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REEF's South Florida Lionfish Derby

The 4th Annual Lionfish Derby Summer Series is here! The Lionfish Derby helps protect local reefs, while participants have fun competing for great prizes. The next derby is set for September 8th at Coconuts in Key Largo.

This is a one-day team competition to collect as many lionfish as possible. Teams of up to four members collect lionfish during daylight hours using a variety of capture methods while SCUBA diving, free diving, or snorkeling. Over \$3,000 in cash prizes are awarded to the teams with the most, biggest, and smallest lionfish.

Teams and spectators have the opportunity to taste lionfish while learning how to properly collect and handle this venomous invasive species. Specimens collected during the derby support ongoing lionfish research and are provided to a number of government and university research partners. To date, more than 7,500 lionfish have been collected by participants in REEF's lionfish derbies.

The captain's meeting for derby teams will be held at Coconuts on Friday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at sunrise the race for lionfish begins and ends at the dock at 5 p.m. The award ceremony will take place after all of the lionfish have been measured and will coincide with a free public lionfish tasting.

To register for the competition or for more information, visit www.REEF.org/lionfish/derbies. Pre-register your team by September 5th to receive a \$20 discount off the registration fee! Each registration fee includes 4 drink tickets and a pair of puncture-resistant collection gloves.



Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



Sparky



Huey



Shelby



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Rosey



Serena



Charlie & Martin



Venus, Star & Samantha



Barney

Remembering our Warriors: Wounded Warriors and Depththerapy

Letter to the Editor:

We are all glad for the troops who have been brought home from the conflict overseas. At the same time, we need to remember the ones who are still there. This is the time of year I start collecting for care packages which mean so much to those deployed so far away from home. We don't have to agree with the conflict but can still show our sons and daughters we care about them.

If you want to contribute, please bring only items that are on the list. The Tavernier Elks Lodge will be helping collect the items. You can drop them off there or with me at the Key Largo Library.

These are the items (preferably in small individual packages): sun block, Chapstick, antifungal cream, athlete's foot powder or cream, tuna in pouches, trail mix, dried fruit, nuts, beef jerky, protein bars, Crystal Light, Kool-Aid in individual servings, instant coffee in individual servings, Pringles in lunchbox-size cans, brown boot socks, Oreos/cookies in individual packages, and small bottles of hand sanitizer. They will no longer accept homemade baked goods.

In addition to the packages I send, most of you know I work with the wounded

who are brought to the Keys for dive therapy. We bring in both allied troops and our own. I'm often asked why there are often more allied wounded than American. It is a very complicated effort to get ours released for the program. It is also expensive as our military does not pay for their flights/transportation, where the our allies do. So we raise funds in a variety of ways to pay their way. One was the Poker Run in August. If you want to help, you can make a donation to the Depththerapy account at First State Bank.

The organization Depththerapy which raises funds to get our guys here, has gone through all the hoops to get its nonprofit status and is still waiting for finalization. So at this time you won't be able to claim it on your taxes. We hope you do it just because you want to help, as we have a group scheduled to come the last week of September.

Thank you to all who always step up and help.

Claudia Moriarty
(A Marine Mom)

Editors reply: Thank you Claudia for all that you do. You are truly an amazing woman! The Coconut Telegraph will be donating a package.

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Dear Anny Bannanny,

I am the owner, editor, sales manager, reporter, photographer, circulation and office manager of a local newspaper. As you can guess it keeps me pretty busy. I have 30-plus years experience in the newspaper business, yet I am constantly being attacked by unqualified people. People who can't even spell, sending out letters to my customers.. people who are unemployable, telling me that they didn't like something I wrote years ago... and old men calling me during working hours to tell me their politics.

Retired people seem to forget that the rest of us have to work. If I am in the middle of writing an article, researching and writing at the same time and I get interrupted it takes a while to get back on the same track. What can I do about it?

Yours Truly,
Harassed Publisher

Dear Harassed,

Anny Bannanny gets interrupted too... where was I? Oh yeah, interruptions suck and so do unqualified criticisms. Anny Bannanny has thousands of readers of the paper and even more on her website. A smart person does not write nasty letters about Anny, they just elect to not read her damn column.

When I go into a bar and I think the bartender sucks I don't pick an argument with them. When I get criticized by the creepy guy who is in his 50s and still living off mom and dad I don't say "Hey Fleabag, get a job and take a bath!" Did you know that passive aggression and unnecessary criticism is a form of low self-esteem? These people are not qualified to criticize a successful columnist like me.

Eat dirt, pancake face! Oops, even Anny Bannanny gets off on a tangent now and then. My advice to you is to not answer your phone when you are on a project and challenge any unqualified person who criticizes you to buy your newspaper business. If they hate you bad enough, they will gladly mortgage their house to get rid of you. You and your lawyer will laugh all the way to the bank. While they are struggling to make ends meet, with no experience and only losers of their own caliber to advise them, you will be designing your next publication on the deck of your new yacht.