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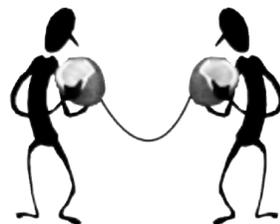
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Entertainer of the Month Bobbe Brown



The Coconut Telegraph has wanted to feature Bobbe Brown as Entertainer of the Month since our first issue and are proud to have the opportunity to do so on our 12th and one-year anniversary issue.

Bobbe Brown came to the Keys 22 years ago on vacation and tells us he is still on vacation. He started his career in 1965 with his brothers, "The Brown Brothers Band". They played from Memphis to Biloxi for 6 years. When they disbanded Bobbe moved to Texas where he met Mickey Gilley and played guitar for him in Pasadena. While there, he played many recording sessions, including 1981 Grammy award winning Best Country Instrumental of the Year, "Orange Blossom Special", performed by Gilley's Urban Cowboy Band.



When Bobbe moved to the Keys he started working at Sloppy Joes and worked his way to Key Largo. We met him and his beautiful wife Belinda at the Mandalay several years ago. Carol Schryver of The Sunshine Band told us Bobbe is her all-time favorite entertainer, "He is funny, witty, and

a fabulous musician". Most of the songs he plays are top 10 hits from the last four decades. He has five albums out. His latest is "Something like that". And "Under the Moonlight" made it to #1 on the Blues Chart Country Sub-Genre. He is also really excited about his full-blown recording studio that will be available for use very soon.

You can listen to Bobbe at Coconut's Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 9 p.m. or on Wednesdays on the Sun Cruz Casino boat from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Bobbe who has been playing at Coconut's off and on for 12 years says, "It's the best venue in town. You get the best view of Key Largo Harbor, the customers are nice people and the employees are awesome". The Coconut Telegraph was impressed by the fact that you can sit at the inside air-conditioned bar and watch Bobbe and listen to his music piped in from the outside bar. When we arrived he joked and said "Hey, did you hear I've got a new record out? You can get it at the Police Department."

Editorial: Taking Care of Our Own

There are givers and there are takers. You know who they are. There are people who give their time and energy to help the community, there are people who donate their products, services and money for the benefit of another in need. There are those that do it just to get their name out there and others who do it from the heart. The Keys have always been a very generous community. You just never know when a calamity will strike. Andrew Ball recently had surgery on his brain to remove a tumor. Since Andrew is 21 years old he is not covered by insurance and there will be a benefit for him at Sharkey's on November 10th. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact Lisa Wetzel at Shear Paradise 305-451-7110.

This type of thing could happen to any of us. The Coconut Telegraph urges the locals to patronize the businesses that donate to local charities and benefits.

Several months ago there was a benefit and a volunteer stopped in a shop at the Pink Plaza. Not only did the owner refuse to donate but he humiliated the volunteer who was in tears.

A few weeks ago a friend and long time resident of the Keys who had moved back up north came to visit me. Upon arriving she rented a car from a Key Largo Used Car Dealer of whom she had been a friend and customer of for years. This woman has serious health problems and had recovered from brain injuries from an accident. I received a phone call from her in the morning. She had gotten a DUI and was in the slammer. She was hysterical to say the least. I immediately called my friend Jimmy at Guy's Towing. He said he had the car with all her belongings and would give us a discount. I then called the Car Dealer who said he would pick up the car on the premise of saving the friend extra

charges. I said "Great, thank you!" Upon picking up the car she found she was forced to pay \$350, an extra \$106 over the cost of the towing to get the car and her belongings back. The Dealer knew she was short on money but just didn't care. The funny thing is that when she returned the car the Dealer was gone and the lot locked. She left for the airport intending to send him a check for the remainder of the rental and did not have cell phone reception so the Dealer began calling me. Eight times and twice after midnight. That was harassing the wrong person! Beware of people who are always trying to convince you how honest they are, truly honest people don't have to. These men showed their true colors and had no compassion. Don't judge people by how successful they are but by what they do for others. Largo Honda is always willing to donate and so is Riki Tiki Tatu that sells tobacco products.

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