

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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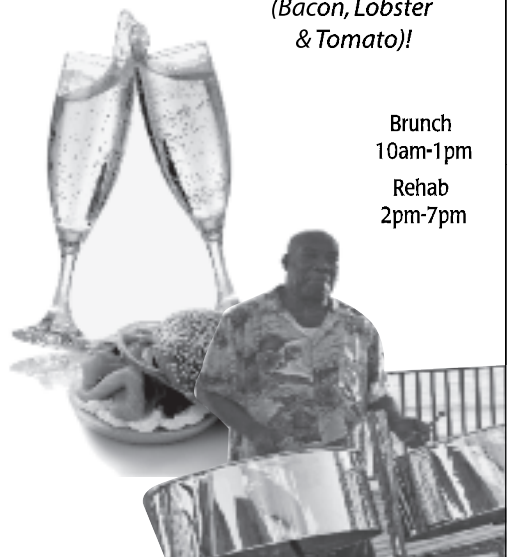
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Brunch
10am-1pm
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JIMMY JOHNSON'S BIG CHILL at Fisherman's Cove, MM 104 Bayside, Key Largo 305-453-9066

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.

