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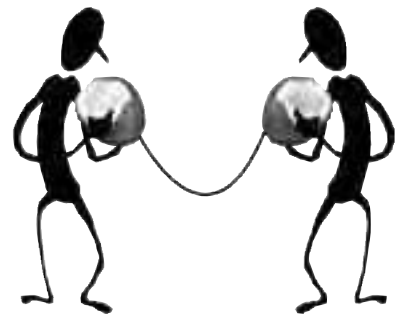
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Editorial: Keys Journalism Reaches New Low

"Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied upon in a newspaper"
- Mark Twain

Keys journalism has reached a new low, even by Coconut Telegraph standards. Deputy Melissa Powers died in a horrible accident. Her family hired a lawyer as that is what most families do, mine included. There was the "threat" of a lawsuit at the location where the accident occurred. We do not yet know why. Deputy Powers left behind a teenage stepson and a 5-year-old little girl. Some locals were so upset at the "threat" of the lawsuit that they never gave any consideration to the innocent children or their needs. Then, local newspapers printed and sensationalized the story. One irate older woman went as far as to threaten my advertisers and associates that she would have their business black

balled for supporting the benefit and trying to help the Powers children! The family cancelled the benefit we had planned. Next, this woman and the media attack Sgt. Kiffney! They demand an internal police investigation over why he didn't answer his radio while he was on a bathroom break! That's ludicrous! Every police officer I have talked to has been out of radio contact at one time or another. Think for a moment... Cops wear pants, belts with guns, ammo, handcuffs, etc., and they are human and subject to the same gastric disturbances as we are. Here is a headline I would like to see: *Newspaper Editor Chows Down Donuts And Craps His Pants in Front of Cops at Convenience Store While Waiting in Long Line for the Bathroom and Couldn't be Reached by iphone, ipad or ipod!* Heavens to Betsey! Editors bring along a copy of your own newspaper just in case

there is no toilet paper on hand. Speaking of getting caught with your pants down.... A couple of months ago the Coconut Telegraph got a phone call from an acquaintance who spends a lot of time in jail. He was "shopping" a story. It seems his ex-girlfriend had received a ton of money from a prominent married man as hush money about their affair and he had the documented proof. I told the man that it wasn't considered dining or entertainment, nor would it be of any help to the community, so it's not my cup of tea. Then I thought, something is fishy here, how did this man get the proof? The spurned woman must have tried to extort more money out of the guy and when he wouldn't pay up again she "leaked" it to the media. Some people will do anything to get their name in the paper or failed facelifts on TV. The worst thing you can do to publicity seeking trash is to not mention their name.

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Coral Shores High School Rotary Interact Club



Members of this year's Interact Club at Coral Shores High School.

The Interact Club is the high school equivalent of a Rotary Club and is sponsored by the Upper Keys Rotary Club and the Key Largo Rotary Club. Throughout the year the Club does fundraising, supporting causes like the Burton Memorial Church food bank and Forgotten Soldiers. The club members help out at the Rotary Club functions like the Chili Cook-off and the Gigantic Nautical Flea Market. Ms. Carmen Kelley is the teacher liaison/sponsor for the local Coral Shores Interact Club, which meets in her classroom after school on Mondays at

2:30pm. Club dues: \$10.00. The Upper Keys Rotary Club are the people who bring you the Gigantic Nautical Flea Market to support our local High School Kids with scholarships. The Upper Keys Rotary Club is a part of Rotary International, a world-wide organization with 1.2 Million members, who concentrate their efforts to supply help where it is needed. More information can be obtained at www.rotary.org. The Upper Keys Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:00 Noon at Craig's Restaurant in Tavernier.

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Key Largo Pirates Fest

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According to legend, the notorious pirate Black Caesar roved Florida's coastal waters in the early 19th century. Now, some 200 years later, he returns during the Key Largo Pirates Fest from October 21st through 24th.

Black Caesar's Pirates Fest festivities kick off Thursday, October 21st with a Captain Morgan Look-Alike Pirate Plunder Party at Snapper's Restaurant, mile marker 94.5. "Got a little Captain in ya?" then shiver yer timbers and enter the Captain Morgan look alike contest, enjoy special deals on grub n'grog, live music and a Captain Morgan iPod cooler for the winner.

On Friday, October 22nd, the third annual Black Caesar's Pirate Parade will meander its way from Pilot House Restaurant to the Marina del Mar Resort via U.S. 1. Parade participants will gather to register and line up at 5 p.m. at the Pilot House on Seagate Boulevard, the parade will start at 6.30pm and continue along the fabled highway to stage an invasion of Marina del Mar Resort, 527 Caribbean Drive at mile marker 100. Entry to the Parade is free and early entry by Thursday October 21st will earn participants a free event t-shirt. Parade judges will await participants, and prizes will be awarded for Best Individual, Best Couple and Best Float/Vehicle. Winners will be announced at the Pirate Bash poolside at Marina Del Mar where revelers can join parade participants dancing to live music and imbibing in their favorite grub n'grog. Late-night party pirates can head to Coconuts Night Club for an after-the-party party starting

at 10:30 p.m. and extending to the wee hours.

On Saturday October 23rd the festival continues at noon,

spotted haunting the Pirate Bazaar and Thieves Market. Continuous entertainment features live pirate shows, black



Pirates salute Black Caesar's return.



Previous winners of Best Couple Pirate Costume Contest.

at the Sundowners/Senor Frijoles and Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill restaurants, at mile marker 104 bayside. Those eager to come face-to-face with the fearsome pirate, or at least his modern-day stand-in, are likely to do so, and photo opportunities abound as Caesar and his buccaneer brethren are

powder demonstrations, cannons, swordfights and interactive pirate activities for all ages.

New this year is the concert on the Bay. Starting at 2pm and continuing into the night, bands will perform on the water from the pirate ship *Queen Anne's Revenge II*. The concert can be viewed from the water's edge at

Sundowners and the Big Chill or join other pirate boats on the water for a pirate raft-up. The pillaging and plundering will intensify as pirates invade Key Largo at sunset in a re-enactment of Black Caesar's return, complete with artillery line, battles and skits on Blackwater Sound. The day's events will culminate in blasts of festive fireworks set for 10 p.m. on Blackwater Sound.

On Sunday, scallywags can take to the high seas for an underwater treasure hunt, above-water Booty Hunt and By-Land-Or-Sea Pirates Poker Run — all open to the public. The Pirate Bazaar and Thieves Market at Sundowners and The Big Chill will be open from 12 noon to 5 pm on Sunday for your pillaging pleasure.

The festival culminates with Sunday's Buccaneer Bash and Finale at Pontunes Marina, Tiki Bar & Grille, mile marker 108 bayside, starting at 4 p.m. Rowdy revelers can expect to find wild-eyed pirates jiving to live music and imbibing the island's best ceviche, grub n' grog. Prizes await kids and adults in Black Caesar's costume contest with adult categories for Best Buccaneer and Sauciest Wench, and under 14 years of age, for Likeliest Lad and Loveliest Lassie. Visiting hoards can also tour the Florida Keys only 105-ft. pirate ship, *Queen Anne's Revenge II* and check out the performance of the Miami Acting Company's very talented cast performing a scene from their upcoming musical *Chicago*.

A complete schedule of events, festival information and entry forms can be found at www.keylargopiratesfest.com or for more information call 305-394-3736.



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Bartender of the Month Koty Hunt at the Big Chill

Many times it has been said by the locals, that once you live in the Keys and move away you will always return. Koty Hunt, the Coconut Telegraph's bartender of the month, is just such an example. He was born in Monroe County and at age 7, when his family moved to Tennessee, Hunt always knew that he was a Keys kid and would return to his roots someday. That someday finally happened five years ago.

Hunt is a musician, he plays bass and electric guitar and is trying to put a band together that will reflect his love for punk rock, metal and his favorite reggae rock. As all musicians know, you have to put food on the table and a roof over your head so he took a job at a local restaurant and trained as a bar back. Soon he was training the new employees. Word got out that Hunt was fast, intelligent, honest and dependable so friends in the business urged him to apply at the Big Chill. There he would have an opportunity to work with many of his respected friends such as Big Chill manager Mark Charles, and Bush, Tanner, Andrew and D.J. It wasn't long before they made him a bartender. Then, when he thought things just couldn't get any better Big Chill owner Larry Calvano took on world famous Coach Jimmy Johnson as a partner.

The Big Chill Restaurant and the Fisherman's Cove five star

condominiums became a preferred vacation destination for families that wanted excellent food and a lavish lifestyle. Where else in the upper Keys can you get your own private poolside cabana and boat included? Just when Hunt thought the Big Chill was the ultimate utopia Larry Calvano put in a pizza parlor with his father's famous Enrico's Pizza recipes and the place became a real "slice of heaven".

The Big Chill is the only place in the upper Keys that you can get real Italian pizza. In Key Largo there are Greeks, Cubans and Europeans doing their best but no one can compete with real New York style Italian pizza made from the freshest ingredients.

“What inspires me here at work are the spectacular sunsets on the bay,” says Hunt. He adds, “And what inspires me in life is my mom Katy. She has worked very hard over the years to raise my brother Kasey and I.”

Hunt invites everyone to visit him at the Big Chill. Happy hour is from 4 - 7p.m, Monday thru Friday with half-price appetizers, \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$2.50 imports, \$5.00 call, great sunsets and friendly service.

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Obligations To Others and To Ourselves

Obligations can tend to feel heavy and overwhelming, there is nothing wrong with an occasional “no”.

We all encounter obligations in life, from spending time with family and friends to being present at important functions in the lives of the people who form our community. Many times, the obligations are actually fun and fulfilling, and we want to be there. At the same time, we all sometimes experience resistance to meeting these obligations, especially when they pile up all at once and we begin to feel exhausted, longing for nothing so much as a quiet evening at home. At times like these, we may want to say no but feel too guilty at the idea of not being there. Still, our primary obligation is to take care of ourselves, and if saying no to someone else is what we have to do, then we do not need to feel bad about it.

There is a skill to balancing our obligations, and it starts with simply becoming aware of our schedule. We may notice that three invitations have arisen in one weekend, and we know that we will pay

energetically if we attempt to fulfill all three. At this point, we can take the time to weigh the repercussions of not going to each event, considering how we will feel if we miss it and how our absence might affect other people. Most of the time, it will be clear which obligation we can most easily let go and which one we simply can't miss. Sometimes we have to miss something really important to us, and that can be painful for everyone concerned. At times like this, reaching out with a phone call, a thoughtful card, or a gift lets people know that you are there in spirit and that your absence is by no means a result of you not caring.

Meeting our obligations to others is an important part of being human and not one to take lightly. At the same time, we cannot meet every obligation without neglecting our primary duty to take care of ourselves. We can navigate this quandary by being conscious of what we choose to do and not do and by finding concrete ways to extend our caring when we are not able to be there in person.

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GLEE Sponsors EcoWeek to Energize Future Green Potential

Keeping with the tradition of the Annual Green Living Expo while expanding outreach, Green Living & Energy Education (GLEE) is planning four Green Expos to take place throughout the Keys, each with a focus on a specific green theme, all to take place during EcoWeek (Nov. 1-7). This marks the fifth year for GLEE's annual Expos, which are usually held in the spring. Inviting the community to join the Florida Keys green movement to instill environmental stewardship in our businesses, governments and personal lives, GLEE is a major sponsor of Florida Keys EcoWeek.

“We are joining EcoWeek in reaching out to visitors and

locals to teach the benefits of green living and help promote eco-tourism,” said Alison

various themes on different days, we hope to reach a larger audience while making it easier

Opportunities to volunteer, exhibit and sponsor are available at all Expos. Dates, themes and locations include:

- Key Largo – Green Futures Expo, 4-7 pm Monday, Nov. 1, Murray Nelson Govt. & Cultural Center
- Marathon – Green Business Expo, Saturday, Nov. 6, Marathon Community Park
- Lower Keys – Green Homes Expo, Noon-5 pm Sunday, Nov. 7, Sugarloaf School
- Key West – Green Life Expo – 2-6 pm Saturday, Nov. 6, Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

Begin your exploration in Key Largo from 4-7 pm Monday, Nov. 1st at the Murray Nelson Govt. & Cultural Center,

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Higgins, GLEE President. “By offering four Expos with

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Norman Higgins has been a resident of the Florida Keys for thirty-eight years. He is a local business owner. Mr. Higgins served in the U. S. Marine Corps with duty in Vietnam. Mr. Higgins is married and has three children. He is presently a member of The Irish American Society of Monroe County (current President), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mahi Shriner and Mason Lodge #336, American Legion, Charter member of the Key Largo

Rotary Club, Star Builder Florida Keys Childrens Shelter, was assistant Boy Scouts of America (Committee Member) from 1976 to 1982, a member of Hospice of the Florida Keys, on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, and Upper Keys Athletic Association (Past Coach). He is a Past President for the Upper Keys Jaycees, the Community Recreation Association, the Key Largo Road Runners Club, and past Vice President of the Key Largo Lions Club.



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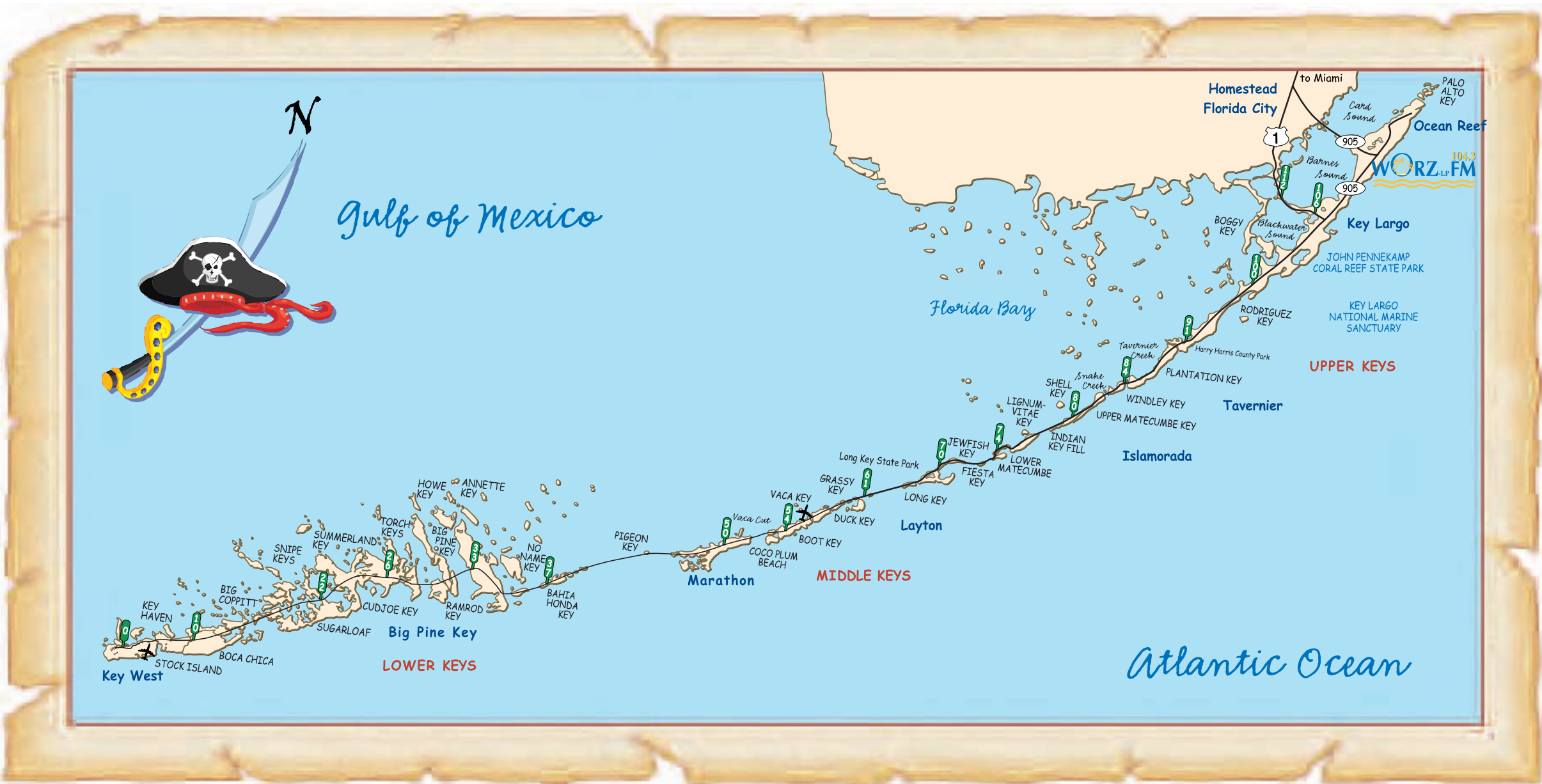
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Friday, October 22
The Pillage Begins! Black Caesar's Parade and Pirate Bash
Starts 5 pm, Pilot House, MM 99.6 Seagate Blvd.
Unleash your inner buccaneer, don yer garb, grab yer partner and join Black Caesar for Black Caesar's Pirate Parade and its invasion of the Marina Del Mar, poolside. The judges will be a'waiting poolside at the Pirate Bash featuring live music, dancing, grub and grog. Parade entrants gather at 5pm to register and line up. Parade starts at 6.30pm. Download entry form from website.

Late Night Buccaneers After The Party, Party!
10:30pm Coconuts, MM 100 on Caribbean Drive
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Saturday, October 23

Pirate-themed Brunch: 9am -2pm Key Largo Conch House, MM100
Black Caesar Returns to Key Largo
Noon - 11 pm, Sundowners & Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill, MM 104
Pirate Bazaar and Thieves Market. Pirates shows and pirate boat raft up, black powder demonstrations, cannons, swordfights and Black Caesar and his pirate band invade at sunset. The music, fun, grog & bazaar continue past the 10 pm fireworks.

Concert on the Bay
2pm – 10pm - Blackwater Sound
Continuous live music as bands perform on the water from the pirate ship Queen Anne's Revenge II. The concert can be viewed from the water's edge at Sundowners and the Big Chill or join other pirate boats on the water for a pirate raft-up.

10pm – Blackwater Sound – Fireworks
"After Party" Parties at various late-night venues.

Sunday, October 24

Underwater Treasure Hunt: 8am Capt. Slate's Atlantis Dive Center

Pirate-themed Brunches:
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GLEE Sponsors EcoWeek

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MM 102, for the GLEE Green Futures Expo. With a focus on renewable and alternative energy being used today, this weekday event offers a fresh breeze for the Monday doldrums with information on the many ways you can save money, reduce waste, and do your part to reduce emissions. EcoWeek will partner with GLEE to integrate a Healthy Living Fair for those who want to learn more about tending the body, mind and spirit.

On Saturday Nov. 6th, Marathon Community Park becomes the Green Business Expo from Noon - 5 pm. Featuring businesses that provide green services and products for the home and workplace, exhibits will also provide information on resource conservation and the R4 practices of reduce, reuse, recycle and rot (compost). EcoWeek will add to the menu with a Healthy Living Fair featuring new age practitioners and products. Also on Saturday, November 6, from 2-6 p.m. at the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is the Green Life Expo. Here you

can visit green exhibits, taste vegetarian delights from local restaurants and sample organic wines and beers. Workshops will be offered, and exhibits on healing arts and clean energy will make this an eclectic event suitable for the whole family.

On Sunday, November 7, visit the Green Homes Expo on the grounds of Sugarloaf School, MM 19.5, from Noon - 5 p.m. Learn how to detoxify your home with green products and practices, speak with green building and interior design professionals, and then visit Healthy Living Fair exhibitors to focus on your personal and spiritual well being.

For general information about GLEE Expos go to Keysglee.com, write to info@keysglee.com or call Bridget at 305-923-1994. For more information on EcoWeek Healthy Living Fair exhibits contact Sandy at mcteagues@bellsouth.net, or call 305-393-9399. To learn more about other EcoWeek events go to www.ecoweekfloridakeys.com or contact Ruth at info@ecoweekfloridakeys.com or at 305-394-1227.

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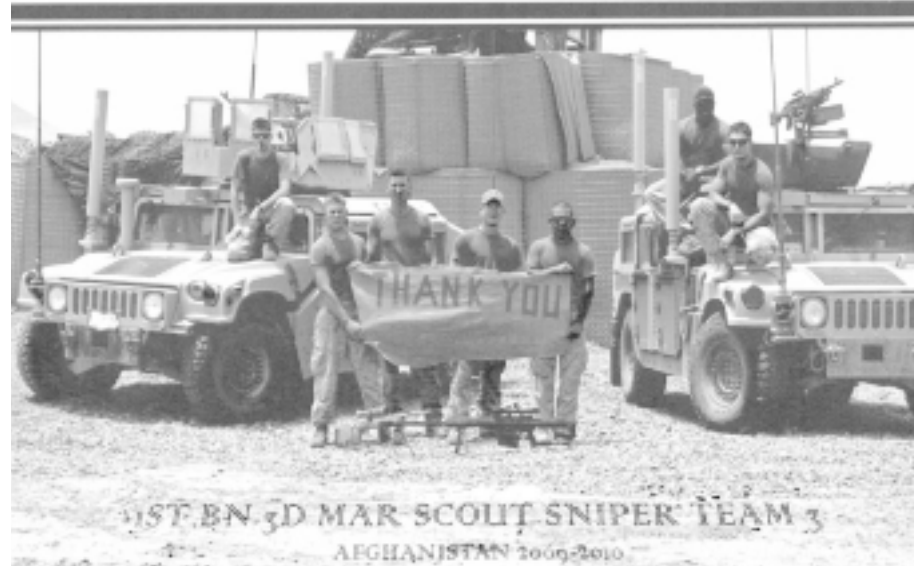
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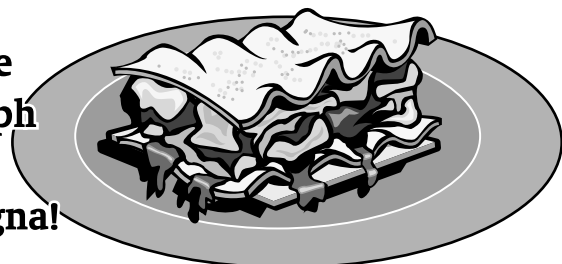
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"Gary, known to the locals as Hippie, was a driver for the company and when the previous owners put it up for sale we bought it," says Bice. "Gary passed away in March of this year from live cancer and he ran the business right up to the day he died." From that day forward Terri has taken over the business. She quickly learned how to program the drivers and pay the bills, "That alone is a full time job", she says.

Mom's Taxi (Key Largo Cabs, LLC) has been serving the upper Keys from Ocean Reef to Islamorada for 20 years and in honor of Gary Bice, his widow Terri wants the public to know that she has lowered the rates.

"Back when gasoline went sky high we had to raise them. We hated to do it but we had to in order to survive," she says.

It costs a lot to run a cab company. Bice showed the Coconut Telegraph her insurance bill for liability (she carries more than the required amount) and it costs her \$1,390.00 a month.

"Many other cab companies do not carry full liability insurance," she tells us. "People don't care about insurance when they have been drinking and need a ride until something happens to them. Then they care."

Mom's Taxi manager, Bruce Kelly, makes sure that all the vehicles are perfectly maintained. Cabdrivers Bruce, Ronnie B, Cowboy, Aris and Kevin are all well liked. Each one has interesting stories to tell too. A friend of mine often takes Mom's Taxi home

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More Coconut Conch Characters



Gary Grinder wins a basket of cheer at the Islamorada Moose.



Laura Laskis wins a great prize at a local club.



Mary (right) with family at her going away party at Coconuts.



Lyle "Tex" Davis takes a break at Sharkey's.



Community Loss Laura Quinn Passes Away

On her 82nd birthday, Ms. Laura Quinn passed away. Ms. Quinn was preceded in death by her parents, Orlo and Beulah Bartholomew; son, John of Tavernier; brother, Robert Bartholomew of Tampa, FL.; and sister, Beulah Kohs of Broomfield, Colo. She is survived by her son, Jim, and daughter-in-law, Carla, of Denton, Texas; step-granddaughter, Raina Weldon (husband Winston Hawkes) of Dallas, Texas; nieces Cindy Foy (husband Ed) of Lakeland, Fla.; Susan Goodyear (husband Mike) of Broomfield, Colo.; and Jeanie Friedman of Westminster, Colo; and nephews David Kohs of Denver, Colo., and Patrick Kohs (wife Myrna) of Truth or Consequences, N.M.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a date to be determined in October or November. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the FKWBC, 93600 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070.

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Setup is Friday, October 8 at 4 pm, and helping hands are welcome. For donation pickup, additional information and directions to the site, call (305) 451-4774 or visit www.marinemammalconservancy.org.

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Business Owner of the Month

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remarked that the drivers are often the most fun of her night out because they are so entertaining. Bice jokes that it is much like the TV show Taxi Cab Confessions.
Our best customers are the bar owners and hotel

managers," says Bice. "They always call Mom's Taxi because they know that we are fast, fair and reliable."
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Dear Anny Bannanny

Dear Anny Bannanny,
The other day a crazy lady came into the bar and brought with her a little box. The box was stamped and addressed to the her Key Largo address and inside was a few pieces of dried up cat excrement. Someone had left it in her mailbox! She passed the box around the bar and then accused everyone there that owned a cat of sending it to her. She is taking the box and specimen to the Post Office to test for fingerprints!
I have volunteered a stool sample from my cat for DNA purposes to clear my name. Granted, this lady may not be well liked, but why would someone put cat cat ca-ca in her mailbox?
Signed,
Cat Lady

Dear Cat Lady,
Now isn't that the cats meow! First you must make absolutely sure that it is indeed cat crap. Pick it up and take a good sniff. Break it apart and examine it closely. Roll it between your fingers. Does it break apart? If there is cat evidence of kitty litter it came from a house cat. If not it is an outdoor cat.
Since this woman probably lets her cat use the neighbors yard as a toilet I'd check there first. They may be trying to make a point. My guess is her neighbors are fed up and the crap belongs to her own stinking cat! Just to be on the safe though, tell everyone to save a sample of their cats crap in case testing is needed. Label it properly (example: Tabby, Calico, Cougar, etc.). Do NOT put it in a mailbox as that is a federal offense. Who let the cat out of the bag anyway?
Signed,
Anny Bannanny

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Coco'Nut' Funnies

Seeing Eye Dogs

Two women were out for a Saturday stroll with their dogs. One had a Doberman and the other, a Chihuahua.

As they walked down the street, the one with the Doberman said to her friend, "Let's go over to that bar for a drink."

The lady with the Chihuahua said, "We can't go in there. We've got the dogs with us."

The one with the Doberman said, "Just watch, and do as I do." They walked over to the bar and the one with the Doberman put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk in... the bouncer at the door said, "Sorry, lady, no pets allowed."

The woman with the Doberman said, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

The bouncer said, "A Doberman?"

The woman said, "Yes, they're using them now. They're very good."

The bouncer said, "OK, come on in."

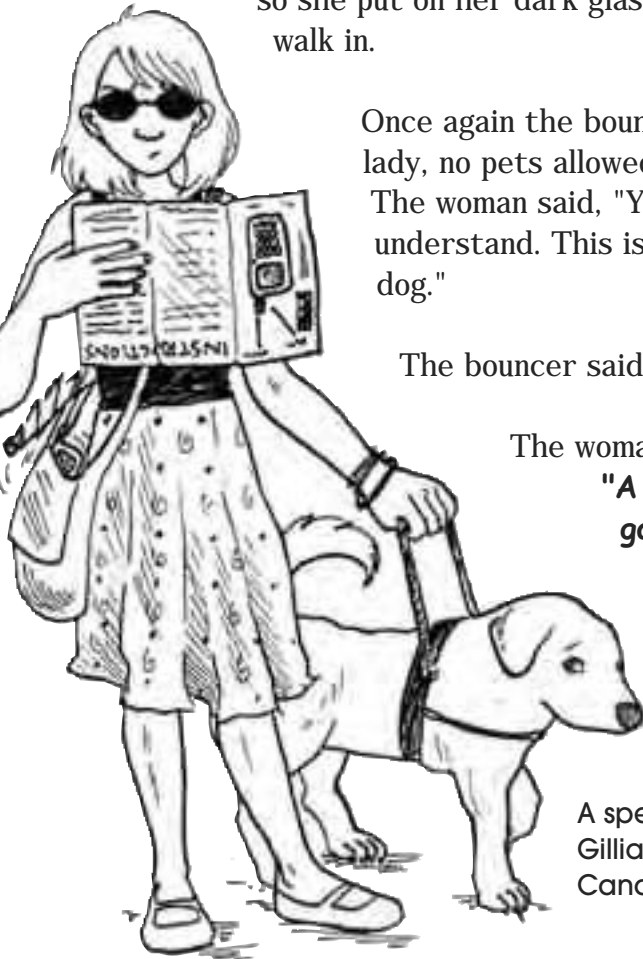
The lady with the Chihuahua thought that convincing him that a Chihuahua was a seeing-eye dog may be a bit more difficult, but thought, "What the heck," so she put on her dark glasses and started to walk in.

Once again the bouncer said, "Sorry, lady, no pets allowed." The woman said, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog."

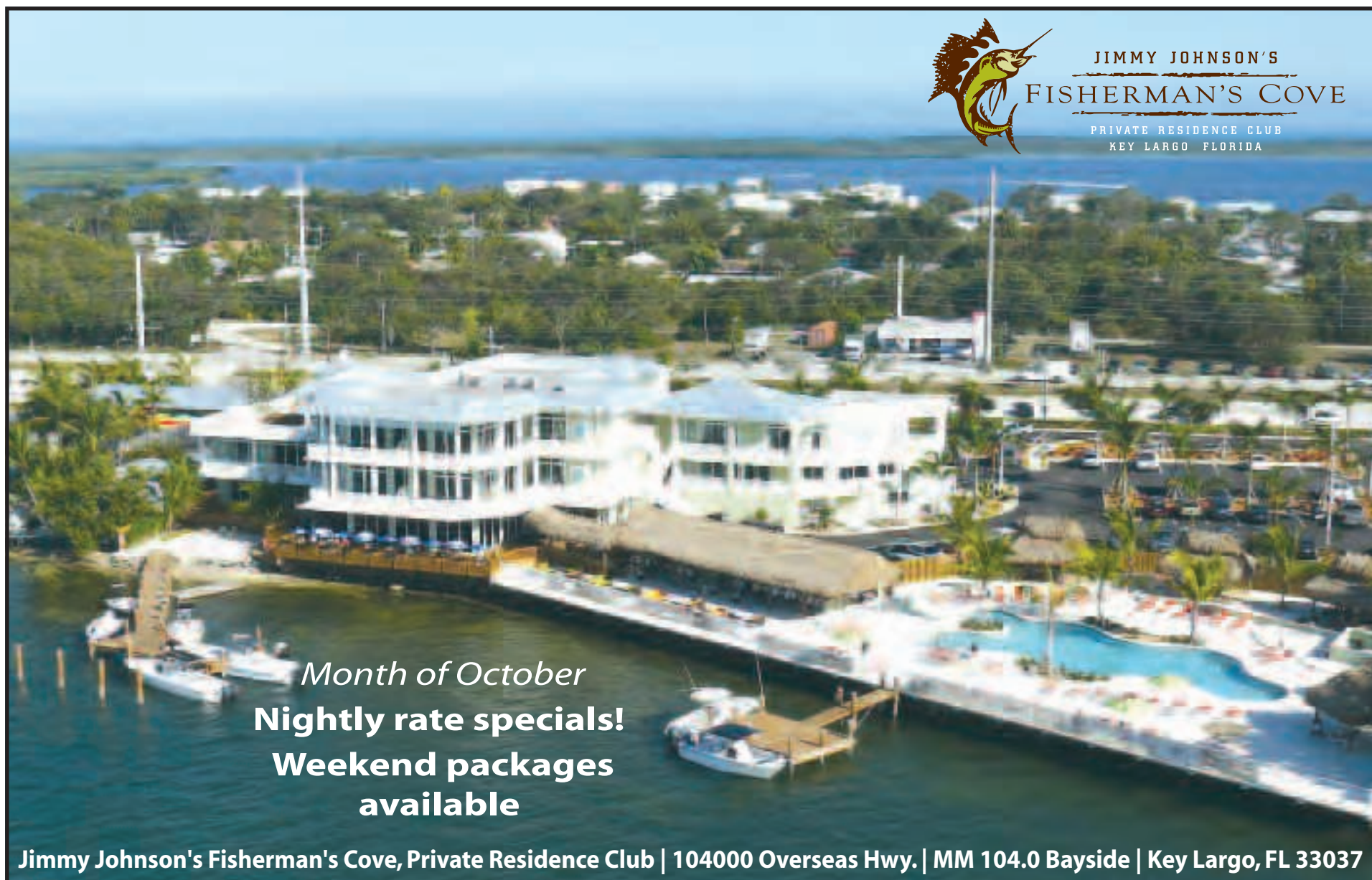
The bouncer said, "A Chihuahua?"

The woman said indignantly, "A Chihuahua? They gave me a freakin' Chihuahua !!??"

A special thank you to Gillian Gates from Canada for this joke.



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