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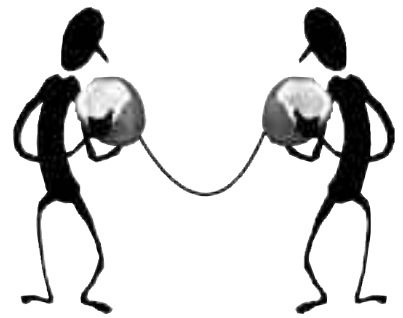
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Editorial: My Dad

My father was a very intelligent man, he was also bipolar and an alcoholic. When I got home from school he would be watching TV in his underwear, the air in the house filled with the thickness of his black mood. My bedroom closet was my sanctuary. I suffered a broken nose at his hand and constant verbal abuse till I was 17 years old and could move out. He turned into a mean horrible person when he drank and the hangovers fed his depression like gasoline feeds fire.

As a child I could do nothing but take the abuse, day after day. I'm happy to say that he quit drinking and got psychiatric help shortly after I turned 18 and he became a most excellent parent till he died at 75.

Although my childhood was less than perfect it made me what I am today. I am no longer an enabler and I don't take anyone's crap. When someone explodes at me in a drunken or bipolar rage I mentally push a button and that person evaporates right off my planet, poof!

It is not about how much you drink, its about what it does to people with that particular chemistry. These people will brow beat you until you lose it, which satisfies their need for emotional release. If you walk on eggshells around them you are enabling them as much as they are manipulating you with their insanity. Once you push that mental button that flushes them out of your head, some of them will

still not give up! These sicko's become obsessed with you because you won't play their game. It's like stalking without the leg work.

Everyone can see their behavior but them. Sooner or later, depending on their size and age, the vodka they pretend not to drink will interfere with their liver function and the rage they fail to suppress will likely cause an aneurism. In either case it is a horrible death. So, if you look around and see you have no friends or your business has a high turn over of employees, it's time to take a good look at yourself.

My dad would have been 84 today and I am happy to say that I still miss him.

Entertainer of the Month
Billy Livesay



A life long South Florida native, Billy Livesay is an entertainer and singer-songwriter that made it big. He and his band "The Livesays" recently played in Key Largo at Pontune's Largopalooza. In one magnificent day there were 35 bands on four stages, but this was the guy they were all coming to see.

Billy's songs have appeared on MTV, Saving Grace, My name is Earl, One Tree Hill, King of the Hill, Robin's Hoods, Doogie Howser; major motion picture, Wrestle Maniac;

HBO movie Back to Even; NBC Movies of the week Mathew Sheppard Story, Death of a Cheerleader and Beauty's Revenge, and has publishing deals with Kid Gloves Music and Transition Music.

Billy has played with Slow Ride, Clarence Clemons and Fog Hat to name a few. If you're wondering what keeps bringing a famous guy like this back to Key Largo, it's his beautiful mother, Lila Zeigler who resides here.

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Youth-Organized 'Soup A Bowl' Funds Food Pantry

It took 10 eight-foot tables to display the colorful bowls created by youth in the Upper Keys for the March 6 "Soup A Bowl" event which raised more than \$1,400 for the food pantry and community kitchen run by First Baptist Church of Islamorada.

"We did this because we wanted to go beyond coordinating a food drive and experience the kitchen and the people involved," said Island Christian School Junior Melanie Meroni.

The event was coordinated by Monroe Youth Challenge Program's Upper Keys PeaceJam youth whose members are from Island Christian School, Coral Shores High School, and home educated. The project was modeled after "Empty Bowls," a national service learning movement and was in response to the PeaceJam Youth Board response to initiate a global call to action project in each area of the Keys.

The bowls were made by students in Coral Shores High School ceramics, art, and leadership classes, The Island Christian School Art Club, a 6th grade art class at Treasure Village Montessori,



Photos by Xochi Musser

PeaceJam Youth raise \$1400 at recent "Soup A Bowl" event to support local food pantry.



Wolf Pack Cub Scout Troop #912, and Upper Keys PeaceJammers.

The \$5 dinner was provided by restaurant and community donations. Some meals were served in the 188 bowls made by students and volunteers. There was also a silent auction of bowls painted by artists from the Rainbarrel. All money went to the First Baptist Church of Islamorada Food Pantry and Community Kitchen which served 2,044 people and 3,322 dinners through the food pantry in 2009 respectively.

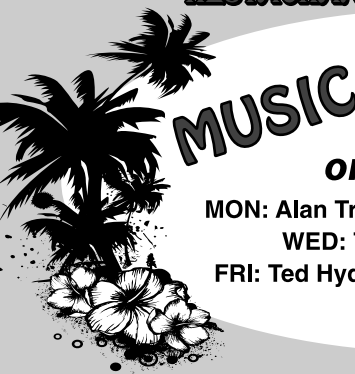
Joyce Wynne of First Baptist thanks the youth for their hard work and said, "What a wonderful evening!! We are all truly blessed."

The Peacejam Youth Board is sponsored by MYCP. Monroe Youth Challenge Program is a project of the Monroe County Education Foundation to build Developmental Assets® and create opportunities so every child in Monroe County can feel safe, loved, and celebrated. For more information call MYCP Director Sunny Booker at (305) 293-1400 ext. 53319 or visit mycp.keysschools.com.



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to laugh, catch up, and
meddle in each other's
lives.

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focuses on four of those
weekends over a span of
thirty-three years and
demonstrates the power
of teamwork and the
strength of love.

This ensemble cast of
five showcases some of
the amazing talent we
enjoy in this community
theater group. This play is
shaping up to be one of
the great ones!

Sheree (Patrice Messina)
the team captain and
boundless bundle of energy
is proud of her organizational
skills and her healthy hors
d'oeuvres. Wait 'til she
finds out what the others
think of her healthy snacks.



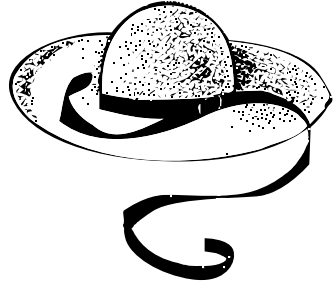
"Okay, Vernie, start explaining!"
Lisa Wetzel (on crutches) plays
Vernadette, whose life is like one endless
country song...and the hits just
keep on coming!



Dinah (Donna Roberts) is the high
profile attorney, and her hobby is
enjoying an occasional cocktail.
The hurricane closing in happens to
be one of those occasions.



Lexie (Deanna Richards) just won't
shut up about her countless failed
relationships with men! Jeri Neal
(Fatima DaSilva), Sheree (Patrice
Messina), Vernadette (Lisa Wetzel),
and Dinah (Donna Roberts) kind of
wished they had drowned her in
the pool back in college when they
had the chance.



Spotlight on Fatima DaSilva "Girl Wonder"



Fatima wears many hats in this production:
She is the Director; she stars as Jeri Neal,
nun and ray of sunshine (and she only picked
up the role four weeks prior to the show,
when the original cast member was injured);
she's made props, sold ads for the program,
helped paint the set, puts posters of the
show under your windshield wiper, and many
other things too numerous to mention. "Girl
Wonder" is a title that she has earned
without a doubt.

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Rotary Club Thanks Community for Record Breaking Flea Market

Upper Keys Rotary's
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People's Choice Event:
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There's a good reason,
why the Upper Keys Rotary
Club's Gigantic Nautical Flea
Market was voted the
favorite annual event over
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The 15th Annual Event
broke all records. The Upper
Keys Rotary Club wants to
thank the community for all
the support received. Thank
you sponsors, vendors,
customers, officials, and
helpers. We could not pull
this off without you!

With this event alone the
Upper Keys Rotary Club
netted about \$100,000,
which will be solely spent on
scholarships for the Upper
Keys youth. With \$24,000
already committed to the
"Take Stock In Children"
scholarship and their
matching grants program, the
impact will very well be about
\$170,000!

About 70 Rotarians, their
spouses, kids, friends and

students from our local high
schools worked all weekend
and the months before.

They organized, assigned
shifts, purchased food and
beverages, set up kitchens
and tents, prepared and
served breakfast, lunch and
dinner, poured beer, sold
water and soft drinks, hauled
trash, cleaned up and took
down.

The Rotarians and their
helpers represent the big
family of Rotary. They love
what they are doing because
the motto is "Service Above
Self" and the goal is giving
back to the community.

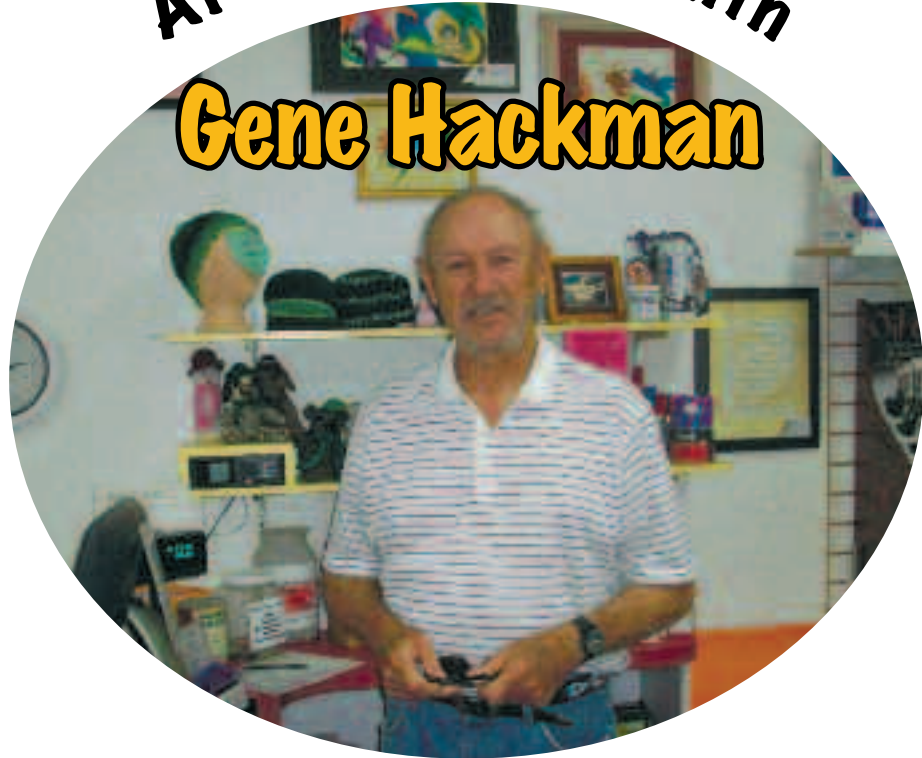
Twenty of the 300 plus
available vendor booths were
given without charge to other
non-for-profit organizations,
so that they can be a part of
the family and promote their
cause. Churches and schools
were able to hold successful
fund-raisers to sell parking
spaces.

The Upper Keys Rotary
Club is already in session to
prepare for the 16th Annual
Gigantic Nautical Flea Market
in 2011.



Artist of the Month

Gene Hackman



If we searched the world over it would be hard to find an artist as accomplished and successful as Gene Hackman. With almost 100 movies and television shows under his belt, 2 Oscars, 3 Golden Globes, and author of 3 books. His first book, "Wake of the Perdido Star" was published in 1999 and co-authored with his friend Dan Lenihan who is an underwater archaeologist. It is an exciting adventure story on the high seas.

In 2004 they penned "Justice for None," a gripping story of race and murder set in the 1920s midwest depression era. Together they also wrote "Escape from Andersonville" in 2008, a civil war novel about one man's escape from a Confederate prison camp and his dramatic return to save his men.

I recently met Mr. Hackman at the Tropical Arts and Crafts store at the Tradewinds Plaza where he often shops for his art supplies when he is in the Keys. He is a very polite and nice man, still as handsome as ever and looks much younger than his age. I was intrigued. With a little research I learned that he had studied art at the Art

Students League in New York city while struggling to become an actor. I was only able to find a photograph of one of his paintings which he donated to benefit the Emeril Lagasse Foundation Carnivale du Vin 2008 online auction. It is rare indeed because Mr. Hackman is quoted on his painting, "It's something that I can do without 90 people standing around and watching. I've always painted. It's always been a love of mine. I don't like showing my work because I like to keep it private. It's just something that I can do that I can call my own."



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You may be surprised to see how many day-trip possibilities exist within a mere hour's time from your home. Forests, beaches, lakes, mountains, rivers, and deserts can serve as the perfect spot for a minivacation. The physical and mental rejuvenation you experience in an unfamiliar and engaging setting are enhanced

by meditation, journaling, deep breathing, or just being still with nature. Though the cost of gasoline can make taking a day trip seem frivolous, and our commitment to environmental well-being may cause us to hesitate before utilizing our cars in this manner, there are numerous ways we can effectively offset our carbon signature while still seeing to the needs of ourselves on a soul level.

Since day trips tend to require much smaller investments of time and money than traditional outings, you can enjoy a diverse range of experiences day by day. On one weekend, you may be motivated by a need to connect with your natural heritage to explore a vast state park or nature preserve. On another, your curiosity can inspire you to visit a historical site that has long piqued your interest. In the end, where you go will often be less

important than your willingness to broaden your horizons by removing yourself from the environment already so familiar to you. Each minigetaway you take will imbue your existence with a sensation of renewal that prepares you for whatever lies ahead.



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Josh, who moved here from Montana 5 years ago says, "I came here for the weather and stayed because of the people." It is his love of people that makes him such a great bartender and the Encore is the perfect place to work

because as he tells us, "the staff is like one big happy family."

"Josh is a valuable employee," says The Fish House and Encore manager, Michelle, says. "He's been with the Fish House and Encore team for many years. He's versatile and efficient, as both a bartender and a server. He's got a great personality and is a lot of fun behind the bar!" If Josh, who was recently married, is not at work you

can bet he is relaxing on the beach or kayaking and scuba diving with his beautiful wife Brigitte. Celebrate your birthday at the Fish House Encore with a free steak dinner but don't forget to tell Josh the Coconut Telegraph sent you.





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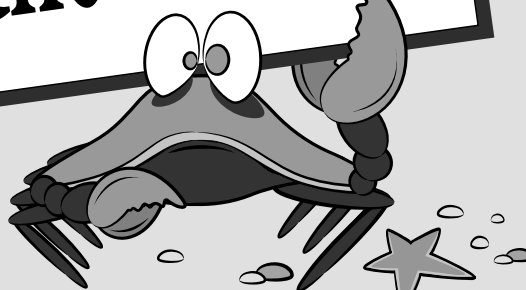
We should not let the devastating fire which occurred at Snook's Restaurant recently pass without learning a valuable lesson. In a perfect world, everything electrical and mechanical and human works properly and no fire occurs. But if you are going to have a fire, the best situation for the building, be it business or restaurant, is to be equipped with an installed fire sprinkler system. This is tantamount to having a firefighter with a hose on duty, 24 hours a day/seven days a week, in every room or area that is covered with a sprinkler head. There are no records of a structure loss where there was an operating fire sprinkler system in place.

Most residential properties today have either battery-powered or electrically powered smoke detectors that emit an audible alarm to alert individuals in the house to the detection of products of combustion indicating the presence of a fire. This is effective in preventing loss of life in occupied buildings, by alerting everyone present to the need for immediate evacuation. But this "local" alarm system does not summon the fire department. It is still necessary after the evacuation for someone to call 911. In the event that no one is in the building during this situation, the fire most likely will not be discovered until the structure is heavily involved in fire and smoke, and vents itself to the outside.

For those unable or unwilling to bear the expense of installing a sprinkler system, what measures can be taken to minimize their

potential loss from fire? In addition, to following all of the common sense procedures and mandated fire safety regulations, everyone should pursue having their property, again residence or commercial structure, covered by installed and monitored smoke detectors. This is a system that is comprised of one or more, electrically powered detectors wired to a central panel in the building, with a capability for the panel to notify a 24-hour monitoring center of the activation of a detector. This can be an independent installation, or it can be an add-on to an already existing, monitored burglar alarm system. Today's detectors sense the presence of products of combustion, even before visible smoke appears. Typically, the alarm is received at the monitoring center, which in turn notifies the appropriate 911 center, causing an immediate dispatch of the local fire department. Thus the fire department is on its way, literally in minutes after the initial onset of the fire, and usually on arrival can locate and suppress the fire to its point of origin, drastically reducing resulting damage. While the fire marshal's report concerning the Snook's fire is not yet available, it appears from accounts in the local media, that the fire may have had a considerable head start before detection and reporting. A neighbor reported that she was awakened by the smell of smoke and got up to investigate. She discovered the restaurant was fully ablaze at that time, and called 911. The fire chief

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'Don't be Haunted by Guilt'

Dear Anny Bannanny,

I am a psychic clairvoyant medium; I have the ability to communicate with dead people. I have some friends on the other side that are very unhappy that their murders have gone unsolved and they refuse to leave this earthly dimension until they are. One walks up and down the bike path searching in vain for a lost bullet, another endlessly dives the canals in search of the blunt instrument that took his life, and another appears only in dreams. He wears white rubber fishing boots, holds a crystal goblet half filled with white wine in one hand and an invisible red gas can in the other. He is bleeding from his nose and a spot over his left ear, and he is constantly clearing his throat! These spirits are driving me crazy! How can I help them?
Signed,
Short on Patience

Dear Short,
Don't feel bad; you are not the only one to be haunted by these spirits. Many others are as well. Some know things but they are afraid to come forward. There is really nothing to fear. These people will continue to be haunted until they voice their knowledge to the police, and it is completely confidential! The Sheriff's Department phone number is 305-853-3211. You can also call reporter Robert Silk at the Free Press 305-853-7277. We live in a small town during a recession. Everyone is understaffed and underpaid. We all must do our part to help or suffer with our own guilt. Now Anny Bannanny has a question for the psychic... Do these spirits see us when we are naked? More next month...
Anny Bannanny

The Escape by Eric Perlin



Coco 'Nut' Funnies

Employee Of The Month:

A young guy from Michigan moves to Florida and goes to a big everything-under-one-roof department store looking for a job.

The Manager says, 'Do you have any sales experience?'

The kid says 'Yeah.. I was a salesman back in Michigan .'

Well, the boss liked the kid and gave him the job. 'You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did.'

His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the boss came down. 'How many customers bought something from you today?'

The kid says, 'One.'

The boss says, 'Just one? Our sales people average 20 to 30 customers a day. How much was the sale for?'

The kid says, '\$101,237.65.!

The boss says, '\$101,237.65? What the heck did you sell?'

The kid says, 'First, I sold him a small fish hook. Then I sold him a medium fishhook. Then I sold him a larger fishhook. Then I sold him a new fishing rod. Then I asked him where he was going fishing, and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department, and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4x4 Expedition.' The boss said 'A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a BOAT and a TRUCK?'

The kid said 'No, the guy came in here to buy Tampons for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing.'



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