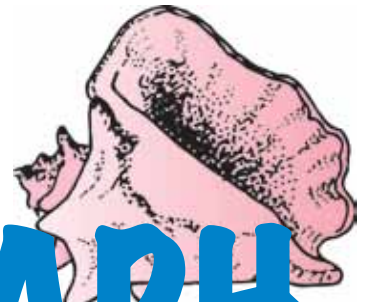


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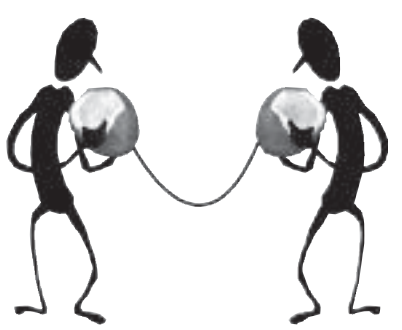
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The U.S. Department of Commerce Census records from 2012 say that there are 990,558 homes in Miami/Dade County and there are only 52,552 in Monroe County. It is hard enough to get the animals from our own county adopted into permanent homes without accumulating animals from another county that has 938,006 more homes than we do. More homes equal more adoptive families.

Is there a fine line between compulsive animal rescuers and animal hoarders? Is it obsessive-compulsive disorder? Is the person so preoccupied with "rescuing" animals that they can't see the final result? Is that all they talk about? Are they under the misconception that simply preserving the life of an animal is more important than providing for the ongoing quality of its life?

Many of the animals are not rescued but stolen from Dade County and do not get spayed or neutered, so our county must now take on the burden and most of it lands right here in Key Largo. The Humane Society at MM 106 currently has 10 puppies because one of these so called "rescues" reproduced. By bringing in a stray from another county, you could be introducing illnesses to our

pets. What if there is a family desperately searching for their beloved lost pet that you just stole? A little kid is crying himself to sleep at night for his dog that he will never find because you took the family pet to another county that is already inundated with animals that need homes!

The ideal scenario is one that some friends of mine recently did. They waited until their home situation was ready and then they adopted a dog from the Humane Society at MM 106. They paid for surgery the dog needed. They spend quality time with the dog training him and showering him with love. These people are the true "rescuers".



If you should see a stray pet in Dade County call the Homestead Police Department 305-247-1535. They will send someone out to get the animal. Or you can call Dade County Animal Services 305-884-1101 as they are obligated to take the animal. Don't bring it back to the Keys.

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What if you take this dog from Miami-Dade County...

Along comes an animal lover who sees the frightened dog just miss getting hit by a car so she pulls over, gets out of her vehicle and stupidly chases the little dog until she catches it. She then stupidly puts it in her car and drives across the stretch to the Keys. The dog is pacing back and forth across the back seat and begins to howl. The ignorant lady looks in the rear view mirror and now realizes the dog is full of fleas, is matted, and needs immediate veterinary care. The vet bills on this dog are going to be very expensive. The dog she just "rescued" has heart worm and needs surgery to remove a tumor. Ka-ching! \$800 and counting. So what should she do next?

Scenario #1- She pays the veterinary bills and

takes the dog home to live happily ever after. This is a good scenario, right? Right? Almost but not quite...

Scenario #2 - She pays the vet bills and finds the dog a home here in the Upper Keys. The lady is happy, the dog is happy, the new owner is happy and the vet is happy. But there is still something wrong here...

Scenario #3 - The lady pays for the initial veterinary office visit but the animal still needs help and lots of it. She does not want to spend her hard earned money on it. So what should she do? Dump it on someone in a bar? Take up a collection from other people to pay for an animal that she "rescued"? Take it to the Humane Society? When she tells them the dog came

from another county and needs surgery will they take it in? If they do take it in, will it find a home or will it live out its days confined to a cage?

Here is the problem and it is a big one. Chances are that even if that dog finds a home here in the Keys it may be taking a home away from another dog! Here is the reason why.



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A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited.

A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him or her in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he or she was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries

is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war.

Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.



# Key Largo Rotary Club Donates Over \$1400 to U.W.'s "Stuff The Bus"



At the presentation (l-r) Margie Smith, Nancy Alvarez, Jennifer Miller, Katrina Lavene, Susan Recarey and Leah Maki.

The Key Largo Rotary Club presented a check for \$1420 at a recent meeting to United Way of the Florida Keys in support of their annual STUFF THE BUS school supply drive, which was supplemented by additional donations of school supplies collected by Rotary's members. Both funds collected and school supplies donated by individuals and organizations keys-wide will be distributed to local schools to be given out by staff to kids in need of the basic tools to be successful in school. To participate in the drive, contact Margie Smith at president@keysunitedway.org or send a check to United Way of the Florida Keys.

To date this year, the Rotary Club of Key Largo has contributed locally to vocational and 4-year college scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, Coral Shores High School sports programs, KLS Safety Patrols, Take Stock in Children, Key Largo YMCA and other local youth and adult programs. Recent service projects have benefited the Florida Wild Bird Center and the Habitat for Humanity. Rotary's ability to contribute to these worthy causes comes from fundraising events such as the Back-country Challenge. For more information, please contact: Cheryl Powers at 502-645-3578 or cpowers33@bellsouth.net

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The Art Box Artist of the Month for September is PRoman Garcia-Hoed, dubbed endearingly by his friends, art colleagues and students as "Captain Art," as a result of his lifetime of extraordinary educational art endeavors throughout the state of Florida. Captain Art was adopted by PRoman's creation of a super art hero whose fantastic art feats revolutionized and enriched the lives of all by entertaining children and adults, while also aesthetically and visually improving the inner city and urban scenery

Eventually, because of the versatility of subject matter and live art performances, wearing an infinite assortment of creative costumes and apparel, the name Captain Art was given to PRoman by the art populous. Although this title represents a super art hero, in many ways PRoman represents this extremely creative entity that has mastered the visual arts to better mankind with artistic, enriching and entertaining ideas in visual art mediums. These creations of diverse



subject matter and techniques have a common bond which reflect the powerful kinetic energy and monumental compositions that range from hyper surrealism to expressionism to working with collages, montages, recyclable materials, acrylics, oils, spray, airbrush, and manipulative forms. These carry an obvious outer and inner spiritual meaning with deep ethical input of serious and/or humorous nature. Topics are based on life experiences and reactions to ongoing trends in the world, i.e. the times, his dreams and beliefs.

PRoman sees himself standing alone as well as being a communal artist who has a responsibility to constantly endeavor in creating and thus

transferring his God-given gift, training and talent to develop the skills necessary to share with the world this wealth of forms and ideas with all the elements and principles of art.

Art comes to Captain Art in a myriad of ways with no boundaries or sets of limitations for creative input and output with an everlasting energy that results with his interaction with the environment and creativity. He always has the ultimate goal in mind that is to enrich and

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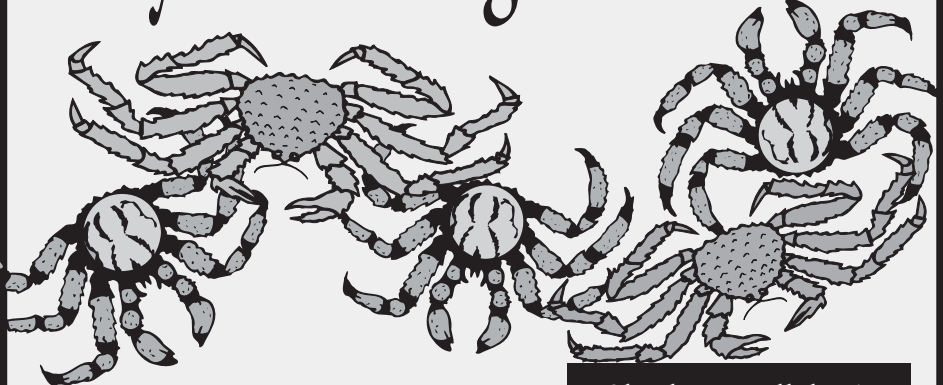
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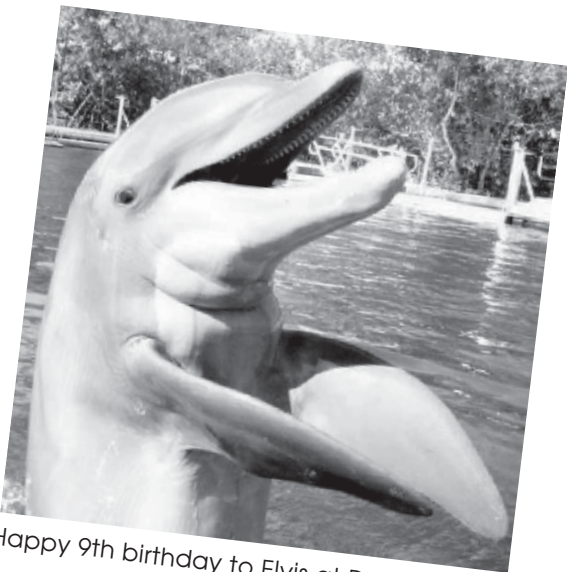
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Arin Rivera volunteers at the Humane Society at MM 106. Here she is feeding a kitty named Coconut.



Artist Kathleen Denis (2nd from left) and friends get together at the Island Grill at the Mandalay.



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Homecoming party at the Pilot House.



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Jon Dreaver from the Art Box with custom paddle board by VonBoard.net.

## How Island Dolphin Care inspired VonBoards

Island Dolphin Care brought this family together and inspired the idea for VonBoards. Island Dolphin Care (IDC) is where all the love & magic begins in our lives. You may wonder, how has IDC any connection to paddle boards?

Our daughter Guen was only 3 years old then, but the impact it would make, we could never have imagined. You see, Guen was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, and we came to Key Largo looking for help... from IDC and the dolphins!

Deena & Pete Hoaglund, who founded and continue to maintain IDC, welcomed us into a family we had longed for. With many visits over the years, Guen's progress was paramount and continual. The bond it brought our family was priceless.

Our other children needed to connect with one another and Guen, and IDC's sessions allowed that opportunity... they were interacting with each other and Guen's condition took a back seat. Watching the sisters bond together for the first time was nothing short of miraculous. Each year we counted down the time until we could return to the one place on earth designed for us, Island Dolphin Care.

Not only has IDC improved our daughter's quality of life but it has enhanced ours as well. As a parent you just want your children to be healthy and happy. IDC's programs gave us healthy, happy children. They also healed our hearts, heavy with the weight of a challenged child, and made our world brighter and less scary.

I could never express in words what they have done for us. It is so much bigger than helping challenged kids and adults. It is like God gave us a slice of Heaven.

And then, on top of that... In the process of going back and forth to Key Largo from our home state of Texas, we discovered Paddle Boarding. For Guen, there has been so much she simply couldn't do, but she can participate. Paddle boarding has also united our family again, alongside Island Dolphin Care. It was very clear that we had to have our own paddle boards. Since we needed several, we decided to build them, and our business was born!

Written by: Mandi (M.K.) Jackson of VonBoards. M.K. is a former Coconut Telegraph Artist of the Month, and some of her amazing mosaic work is on display at the Art Box.

## "Did you hear?"



Dr. Don Price of Key Largo Animal Clinic has retired and Dr. Geoff Bailey of the Animal Care Clinic at MM 100.6 will have all Dr. Price's patient records. Congratulations to Dr. Price and thank you for all your years of service to our community and our pets.



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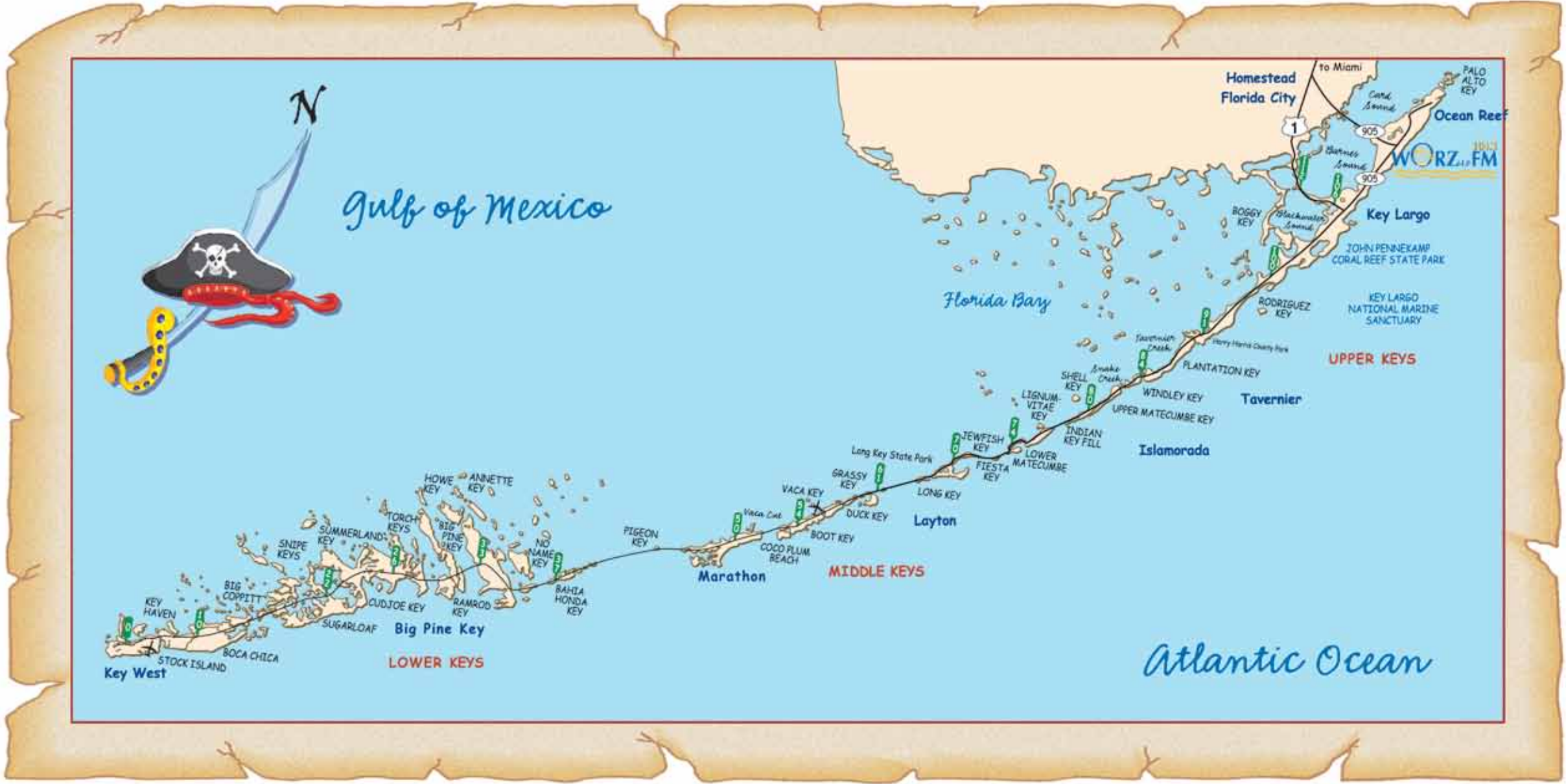


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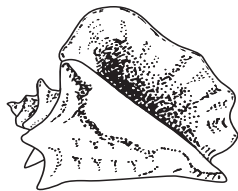
# Sounds of the Keys



Alan Truesdell every Thursday at the Big Chill.



Get well Candye Kane! She had to cancel her August gig at the Bayside Grill due to illness, but she will be back.



3 Feet Closer Band at Gilbert's Resort.



The Sunshine Band plays at the Island Grill at Mandalay.



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## 25 Ways to Order a Pizza

1. Stutter the letter "p".
2. Terminate the call with "Remember, we never had this conversation."
3. Ask what the order taker is wearing.
4. Tell the order taker you're depressed. Get him/her to cheer you up.
5. Act like you know the order taker from somewhere. Say "Bed-wetters' Camp, right?"
6. Try to rent a pizza.
7. Ask if you get to keep the pizza box. When they say yes, heave a sigh of relief.
8. Tell them to double check to make sure your pizza is, in fact, dead.
9. Psychoanalyze the order taker.
10. Order two toppings, then say, "No, they'll start fighting".
11. Call to complain about service. Later, call back to say you were drunk and didn't mean it.
12. Haggle.
13. Ask if the pizza is organically grown.
14. Order a one-inch pizza.
15. Ask them if they are familiar with the term "spanking a pizza." Demand that this be done to your pizza.
16. Put them on hold.
17. Teach the order taker a secret code. Use the code on all subsequent orders.
18. Tell the order taker to tell the manager to tell his supervisor he's fired.
19. State your order and say that's as far as this relationship is going to get.
20. When they say "Will that be all?", snicker and say "We'll find out, won't we?"
21. Ask how many dolphins were killed to make that pizza.
22. Avoid saying the word "pizza" at all costs. If he/she says it, whisper "Please don't mention that word".
23. If he/she suggests a side order, ask why he/she is punishing you.
24. Order a steamed pizza.
25. If any of the above practices are rejected by the order taker say, in your best pouty voice, "The last guy let me do it."

## Coconut Telegraph's Artist of the Month - Laura Dreaver



Award-winning restaurateur and wedding caterer extraordinaire Laura Dreaver originally put Key Largo on the map for great food years ago, and she has done it again recently for her signature, stress-free, breathtaking island weddings! Laura and her husband Ted own and operate the Key Largo Conch House Restaurant at 100211 Overseas Highway that has been featured on the Food Network, Travel Channel and the Discovery Channel. Their menu is a bit different from the normal local fare, as they are not afraid to innovate. The Conch House was among the first in town to introduce the invasive lion fish as a delicacy on the menu. The Key Largo Conch House is a locals' favorite

because everything is always fresh and delicious. Here are some reviews on Laura's Weddings...

"Laura and her family made our wedding brunch spectacular. Planning from 1800 miles away was a piece of cake, they are all so friendly and easy to work with. As for the food, it was most outstanding, it was hard to pick a favorite item as it was all delicious, but the mahi sliders rate pretty high in my book. I would surely send anyone of my friends to them for all their catering needs, or to just stop by the restaurant for a bite to eat."

"I could not be any happier we chose Key Largo Conch House for our caterer!! Laura and her team were nothing short of amazing! They came and checked out the area beforehand to get an idea of what setup we wanted so the wedding day was less stressful. Laura was always quick to respond and willing to help in whatever way she could. On top of that, the food was delicious. All of our guests were raving about it. Especially the cake. I couldn't think of one negative thing to say. They all helped to make our day perfect!"



"We want to send a big "Thank You" to everyone at The Key Largo Conch House. They are not just caterers, they are truly your own personal wedding planners and through this process have become friends. Laura, Justin and their staff treated our wedding as if we were their own family. They offer every service needed for a wedding, which makes it stress free, having only one vendor. From the gorgeous wedding to the beautiful brunch the next day, they were there to take care of any worry a bride and groom could have."

For more information visit their website [www.TheKeyLargoConchHouse.com](http://www.TheKeyLargoConchHouse.com) or <http://tinyurl.com/klxt9eb> or speak to Laura yourself at 305-453-4844.



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# Bob's Chippers: Cheer and Chocolate for Hospitalized Veterans

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Christie & Bob Thomas ask Bob Gintel for some Quality Assurance feedback!

Recently, Bob met Bob and Christy Thomas, proprietors of Key Largo Chocolates, and related what he had been doing. In the course of the conversation the idea of doing something similar for the local Miami Veteran Hospitals evolved. However, during the course of the discussion, a novel, new approach was adopted. Instead of having the gift financed by one or two large donors, it was decided to draw many more people into the process... showing that the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation is widespread and therefore more meaningful.

The Red Cross which previously had been responsible for distributing the boxes of Chippers once they reached the hospital, embraced the proposal and is now partnering with Key Largo Chocolates to help sell the idea and bring cheer and chocolate to our hospitalized military personnel.

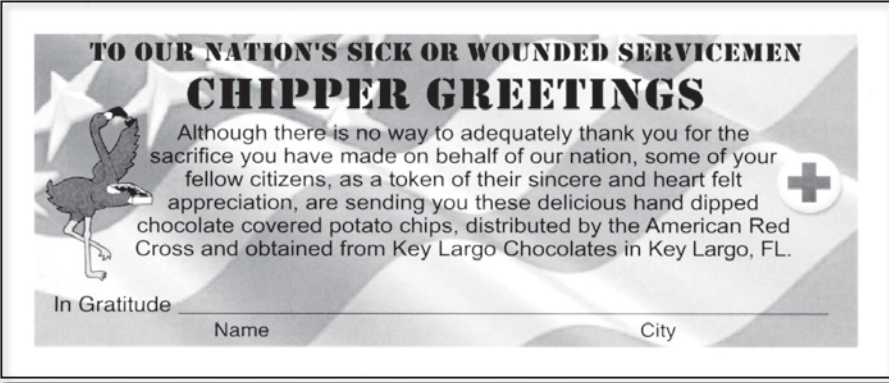
An entirely new Chipper Program was developed and prepared for execution. Now donors will be allowed to purchase one or more half-pound boxes of Bob's chocolate-covered potato chips at a

specially reduced price of \$8.50 per box and have them delivered in an individual carton with the donor's name inserted within, along with a Holiday Chipper Greeting card containing an expression of gratitude.

We believe this is an exceptionally nice way to let our hospitalized service men and women know their sacrifices are very much appreciated, and that they are neither forgotten, nor taken

for granted. Order now! We will then be able to make these unbelievably delicious hand dipped Chocolate Chippers in time to ship the donated boxes in November, reaching our hospitalized warriors during this forthcoming Holiday Season.

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# Hunk of the Month

**Capt. Spencer Slate**  
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With the recent mass stranding of dolphins on the East coast, Dolphin Cove and Dolphins Plus would like to remind us about the proper course of action to take if you see a marine mammal in distress, stuck on land or entangled in marine debris.

Anyone who finds a stranded or entangled marine mammal should keep themselves and their pets a safe distance away, should not touch, approach or attempt to push the animal back into the water, and should call the appropriate authorities immediately.

Only trained professionals are capable of assessing and responding to marine mammal strandings.

The National Marine Fisheries Service provides a list of hotlines for each region of the United States where citizens can report violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act along with marine mammal and sea turtle strandings, at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm). If you see a marine mammal in distress in Florida, you should call the FWC at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

## Circle of Love



### Brittney Baker

Just when 23-year-old Coral Shores graduate Brittney Baker's dream of becoming a dolphin trainer was about to come true, she had a tragic car accident.

Brittney has been in a coma in ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami for over 2 months. She is being treated for massive head injuries and multiple broken bones. As soon as she is stable enough she will need to have spinal surgery to repair a broken back. Brittney was tossed about in that car like a rag doll and her recovery is going to be a very long process, if she recovers at all.

The accident happened April 7th at MM 100. Most people would not have survived such a horrific accident but Brittney has youth and strength to her advantage and that is what has kept her alive and got her this far.

Brittney is the child of John and Jennifer Baker of Key Largo. Jennifer Baker is the manager of Dolphin Cove and her husband John is only employed part time. They are doing all they can

to ensure Brittney's survival, but the cost of daily hospital visits and medical expenses is astronomical.

Over the years the Baker family has been active in many community benefits and events - and now they need our help.

Visit Facebook "Britt's Battle" where you can donate money to help with Brittney's medical expenses, or give a donation for one of these Good Karma bracelets to be worn as a "constant reminder to keep the circle positive and loving."

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## Bartender of the Month: Capt. Cherie Kensky - Gilbert's Resort

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature Gilbert's Resort bartender Cherie Kensky as Bartender of the Month. Although Cherie is a part-time bartender (working Friday and Saturday nights), she came highly recommended to us because of her perpetually contagious, bubbly and light-hearted spirit, and steadfast dedication.

When Cherie is not hard at work at Gilbert's serving cocktails and food or raising money for various charities, she is in search of the perfect boat. You see, Cherie has a 50-ton Master Boat Captain's license and intends to spend her weekdays taking happy people fishing and snorkeling out on the beautiful waters surrounding these islands that we, the lucky ones, call home. But first she needs a good boat...

Captain Cherie invites everyone to stop in Gilbert's

on a Friday night to play "Roll the Dice for Charity." Cherie and Gilbert's have raised hundreds of dollars for several charities including The Wyland Foundation, Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Florida Keys Wild Bird Center, The Marine Mammal Conservancy, Island Dolphin Care, Marr-velous Pet Rescue, Burton Memorial Methodist Church Food Pantry, Upper Keys Humane Animal Coalition, Hospice, American Cancer Society and The Good Health Clinic.

Cherie was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee and has been a bartender at Gilbert's for 7 years. Captain Cherie proudly invites all of her friends to come up to Gilbert's and take a chance on the dice for a good cause, enjoy the finest entertainment in town and relax under the newly enlarged Tiki Bar. Stop in and congratulate Cherie, and while you are there... will someone please sell this woman a boat?



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- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices
- DVDs (age appropriate)
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# The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczeni

Sandi's recipes are featured monthly in the Coconut Telegraph. For previous issues go to <http://www.theconchtelegraph.com>.



September is here! This month brings an end to summer and some of the worst heat and humidity of the year.

September is a great month for fresh salads.

Visit your favorite store or produce stand for fresh salad greens. Add these dressings and enjoy!

## ANDREW'S BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

I obtained this this blue cheese dressing recipe at an inn in Vermont. It is so tasty!! But it's better prepared the day before.

- 8 ounces sour cream

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon finely minced garlic
- 2 ounces crumbled blue cheese

fresh ground pepper

minced chives or finely chopped green onion

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate.

## PARMESAN VINAIGRETTE

This recipe makes a really delicious vinegar dressing.

- 1/2 cup virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

1 minced garlic clove

3 drops Tabasco sauce

2/3 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese

Mix ingredients together and serve over romaine lettuce.

## HOMEMADE CROUTONS

- 3 cups cubed dry bread

1 1/2 teaspoon paprika

1 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

4 tablespoons olive oil

Mix the spices together in a small bowl. Heat the olive oil in a pan, add the bread and spices and saute on low heat until the bread cubes turn brown.

# Entertainers of the Month:

## The Bobbe Brown Experience

at Snook's Bayside



The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature "The Bobbe Brown Experience" as Entertainers of the Month.

Grammy-award-winning lead singer, songwriter and guitar artist Bobbe Brown has been in the Keys for over 25 years. He has five albums out, his latest is "Something Like That" and a previous album, "Under The Moonlight" made it to #1 in the Blues Chart Sub-Genre. Brown does a solo act for local venues and private parties around town but when he has a chance to work with other really great musicians, he puts together one hell of a band.

Jimmy McGuirl is not only a skilled drummer but a hairdresser extraordinaire at Waves by the Sea in Islamorada. McGuirl was Coconut Telegraph's Enter-

tainer of the Month in February of this year. Every Wednesday and Thursday he teaches percussion to 10- to 16-year-olds at the Montessori School in Tavernier.

Rick Rolfes plays bass guitar and is also a licensed Optician at Landsaw Eyecare in Tavernier. Both McGuirl and Rolfes played with The JK Project, who won the Coconut Telegraph's only (to date) Entertainers of the Year Award.

As of this printing, the band is dubbed "The Bobbe Brown Experience" because Ronnie, owner of the new Snook's Bayside, calls them that. If they come up with a different name you will read it here. Stop by Snook's Bayside on a Saturday night to hear the band, and we guarantee you will enjoy the whole experience!

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## JENNY CRAIG FOR MEN

I called the company and ordered their 5-day, 10 lb. weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before me a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck. She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company.

The sign reads, 'If you can catch me, you can have me.'

Without a second thought, I took off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, I finally gave up.

The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, I weighed myself and was delighted to find I lost 10 lbs. as promised.

I called the company and ordered their 5-day/20 pound program.

The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman I have ever seen in my life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign

around her neck that reads, 'If you catch me you can have me.'

Well, I'm out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and I do my best, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens and I'm gradually getting in better and better shape.

Much to my delight on the fifth day when I weigh myself, I discover that I have lost another 20 lbs. as promised. So I decide to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-day/50 pound program.

"Are you sure?" asks the representative on the phone. "This is our most rigorous program."

"Absolutely," I reply, "I haven't felt this good in years."

The next day there's a knock at the door; and when I open it I find a huge, muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, "If I catch you... you're mine."

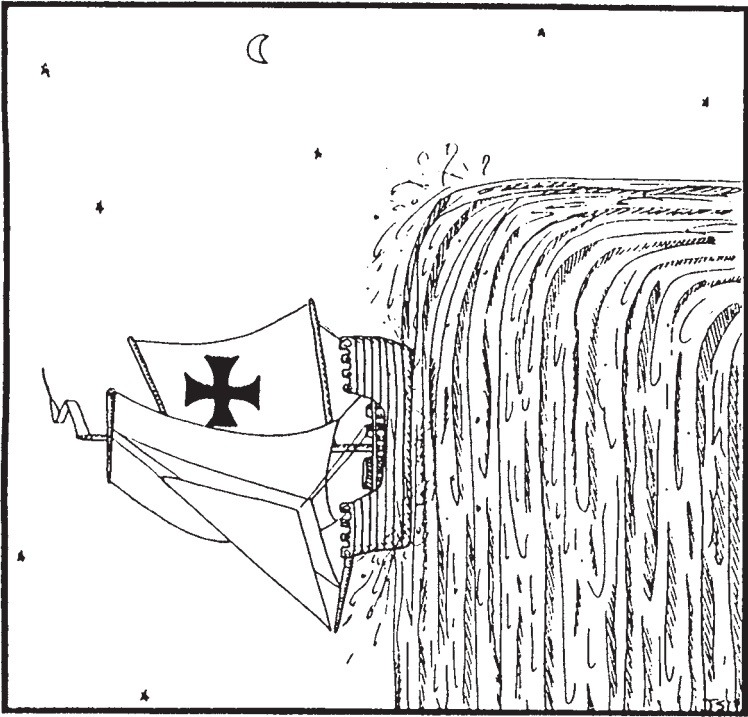
I lost 63 pounds that week.

Signed, Skinny Hugo

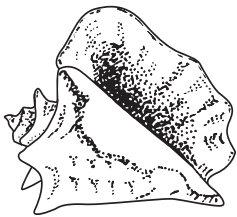


## Left Field

by J.S. McKinna



"Okay. So I was wrong..."



## My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

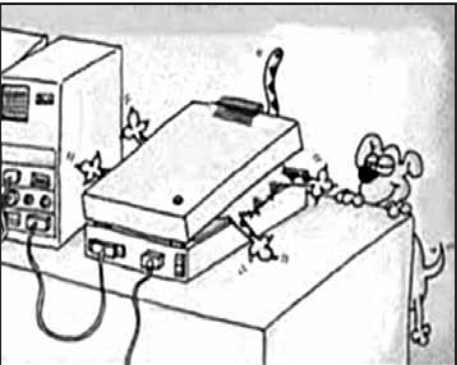
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CAT SCAN

## THE BLACK BRA

(as told by a married woman)

I had lunch with 2 of my unmarried friends. One is engaged, the other is a mistress, and I have been married for 20+ years.

We were chatting about our relationships and decided to amaze our men by greeting them at the door wearing a black bra, stiletto heels and a mask over our eyes. We agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes.

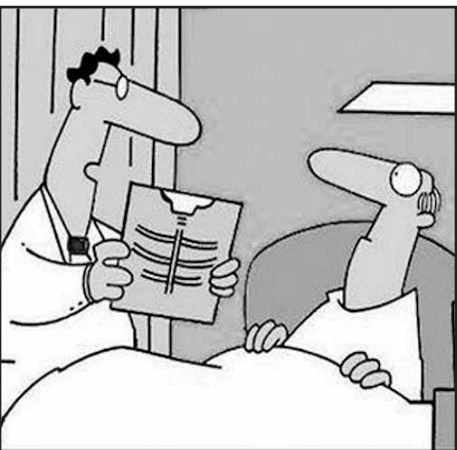
Here's how it all went.

My engaged friend : The other night when my boyfriend came over he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos and a mask. He saw me and said, 'You are the woman of my dreams.. I love you..' Then we made passionate love all night long.

The mistress : Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office and I was wearing a raincoat, under it only the black bra, heels and mask over my eyes.. When I opened the raincoat he didn't say a word, but he started to tremble and we had wild sex all night.

Then I had to share my story: When my husband came home I was wearing the black bra, black stockings, stilettos and a mask over my eyes. When he came in the door and saw me he said,

'What's for dinner, Batman?'



"Your x-ray showed a broken rib, but we fixed it with Photoshop."



## PSYCHIATRISTS VS. BARTENDERS

Ever since i was a child, i've always had a fear of someone hiding under my bed at night. So i went to a shrink and told him:

'I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.'

'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the shrink. 'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears.'

'How much do you charge?'

'Eighty dollars per visit,' replied the doctor.

'I'll sleep on it,' I said.

Six months later I ran into the doctor on the street. 'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked.

'Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup!'

'Is that so!' With a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did a bartender manage to cure you?'

'He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't nobody under there now!'

Forget the shrink! Have a drink and talk to a bartender!

## Hidden Treasure

### Finding Another Vantage Point

Seeing the world from another perspective can introduce you to all sorts of hidden treasures.

The ocean can look very different, depending on whether you are standing at the shore, soaring above in a plane, or swimming beneath its waves. Likewise, a mountain can look very different relative to where you are standing. Each living thing sees the world from its unique vantage point.

While from your window you may be seeing what looks like a huge shrub, a bird in its nest is getting an intimate view of that tree's leafy interior. Meanwhile, a beetle sees only a massive and never-ending tree trunk. Yet all three of you are looking at the same tree.

Just as a shadow that is concealed from one point of view is easily seen from another, it is possible to miss a fantastic view. That is, unless you are willing to see what's in front of you through different eyes. Seeing the world from another perspective, whether spatially or mentally, can introduce you to all sorts of hidden treasures. The root of the discovery process often lies in finding another way of

looking at the world. The common human reaction to insects is one example. Spinning its web in a dark corner, a spider may seem drab, frightening, and mysterious. But seen up close weaving silver snowflakes between the branches of a tree, they can look like colored jewels.

Sometimes, there are experiences in life that from your vantage point may seem confusing, alarming, or worrisome. Or there may be events that look insignificant from where you are standing right now. Try seeing them from another point of view. Bury your face in the grass and look at the world from a bug's vantage point. Explore your home as if you were a small child. Take a ride in a small aircraft and experience the world from a bird's eye view. Just as kneeling down sometimes helps you see more closely when you are looking for lost treasure, so can standing back help you appreciate the broader picture of what you are looking at. In doing so, you'll experience very different worlds.



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