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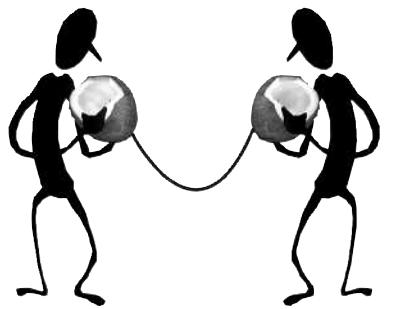
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Editorial: And They Said It Couldn't Be Done...

The Coconut Telegraph is the proud owner of a license to sell travel and has opened The Keys Visitor Center (pictured below) at Gilbert's Resort, MM 107.9. We had to jump through hoops of fire, but we got it done. We would like to thank Reinhard and Karina, the owners of Gilbert's, Jack Hildreth, my CPA, and Marshall Walker at First State Bank for believing in us. Now we can serve the locals as well as the visitors. If you have friends or relatives coming to the Keys and you want to show them a good time, give us a call or stop in. We have discount coupons to local restaurants and can get them a hotel throughout the Keys at a huge savings, or get them on the right watersports adventure. If you are a boat Captain and want us to book your boat call Denise at 305-304-2837. We book the hotels in volume, that's why you can save booking through us. They fax us their lowest rates (305-453-4994) every day.

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After 18 years with the same bank we are switching, as are a lot of other people. We have found that First State Bank is a joy to deal with. First State Bank is truly a Keys bank that is based in the Keys where other banks are based out of town, and it shows. They just don't care about us as much as a locally minded bank.

A special thank you to all our 'Bartenders of the Month' of 2007. They raised \$1,400 for Caring for Cats in the Upper Keys. Great job guys!

The policy of the Coconut Telegraph is to donate FREE ads for local benefits and we think the other newspapers should do the same. Come on guys, if the community is having a benefit for someone with cancer, or raising money for kids who just lost a parent they need money, not a huge bill for advertising. As a publisher I know just how little it costs us to produce an ad.

Clear Channel Radio also promotes local benefits for free. Come on newspaper guys, have a heart.

Last, but not least, congratulations to Sue Beal, Artist of the Month. This comes as a total surprise to her as we are sneaky and interviewed her sister Karen. When you see an ad for a benefit or memorial service in this paper, or a poster on a wall somewhere, Sue donated her time, skill and paper. Happy New Year. Things are gonna be great in 2008!



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Entertainers of the Month Linda Noyes

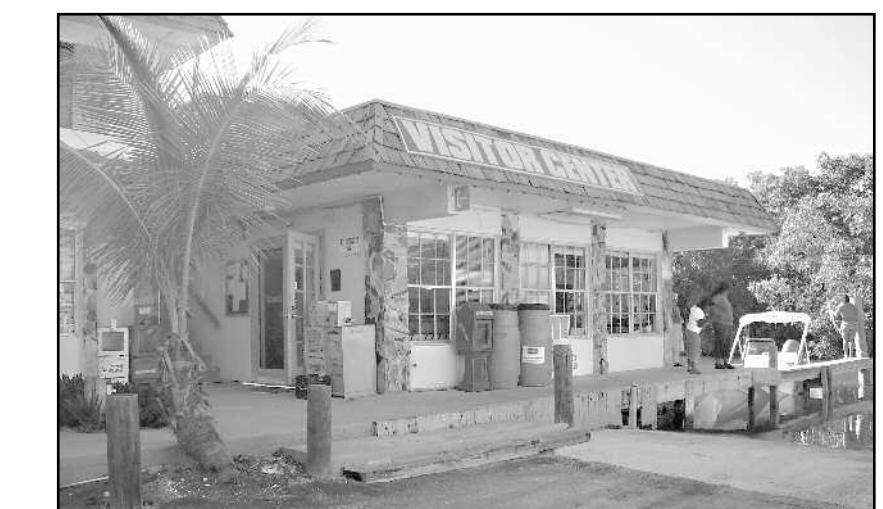


"Wow! Who is that?" is the first thing the C.T. said when we saw Linda Noyes (pronounced noise) with her keyboard singing her heart out at Gilbert's Resort. She is one of the most enjoyable entertainers we have heard in a long time, and she is as pretty as her music.

Originally from New York, Linda started singing at the age of 3, when she was 8 she composed a classical piece, and at age 10 she and her sister started performing for money.

We caught up with Linda again at Coconuts where she was filling in for Bobbe Brown and got the scoop... "I've been coming to the Keys since I was a teenager. I love the water and just can't get enough of it. When I'm not near the ocean I get crabby," says Linda. "That's

For information on when Linda is playing at Gilbert's call 451-1133 and Coconut's call 453-9794.



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