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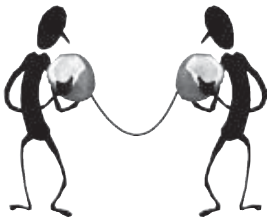
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Editorial: “Professional not Political” vs Proven Professionalism

“Professional not political” was Catherine Vogel’s slogan in the 2012 election where she defeated Dennis Ward. Vogel has remained true to her words in the last 4 years, she is ALWAYS professional, not so for Ward (even though he has stolen Vogel’s slogan for his campaign against her this year).

It seems that every time I pick up another newspaper there is Ward, bashing Vogel, when he does not even have the access to her cases to warrant a comment on them. Her comments are always professional, direct and to the point, yet Ward continues his grandstanding and playing to the press.

What you don’t know is that Ward was overheard walking up to a female Vogel supporter (a grandmother!) during the 4th of July parade and saying “Blow me!” to her. I wouldn’t call that professional, would you?

Ward is just a big bully. That is probably why when he was State Attorney his turn-over rate for employees was a whopping 35%, the highest rate in the state of Florida. Vogel’s is 0%. Catherine Vogel has 30 years experience as a prosecutor Ward has only 4.

His inexperience is probably why Vogel’s office had to eliminate the huge backlog of DUI cases left by Ward.

One thing that is ironic about Ward: he was a former

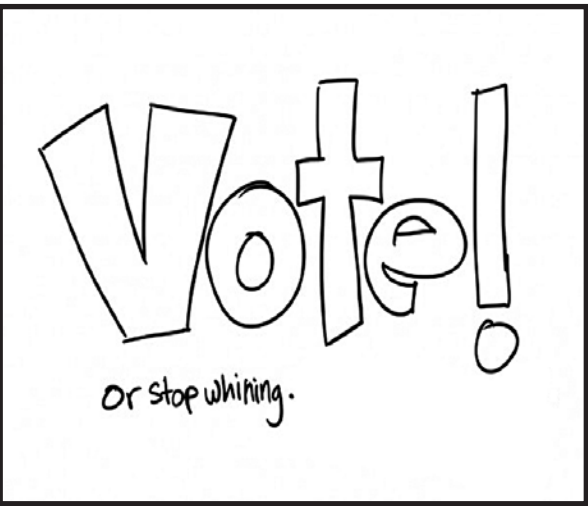
Miami Beach police patrol officer who was never promoted off the streets, He lost a gun during his term as State Attorney and filed a police report on it as stolen. The gun was found in Ward’s desk at the State Attorney’s office 2 years later, after he had left office! How’s that for accountability? Ward is a loose cannon.

Thank you Catherine Vogel, for doing an outstanding job! More juicy info in next month’s Coconut Telegraph.

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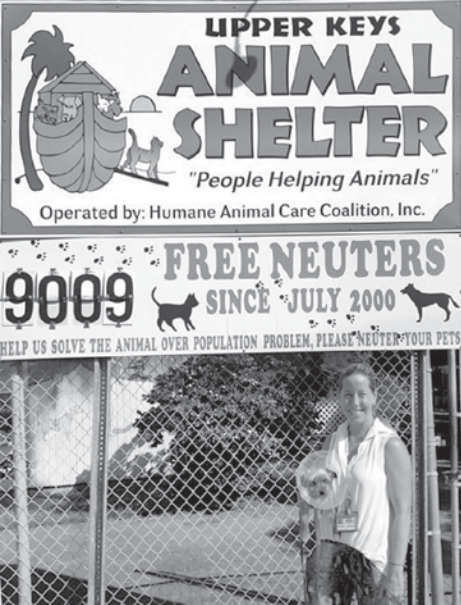
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Animal Shelter Passes 9,000 Free Spays/Neuters

By Marsha Garrettson, Director Upper Keys Animal Shelter



Lissette Castillo and her dog “Max,” the 9,000th free spay.

The Upper Keys Animal Shelter at mile marker 106, Key Largo, operated by Humane Animal Care Coalition, has provided 9,000 free spays/neuters of community-owned animals at their clinic as of August 23, 2016.

The Animal Shelter opened the clinic on July 27, 2000 to provide free spays and neuters to all the citizens living in their service area. The clinic is operated using private funds. They are happy to report the success of providing this continuous free service, which has resulted in the reduction of the number of dogs and cats coming to the

shelter. The data shows that just after 5 years of providing this service, the animal intakes were reduced by about 50%. Today they continue to see this reduction after 16 years of providing free spays; for example, last year the total dogs and cats intake was 752, compared to the intake of 1,642 dogs and cats that came to the shelter in 2001.

Public Animal Shelters exist to take in all unwanted and unadoptable animals, including the sick, injured and dangerous ones. It is unthinkable to turn these animals away to be abandoned in the community. Animal experts agree this is a community problem that can only be solved by responsible pet ownership and spaying and neutering your family pets.

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The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Barbara Edgar at 305-393-0940.

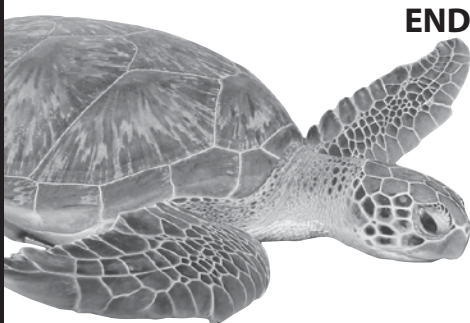
**Sons of American Legion/Cougar Cafe**  
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The Sons of the Legion hosted a free steak dinner for all local police and their families in August, to show appreciation for their service.



Above:  
Monroe County Sheriff’s Sergeant Jason Madnick, Cindi Taylor of the American Legion’s Cougar Cafe and officer Deanna Torres.

Below and Left:  
Officers enjoy the meal.



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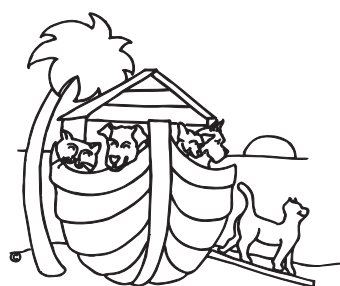
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# Don Moffett - 82nd Airborne Division, 5th Degree Black Belt...

The first question we locals hear from newcomers and visitors is "How long have you lived in the Keys" and the second is "What brought you here?" For Key Largo resident Don Moffett the first answer is simple, 28 years, the second answer is intriguing.

Moffett is originally from New York City. He joined the Army and was stationed in Ft. Brag in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army Paratroopers from 1951 to 1954. During that time, this fearless guy jumped out of an airplane 13 times. After the service he went back to work as an iron worker. Climbing planks of hot metal and dangling from sky scrapers for 35 years is no big deal when you aren't afraid of heights, right?

During that time he met his good friend, Joe Hess, the former heavy weight full contact Karate champion. Don took Karate lessons from him, earning his 5th degree black belt. At that time Joe Hess owned a piece of paradise in Key Largo and Don and his family visited him here.

Soon Don and his friends retired and all started moving down here.

Moffett had joined the South Florida Chapter of the 82nd Airborne and about 15 years ago brought the chapter to march in the Key Largo 4th of July parade. They have done it every year since. Originally there were 15 paratroopers marching for us, but now they are down to just 5, with Moffett driving the truck. Since he had an operation on his ankle he can no longer march.

Don raised 3 children, 2 adopted sons and a beautiful biological daughter. He has been married to his lovely wife Phyllis for 32 years. Over the years he has appeared in movies with his friend Joe Hess who, by the way, got his ass kicked by Kevin Kostner in the movie "The Bodyguard!"

When Moffett was in his late 20s he discovered that he and drinking alcohol did not mix, he says, "much like Mentos and Diet Coke cause an eruption similar to Mt. Vesuvius." Don joined Alcoholics Anonymous and has been sober for 52 years. Over the years he sponsored many people in AA, one of which was Dion DiMucci, a famous singer song writer known as Dion and the Belmonts who has been sober 43 years. Moffett sends Dion a medallion each year to celebrate his AA birthday. He continues to sponsor people who need help.

Moffett designed the 82nd Airborne's license plate. The proceeds go to the state homes for Veterans Trust Fund, a measure that was sponsored by the late, great former Rep. Ken Sorensen in 2003.

Moffett is 82 now and in very good shape for his age. We thank him for his service to our country and his continuing support of our community.




Don Moffit, a Leo, resting at home in Key Largo.



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The Good Health Clinic is open Monday through Friday 9am-4:30pm. Eligibility guidelines and applications for service may be found at the clinic or online at [www.thegoodhealthclinic.org](http://www.thegoodhealthclinic.org). The Clinic's major fundraiser, the Big Kahuna Contest and Luau, will be held in February 2017. If you have questions about our services, contact Kate Banick at 305-853-1788.




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# The Poohpocalypse. It's for Real!

So, last week, something pretty tragic happened in our household. It's taken me until now to wrap my head around it and find the words to describe the horror. It started off simple enough - something that's probably happened to most of you.

Sometime between midnight and 1:30am, our puppy Evie poohed on our rug in the living room. This is the only time she's done this; it's probably because we forgot to let her out before we went to bed that night. Now, if you have a detective's mind, you may be wondering how we know the accident occurred between midnight and 1:30am. We were asleep, so how do I know that time frame?

Well, friends, that's because our Roomba runs at 1:30am every night, while we sleep. And it found the poop. And so begins the Pooptastrophe. The poohpocalypse. The pooppening.

If you have a Roomba, please rid yourself of all distractions and absorb everything I'm about to tell you.

Do not, under any circumstances, let your Roomba run over dog poop. If the unthinkable does happen, stop it immediately and do not let it continue the cleaning cycle. Because if it does, it will spread the dog mess over every conceivable surface within its reach, resulting in a home that closely resembles a Jackson Pollock poop painting.



It will be on your floorboards. It will be on your furniture legs. It will be on your carpets. It will be on your rugs. It will be on your kids' toy boxes. If it's near the floor, it will have poop on it. Those awesome wheels, which have a checkered surface for better traction, left 25-foot brown trails all over the house. Our lovable Roomba, who gets a careful cleaning every night, looked like it had been mudding. Yes, mudding - like what you do with a Jeep on a pipeline road. But in poop.

Then, when your four-year-old gets up at 3am to crawl into your bed, you'll wonder why he smells like dog poop. And you'll walk into the living room. And you'll wonder why the floor feels slightly gritty. And you'll see a brown-encrusted, vaguely Roomba-shaped thing sitting in the middle of the floor with a glowing green light, like everything's okay. Like it's proud of itself. You were still half-asleep until this point, but now you wake up pretty damn quickly.

And then the horror. Oh the horror!

So, first you clean the child. You scrub the poop off his feet and put him back in bed. But you don't bother cleaning your own feet, because you know what's coming. It's inevitable, and it's coming at you like a freight train. Some folks would shrug their shoulders and get back in bed to deal with it in the morning. But you're not one of those people - you can't go to sleep with that war zone of poop in the living room.

So you clean the Roomba. You toss it in the bathtub to let it soak. You pull it apart,

piece-by-piece, wondering at what point you became an adult and assumed responsibility for 3:30am-Roomba-disassembly-poop-cleanups. By this point, it isn't just on your hands - it's smeared up to your elbows. You already heard the Roomba make that "whirllllllllllllll-boop-hisssssssss" noise that sounds like electronics dying, and you realize you forgot to pull the battery before getting it wet. More on that later.

Oh, and you're not just using profanity - you're inventing new types of profanity. You're saying things that would make Satan shudder in revulsion. You hope your kid stayed in bed, because if he hears you talking like this, there's no way he's not ending up in prison.

Then you get out the carpet shampooer. When you push it up to the rug - the rug that started it all - the shampooer just laughs at you. Because that rug is going in the trash, folks. But you shampoo it anyway, because your wife loves that damn rug, and you know she'll ask if you tried to clean it first.

Then you get out the paper towel rolls, idly wondering if you should invest in paper towel stock, and you blow through three or four rolls wiping up poop. Then you get the spray bottle with bleach water and hose down the floor boards to let them soak, because the poop has already dried. Then out comes the steam mop, and you take care of those 25-ft. poop trails.

And then, because it's 6am, you go to bed. Let's finish this tomorrow, right?

The next day, you finish taking the Roomba apart, scraping out all the tiny flecks



of poop, and after watching a few YouTube instructional videos, you remove the motherboard to wash it with a toothbrush. Then you bake it in the oven to dry. You put it all back together, and of course it doesn't work. Because you heard the "whirllllllllllllll-boop-hisssssssss" noise when it died its watery death in the bathtub. But you hoped that maybe the Roomba gods would have mercy on you.

But there's a light at the end of the tunnel. After spending a week researching how to fix this damn \$400 Roomba without spending \$400 again - including refurb units, new motherboards, and new batteries - you finally decide to call the place where you bought it. That place called Hammacher Schlemmer. They have a funny name, but they have an awesome warranty. They claim it's for life, and it's for any reason.

So I called them and told the truth. My Roomba found dog poop and almost precipitated World War III.

And you know what they did? They offered to replace it. Yes, folks. They are replacing the Roomba that ran over dog poop and then died a poopy, watery death in the bathtub - by no fault of their own, of course.

So, mad props to Hammacher Schlemmer. If you're buying anything expensive, and they sell it, I recommend buying it from them. And remember - don't let the poopocalypse happen to you!

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# Winn Dixie Makes Record Donation to Hope For The Warriors



For the second consecutive year, a combination of customer and vendor donations and all profits earned at Winn-Dixie and its sister grocery stores on Independence Day will be donated in support of veterans, service members and their families.

Southeastern grocers presented a check for \$2,022,843.45 to Hope For The Warriors.

This year's campaign represents the single largest donation the organization has received since it was founded in 2006 and will help serve well over 2,000 service members and their families.

Ian McLeod, CEO and president of Southeastern Grocers, said, "Thank you to our customers, our associates and our business partners for supporting us in our fundraising efforts for this worthy cause. We are delighted to be able to showcase our ongoing commitment to our nation's servicemen and women, and those who support them when they return home."

One hundred percent of the funds raised will help the organization provide comprehensive support programs focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community

resources for those actively serving in the military, veterans, military families and caregivers throughout the country. Customers, associates and vendors also showed their support for the cause by honoring a veteran or service member with a personal note displayed in-store on the Wall of Honor, which began on June 22, or by posting a dedication on the web at [facebook.com/allforhonor](http://facebook.com/allforhonor).

About Hope For The Warriors: Founded in 2006, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a sense of self, family and hope for post 9/11 veterans, service members and military families. Since its inception, Hope For The Warriors has served approximately 10,000 through a variety of support programs focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement and connections to community resources. The nonprofit's first program, A Warrior's Wish, has granted 151 wishes to fulfill a desire for a better quality of life or support a quest for gratifying endeavors. In addition, Run For The Warriors has captured the hearts of more than 22,000 since 2010. For more information, visit [www.hopeforthewarriors.org](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org)



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- Middle Keys:** Includes Marathon, Pigeon Key, Vaca Key, Duck Key, and others.
- Upper Keys:** Includes Key Largo, Key Boreau, and others.

Major landmarks and features shown on the map include:

- Water Bodies:** Gulf of Mexico to the west, Atlantic Ocean to the east, and Florida Bay in the center.
- Islands and Keys:** Key West, Big Pine Key, Marathon, Key Largo, and many others.
- Parks and Sanctuaries:** John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Key Largo National Marine Sanctuary, and others.
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The Mangrove Galley  
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Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly.  
For previous issues go to <http://www.theconchtelegraph.com>.



Crepes, what a delicious recipe to prepare! Savory or sweet, the varieties of how they can be served are numerous. Prepared as a main course, they can be filled with meat, seafood, or cheese. My favorite way to present a crepe is as a dessert. A dessert crepe can be filled with fruit, ice cream, or something as simple as Nutella.

CREPES

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons melted unsalted butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Droppings vegetable oil

Mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Beat until smooth.

*The trick to preparing crepes is temperature and technique. Place an 8" sauté pan on your stove top with the temperature at medium to medium high. Lightly coat the pan with a small pat of butter or a little vegetable oil. Pour in ¼ cup of the batter and rotate the pan until the batter is round and uniform in thickness. Place back on the stove top and cook until the edges began to curl, carefully flip the crepe to lightly brown on the opposite side. Separate each crepe with wax paper until it is time to fill them. Often the first or even second crepe might not be perfect, but they are a tasty treat for the chef while making the remaining crepes. Enjoy!*

19th Annual Free Keys Kids Fishing Derby



The 19th Annual Keys Kids Fishing Derby will be held Sunday September 25th at the Lorelei for anglers ages 10 and under. There is no charge to enter but anglers must be Monroe County residents. There are three fishing divisions: Shoreline, Backcountry and Offshore and awards for three age divisions, 4 and under, 5-7 and 8-10. There are lots of prizes with winners in all divisions! Sign up early as the first 100 registered anglers are guaranteed ditty bags. Sign up at

Tackle Center of Islamorada, Caribee Boat Sales, at the Lorelei in person or on line, or you can find the application on Facebook "Keys Kids Fishing Derby" To donate to help defray costs, please make checks to the Islamorada Charter Boat Association a 501-c-3 organization and mail to P.O. Box 462, Islamorada, FL 33036. To donate items, or for more information call Dianne Harbaugh 305-522-4868 or stop and see her at Caribee Boat Sales in Islamorada.

"THE SOUND OF PEACE"

Keys to Peace is a non-profit organization with a mission to create a more compassionate, peaceable, and sustainable community through education, affiliation, and innovation. With recent headlines highlighting the amount of negativity and hate in our world, we feel it is imperative to recognize and encourage the power of kindness.

We have many on-going projects throughout the community aimed at spreading kindness and promoting compassion. Our projects include: establishing and maintaining peace parks, teaching and sponsoring an antibullying program for children, providing free laundry service to those in need, sponsoring educational guest speakers, hosting an annual group of Tibetan Monks, weekly drum circles, cleaning a portion of our highway, and assisting other non-profits which align with our mission statement.

We have been able to provide these services primarily through the sales and raffles of our Peace Bells. These bells are created from recycled scuba tanks and feature original works of art donated by Florida Keys artists.

All of our bells are made from steel dive tanks because they have the best sound, and each bell is specially crafted by local volunteers, with most tanks being donated from surrounding dive shops. First, the bells are cut, and then they are sandblasted, painted and

clearcoated. To see and hear one of these bells in person, please visit one of our "Peace Bell Keepers" and Compassionate Business Partners at Encore Restaurant, Bitton Bistro, Burton Memorial Methodist Church, the Francis Tracy Garden Center, Island Dolphin Care, Scuba Tech or the Island Hammock Pet Hospital.

We currently have one bell for sale and one that is being raffled. The "Silver Flyer" was painted by Katie McCosh and Jonny Bartek who recently moved to the Florida Keys. This bell will be displayed outside of

Island Hammock Pet Hospital at Mile Marker 98 and can be purchased by visiting our website.

The "Practice Random Kindness" bell by Wayne Scaturro is currently being raffled and is on display at Scuba Tech (MM 99.) Tickets are \$10 for one or three for \$25 and can be purchased at Scuba Tech. All

sales of the bells will be used to help us continue our quest of spreading peace and compassion throughout our community.

We have many ideas for innovative programs and events that can only be accomplished with the help from our fellow citizens. Please support us by becoming a new member and/or volunteer.

For more information about the bells and to learn more about how you can help us on our mission, please visit [keystopeace.com](http://keystopeace.com). If you would like to purchase a bell, please email [info@keystopeace.com](mailto:info@keystopeace.com)

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"Practice Random Kindness" by Wayne Scaturro



"Silver Flyer" by Katie McCosh and Jonny Bartek

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The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's Upper Keys Homelessness Prevention Program is currently providing coordinated social service assistance (basic needs services, outreach, and homeless prevention services) to Upper Keys residents (individuals and families) who are currently homeless and/or at risk of losing housing.

**Services Offered:**

**BASIC NEEDS SERVICES:** FL State ID's, drivers' licenses, and birth certificates, transportation assistance for work-related activities, family reunification assistance, prescription assistance, medical and dental co-pays, treatment and diagnostic testing, and clothing.

**OUTREACH/MAINSTREAM RESOURCES:** On-going outreach efforts assisting with Food Stamp (SNAP) applications, SSI/SSDI applications, assistance accessing to ACA, Medicare/Medicaid assistance and financial, housing and employment counseling.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES:** Temporary rental and mortgage payment assistance and assistance to those living on boats to ensure habitability standards are obtained or maintained to remain housed. Call for availability.

**Eligibility:**

If you would like us to assess your needs for eligibility, please call our Upper Keys Office at 305-916-5454 (Monday-Friday; 9am-5pm) and we would be happy to schedule an appointment to meet with you. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation to show need.

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***Our Mission*** is to provide homeless individuals and families with the resources and opportunities by which to attain residential, financial and personal stability and self-sufficiency. The FKOC further seeks to address the underlying causes of homelessness and work toward its elimination in Monroe County, Florida.

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## Featured Artist of the Month: Cinnamon Edgar

Cinnamon Edgar was born here in the Florida Keys. She loves to paint and photograph local scenes focusing on the Florida Keys' natural beauty. She is a true Florida Keys native and has lived in Islamorada her entire life. She has been fortunate to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Keys every day, and enjoys sharing this through her art-work and photography.

She attended Island Christian School the first year the school opened, and continued for several years.

She then attended the Marian Center School and developed her love for painting and photography. The nuns would always ask her to design cards for special events for the school. Her cards were then printed and used as invitations. From the time she was small, her work had to be perfect or she would start over. She made cards for everyone she knew for birthdays, anniversaries, get well or just to keep in touch. She knows several hundred birthdays and anniversary from memory. She was encouraged by those to whom she had sent cards over the years to start a business. She graduated from the Marian Center and attended the workshop program for several more years before deciding to quit school and get a real job, as she put it. After several months of thinking about what she wanted to do she said, "Start my own business selling notecards."

She started her business twelve years ago selling scenic note cards, photographs and watercolors which are beautifully reproduced, starting with one of the local businesses (which is no longer here). A week later they needed more of her cards, and then more, so she started to expand her business and formed Cinnamon's Florida Keys Art. She has sold them in many of the local stores and art shows.

Cinnamon has won several fishing tournaments including the Miami Metropolitan South Florida Fishing Tournament, winning Jr. Master Angler two years in a row. She won first place in the Junior Sailfish Tournament, and placed in



several more. She has traveled much of the US, the Bahamas and many countries overseas. Her favorite music is classical and oldies. Cinnamon lives at the oceanfront home of her grandparents, the late Irving Eyster who was our Keys historian and wife Jeane Eyster who still resides there. She takes countless pictures from there, many of which she uses for her cards and others for her paintings.

Cinnamon has been featured in Florida Monthly Magazine, The Miami Herald, The Free Press, Channel 4 News, Channel 2 Art Loft, and countless other media. One of



Cinnamon and her stepfather David Purdo at Worldwide Sportsman.

her photos graced the cover of the 2008 Florida Keys Yellow Pages. She has donated her work for many fundraisers. Cinnamon now has over seventy retail accounts throughout the Keys which she services regularly. She is well known and has a large following from the art shows and many events she participates in, and through her web-site and email list, which is huge. She never misses an opportunity to help someone or make a new friend. She does her own QuickBooks, deposits and bookkeeping, along with handling her phone calls to clients.

She hopes to expand her artwork throughout the United States. See her work at [CinnamonsFloridaKeysArt.com](http://CinnamonsFloridaKeysArt.com)

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"If you don't mind my asking," he said, "what do you use it for?"

"We use it when we have sex," she said.

The researcher was a little taken aback. "Usually people lie to me and say they use it on a child's bicycle chain or to help with a gate hinge. But, in fact, I know that most people do use it for sex. I admire you for your honesty. Since you've been so frank so far, can you tell me exactly HOW you use it for sex?"

The woman said, "I don't mind telling you at all. My husband and I put it on the doorknob and it keeps the kids out."

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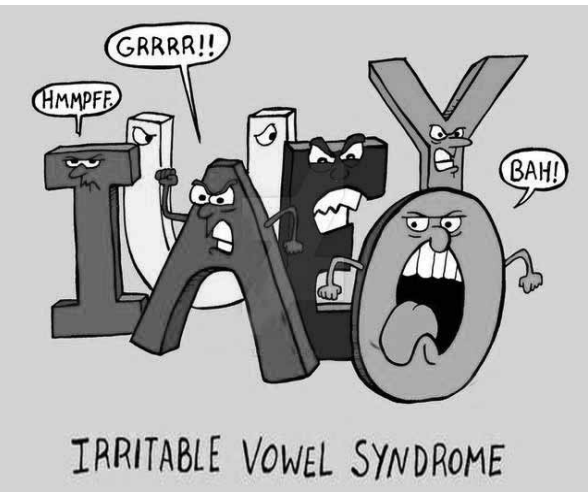
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"Go away!" said the old lady. "I'm not interested and I haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

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"Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her entrance carpet.

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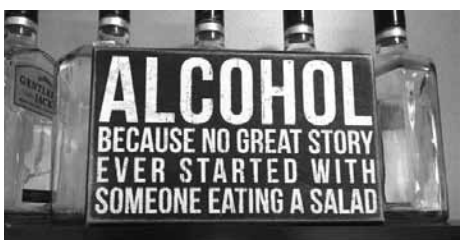
He said, calmly, "Ma'am, if this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, I will personally eat whatever is left."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well, sonny, let me go get you a fork. They cut off my electricity this morning."

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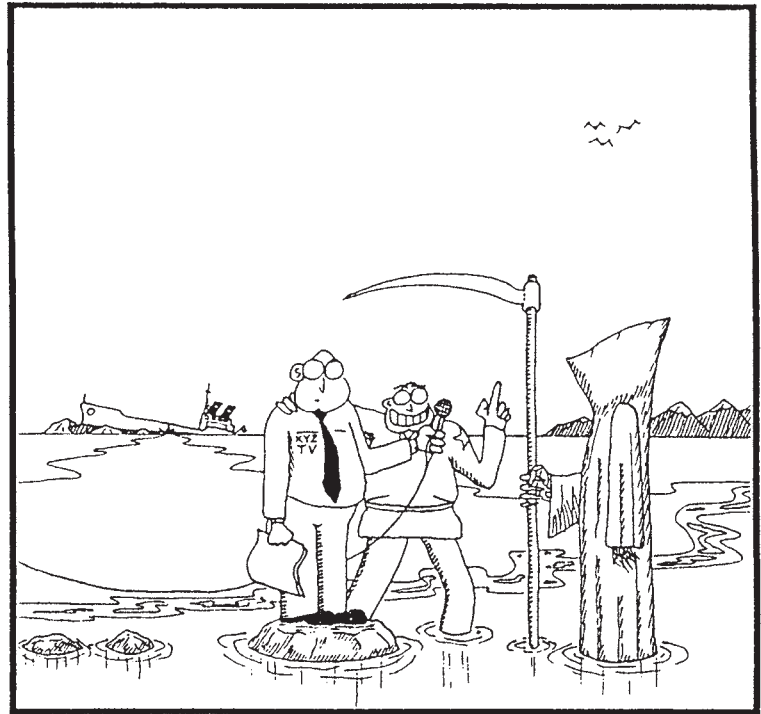
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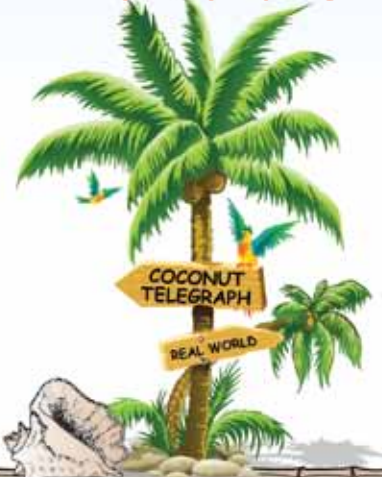
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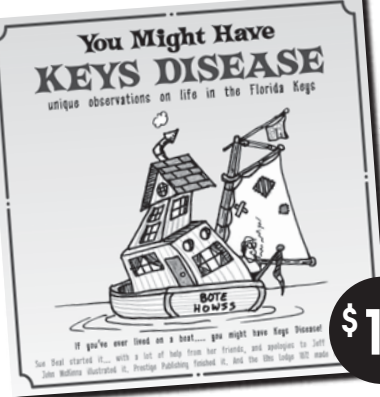
Or, do we pay a Pecker Checker by the number of peckers checked by each Pecker Checker?

How many peckers can a Pecker Checker check, if a Pecker Checker could check peckers?

What has this country come to, when the U.S. Department of Labor has to create a new government job description of Politically Correct Restroom Service Inspectors?

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## Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

### HURRICANES!!!

That was the one word everybody would throw at me when I was planning my escape from the desert. Now that I am in my tenth year here I can talk a bit about them and what goes on in our minds about the hurricane season, which runs from June 1st thru November.

Summertime here is a challenge: the mosquitos, the humidity, the summer storms. Three times in ten years of living on my She Breeze, I have had to take her off this floating dock due to a category one or two hurricane coming our way. She would be in more danger if I left her on this dock, as any wind above 30 knots would probably tear this aging dock apart.

The thunderstorms alone here are very frightening, I am not a praying woman but many a stormy night has me praying to the universe to please spare my boat from the ravages of the winds and the lightning. Being the tallest rig in the marina is not comforting; a lightning strike can to hit a mast, go to ground and on its way take out all the expensive electronics, and then proceed to leave the boat via the brass through the hulls. So I don't get much sleep on stormy nights.

One of those extremely windy and stormy nights I felt a very violent tug on the dock, and my She Breeze started

moving around more than usual. My boat is at the end of the T-dock, which means if it goes, the whole dang dock will end up in the rocks at the back of the lagoon, and that is exactly what was happening!

I have never moved so fast from one end of the boat to the other; somehow I got up on deck and started up her diesel engine. To this day I have no memory of opening up the main seacock (which supplies the water to cool the engine). She started up like she knew what her fate would be if this plan didn't work. I put her in gear, it was working, and we were holding the dock in place.

At this time Sea Tow Mike and his family were living on the dock in a small houseboat, and he saw what was happening. Between the two of us we managed to get a line to the broken one and reattach it, tragedy averted. Believe me, that was one of those nights I said to myself, what the hell was I doing living this crazy life?

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