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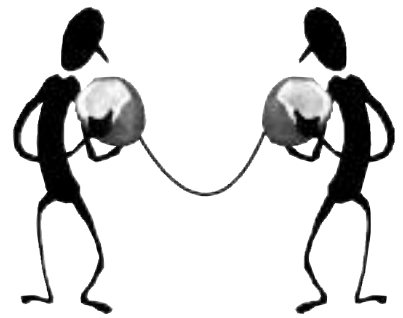
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Letter to the Editor

"Drinker of the Month"

As I sat musing about my favorite newspaper of all time, "The Coconut Telegraph", I realized I enjoy everything about this paper. The stories, pictures, articles etc. Most of all I like what I call "the best of the month spots". There is the 'Artist of the Month, the 'Bartender of the Month', 'Entertainer of the Month' and maybe a 'Business of the Month'. However, something is missing from my favorite rag. This is the Keys so, where is the "Drinker of the month"? I don't mean the person who drinks more than anyone else. He or she wouldn't deserve "The of the Month Title". The bartender's favorite, say at Gilberts, Sharky's, Snappers, Snooks, Cactus Jacks or anywhere. The customer a bar staff is happy to see. A customer who never forgets to say Hello, how are you, how's the family, also one who never forgets a gratuity. I, myself, have only missed about 20 happy hours in the last 45 years, only because hospitals don't have happy hours. Denise, lets start the "Drinker of the month". You make up the necessary criteria.

- Vince Leishman



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Editorial: Have a Heart

I was sitting in a local club having a beer and taking a rest from my hectic schedule in December. Though I claim to be a tough cookie it was obvious that I was reduced to tears in public when The Sunshine Band played Christmas music so beautifully. It was my first Christmas since my mother had passed away and my heart was still breaking. A person that I haven't spoken to in years was there and couldn't resist the urge to kick me when I was down. She staggered up to me and slurred the question, "What was your favorite food your mother cooked you for Christmas?" I was shocked, speechless and horrified that someone could be so evil. My motto is "If you don't like someone, leave them alone, stay away from them". Truly evil people won't give you that common courtesy. It makes them happy to inflict pain on people that simply choose to ignore them.

When the death of a loved one occurs it is a time for old and new friends to come together to help and show their support.

Chuck Buckles was a friend and a hero. He was killed New Years Day saving his five-year-old son Christian and wife Michelle in a tragic bicycle accident on US 1. Chuck was able to

push Christian and Michelle out of danger but he was killed by oncoming traffic while his family helplessly watched. There will be a benefit for Chuck's family Sunday February 21st at the Pilot House. Chuck was a former employee of Wyland Galleries in Islamorada. Wyland is generously donating a \$1,000 piece of art for the auction. Because Chuck was very proud of his art background we are asking all local artists to please donate a piece of art for this cause. Please call me 305-304-2837 or Michelle Tarolli 305-451-3452 if you want to donate or help.

Book lovers rejoice! James T. Hall will be at Moore Books Saturday Feb. 6th at 2 p.m. to sign his books. While you are there pop your head in the back door and say hello to the White Rhino. I thank my lucky stars and house full of furniture that Mac is back.

The First Annual Stone Crab & Seafood Festival was a huge success. Congratulations to all who organized and participated.

Valentines Day is this month. Remember the local entertainers that sing their hearts out for you by dropping a buck or two in the bucket.

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