law Bill Burton and wife Marie, brother-in-law Rory Burton, mother-in-law Anna Burton, and long time family friends Caryn Wiersma and Judy and Jay Farnum.

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Accepting Loss The Cycle of Grief

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The emotions that accompany any kind of loss can be intense and varied. A sense of shock or denial is often the first reaction, to be replaced by anger. Sometimes this anger can be directed at your loved one for "abandoning" you; at other times you may feel outrage toward the universe for what you are enduring. And while there are stages of grief that people go through - moving from denial to anger to bargaining to depression

to acceptance - the cycles of grief often move in spirals, sometimes circling forward and then back again. You may even experience moments of strength, faith, and laughter in between. While these emotions seem to come and go sporadically, it is important to feel them, accept them, and allow them to flow. With time, patience, and compassion, you will eventually find your center again.

As we move through our grief, we may find ourselves reluctant to release our pain, fearing we are letting go of who or what we have lost. We may even regard our movement toward healing as an act of disloyalty or giving up. Know that while the hurt may fade, the essence of what you had and who you loved will have already transformed you and forever stay with you. If anything, once you are ready for the pain of your loss to subside, their memories can then live more fully within you. Remember, that healing is a part of the spiraling cycles of grief, and that in letting yourself feel restored again, you are surrendering to a natural movement that is part of the dance of life.

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Laura Quinn has devoted a large part of her life to the birds and the center, including a reverse mortgage on her homestead property to keep the Center alive.

The Center needs donations as well as volunteers. Contact the Center (Bruce Horn) 852-3186 or S. Harvey Ziegler 852-5257 (zgpa@aol.com) to make donations or volunteer.

Checks can be sent to:
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The Tibetan Monks will be at the Center on Friday November 20, from 10:30 to Noon to bless any pets brought to the Center; there will be no direct charge, but a donation would be appreciated.

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Wild Bird Center Story: Visualize This

Real accounts from the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center.

An osprey is thrashing around eight feet above the ground, entangled by its right wing in a length of heavy fishing line strung between a power pole and the palm tree in your front yard. That was what was described to us in a recent call for a bird rescue on Lower Matecumbe Key in Islamorada. We hate these end-of-day calls, especially when they mean a twenty-mile trip - but we go.

While we jumped into the car with our long-handled net and raptor rescue gloves, (we didn't think to bring our camera), the callers put a folding ladder under the bird so that it could stand on it, sparing the wing from being destroyed. They knew better

than to try to deal with those talons and awaited our arrival to do the rescue.

Upon our arrival and approach to the bird, she jumped off the ladder trying to escape from us. With one of us grabbing her legs and supporting her, the other rescuer cut the strong line with scissors that the homeowners had thoughtfully fetched, she was free from entanglement. But she would have to be taken to the Center for a check-up to insure that she had not damaged her wing. The homeowners pointed out a nest on the top of a neighboring tall Norfolk pine which they believed was hers. They asked that she be returned so that she could return to her nest. It was clear that we could not return her to her aerie and that the

electric co-op, who often access osprey nests, could not do so using their bucket truck. The height and location in the back yard of a canal front home made that impossible. She had to be fully recuperated to fly back up there on her own. Fluoroscopic examination back at the Center disclosed neither a fracture nor a dislocation, but she did show a slight droop to her wing which was caused by the strain of hanging by it. They next morning, we found one consequence of the event; an egg was on the cage floor, cracked from the fall from her perch. After a day of rest and flight in our flight cage, she was deemed ready to return home. Upon her release, she flew directly to her nest, celebrating with a lot of loud

chirping, proclaiming her safe return. The quick thinking of the residents probably saved this bird's wing, and enabled the resulting successful release.

And This Too...

Caloosa Cove Resort on Lower Matecumbe is named for its picturesque oceanfront cove. Like most coves in the Keys, it is shallow and filled with soft sediments of silt and sand with patches of sea grass.

This cove was unique because one of its usual wading birds was a great white heron with a broken wing and about which we received a call for a rescue.

It was standing just offshore, as it had been for the past few days. Upon the approach of our rescuer, it

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Bartender of the Month Linda Long at Pontune's Marina Tiki Bar



Congratulations to Linda Long of Pontune's Marina Tiki Bar and Grille (formerly Marley's Bayside Grill) at mile marker 107 just across Jewfish Creek from Gilbert's. Linda, along with her friend Lynn, put together a 2-day benefit for the Susan B. Komen Breast

Cancer Foundation in only two and half weeks and raised over \$3,000. The theme of the benefit was "Save the Ta Ta's" and it was held at Pontune's Tiki Bar the first day and the Mutineer in Florida City the next.

Linda resides in Homestead and had no prior bartending experience before Gilbert's and Marley's. She had previously been a superintendent on construction sites for 10 years.

Pontune's just recently purchased Marley's from

Reinhard and Karina Schaupp and changed the name.

"I'm really excited about the changes here," says Long. "The new owners are really great people so the teamwork and camaraderie is all positive and that's why the business is growing. We've got it all."

And they do have it all - Everything from boat rentals to great food, entertainment and beautiful sunsets. Nestled just under the Jewfish Creek Bridge, its one of the best fishing spots in Key Largo.

Lisa Lardinois, former Bartender of

the Month and Linda's co-worker tells us "Linda is the absolute best bar manager I have ever worked with. She puts 110% into her job and has a great time doing it."

Stop in and see Linda. "Save the Ta Ta's" t-shirts and coolie cups are still available.



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Visualize This

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started walking away while the rescuer became mired in ever-deeper muck. The heron's big feet let it walk on the muck outpacing the mired rescuer.

With a borrowed kayak, the rescuer resumed the pursuit into the cove. The going was good except for the intervening patches of shallower sea grass that were too shallow for paddling an occupied kayak. There was too little water and too much muck, especially on the outgoing tide. The rescue was rescheduled until the water returned with the tide. In the late afternoon, using our

rescue canoe, staff members returned and out-paddled the non-flighted heron and completed the rescue. Sadly, the heron did not survive the night, succumbing from emaciation and loss of blood, of which there was a lot in the canoe. Regrettably, we can not save every bird, even when the rescue has been successful. We cringe when a caller reports that a bird in distress "has been there all weekend".

Real accounts from the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center

Golf Tournament To Support Upper Keys High Schools

The Upper Keys Rotary Club will hold its 8th annual Charity Golf Benefit on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 12:30pm at the Keys Gate Golf Club. Registration begins at 11:00am. All proceeds go to High School Athletics at Coral Shores High School and Island Christian School.

The cost is \$100 per golfer, includes green fees, cart, lunch before the event, beverages out on the course, and a dinner with an open bar afterwards. One lucky golfer will have an opportunity to win \$1,000,000 and everyone will have a chance to win a new car. There will be lots of

prizes and exciting contests for the participants. To register your team, contact Kelli Brower at 305-240-0573 or Stan Haines at 305-731-3883.

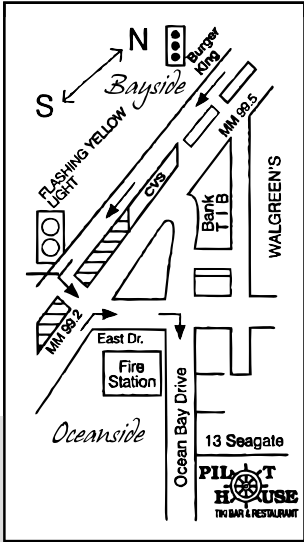
Hole sponsorships are just \$100 dollars and are a great way to show your support. To sponsor a hole, contact Joe Roth III at 305-852-3234. All donations are greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

The course at the Keys Gate Golf Club is in great shape. Why not take a Friday afternoon off to play some golf, hang out with your friends, and help support the kids in our community...

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First State Bank's Nola Acker Named "All-Star"

Nola Acker, First State Bank of the Florida Keys Key Largo Branch Manager, was awarded the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce's All Star Award. Acker received the award at the Chamber's Installation Banquet and Awards Dinner for her various volunteer efforts

work with my fellow board members, community leaders and local businesses to build to build a partnership for a stronger community."



for the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce throughout 2009.

"It's an honor to continue First State Bank's long tradition of community service and support for local businesses through my working with the chamber," said Acker. "I'm proud to

In addition to her service as a Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Board member, Acker also serves on the board of the Key

Largo Community Preservation Foundation, is a Take Stock in Children mentor and a member of the Key Largo Recreation Committee.

Acker resides in Tavernier with her husband and children.

Hunk of the Month



Gary Grinder

Coconut Conch PIRATES of the Month



What a cute brood of scallywag.



This pirate princess ditched her ship for this ride.



Arrrrr, it's Marilyn and Dave.



Black Caesar and wench.



Congratulations to U.K.B.G. for another successful event!



Billy Davidson playing at Sundowners during Pirate Fest.

Coconut Conch CHARACTERS of the Month



Dawn is back at the Paradise Pub!



Jeannie, Scott, Dawn and Brian at the Pilot House Halloween Party.



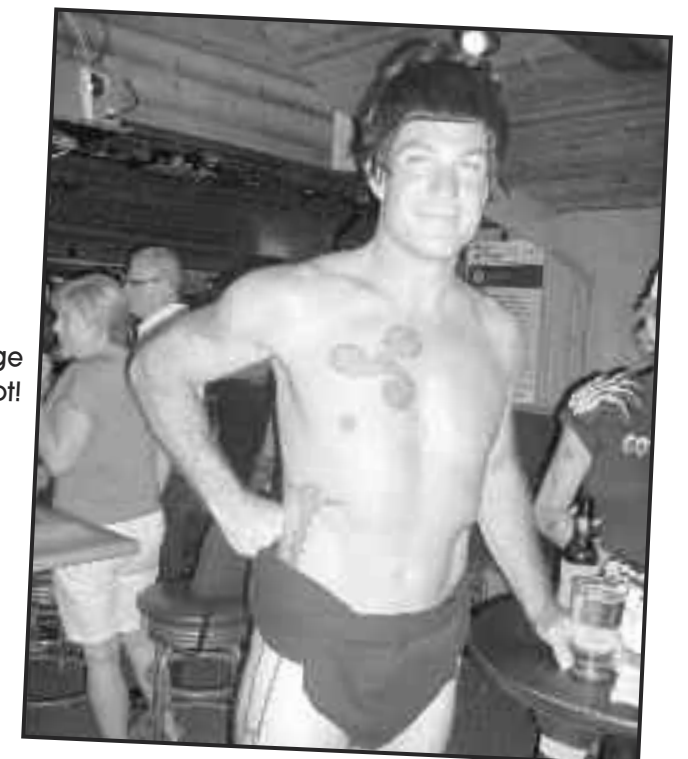
Kendall caught mom a lobster feast for her birthday.



The Dellanos Diablos are one of the seven kickball teams playing in the Islamorada Founder's Park Kickball League. The Diablos go into the Finals in second place. Good luck Diablos!



Barbara and Jamie dressed up for Halloween.



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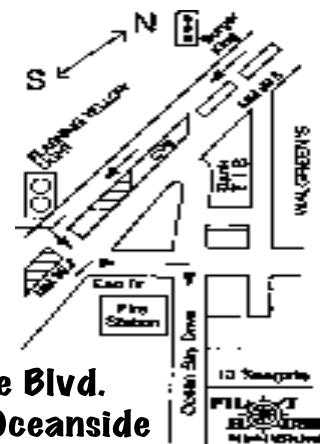
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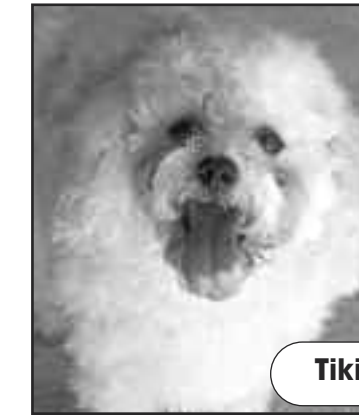
Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



Flash



Moe



Tiki



Sushi



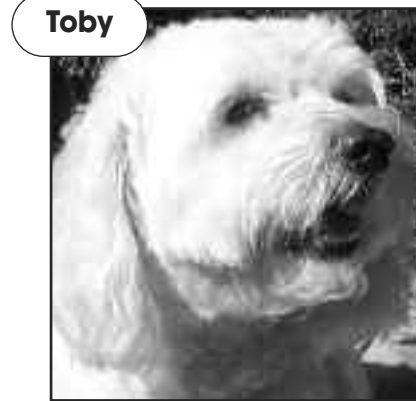
Jack



Sasha



Chachi



Toby



Felix & Oscar

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Key Largo Plant Clinic - Wednesday, November 4 & 18 at the Monroe County Extension office, Murray E. Nelson Government & Cultural Center, 102050 Overseas Highway, Suite 244, 2nd floor, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Big Pine Key Plant Clinic - Saturday, November 21, Big Pine Academy, 30220 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Marathon Plant Clinic - Saturday, November 21, Marathon Garden Club, 5270 Overseas Highway, Marathon, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Additional information is available from UF/IFAS/Monroe County Extension Services, 1100 Simonton Street, Suite 2-260, Key West, phone 292-4501; fax 292-4415; e-mail monroe@ifas.ufl.edu; or visit our Web site <http://monroe.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Dear Anny Bannany

Dear Anny Bannany,
I have several men friends that I see on a regular basis. Last night at the bar I found myself juggling three of them at once and I was a nervous wreck! What is a girl to do?

Signed,
Nervous Wreck

Dear Nervous Wreck,
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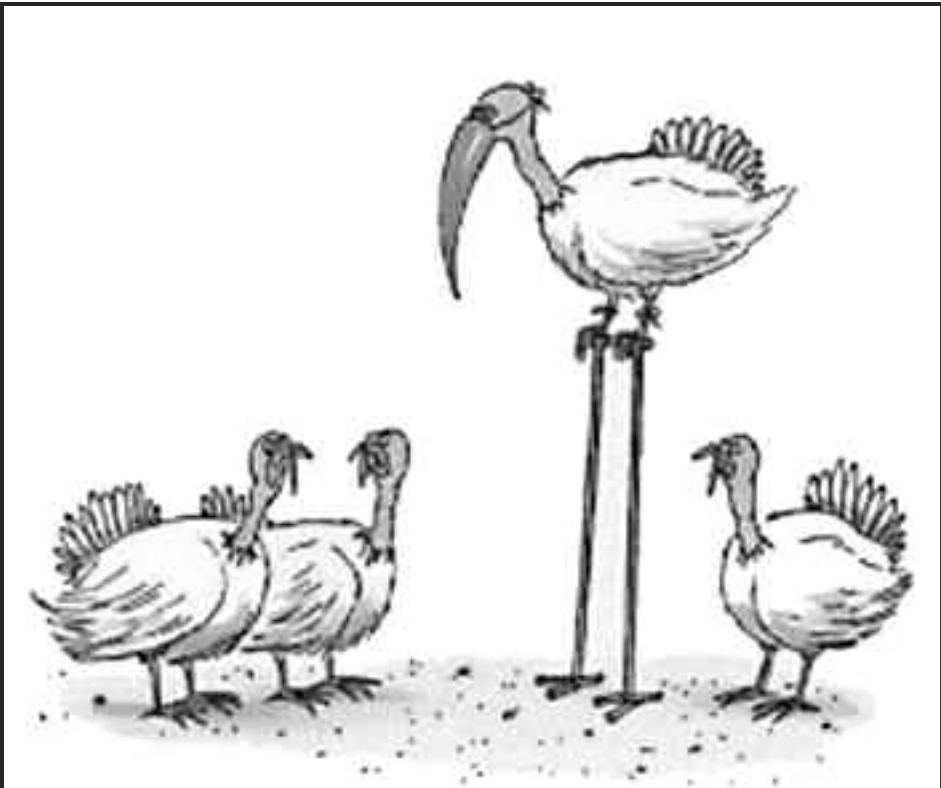
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but I fought the temptation with all of my might.
Tossing and turning with anticipation,
the thought of a snack became infatuation.
So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door
and gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
stuffing with gravy, green beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.
I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky
with a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie
But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees...
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2. When everyone goes around to say what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught" and refuse to say anything more.
3. Bring along old recorded football games, pop them in the VCR when Dad's not looking. Make sure it is set to the last two minutes of the game. When he comes into the room, turn off the VCR and turn on the regular TV.
4. Bring a date that only talks about the tragic and abusive conditions known to exist at turkey farms.
5. During mid-meal turn to mom and say, "See mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was past expiration date. You were worried for nothing."

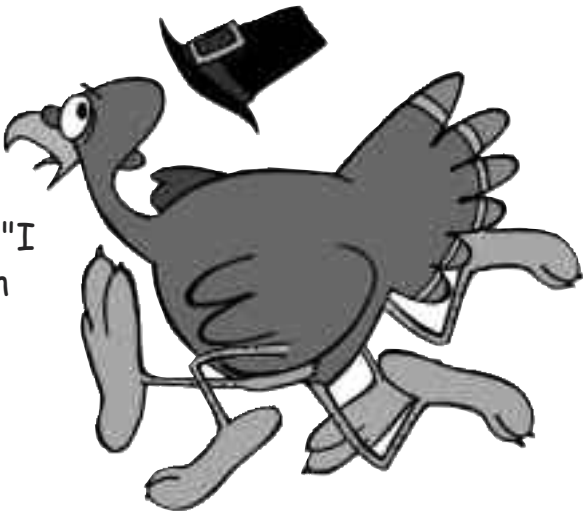
Run-a-Way Experiment

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His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

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Fri & Sat Nov 13 & 14, 7-11: **Cliff Cody**

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