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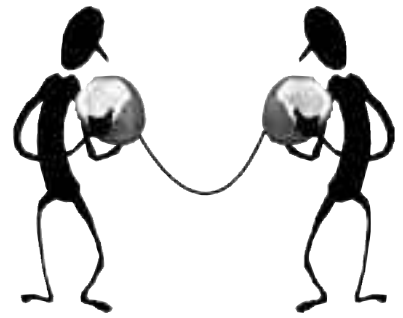
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Editorial: Dragon Breath

A friend of mine recently visited her hometown in the Midwest. While she was there she went to a bar with a friend who is an undercover cop. The ladies had a few cocktails and then the cop gave my friend a Nu-Breath breath mint. They then went out to the unmarked cruiser and the cop administered a breathalyzer test on my friend. My friend should have been way over the limit but she was shocked to find out that she had passed with flying colors! Knowing that I am always interested in new products, my friend couldn't wait to show it to me. I decided to try it for myself and immediately ordered a case. We all know that you should never drink too much and drive. Mom's Taxi is a whole lot cheaper than a DUI or taking the risk of hurting another person.

Several years ago one of the advertising accounts I called on told me about a salesperson from a radio station calling on him and she had alcohol on her breath at lunchtime. He was so turned off that he wouldn't talk to her and all credibility of that radio station was lost for him. There are professional people who do have a martini at lunch and Nu-Breath is the answer for them. I woke up this morning with dragon breath bouncing off my pillow back at me. Last nights chips and dip wreaking havoc in my mouth. It tasted like dinosaur crap! My cat wouldn't even

come near me. I popped a mint and felt immediate freshness. It removes cigarette, garlic, onion, and coffee breath, guaranteed! I am looking for retail outlets. If you are interested call me.



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Entertainer of the Month  
Gary Jennings  
Morada Bay Cafe



Versatile should be Gary Jennings middle name. He plays a vast array of music including reggae, country, blues, rock and roll, and rhythm and blues. He's as much at home playing his solo acoustic guitar gigs as he is with a three or four piece band. Gary has been playing in the Florida Keys for almost 20 years in exclusive resorts such as the Ocean Reef Club, Cheeca Lodge and Hawk's Cay. He recently entertained for

the Full Moon Party at the Morada Bay Cafe in Islamorada which is noted for its excellent choice of entertainers. Gary uses the state-of-the-art Bose system, so whether he is playing solo or with a full band you are sure to get the best of his great music. Gary is a really nice guy too. If there is a local benefit he's there. Gary Jennings, a perfect choice for your wedding or private party. You can contact him at 305-394-2448.



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# British Petroleum Oil Spill

Our fragile ecosystem and native wildlife species are now facing a potentially devastating situation. The Florida Keys (located downstream from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico) lie where some reports are now suggesting the possibility that oil will reach our coast. However, since we are dealing with wind and weather related uncertainties of Mother Nature, unless the oil actually reaches the current loop in the Gulf there is no way to accurately predict its eventual course.

When a disaster of this magnitude occurs the response is a federal and multi-agency effort. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov> is currently working with Tri-State Birds & Rescue Research [www.tristatebird.org](http://www.tristatebird.org) to

coordinate all facets of oil spill response including wildlife rescue efforts. Tri-State is an organization well known throughout the world to have a tremendous amount of



experience dealing with oil spills, oiled wildlife rescue and treatment response since 1976.

At this time they have established washing stations in the areas that are in immediate danger, and their infrastructure will progress to other areas and states as

quickly as needed. The Florida Keys Wild Bird Center greatly appreciates the

calls we are getting from concerned citizens wishing to help. At this time all of us must go through the most difficult part of any concerted effort to save animals: We must be patient and allow the professionals to lead the way. Proper cleaning of oiled wildlife is a difficult task and involves much more than removing the oil that coats bird feathers! The ingestion of oil by birds preening their feathers in a futile effort to clean themselves is equally harmful and toxic. Ingestion of oil by a bird can result in ulcers and internal bleeding of the lining of the gastrointestinal tract which then leads to poor absorption of water and food by the affected bird's body. Dehydration and death can follow. Sadly the situation is

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# Hunk of the Month



Steve Dunlop

# Tar-Baby Balls in Key West

The Tar-Baby was a doll made of tar and turpentine, used to entrap Br'er Rabbit in the second of the Uncle Remus stories. As the story goes, the more Br'er Rabbit fought the Tar-Baby the more entangled he became. Today the phrase "tar baby" means a "sticky situation" that is only aggravated by additional contact.

Lets face it, the oil slickness is upon us.

Twenty tar balls washed up on shore in Key West on May 18th and created a media circus. The tar ball samples were flown to an out-of-state laboratory and the results were that they did not come from the Deepwater Horizon horrific prolific underwater geyser! In fact, they do not even have a clue as to where the tar balls came from. The big question is "How will this negative publicity affect the Florida Keys?" As they say in the media business,

"good press or bad press is still good press". Well, on the bright side, we made national TV for free! Its hard to believe that there are people in this world that do not know these beautiful islands exist. Will all this media attention pique their curiosity? Will they change



Note: Br'er Rabbit and the Tar-Baby drawing by E.W. Kemble from The Tar-Baby, by Joel Chandler Harris, 1904.

their vacation plans to go to Disney World in favor of a jaunt to the Keys before we snap off the continent and become a modern day Atlantis? Many would-be visitors have cancelled their hotel reservations here after the news reported the tar ball faux paux and caused a major panic in the atlantic. Governor Charlie Crist has asked BP to pay \$35 million for an advertising blitz to inform the rest of the world that our beaches are OK. Isn't that monetarily rewarding the same media for their premature evaluation explanation of our situation?

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## BLACKWATER SOUND





## Artist of the Month Gunsmith Craig Sandberg



Visit Craig Sandberg for all your firearms restoration needs at his shop at 300 Atlantic drive, mile marker 100.

A gunsmith is a person who repairs, modifies, designs, or builds firearms. They must possess such skills as a mechanic, metalworker, woodworker, and an artisan; be knowledgeable in shop mathematics, ballistics, and chemistry; and be capable of working accurately and precisely. They also

must remain abreast of, and comply with federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and requirements. Gunsmith Craig Sandberg, originally from Miami has

been a full time resident of the Keys for 11 years. His background was in alarm system contracting and his hobby was

*Craig Sandberg can fix, clean and restore your weapon to perfect working order. He can install and calibrate accessories.*

restoring firearms. In september of 2009 his hobby became a business when he opened shop at 300 Atlantic Drive, MM 100, next to Denny's

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Since the onset of the recession and the unemployment level spiking many people have chosen to arm themselves in a effort to protect themselves,

their families and their possessions. With ownership of firearms comes responsibility. The firearm must be in perfect working order. Imagine this scenario: a burglar breaks into your house. You quickly rummage in the closet for your grandfathers antique pistol, blow the dust off of it, and somehow accidentally manage to shoot yourself in the foot while the burglar makes off with your possessions. When the cops and EMT's arrive they place your rusty old relic in an evidence bag while you go for a ride in the ambulance to the hospital. Scenario #2: Before you can even pull the trigger on your

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Tips from the Gunsmith: Respect and treat all weapons as if they are loaded. A dirty or clogged firearm is a potential disaster.

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## Barefoot Man Visits Lobster Trap Gallery



Barefoot Man and Glenn and Nadine Lahti at Lobster Trap Art Gallery.

International recording star, the Barefoot Man, just played in Key West on Sunday at Mallory Square. After the spectacular concert, the Barefoot Man made a visit to the Lobster Trap Art Gallery in Islamorada and had some pictures taken with Nadine and Glenn Lahti, the artists and owners of the gallery. The gallery plays the island

tunes of the Barefoot Man all day and sells his CD's. Stop by the Lobster Trap Art Gallery and listen to this fabulous performer and check out all his unique music. The Barefoot Man, who resides in the Cayman Islands, plays all over the Caribbean and America and may be planning a concert in Islamorada this summer. More to come!!!

## New Furniture Store



Carole and Suzan at the new Furniture and More store at MM 88.



# Centennial Bank Rewards Safety with iPad



Jennifer Hawkins of Centennial Bank, Muriel and Kellen Clarke, Jennifer Miller and Stephanie Scuderi of Centennial Bank.

At the beginning of a recent School Board Workshop, Interim Superintendent for the Monroe County School District, Dr. Joseph Burke, recognized Kellen and Muriel Clarke for signing the Contract for Life, committing to safety and responsibility following a recent Florida S.A.F.E. Street Smart presentation to the freshmen class. Dr. Burke also asked Kellen to lead School Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Centennial Bank echoed the recognition and rewarded Kellen with an Apple iPad valued at more than \$500. "It was very eye opening and scary. Some of the photos were kind of gross, but I am glad I saw it. My friends and I thought it was a powerful message. My Mom and I went over the contract together, and we both promised to make good decisions on the road," said Kellen, a straight A student who is currently third in her class.

Kellen was one of 32 students who signed the Contract and for doing so, was entered into the iPad

drawing sponsored by Centennial Bank. Jennifer Miller, Commercial Loan Officer at Centennial Bank and coordinator of the Florida S.A.F.E. presentation said "It amazes me that the majority of the Freshman class raised their hands when asked how many students don't wear their seatbelts EVERYTIME they get into a car. I think the demonstration made a huge impact on this group of kids, and that makes me feel like we made a difference in the safety of the young people in our community." "We intended for the iPad giveaway to entice the kids to sign the Contract for Life - whatever it takes to make these students sit up and listen to something that may potentially save their lives."

Two weeks ago, Centennial Bank sponsored the S.A.F.E. "Street Smart" program for the Coral Shores High School freshmen class. Aiming to increase awareness among teens about the dangers of driving without a seat belt, acting responsibly and staying focused while driving

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# Drinker of the Month



**Jerry Scott**  
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# Dumbing Ourselves Down Wanting to Join

There is a difference between shifting our energy to accommodate people we are around and dumbing ourselves down.

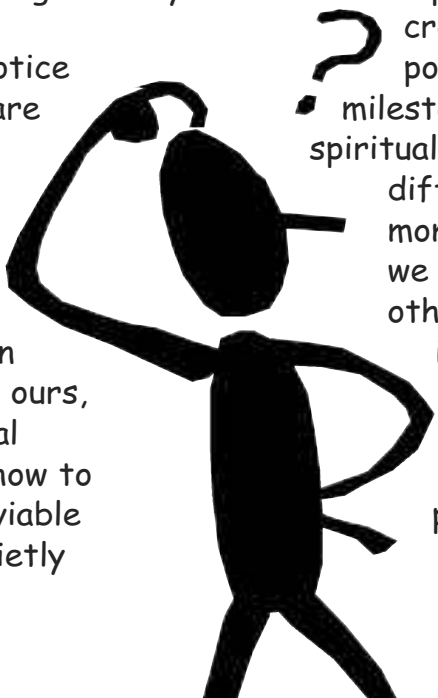
The ability to go into any social situation and sense the level of consciousness in that situation is a gift. It enables us to move considerably in a world that holds people of all levels of awareness. However, there is a difference between shifting our energy to accommodate people and dumbing ourselves down to a regrettable degree. Sometimes, when we get into a particular social situation, we may feel pressure to play it small in order to fit in. Perhaps everyone is drinking or smoking excessively, engaging in gossipy small talk, or complaining bitterly about politics. It is one thing to notice this and modify our expectations and another thing entirely to join in.

When we notice where people are coming from and acknowledge to ourselves that their energy is not in alignment with ours, we have several choices as to how to proceed. One viable option is to quietly

endure the situation, keeping to ourselves until it is time to leave. In this way, we take care of our own consciousness and protect our growth process. Another option is to interact in a way that honors and pays respect to the people in the group, while gently attempting to shift the level of consciousness with our input. In order to do this, we must maintain our own vibration, which means that joining in by dumbing down is not an option.

When we choose to dumb ourselves down to fit in, we not only sell ourselves short but we also lose a possible opportunity to influence the situation for the good of all concerned. Our desire to join in may come from our natural yearning to feel connected to the people around us. There is no shame in this, but being able to stand on our own,

separate from the crowd, is a powerful milestone on any spiritual path. It can be difficult in the moment, but when we arrive on the other side, our integrity intact, we may find ourselves feeling positively smart.



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# British Petroleum Oil Spill

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often fatal unless treated immediately, and is the first priority when caring for these animals. Only after administering emergency medical care for potential internal damage, do we then begin the tedious process of tackling the removal of oil from the feathers! The external oil removal procedure can take up to 5 experienced workers and 300 gallons of water (at a specific temperature) per bird in order to achieve the desired life-saving results.

Additionally, petroleum contaminated waste water cannot simply go down the drain or into the ground, but must be stored in 55 gallon drums and disposed off properly to comply with federal and state OSHA regulations. To protect volunteer and professional responders, specific safety protocols must be met prior to placing workers in contaminated areas since petroleum products are highly toxic and dangerous to humans as well. The Florida Keys Wild Bird Center is preparing for the worst scenario while praying for the best possible outcome! We are a well established facility with over 2 decades of experience whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, orphaned and injured native



Vered Nograd, Wild Bird Center Hospital Director, enjoys her weekly visits to our paradise from her home in Palm Beach.  
Her many years of rehabbing experience benefit our birds and will be vital to the potential crisis.

wildlife species. We are ready to do whatever is necessary to fulfill that mission during this crisis. FKWBC has experienced staff on call 24/7 ready to assist the leading agencies if we are needed. We are aware that, if happens, this will also be a costly endeavor and we will certainly need and greatly appreciate the help of the community to assist with the added financial burden. Tri-State and all other federal agencies are asking the public as well as all wildlife rehabilitation facilities to stand by and await further instructions, which is what we are currently doing at FKWBC.

Tri-State has established hotlines to assist the public as follows: To report oiled wildlife, please call 1-866-557-1401 and leave a message. Messages are checked hourly. To report oil spill related damage, please call 1-800-440-0858 To report oiled shoreline or to request volunteer information, please call 1-866-448-5816 Once again, we greatly appreciate the immense outpouring of concern and support from the residents of the Upper Keys. It is precisely this kind of support that

helps us continue our endeavors to keep our native birds flying and their environment thriving and safe.

# Bartender of the Month Linda Lewis at Key Largo VFW



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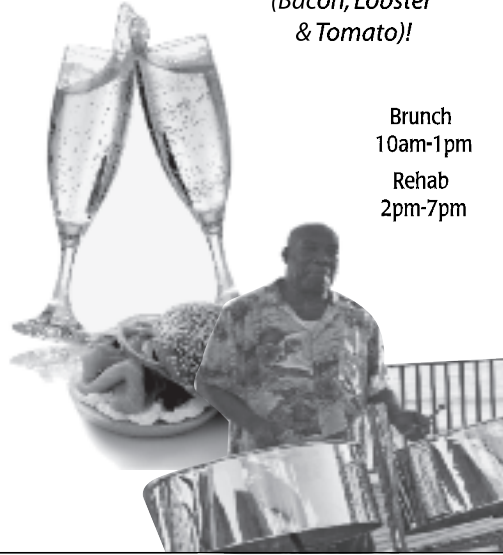
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JIMMY JOHNSON'S BIG CHILL at Fisherman's Cove, MM 104 Bayside, Key Largo 305-453-9066

Linda Lewis is no ordinary bartender. She is a full-time employee of HospiceCare of Southeast Florida, Inc. and works at the VFW every Tuesday night. And she slings a joke as fast as she can sling a drink.

"I think of myself as an entertainer, not a bartender", says Linda Lu, as her friends call her. "She just loves making people happy" says her friend Cindy Albertson, "when Linda is around everyone has a good time."

Linda will look you straight in the eyes and you can tell that she really cares about you and what you have to say. She's dependable, compassionate and honest.

Every time there is a community event she is there and will jump in, grab the ball and keep running till the job is done. She recently helped with the benefit for Maureen Owen at the

American Legion.

She's always promoting the Ladies Auxiliary of the "V", as the locals call it, or you may know her from Moose Bingo. She devotes herself fully to several local community

organizations and is the proud mother of two "very good boys" ages 15 and 20 and two adorable cats. Yes, serving drinks and taking care of terminally ill patients is an unusual combination but when you know Linda it makes perfect sense.







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# Centennial Bank Cooks for Healthy Kids Day

For the second year, Centennial Bank cooked up burgers and hot dogs for attendees of the YMCA Healthy Kids day in Key Largo Park. Upper Keys families enjoyed free kids' bike helmets provided by the Monroe County Health Department, information about the dangers of smoking, a chance to sit on a sleek Monroe County Sheriff Department motorcycle, among other things. Publix offered healthy nutrition information and the MasoniCHIP Child Identification program attended with their computers and staff of volunteers to provide ID kits to parents. "What a

great event when the community can come together for the benefit of the health and safety of the children of Key Largo," said Centennial Bank's Jennifer Miller. "All the kids had a blast, they learned about fire safety, health and fitness and other important areas...and complimentary food from Centennial Bank's Hospitality Wagon." Centennial Bank is part of the Home BancShares (NASDAQ: HOMB) family of banks with assets exceeding \$3 billion. For more information about Centennial Bank, visit its website at [www.my100bank.com](http://www.my100bank.com).




Photo Attached: Centennial Bank's Jennifer Hawkins and Jennifer Miller join Lori, Kai and Ryan Guth at the Upper Keys Healthy Kids day.

# Bank Rewards Safety

...continued from page 8 a vehicle, Centennial Bank concluded the S.A.F.E. program by asking the students to sign a Contract for Life with their parents, promising to act responsibly, to wear their seat belts and to call if they find themselves in a bad situation.

Centennial Bank was named Business Partner of the Year for the Monroe County School District and is part of the Home BancShares (NASDAQ: HOMB) family of banks with assets exceeding \$3 billion. For more information about Centennial Bank, visit its website at [www.my100bank.com](http://www.my100bank.com).

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## Useless Facts You Should Know

- Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one foot.
- To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, prick your fingers into its eyeballs and it will let you go instantly.
- A psychology student in New York rented out her spare room to a carpenter in order to nag him constantly and study his reactions. After weeks of constant needling he snapped and beat her repeatedly with an axe which left her mentally retarded.
- Right handed people live an average of nine years longer than left handed people do.
- More than 40,000 parasites and 250 types of bacteria are exchanged during a French kiss.
- The name of all the continents ends with the same letter that they start with.
- On the average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- A cockroach can live for 10 days without a head.
- We shed 40 pounds of skin in a lifetime.
- Brains are more active sleeping than watching TV.

# Letter to the Editor

## A SHORT Note

To the Editor:  
I wanted to write a *SHORT* letter praising your publication for your opinion and insight into the inner workings of all things "Keys". That said, I also wish to register an observation and complaint.  
Your page 3 article describing the drama of local musicians, while interesting, and probably justified as regards the offending party, contains no less than 13 references to short people.  
On behalf of all "SHORT" locals I protest your use of the following string of insulting words used in your article; dwarf, little guy, little wannabe, shrimpy, squirt, etc. You also offend the French, using "Napoleon" to reference their little minds, the Japanese, using bonsai to refer to their little everything, and even the Jews, by omission. What's next, Italians and Greeks? Our grammar school friends aren't happy either. Comparing the offender to a 4th grader is wrong. Most 4th graders are as mature as I was in high school. And thanks for debasing seafood, the only life form you missed are fruit and vegetables and, of course, the German tourists.  
You really wore out the Thesaurus on this *LITTLE* gem. On behalf of all vertically challenged residents we want to put you on notice that future insensitivity to this issue will not be tolerated and may result in with a swift bite below the knees. Great line, however, about seeing his feet in his drivers license picture, we do have a sense of humor.

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"Congratulations to Centennial Bank; Key Largo School, and Monroe County School District's Business Partner of the Year!" says Dr. Joseph Burke, Monroe County Superintendent of Schools. "Centennial Bank's Key Largo branch continuously shows true

commitment to all stakeholders of Key Largo School. It focuses on rewarding student achievement and positive behavior, promoting community service, and fostering relationships throughout the school and community. The Monroe County School District appreciates you and every employee of Centennial Bank for your dedication to the education of our students."

"We set out to help our local schools in any way we can because as individuals, and as an organization, we believe the schools hold the future of Monroe County," said Teresa Condas, President of Centennial Bank Florida Region. "We are humbled by this honor and recognition, and we are Continued on page 23...



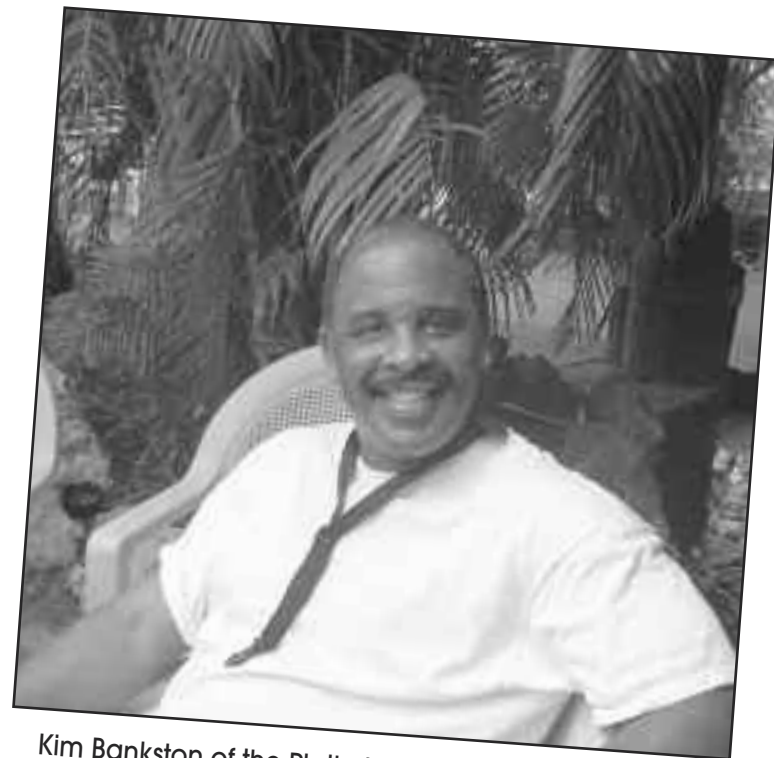
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community branches are  
always available as venues  
for students, parents, and  
members of the  
administration. From car  
washes in our parking lots  
which fundraise for  
student activities, to meet  
and greet events for key  
personnel within the school  
district, Centennial Bank is  
always there to lend a  
helping hand. They also  
award strong student  
achievement with savings  
account vouchers, as a  
small incentive for  
students to perform at  
their best. This past year  
the Centennial Bank - Key  
Largo branch served home-  
cooked dinners served to  
over 400 parents attending

various Winter Concerts  
for the younger Key Largo  
School students. Teachers  
too, have benefited from  
homemade lunches - one  
school enjoyed a pot of  
homemade shrimp bisque.  
“We simply appreciate the  
teachers' hard work and  
commitment to our kids,”  
said Jennifer Miller,  
Commercial Loan Officer  
for Centennial Bank, and  
shrimp bisque chef.

Throughout the Keys  
Centennial Bank hosts  
Junior Bankers. Working  
with teachers throughout  
the county, the Bank has  
hosted as few as two  
students, to as many as 79  
students, as was the case  
last week with the Switlik  
fifth grade class. In Big  
Pine Key, Centennial Bank  
sponsored a class library as  
the school expanded its  
reach and scope. “Our  
schools are our future.  
Centennial Bank  
management and employees  
care deeply about both, and  
we appreciate the  
recognition as Monroe  
County School District's  
Business Partner of the  
Year,” said Stephanie  
Scuderi. “We are always  
looking for opportunities to  
make a difference in the  
daily lives of the students,  
their teachers, and  
families, as well as the  
administration.”  
Centennial Bank is part of  
the Home BancShares  
(NASDAQ: HOMB) family  
of banks with assets  
exceeding \$3 billion. For  
more information about  
Centennial Bank, visit its  
website at [www.my100bank.com](http://www.my100bank.com).

## Coco ‘Nut’ Funnies

### Important Women's Health Issue:

- \* Do you have feelings of inadequacy?
- \* Do you suffer from shyness?
- \* Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?
- \* Do you suffer exhaustion from the day to day grind?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor or  
pharmacist about Margaritas.

Margaritas are the safe, natural way to feel better and more  
confident about yourself and your actions. Margaritas can help  
ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that  
you're ready and willing to do just about anything. You will notice  
the benefits of Margaritas almost immediately and with a  
regiment of regular doses you can overcome any obstacles that  
prevent you from living the life you want to live.

Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you will  
discover many talents you never knew you had. Stop hiding and  
start living, with Margaritas.

Margaritas may not be right for everyone Women who are  
pregnant or nursing should not use Margaritas. However, women  
who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged  
to try it.

Side effects may include:

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Incarceration
- Erotic lustfulness
- Loss of motor control
- Loss of clothing
- Loss of money
- Loss of virginity
- Table dancing
- Headache
- Dehydration
- Dry mouth
- And a desire to sing Karaoke

**WARNINGS:**

- \* The consumption of Margaritas may make you think you are  
whispering when you are not.
- \* The consumption of Margaritas may cause you to tell your  
friends over and over again that you love them.
- \* The consumption of Margaritas may cause you to think you can  
sing.
- \* The consumption of Margaritas may make you think you can  
logically converse with members of the opposite sex without  
spitting.  
Please share this with other women who may need Margaritas.



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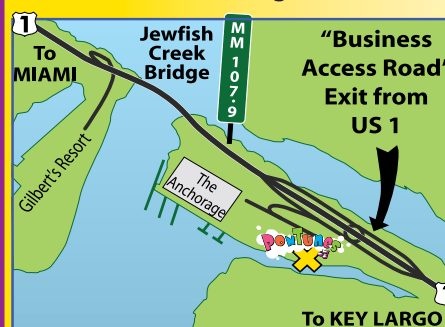
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