

# The Conch Republic COCONUT TELEGRAPH

**FREE**  
Lodging • Shopping  
Dining • Entertainment



THE COCONUT TELEGRAPH IS PROUD TO BE THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE NORTHERNMOST TERRITORIES OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC

101425 Overseas Hwy. • PMB #628 • Key Largo, FL 33037 • 305-304-2837 • [www.theconchtelegraph.com](http://www.theconchtelegraph.com) • March 2017

## Inside:

### Attractions

Artist of the Month: Tim Borski

Hunk of the Month: Bill Wissinger

### What's Hot & What's Not

The Evil Eye

### Maps

Key Largo Locator Map Page

Getting from Here to There

### All the Buzz

Coco-Nut Funnies

Conch Characters

Sounds of the Keys

Business in the Keys

Mangrove Galley

## ELKS PIG ROAST PARTY



3 pm  
**Saturday, March 11**



Coach Jimmy Johnson shows off his catch! Brought to you by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida, the 6th Annual Jimmy Johnson's "Quest for the Ring" Championship Fishing Week will take over Key Largo, Florida March 8-11, 2017. The four-day event features its annual tournament schedule including the 1-Day Celebrity Pro Am, 2-Day Billfish Championship and 1-Day Sportfish Championship, hosted by Contender Boats and Garmin. It is with much excitement that in partnership with the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the 2-Day National Billfish Championship, which is the largest tournament of the week, will have a guaranteed purse of \$1 million, making 2017 the largest guaranteed tournament purse in sportfishing history.

The history-making National Billfish Championship general entry is \$2,500 or \$5,000 with optional entries across the board at \$35,000 to fish for \$1,000,000. The Sportfish Championship starts at \$395 with additional optional entries.

# BLUESFEST

Highlights

ON THE BEACH • MM 99.5 BAYSIDE  
KEY LARGO • 305-451-3380

**Live Music • Happy Hour • Sunset**

World class entertainers, in Key Largo on the beach.  
It doesn't get any better than this!



**Great  
Beachfront  
Entertainment...  
Don't Miss!**

## Studebaker John & the Hawks

**Saturday, March 11**

Old-school rockin' blues  
from Chicago's west side!

## Albert Castigila

**Saturday, March 18**

Song of the Year Award:  
Bad Year Blues!



Check the calendar at [keylargo-baysidegrill.com](http://keylargo-baysidegrill.com) for all of our live music on the beach.



Coconut Telegraph

March 2017

Volume 11 Issue #121

Prestige Publishing, Inc

101425 Overseas Highway

PMB #628

Key Largo, FL 33037

Deadline

for the

Coconut Telegraph's

next issue is

Friday,

March 24, 2017

Contact Denise at

305-304-2837

theconchtelegraph@gmail.com



Cast of Characters:

Editor/Sales/Distribution

Denise Malefyt

305-304-2837

theconchtelegraph@gmail.com

Advertising Production

Sue Beal

305-451-4601

beal\_s@bellsouth.net

Notice: We do not mail out the Coconut Telegraph and we do not sell subscriptions.

It is available for free online at www.theconchtelegraph.com.

For comments please visit The Conch Telegraph on Facebook.

Articles

Editorial: How to Find Us, and Elks Pig Roast/Luau March 11 .....	2
Insurance Hack.....	4
The Evil Eye .....	7
Sounds of the Keys.....	9
Dolphin Hoedown on April 8 .....	9
Hunk of the Month: Bill Wissinger.....	9
Adopt An Animal, Key Largo Shelter .....	10
A Blast from the Past.....	11
Free Lobster Decoys .....	11
Getting from Here to There - Keys Map Page.....	12-13
How to Give a Cat a Pill.....	14
Artist of the Month: Tim Borski.....	15
Mangrove Galley: Boxyt on the Griddle .....	16
Coco "Nut" Funnies.....	18-19
Classified Ads.....	19
Key Largo Locator Map Page .....	20
Conch Characters.....	21
Business in the Keys .....	22
Daily OM: Checks and Balances .....	23
Stop Annoying Cellphone Users! .....	23

Editorial: Where to Find Us? Come to the Elks on March 11th!

We have been getting calls that our readers are dismayed over not being able to pick up the Coconut Telegraph in Publix. The racks that housed the publications were owned by Dominion Distributing and we paid them a fee to allow us space there. Dominion sent out a letter that they would be "pulling out of the South Florida market" and they removed their racks soon after. As of now Publix has no plans to use another service so until something changes you can find the Coconut Telegraph next to Publix at First State Bank, The Mindful Mermaid Cafe and the UPS Store as well as our advertiser's locations. I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Key


Largo Moose. The place is sparkling clean and it was great to see old friends. They are still working on making improvements and help is needed. Stop in and

check it out. March 11 there will be a Luau/Pig Roast to benefit the Musicians Relief Fund at the Tavernier Elks Lodge. Beginning at 3:00 there will be live

music by Sweetwater and friends, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction. We are still in need of auction items and help. We set up this fund because musicians and entertainers are self-employed without health insurance and unable to collect unemployment if they get hurt or sick. We want to help them get back on their feet. There will also be a book signing of "You might have Keys Disease" written by Sue Beal and illustrated by the late John McKinna. 100% of proceeds from the book and the event go to the Musician's Relief Fund through the Elks Lodge. Please come join us in the air conditioned comfort of their beautiful sunset lounge on the bay. It is for a great cause.

You Might Have KEYS DISEASE

unique observations on life in the Florida Keys



Book sales benefit the Musician's Relief Fund in the Upper Keys

\$10

Gilberts Resort funded the printing of the first edition, so all proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

Books are on sale at:

These locations also accept donations, or you can send a check to the Musicians Relief Fund, B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255

Centennial Bank, Key Largo 100280 Overseas Hwy

Centennial Bank, Islamorada 81541 Old Highway

BPOE Elks Lodge, Tavernier 92600 Overseas Hwy

Jules Underseas Lodge, Key Largo MM 103.2, 51 Shoreland Drive

Disclaimer

The Coconut Telegraph © 2006-2017 is published monthly by Prestige Publishing, INC. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without written consent of the publisher. The Coconut Telegraph welcomes written articles, photos, and artwork of local interest to be used and/or edited at the discretion of the publisher. The Coconut

Telegraph assumes in good faith that all editorial and advertising material submitted are the original property of the advertiser. The Coconut Telegraph may not be held responsible for errors, omissions, or for circumstances beyond our control that may affect the distribution schedule.

Insurance Hack

So, your doctor ordered a test or treatment and your insurance company denied it. That is atypical cost saving method. OK. here is what you do:

Call the insurance company and tell them you want to speak with the "HIPAA Compliance/Privacy Officer" (By Federal law, they have to have one.)


Then ask them for the name as well as credentials of every person accessing

your record to make that decision of denial. By law you have a right to that information.

They will almost always reverse the decision very shortly rather than admit that the committee is made up of low paid high school graduates, looking at "criteria words," making the medical decision to deny your care. Even in the rare case it is made by medical personnel, it is unlikely that it is

made by a board certified doctor in that specialty and they DO NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS!

Any refusal should be reported to the US Office of Civil Rights (OCR.gov) as a HIPAA violation.



Salvation Army Family Store

MM 99 Bayside

Key Largo

SHOP • DONATE



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Visit the store, or call 305-872-5744 for prompt and courteous pickup

We Come to You!

NEW TIRE SALES

DISCOUNT PRICES ON MAJOR BRANDS

10% LOCALS DISCOUNT

SAME DAY SERVICE

ON SITE INSTALLATION

942-6325



B & B

MOBILE TIRE SERVICE

Key Largo Conch House

MM 100.2 Oceanside • Key Largo

Featured on the Food Network

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

8 am - 10 pm daily.



Local Seafood

Vegetarian Entrees

Cook Your Catch

Pet Friendly

Childrens Menu

Award Winning Lobster Bisque and Conch Fritters

Award Winning Food & Coffee

Wine • Beer • Espresso

Homemade Desserts



305-453-4844

www.keylargoconchhouse.com

We Stock Guitar Strings — New & Used Guitars —

Custom Jewelry

CORAL FINANCIAL

Jewelry & Pawn

MM102 Oceanside Key Largo

453-5300

Locals' Discount!

KEY LARGO, FL

New Tire Sales

Available 24/7

35 Years Experience

BRYAN WHEATON

Cell: (305) 942-6325

Home: (305) 453-0815

Mastercard & Visa Accepted





**Want to win this car?**

**1964 Ford Galaxy 500 XL 2-door Hardtop , only 10,055 miles!**  
\$100 for each raffle ticket. Limited to 500 tickets . Drawing to be held on St. Patrick's Day. Go to the VFW in Key Largo at 102255 Overseas Hwy for tickets.



Islamorada, Hurricane Monument dedication in 1937. Contributed by Dave Purdo.

# Bayside Sunset Bar

4 pm-10 pm

**Celebrate Sunset**  
Most Photographed Sunset in Key Largo!  
Live Daily Conch Shell Blowing










LOCALS' FAVORITE

Bayside Grill: Keyribbean Kooking & Kocktails  
open 11:30am-10pm • [www.keylargo-baysidegrill.com](http://www.keylargo-baysidegrill.com)

**Best Live Music Schedule in Key Largo**  
Entertainment calendar at [keylargo-baysidegrill.com](http://keylargo-baysidegrill.com)

**305-451-3380**  
MM 99.5 Bayside, behind Cafe Largo



 <p>Optimist</p>	 <p>Pessimist</p>	 <p>Realist</p>
 <p>Physicist</p>	 <p>Surrealist</p>	 <p>Relativist</p>
 <p>Utopist</p>	 <p>Scepticist</p>	 <p>Nihilist</p>

## More Paraproisdokians

Paraproisdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Specializing in Prefab/Manufactured/Mobile Home and RVs. Patented Engineered Roof.



**1-866-969-5493**  
Family Owned & Operated • Florida State Certified  
Roofing Contractor CC C1328662 CC CO42787  
General Contractor CG C1505972

**Discover the AMS Advantage!**



LIFETIME TRANSFERABLE WARRANTY ON AMS ALUMINUM ROOF-OVER

**AMS offers a Wide Range of Quality Products That:**

- Protect Your Investment • Save You Money • Enhance Your Quality Of Life
- Provide You With A Lifetime of Maintenance-Free Comfort

**Dependable Service Since 1977**

\*\*\* SPECIAL FINANCING AVAILABLE \*\*\*

\*\*\* AMS is Rated Florida's #1 Remodeler by Qualified Remodeler Magazine \*\*\*

- Weather-Lok Roof Over
- Insulated Vinyl Siding
- Window Replacements
- Carports & Screen Rooms
- Carport Ultra-Fence
- Metal Roofing

- Acrylic and Vinyl Enclosures
- Storm Protection
- Deco Kool Ceilings
- Patio Covers and more...



MYSAFEFLORIDAHOME.COM PARTICIPATING CONTRACTOR

\* FLORIDA BUILDING CODE COMPLIANT \*

Licensed & Insured • CG C1505972 • CC CO42787 • CC C1328662

Visit Our Website [www.AMSOFFLA.com](http://www.AMSOFFLA.com)



Matecumbe Historical Trust


presents

“29 Points of Interest”

Historical Trolley Tours on the islands of Islamorada

Saturdays: March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

Islamorada Moose Lodge, 81573 Old Hwy.



The tours begin at 10:00 and 11:30 am. Tours will take approximately one hour. Reservations are recommended. Tickets may be purchased on site. Adults are \$15.00 a person, children six and under are free. A staffed tent will provide information, ticket purchase, books, t-shirts, historic photographs and memorabilia for sale.

Join us for a colorful and much acclaimed historical tour. Enjoy an enlightening trolley ride through time.

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

Key Largo School  
PTA

join the fun!  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Race Starts @ 9:00am  
Key Largo School  
104801 Overseas Hwy.  
Key Largo, FL 33037

our great new  
fundraising event  
This year, we will be hosting our own school color run! This is an exciting new program that will help create awareness for healthy living, raise funds, and is sure to be a blast!

a color run for all  
There is no time limit and you can run, jog, or walk at your own pace! Bring the whole family!

Register by 3/24/17!

my school color run.

Register Online!  
KeyLargoPTA.eventbrite.com

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • FULL BAR • CAFE

VFW POST 10211

OPEN 11 AM TO MIDNIGHT • DAILY DINNER SPECIALS

HOME OF THE  
\$1 Frozen Drink  
OF THE DAY!

HAPPY HOUR PRICES  
ALL DAY EVERYDAY!

TUESDAY:  
MEMBERS APPRECIATION DAY  
50% OFF DRINKS WITH CARD

Bingo  
THURSDAY 7 PM & SUNDAY 2 PM

FRIDAY:  
LIVE MUSIC  
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT &  
\$1 DRAFTS - ALL DAY

SATURDAY:  
\$1 DRAFTS ALL DAY.  
LADIES DRINK FREE 7 TO 9 PM

The Freedom Cafe



Toni with Owner Elke  
305-360-0836

OPEN  
11 AM to  
Midnight

Daily  
Dinner  
Specials

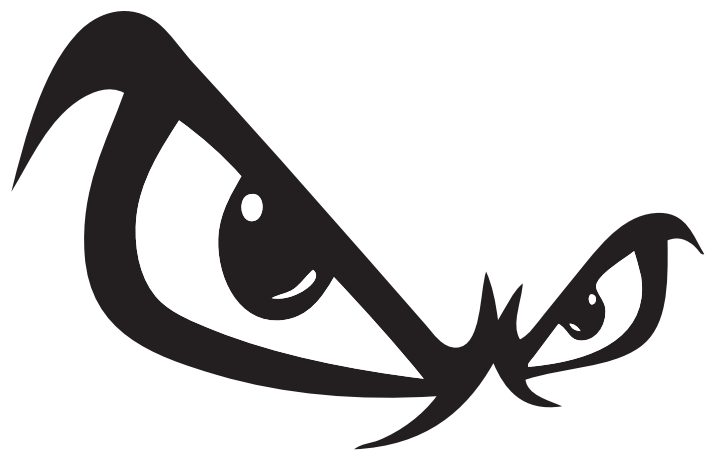
Tipsy Taco Tuesday with Toni  
\$5 Margaritas!



MM 102.3 Oceanside  
102255 Overseas Highway  
305-451-2120



Vitamins for pep! PEP for vitamins!\*



## The Evil Eye

Has bad luck befallen you or are you under the curse of the evil eye?

Nothing seems to be going right... your spouse is disdainful, the kids disrespectful and even your grandchildren don't want to be around you? Problems at work? Are you are starting to realize that people you thought liked and respected you really don't? Do you strike back by throwing angry fits and threatening those around you? Even your dog seems to hate you? Your prostate has begun to itch and tingle? Perhaps the evil eye has been cast upon you.

The evil eye is a facial expression, a look that many cultures believe able to cause injury, misfortune or even death to the individual at whom it is directed for reasons of envy or dislike.

Is it mystical, superstition or psychological? Have you ever sat in a crowded room and something made you turn around only to look directly in the eyes of some-

one who was staring directly at you? If it is a superstition it is one that increases with age. My mother was a firm believer in the evil eye. She truly believed that she could slap someone with some bad mojo just by squinting her eye at them. Her ancestors came from Scotland where the term for the "evil eye" is droch shuil, meaning "over-looking," it implies that a gaze has remained too long on the coveted object or person. In Italian it is called the malocchio and in Spanish the malojo, but the evil eye is also known worldwide.

This superstition may have some merit in psychology as it is thought that one

animal can dominate or be aggressive to another by simply staring it down for too long. Don't try this with a rabid crocodile.



Diagnosing the evil eye. In Eastern Europe the evil is diagnosed by dropping charcoal, coal, or a burnt match head into a bowl of water near the affected person. If the items float you are indeed cursed with the ominous evil eye.

Is there a cure for such a malady? Apparently so.

If you go to any flea market you will most likely find several vendors that carry talismans to ward off the evil eye. Disc's or balls, consisting of blue and white circles with an eye in the center are called repellent talismans or apotropaic (Greek for "protective") charms that are believed to have the power to bend the malicious eye back toward



This pendant is a bright blue talisman. Look for talismans like this at local flea markets.

the sorcerer that sent it. They can be anything from a glass ornament to jewelry bearing glass beaded eyeballs. The sheer abundance of these talismans provoke thoughts that there just may be something to all of this.

Most bartenders and servers in Key Largo and Islamorada have possession of evil eye powers. To be on the safe side we recommend tipping 20% or more.

Here in the Keys we also have a thing called the "Hairy Eyeball." You walk into a local's club and see some poor guy propped up in a corner nodding his head and barely able to keep one watery jaundiced bloodshot eye open and it is looking right at you, gasp! What ever you do, DO NOT LOOK AT HIM! Eye contact only encourages conversation and gives him the opportunity to ask you if he can bum a cigarette or beg you buy him a drink and give him a ride. Before you know it the offensive person will slither into the chair next to you and then you're trapped and royally screwed.

For when they are persistent I keep a collection of business cards from people that I don't like, specifically for this type of situation. Pull one out, hand it to him, wink and say in a throaty sultry voice "call me later" as you quickly walk out the door and head to the nearest flea market.



The Hamsa, a charm made to ward off the evil eye.

A blue or green eye can also be found on some forms of the hamsa hand, an apotropaic hand-shaped talisman against the evil eye found in West Asia. The word hamsa, also spelled khamsa and hamesh, means "five" referring to the fingers of the hand. In Jewish culture, the hamsa is called the Hand of Miriam; in some Muslim cultures, the Hand of Fatima.)



THE PLACE TO WATCH

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA

MARCH MADNESS

35 HD-TV's,  
FOOD &  
DRINK SPECIALS  
FOR ALL GAMES!!

JIMMY JOHNSON'S

BIGCHILL

AT FISHERMAN CREEK

TIKI BAR  
CABANAS  
POOL

SPORTS BAR

SPRING  
BREAKERS  
Welcome

MM104 B/S - Key Largo

305.453.9066 | www.jjsBigChill.com

# Sounds of the Keys



Gypsy Lane rocks the crowd at Gilbert's Resort.  
(Rob LeBrun)



Beatleman at the Big Chill. (Cathy Austin)



Tommy Braga of Sippin' Fire gets some Ocean Reef employees to help him sing at Gilbert's.



Chris O'Leary Band at Bayside Grille.



Pam Osterman and Patrick Knotts at the Buzzards Roost.



JW Jones Band at Bayside Grille. (Video Dave)



Apache Dragon made their Sunday Funday debut at Gilbert's Resort in February. (Rob LeBrun)

Michelle Snyder

Spring Into Art

to benefit MARC

MUSIC with "DJ Dave"

DANCING AND GREAT APPETIZERS

Special Memorial Moment for Michelle Snyder

Thursday, March 30th, 2017 • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Coconut Cove Resort • MM 84

Local Artists  
displaying their

ART

\$15 suggested donation at the door.  
Cash bar available.

All proceeds benefit the  
Monroe Association of "ReMARCable" Citizens

MARC provides life services for Monroe County  
Developmentally Disabled Residents

For more information contact Corinne at 852-3282

Pirates on the Water

DOLPHIN HOEDOWN

Join "Sheriff Leo,"  
and  
Pirates on the Water  
a fun, Western-themed  
benefit  
for Dolphins Plus  
Marine Mammal  
Responders!

BBQ from Shorty's  
Dessert by Key Largo  
Chocolates and Ice Cream

Sunset Dolphin  
Entertainment

Special "Skit" by  
The Responders

Plus Music by Koty James and the Keybillies • Dancing

Dress Western!

Saturday April 8, 2017

5:30 pm at Dolphins Plus Bayside  
MM 101.9 Bayside, Key Largo

Pirates on the Water  
"Party with a Purpose"

\$30 per Person in Advance, \$35 at the door. To buy tickets: stop by Dolphins Plus Bayside  
or Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream, MM 101.5 Bayside, or Key Lime Products, MM 95.  
For more info information call Janet 305-394-3178

Silent Auction  
Live Auction  
50/50 Raffle  
Cash Bar

DOLPHINS PLUS  
MARINE MAMMAL RESPONDER

Phone # 305-453-9995

## Dolphin Hoedown Scheduled for April 8

Pirates on the Water, Parrot Heads of the Upper Keys, will be holding their annual Spring fundraiser ("Party with a Purpose") on April 8, 2017 at Dolphins Plus' Bayside location from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

The Western-themed "Dolphin Hoedown" will benefit Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder Unit, an entirely not-for-profit arm of Dolphins Plus that is on call 24/7/365 to assist with marine mammal emergencies.

The evening includes dinner by Shorty's BBQ with dessert provided by Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream. There will be live music by Koty James and the Keybillies, dancing, raffles, and silent & live auctions, as well as a dolphin show at sunset. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. They are available at Dolphins Plus Bayside at MM 101.9 (101900 Overseas Hwy.), Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream at MM 101.5 Bayside and Key Lime Products at MM 95.

There is a special offer of just 24 Dolphin Encounter Tickets available for \$80 each, and that price includes an event ticket. These must be reserved directly with Dolphins Plus and the Encounter will take place at 4:30 pm on the day of the event. Call (305) 451-4060 for Encounter reservations.

Don't miss this unique and fun event! Call Janet at (305) 394-3178 for more information, or to make a donation.

## Hunk of the Month



Bill Wissinger - plays with Sweetwater and The Keybillies.



Voted **Best Happy Hour in the Keys!** 4-7 Daily

HOME OF THE  
**Glass Bottom Bar™**



The Pilot House Restaurant is a local's favorite and a Key Largo landmark. You can choose to dine outside at our waterfront Glass Bottom Bar™ overlooking our five-star marina. Or, if you're looking for a more private experience consider dining indoors in air-conditioned comfort.

All dining experiences offer a selection of beer, wine, cocktails, fresh local seafood and shellfish prepared a variety of ways, a broad choice of appetizers, sandwiches, land and sea entrées, and desserts. For the little ones we have a full kids' menu.



Check out our Local's  
Loyalty Program:

**Get your  
Pilot's License  
today!**



Pilot House Restaurant:



As seen on **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**  
on Food Network!!

**Episode: "Succulent Sandwiches"**

This trip, Guy Fieri's diggin' into succulent sandwiches! In Oakland, a real-deal butchery stacking up killer cheesesteak and off-the-chain chicken. In Modesto, Calif., a funky food truck putting pastrami on pretzel bread and cooking pulled pork in root beer. **And in Key Largo, Florida, a seafood staple servin' up a sandwich that's become a local legend.** (Episode: DV2407H)

13 Seagate Blvd., Key Largo, MM 99.6, 305-451-3142

www.pilothousemarina.com fb.com/pilothousekeylargo

# A Blast from the Past



We miss you, John McKinnal



Remembering Chuck Buckles.



Denny Harrington and his  
3-legged pirate dog.



Crazy Ed Barnaby.



Marilyn and Dave.



Jesse Kelso, Jimmy McGuirl and Rick Rolfe  
at the Pilot House



Just another Ladies Night at the Big Chill.

# 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.



Ross



Ferrari



Athena



Butterscotch



Daisy



Mabel



Gigi



Butternut



Carmella & Ginger



**The largest Tiki Bar  
in the Keys!**

305-451-1133  
107900 Overseas Hwy  
www.gilbertsresort.com

## SATURDAYS IN MARCH:



**Saturday, March 4  
STATIC  
1-5 PM**



**Saturday, March 4  
THE FLYERS  
7-11 PM**



**Saturday, March 11  
SPANK THE BAND  
1-5 PM**



**Saturday, March 11  
STONE MOJO  
7-11 PM**



**Saturday, March 18  
UNCLE SMOKEY  
1-5 PM**



**Saturday, March 18  
TUXEDO JESUS  
7-11 PM**



**Saturday, March 25  
CUTLER STEW  
1-5 PM**



**Saturday, March 25  
TRIP MACHINE  
7-11PM**



**MICHAEL TRIXX  
IS BACK!  
Saturdays at 8pm**

## Free Lobster Decoys for a Limited Time!



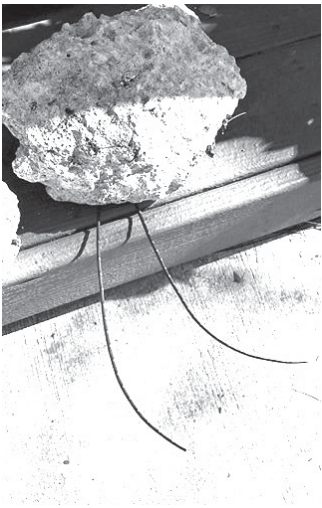
Key Largo resident has free lobster decoys!

Locally grown, hand picked lobster antennae decoys for sale. Get them now before season.

Throw off those pesky tourists coming down to greedily take all our lobster. Dive down and plant these decoys under every ledge you see.

It will keep the rookie divers busy for hours while you get your limit!

**SPECIAL OFFER TO COCONUT TELEGRAPH READERS:** FREE!! Just clean up my yard and you can have as many as you want. Call today! 305-555-1212.







Beautiful pendants made in Key Largo.

  
 Key Largo  
 Sea Glass Jewelry

**FLORIDA KEYS VISITOR CENTER:** 106240 OVERSEAS HWY.  
**KEYS DIVER:** MM 99.7      **THE ART BOX •** MM 100.6



# KEY LARGO CHOCOLATES & ICE CREAM


HANDMADE CHOCOLATES  
KEY LIME PIE ON A STICK  
PREMIUM ICE CREAM MADE HERE  
FUDGE  
KEY LIME PIES


KEY LARGO'S  
FAVORITE PLACE  
FOR ICE CREAM!

FREE  
SAMPLES  
with this ad  
CT 2017

MM 100 $\frac{1}{2}$  BAYSIDE

[www.keylargochocholates.com](http://www.keylargochocholates.com) • 305-453-6613





Come by Land or Sea • In the Garden Cove Marina  
 • Enjoy Casual Waterfront Dining at its Finest!

Waterfront Dining • Indoors or Outdoors

FEATURING  
 FRESH FLORIDA  
**LOBSTER**

- Fresh, Local Seafood
- Steaks & Ribs
- Conch Chowder & Key Lime Pie

305-453-3746 • [buzzardsroostkeylargo.com](http://buzzardsroostkeylargo.com)  
 MM 106.5 Oceanside  
 121 Garden Cove Dr. • Key Largo

• Open 7 Days •  
 Champagne Sunday Brunch





**SATURDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OUR FAMOUS POLYNESIAN**  
**LUAU & PIG ROAST PARTY**

**BE SURE TO TRY OUR**  
**FREE MOSCOW MULE SHOTS**  
**FROM THE**


*Beautiful New Amsterdam Girls!*

**BUY A MOSCOW MULE\* & KEEP THE MUG!**  
 \* Regular Price - During our March Luau & Pig Roast!


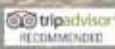


  
**COVER CHARGE - \$10.00 • CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT - \$5.00**

*Also Featuring*  
 Henna  
 Tattooing  
 Tarot Card  
 Reading  
 Jewelry  
 Artisans



**Snook's Bayside**

 305-453-5004 • [www.snooks.com](http://www.snooks.com) 

Key Largo MM 99.8 Southbound Lane Behind Traffic Light



# How to give a cat a pill...

Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take

taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.

12. Call fire department to retrieve the damn cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little \*&#%^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

**How To Give A Dog A Pill**

1. Wrap it in bacon.

JON & JOANNA DREAYER

The Art Box

ART CLASSES • ART SUPPLIES  
RESTORATION • MATTING & FRAMING  
FRAMING SUPPLIES • CANVAS STRETCHING

Checkout our FEATURED ARTISTS

FULL ONLINE STORE: [www.ArtBoxKeyLargo.com](http://www.ArtBoxKeyLargo.com)

WITH KEY LARGO PACK & SHIP

Trust a Professional!  

- LOW COST PACKING MATERIALS/BOXES
- SHIPPING: FREIGHT & INTERNATIONAL
- CRATING & SHRINK WRAPPING



Plus! FAX • PRINT • SCANNING • LAMINATING  
COLOR COPIES • DIGITAL ARCHIVING

100650 Overseas Hwy 305-451-5461   
Key Largo 33037 [artlife@artboxkeylargo.com](mailto:artlife@artboxkeylargo.com)



Tues @ Gilbert's  
Thurs @ Snooks  
Fri @ Gilbert's (day)  
Fri @ Skippers (late)  
Sat @ Island Grill (KL)  
Sun @ TBA

305-360-1127  
[bobbebrown.com](http://bobbebrown.com)

SHIPWRECKS

KEY LARGO'S HIDDEN TREASURE!

DAILY FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS  
Wednesday - Live Music 5:30 - 8:00  
FRIDAY - ALL YOU CAN EAT MAHI 5-9pm • fried \$13.99 • blackened or grilled \$15.99  
Saturday - Prime Rib

HAPPY HOUR  
Every Day 4 to 6pm featuring Bud & Bud Light  
▶▶▶▶ \$1 Drafts ◀◀◀◀  
OPEN 11 AM to 10 PM EVERY DAY

LOCALS' FAVORITE 305-453-3153 45 Garden Cove Drive MM 106

# Artist of the Month: Tim Borski fly tyer and wildlife artist



In December 2006, a group from Men's Journal magazine was at the Borski home in Islamorada photographing Tim in his art studio for an article on Keys characters (published in April 2007). This was the first time Tim was featured in a publication that had nothing to do with fishing.

Borski had humble beginnings in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and was basically on his own at age 17. Freezing in unheated cabins through several winters but enjoying ice fishing, friends and the folly of youth, Borski moved to Miami at age 23 and to the

Florida Keys shortly after that.

In the Keys, his propensity for recreating on canvas things he held dear in nature blossomed. Through fortunate circumstances, such as becoming a caretaker on Craig Key, he was able to develop as an artist without much concern for earning a living. A following for his watercolor paintings arose. With tournaments clamoring for his art as prizes for the successful anglers, he was able to sustain himself as an artist and an individual.

Branching into oils and acrylics, Borski constantly innovates. Borski was chosen as the 2015



International Game Fish Association Artist of the Year. He also earns art awards locally, such as first place in acrylics in a Purple Isles Art Guild Art Show for a typical Borski painting, entitled "Mr. Snook." It is a detailed, 30-by-40-inch painting of a fish on a bright orange-red background.

Tim, is also an entertaining writer. He wrote an article for a fly fishing magazine about a jaunt to Ixtapa, Mexico with the person who showed him how to tie his first fly, Frank Oblak of Miami. Tim went on to become a trademarked fly tyer with about a dozen patterns to his name. Additionally, Tim wrote fly tying articles for the quarterly publication, Redbone Journal.

Borski limits speaking engagements to a few a year because of his sons, Gus (13) and Josef (16), who are really fun to be around.

Tim's website is [www.timborskiart.com](http://www.timborskiart.com), and he has an Etsy site full of print options as well.



# The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski

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



Almost every culture in the world has its own version of a potato pancake. As we begin to look forward to this year's St. Paddy's Day, I remembered this recipe from our travels there. The Irish version of a potato pancake is called a "Boxty" and it is delicious, yet easy to prepare on the stove top. It is a perfect breakfast compliment with bacon and eggs or can be served with applesauce for, as the Irish call it, "high tea." Try this dish and I am sure that you will enjoy it!

## BOXTY ON THE GRIDDLE

- 1 pound of baking potatoes
- 1 parsnip (can be left out or substituted with a carrot)
- 1 onion
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Salt and pepper
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1 teaspoon of garlic



Peel and grate the potatoes and parsnip or (carrot.) Using paper towels, squeeze as much water as possible from the grated vegetables. Peel and finely chop the onion. Add the onion to the parsnips and potatoes. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

Heat the griddle and place a pad of butter on it for each serving of potato mix. Spoon the mix onto the griddle to form a small pancake. Brown on one side, flip and brown on the other side. Can be served with a dollop of sour cream or your favorite hot sauce.

**KEYS PARASAIL & WAVE RUNNERS**  
Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort, 103800 Overseas Hwy.  
[www.keysparasail.com](http://www.keysparasail.com)  
**305-731-9472**



Jet ski & Boat Eco Tours  
Sunset Cruises  
Stand Up Paddleboards  
Boat Rentals

**KEYS ADVENTURES**  
Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill, 104000 Overseas Highway  
[www.keysadventureswatersports.com](http://www.keysadventureswatersports.com)  
**305-731-9472**

## ART 51 years of Guild of the Purple Isles Annual Members Judged Art Show Dedicated to CRIS SANDIFER

A special show of fine art and photography  
as well as FREE ENTRY (a \$12 Value)  
at the outstanding  
Keys History & Discovery Center at the Islander Resort  
Mile Marker 82.1 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada, Florida

March 9 - 12  
March 16 - 19  
March 23 - 26

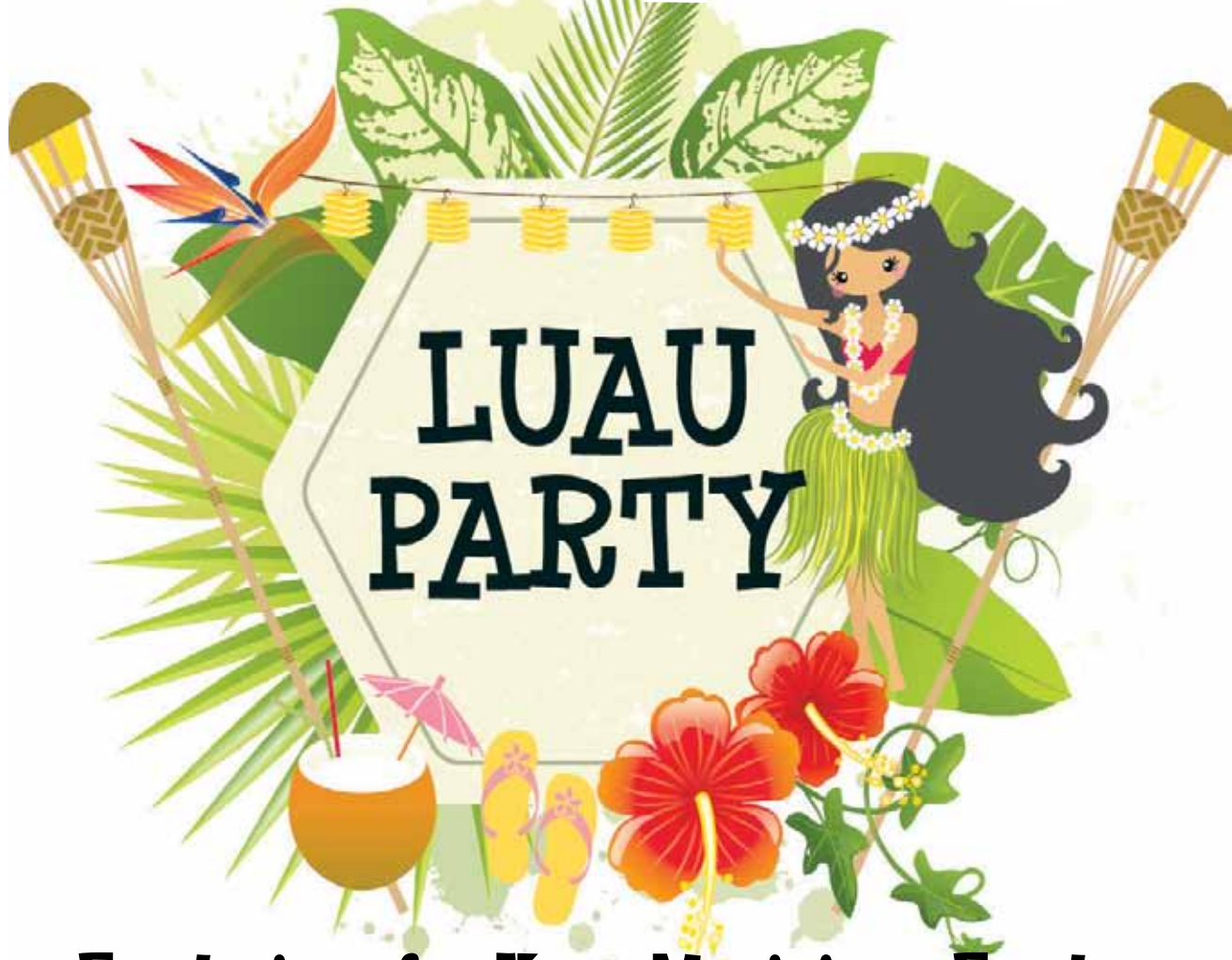


10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily

The Art Guild of the Purple Isles and Keys History & Discovery Center also present  
"ART 'N FACTS", a special art exhibition by Plantation Key School students  
made possible through a 20/20 Vision Arts & Cultural Grant  
by Community Foundation of the Florida Keys.

To learn about us please visit our website [www.agpi.us](http://www.agpi.us)

# ELKS PIG ROAST PARTY



Fundraiser for Keys Musicians Fund

**Saturday, March 11**  
from 3pm, at the Elks Lodge in Tavernier

Live Music by Sweetwater & Friends  
Book Signing • Raffles • Auction  
Hawaiian Themed Food & More

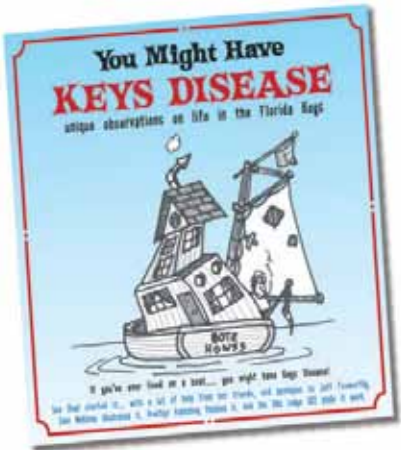


### How You Can Help

Raffles and auction donations are still needed.  
100% of all monies go to the Musicians Relief Fund,  
Helps local musicians and their families, in times of need.  
—B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge, PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255—  
You can also donate by check.

Contact Denise at 305-304-2837 if you can help.

Donate Raffle and Auction Items • Attend • Buy a Book • Send a Check

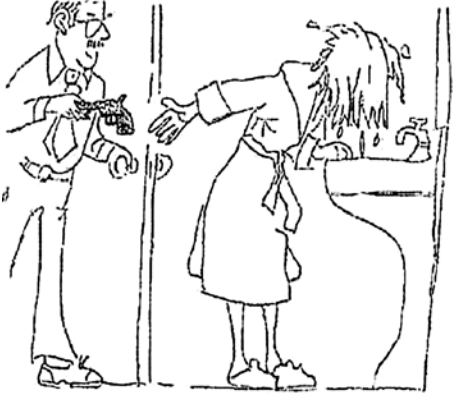




# Coco'Nut' Funnies

### PETE'S OBITUARY

Mrs. Pete Monaghan came into the newsroom to pay for her husband's obituary. She was told by the kindly newsman that it was a dollar a word and he remembered Pete and wasn't it too bad about him passing away. She thanked him for his kind words and bemoaned the fact that she only had two dollars. But she wrote out the obituary, "Pete died." The newsman said he thought old Pete deserved more and he'd give her three more words at no charge. Mrs. Monaghan thanked him and rewrote the obituary: "Pete died. Boat for sale."



### The Last Will

Doug Pinder is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him.

He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses.

"My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between MM 100 and Tavernier."

"My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center.

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bayside on Blackwater Sound."

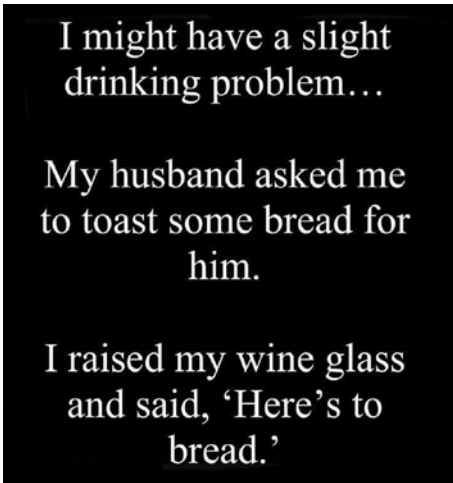
The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pinder, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property".

The wife replies, "The asshole had a paper route."

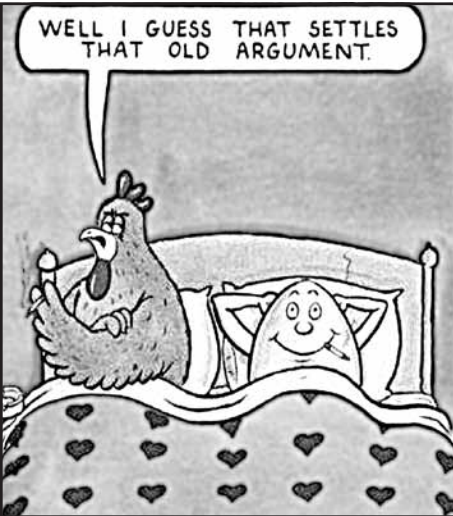
Thank you Elise Henline

### DO IT YOURSELF

An Irishman went to Keys Kritters and asked how many budgies were in stock. "We have 99" replied the Robby, the owner. "Give us the lot" said the Irish man, paid for them and left. He went to Key Largo Canvas and had 99 pockets sewn into a jacket, put a budgie in each pocket, went up to the Jewish Creek Bridge and jumped off. He hit the water with an almighty splash and floated there groaning until a passer-by came and asked him what had happened. "I don't know sir" he replied, "but that's the last time I try that budgie jumping."



Key Largo's newest D.O.T. paths...



### One Day at the Track

A bookie was at the races playing the ponies and losing his shirt.

He noticed a Catholic Priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track.

Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses.

The bookie made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race. He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next.

He bet big on it, and it won.

As the races continued the Priest kept blessing horses, and each one ended up winning.

The bookie was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited for the Priest's next blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was 100/1.

This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.

The bookie knew he had a winner and bet every cent he had on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag pulled up and couldn't even finish the race.

In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was standing.

Confronting him, he exclaimed, "Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed never even had a chance. Now, thanks to you I've lost all my money!"

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. "You aren't Catholic are you my son?"

"No, I'm an atheist"

"That's the problem", said the Priest, "you couldn't tell the difference between a blessing and last rites."

Thank you Trader Dick!

### Bad News, Good News

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident in Blackwater Sound, a Key Largo man answered his door to find two grim-faced Monroe Country Sheriffs.

"We're sorry Mr. Wilkens, but we have some information about your wife," said one cop.

"Tell me! Did you find her?" Wilkens shouted.

The sheriffs looked at each other. One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which do you want to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, an ashen Mr. Wilkens said, "Give me the

bad news first."

The cop said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in The Bogies."

"Oh my God!" exclaimed Wilkens. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The sheriff continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 2 dozen big blue crabs, a dozen stone crabs and 6 good-size lobsters clinging to her."

Stunned, Mr. Wilkens demanded, "If that's the good news, what's the great news?"

The cop said, "We're going to pull her up again tomorrow."



**LOCAL'S FAVORITE! Best-kept secret for 30 years!**

Keys Eating at Its Finest...  
Overlooking the Water

**The Hideout Restaurant**  
305-451-0128

7 Days a Week - 6 AM to 2 PM & Friday Nights 5-9 PM

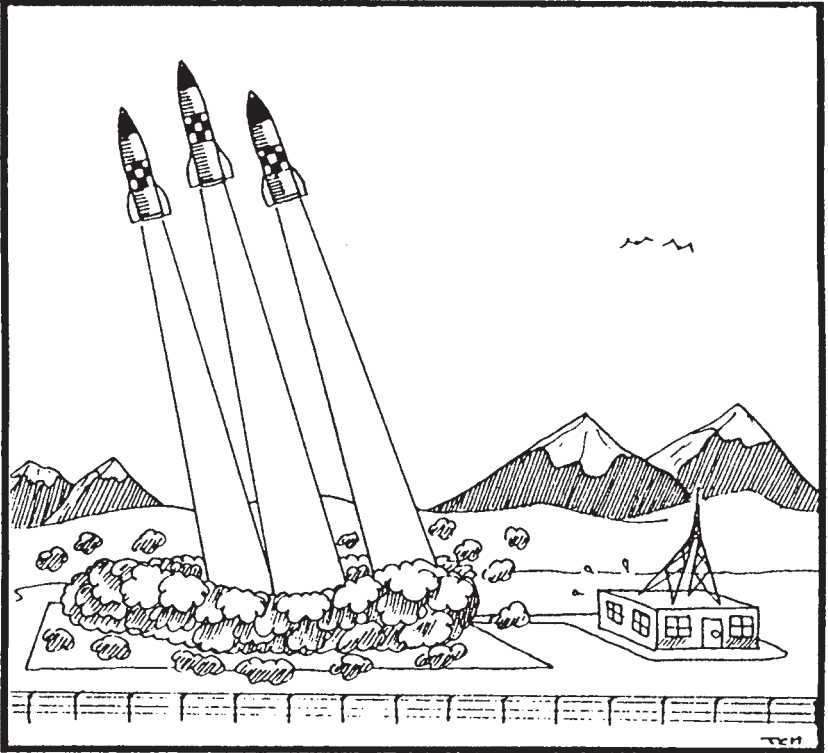
**MM 103.5 • Oceanside (Transylvania Ave. to the End)**

**FRIDAY FISH FRY**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT \$12.95**  
5-9 PM • Bev. Incl.

—Daily Specials—  
Breakfast Served 'til 2PM Daily

# Left Field

by J.S. McKinna



"Yablonsky, you fool!  
You're leaning on the---"

JOHN MCKINNA was a local musician, a best-selling author, and a published, syndicated cartoonist. We feature his cartoons monthly.

**COCONUT TELEGRAPH CLASSIFIEDS**

**BUYING**  
Buyers agent is buying old things.  
Costume jewelry, furniture, antiques and anything old of value.  
Call now and leave message  
305-304-2837

**WE BUY COINS**  
No collection too large or too small. We pay cash on the spot and we offer private consultation in our location or yours.  
Call Bill at 305.942.0911.

**GET CLASSIFIED**  
\$10 per col.inch per month! (generous 1.88 column width)  
Bold Listing \$12./inch per mo.  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE  
Classified Display Space available for logos and special artwork. \$15./inch.  
Drop off your ad and payment at The UPS STORE 101425 Overseas Highway, Next to Publix at Tradewinds Questions? Call 305-304-2837.

**SERVICES**  
House Cleaning  
call Danielle  
305-393-2728

**Your Ad Here**  
Send us your ad to go into the Classifieds.

**SAFETY**  
The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month.  
The Public is Welcome.  
More info: 305-998-8400

**Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.**

**MUSICIANS WANTED**  
Amateur musicians wanted! The Keys Community Concert Band begins rehearsals for its new season in the fall. If you want to participate, call 305-451-4530.

**CLUBS**  
Fraternal Order of the Eagles meets every 1st and 3rd Monday 7pm at Elks Lodge in Tavernier.

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 3rd Thurs. of every month at Key Largo Library Comm. Room 7pm. Open to public. 305-451-3000



**IF YOU WANT RESULTS --- CALL US!  
WE GET THE JOB DONE!!!**

**THE WASMUND TEAM**

TROPICAL REALTY OF THE FLORIDA KEYS, INC.

102901 OVERSEAS HWY., KEY LARGO 305-451-2214

We're a **Mother-Daughter Team** and we handle your real estate needs with integrity and professionalism. Let our 30+ years of combined experience work for you!

**BROKER/OWNER** **OWNER**

Jane: 305-451-2214 Wendy: 305-394-1376  
CRS, GRI, Short Sale Specialist GRI

[www.thewasmundteam.com](http://www.thewasmundteam.com)  
[jane.wasmund@bellsouth.net](mailto:jane.wasmund@bellsouth.net)

ON THE MAP

You Can Trust The Professionals at

**WHEATON'S SERVICE CENTER**  
MV10170

Quality Service Since 1972

AMERICAN & FOREIGN CARS, TRUCKS  
S.U.V.s, VANS, TRAILERS & R.V.s

- Certified Mechanics
- Exhaust Systems
- Brakes
- Tune-Ups
- Tire Sales & Repairs
- Air Conditioning
- Coolant & Transmission Flushes
- Regular & Synthetic Oil Changes

**MINOR & MAJOR REPAIRS**

**305-451-3500**

MM 101.5 • KEY LARGO

ON THE MAP

**Key Largo**

Sea Glass Jewelry

Beautiful pendants made in Key Largo.

**FLORIDA KEYS VISITOR CENTER**  
106240 OVERSEAS HWY.

**KEYS DIVER** **THE ART BOX**  
MM 99.7 MM 100.6

AND ON THE MAP

**Open Late!**

**SHARKEY'S PUB**

**KEY LARGO**

522 Caribbean Drive • 305.453.1905

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner** **Live Music**  
*Featuring Fresh Local Fish* **Happy Hour Every Day**

**Craft Beer**

**Sports Headquarters**

*Locals' Favorite!* *On the Water*

ON THE MAP

**Key Largo**

In Key Largo, we navigate by Mile Markers! Look for the little green signs and mile indicators on power poles to find your way.

**Legend**

- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Boat Ramp
- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

**Bayside**

- Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center
- Mariners Hospital
- Harry Harris Park & Beach
- Molasses Reef
- Bibb Duane

**Oceanside**

- John Pennnekamp Coral Reef State Park
- City of Washington
- Christ Statue
- Grecian Rocks
- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- Spiegel Grove
- Benwood
- French Reef
- Alligator

ON THE MAP

**KEY LARGO CHOCOLATES & ICE CREAM**

HANDMADE CHOCOLATES  
KEY LIME PIE ON A STICK  
PREMIUM ICE CREAM MADE HERE  
FUDGE  
KEY LIME PIES

KEY LARGO'S FAVORITE PLACE FOR ICE CREAM!

FREE SAMPLES with this ad

**MM 100 1/2 BAYSIDE**

[www.keylargochocholates.com](http://www.keylargochocholates.com) • 305-453-6613

ON THE MAP

**Key Largo**

Sea Glass Jewelry

Beautiful pendants made in Key Largo.

**FLORIDA KEYS VISITOR CENTER**  
106240 OVERSEAS HWY.

**KEYS DIVER** **THE ART BOX**  
MM 99.7 MM 100.6

AND ON THE MAP

**YOUR AD HERE**

**RATES**

**KEY LARGO MAP PAGE**

Vertical:  
2.5" wide x 4" tall  
\$125 per month

Horizontal:  
4.75" wide x 3.13" tall  
\$150 per month

Skyscraper:  
2.5" wide x 8.25" tall  
\$200 per month

**Surprisingly Affordable!**

**The Conch Republic**  
**COCONUT TELEGRAPH**  
Independently Owned Local Newspaper

**Denise Malefyft**  
PUBLISHER

305.304.2837

[www.TheConchTelegraph.com](http://www.TheConchTelegraph.com)  
[TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com](mailto:TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com)  
101425 Overseas Hwy., PMB #628  
Key Largo, Florida Keys 33037

# Conch Characters



Marcy Scott and Michelle Burke at Sharkeys for the Ralphie Bra Walk.



Blues legend Taj Mahal was spotted jamming at a local bar, pictured with Jimmy Hawkins and Dale Henderson. Photo by Brenda Susan Shelby.



Rob and Lynn Mitchell. Photo by Video Dave.



Allan Truesdell and Jen McComb supporting the Ralphie Bra Walk for Breast Cancer fundraising & awareness.



Jack and Kathy Ramsey and friends at the Pilot House.



Fun people, fun place! Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill.



Coach Jimmy Johnson's got a big one!



The Garden Club of the Upper Keys celebrated their 65th birthday with a big party on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Garden Club members designed themed tablescapes designs, and the competition was judged by (L-R): AnneMarie Anderson, Claudia Moriarty, and Sue Beal. Winning table (pictured) was by Debbie Leonard. Photo by Lonell Rice.



Kimberley Etheridge at Marker 88 Restaurant.



# Business in the Keys



**Denny's Appliance**  
D.E. HARRINGTON  
Owner  
305-451-5639 • Denny'sAppl@yahoo.com  
300 Atlantic Dr. • Key Largo, FL 33037



**Denny's Appliance**  
305-451-5639  
SALES & SERVICE  
Mile Marker 100  
Ocean Side



**Great Health Care**  
**FREE**  
For uninsured Upper Keys adults  
with no income or very low income  
Call the **Good Health Clinic** at 305-853-1788  
MM 91.5 Oceanside • M-F 9-3 • thegoodhealthclinic.org

**Larry's Mobile RV Service**  
Serving the Upper Keys  
31 Years Experience • Licensed and Insured  
**630-460-7676**  
Larry Zinser  
larrysrs@yahoo.com  
www.floridakeysrvservice.com  
Like us on FACEBOOK



**Upper Keys Web Design**  
Quality Web design at affordable rates  
**www.upperkeys.net**  
P.O. Box 2448  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
info@upperkeys.net  
(305) 453-4281



Web design  
Site renovations  
E-commerce  
Maintenance

305-451-3389  
800-471-0166  
**CHARTER PEST CONTROL**  
HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL PEST CONTROL  
TERMITE INSPECTIONS  
**CHRIS SANTE**  
Owner  
BOX 3006, MM 100 1/2  
KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037

PROMPT  
PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Structural/Civil • Structural Evaluations  
Residential/Commercial Design  
**WE CLOSE PERMITS**  
**Michael F. Padula P.E.**  
**Seacoast Engineering & Design**  
Key Largo, FL 33037 • 305.509.7695 • fax 305.509.7635  
seacoast@live.com • Seacoast Engineering and Design on Facebook

**Anita Garmon**  
**Mobile Full Charge Bookkeeper**  
\* Corporation Set Up \* Sales Tax \* Sales Audits  
\* Accounts Receivable \* Accounts Payable \* Payroll  
Sole Proprietors to Corporations, Big or Small  
**(305) 942-6903**  
anita@anitagarmon.com  
*The Asset you need in a World of Liabilities*

**Barbara Eads**  
GRI, CRS, TRC, CIPS, CLHMS, SFR, REOS  
Licensed Real Estate Broker  
**Barbara Eads Realty, Inc.**  
91770 Overseas Highway  
Tavernier, FL 33070  
Off: (305) 853-5982  
Cell: (305) 586-7326  
Fax: (305) 853-5987  
Email: Barbara@keysforsale.com  
Website: www.keysforsale.com





**McCullough**  
PREMIUM WATER INC.  
PURE AND DELICIOUS  
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED  
Dale Henderson  
Owner/Operator  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Office Manager  
**305.451.1196**  
P.O. BOX 372449 • KEY LARGO, FL 33037

**C. Nelson Pro Cleaning**  
Private Homes — Rentals  
House Care While Away  
305-942-4107  
nels8636@bellsouth.net  
Serving the Keys since 2000  
**Great Housekeeping** Licensed & Insured



**24-HR SERVICE**  
**NATIONWIDE PLUMBING SERVICES**  
Commercial & Residential • State Certified Contractor  
CFC057546 / Licensed & Insured  
**CERTIFIED MASTER PLUMBER SPECIALIST**  
nationwide2613@yahoo.com  
Office: (305) 853-1848  
Cell: (305) 772-4580  
92425 Overseas Hwy.  
Tavernier, FL 33070

RAY

**NUM THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR**  


**LUNCH**  
11:30-3  
(Mon.-Fri.)  
**DINNER**  
5-10  
(Every Day)  
**305-451-5955**  
numlargo@yahoo.com  
103200 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, MM 103 Bayside

**\$1 Sushi all the time!**  
Special Dinner Menu  
starting at \$6.99 (5-7:30pm)  
Lunch Specials from \$5.95  
Private Room Available  
Voted Best Asian Food  
15 years in a row.

**Advertise Here**  
**\$30 per month**  
(4 MONTH MINIMUM, PAID IN ADVANCE)  
Drop off check and biz card to  
The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside  
next to Publix in the Tradewinds Plaza.

The Conch Republic  
**COCONUT TELEGRAPH**  
Independently Owned Local Newspaper  
Denise Malefyt  
PUBLISHER  
305.304.2837  
www.TheConchTelegraph.com  
TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com  
101425 Overseas Hwy., PMB #628  
Key Largo, Florida Keys 33037



**Advertise Here**  
**\$30 per month**  
(4 MONTH MINIMUM, PAID IN ADVANCE)  
Drop off check and biz card to  
The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside  
next to Publix in the Tradewinds Plaza.

GRAPHIC DESIGN  
PRE-PRESS SPECIALIST  
Brochures • Rack Cards  
Camera Ready Art • Logos  
**SUE BEAL**  
305.451.4601  
FAX: 305.451.3165  
beal\_s@bellsouth.net



**ISLAND INFORMATION SERVICES**  
219 SECOND STREET • KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037

**Advertise Here**  
**\$30 per month**  
(4 MONTH MINIMUM, PAID IN ADVANCE)  
Drop off check and biz card to  
The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside  
next to Publix in the Tradewinds Plaza.

**Upper Keys Web Design**  
Quality Web design at affordable rates  
**www.upperkeys.net**  
P.O. Box 2448  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
info@upperkeys.net  
(305) 453-4281



Web design  
Site renovations  
E-commerce  
Maintenance

## Stop Annoying Public Cell Phone Users




After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the plane took off, the young woman sitting next to him pulled out her cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the plane". "Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting". "No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting

office. It was with the boss". "No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life". "Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!" Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed." Sue doesn't use her cell phone in public any longer. Thanks, Doug Myers!

**ATTENTION METH USERS**

If you have recently purchased meth from Tennessee, Florida, or the South Missouri area, it could be contaminated with the Zika virus. Please contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Department so they can conduct a free screening on your meth to make sure it is safe. Make sure to bring all of the meth with you. 50 High Point Road, Tavernier.





**Take the Shuttle!**

For those arriving to the Gilbert's party fashionably late, you can park on the main access road and take the FREE air-conditioned shuttle to and from Gilbert's on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-8pm.

## Checks and Balances

When we see ourselves in other people it can be a great opportunity for growth if we are willing to do the work.



Most of us have probably come across the universal wisdom that the people who irritate us the most are expressing qualities that we ourselves have. This is why family members can be so vexing for so many of us--we see ourselves in them, and vice versa. This isn't always true, of course, but when it is, it's a real opportunity for growth if we can acknowledge it, because it is infinitely easier to change ourselves than it is to try to change another person, which is never a good idea. For example, if we have a coworker who engages in some kind of negative behavior, like complaining or trying to control everything, we can look and see if we ourselves carry those traits. We may have to look to other situations in our lives to see it, because we behave differently in different environments. Perhaps we don't complain at work, because our coworker overdoes it, but maybe we do it with our friends. Maybe we aren't controlling at the office, but we're used to being in control at home, and this is why we feel so irritated not to be in control at work. Even if we look and find that we are not engaging in the same behavior that we see as negative in others, we can still learn from what we are seeing in this person. The truth is, human nature is universal, and we share many of the same tendencies. What we see in others can always help us to understand ourselves more deeply. Having the ability to see something in another person, and automatically bring this observation back to ourselves, is like having a built-in system of checks and balances that enables us to be continually engaged in self-exploration and behavior change. When we see behavior we don't like, we can make a concerted effort to weed it out of ourselves, and when we see behavior we do like, we can let it inspire us to engage in imitation. Through this process, we read our environment and let it influence us to bring out the best in ourselves.

Reprinted from DailyOM - Inspirational thoughts for a happy, healthy and fulfilling day. Register for free at [www.dailyom.com](http://www.dailyom.com)





**The largest Tiki Bar  
in the Keys!**

305-451-1133  
107900 Overseas Hwy  
www.gilbertsresort.com

Waterfront Tiki Bar, Restaurant, Motel & Marina



"Never a Cover Charge"

# There's Always Something Fun Going on at Gilbert's

**HAPPY HOUR**  
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

\$2 Bud Light & Miller Lite Drafts  
1/2 off Well Drinks and  
\$2.30 Fireball Shots!



**LIVE MUSIC EVERY DAY!**

**LEGENDARY SUNDAY FUNDAY PARTY:**  
Great Bands Every Sunday 1-6 pm

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Try a Gilbert's "Boobie"	<b>GILBERT'S BRINGS YOU THE BEST IN SO. FLA. BANDS!</b>		1  HARRY FRENCH 5-9	2  DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	3 BOBBE BROWN 12-4  RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99  UNCLE SMOKEY 7-11	4  STATIC 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm  THE FLYERS 7-11
5  3RG MIAMI 1-6	6  HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM MON-FRI \$2 BUD LIGHT & MILLER LITE DRAFTS, 1/2 OFF WELL DRINKS, \$2.30 FIREBALL	7  BOBBE BROWN 5-9	8  HARRY FRENCH 5-9	9  DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	10 BOBBE BROWN 12-4  RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99  RetroSky 7-11	11  SPANK THE BAND 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm  STONE MOJO 7-11
12  IGOR AND RED ELVISES 1-6 (SPECIAL EVENT)	13  HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM MON-FRI \$2 BUD LIGHT & MILLER LITE DRAFTS, 1/2 OFF WELL DRINKS, \$2.30 FIREBALL	14  BOBBE BROWN 5-9	15  HARRY FRENCH 5-9	16  DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	17 BOBBE BROWN 12-4  RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99  OVRHOL 7-11	18 UNCLE SMOKEY 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm  TUXEDO JESUS 7-11
19  MR NICE GUY 1-6 (STAFF FAVORITE)	20  HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM MON-FRI \$2 BUD LIGHT & MILLER LITE DRAFTS, 1/2 OFF WELL DRINKS, \$2.30 FIREBALL	21  BOBBE BROWN 5-9	22  HARRY FRENCH 5-9	23  DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	24 BOBBE BROWN 12-4  RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99  STALL 4 7-11	25 CUTLER STEW 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm  TRIP MACHINE 7-11
26  THE REGS 1-6 (LOCALS FAVORITE)	27  HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM MON-FRI \$2 BUD LIGHT & MILLER LITE DRAFTS, 1/2 OFF WELL DRINKS, \$2.30 FIREBALL	28  BOBBE BROWN 5-9	29  HARRY FRENCH 5-9	30  DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	31 BOBBE BROWN 12-4  RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99  MOJO SCOUNDRELS 7-11	



Special event on Sunday March 12  
**IGOR & RED ELVISES**  
Siberian Rokenroll Show! 1-6 pm



**MR. NICE GUY**  
March 19  
1-6 PM



3RG from MIAMI • March 5, 1-6 PM



Local's Favorite  
**THE REGS**, March 26  
1-6 PM

www.regrock.com