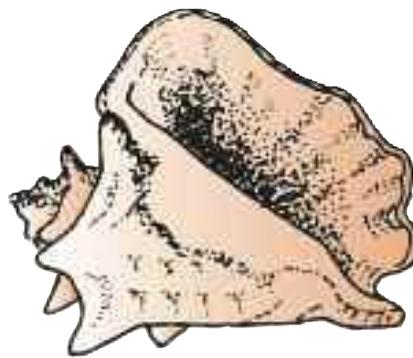


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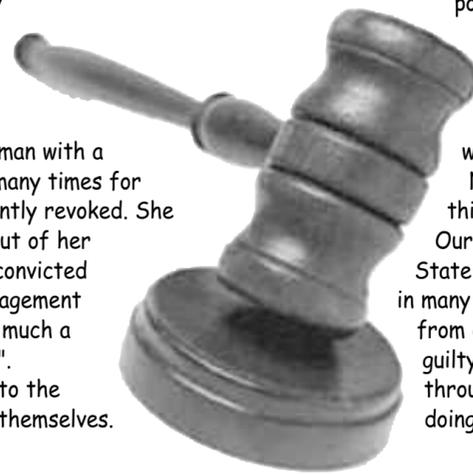
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Editorial: Things are not what they seem...

A con-artist is a person that can con-vince you of something against your better judgment. Some have even been con-victs who have learned to hone their skills in the prison system. Several years ago I exposed a woman who said she had cancer and then threw a benefit for herself. Many people were furious with me for even suggesting that she did not have cancer. It turned out I was right and she was arrested after the police gave her months to prove her innocence. I could not understand why so many people wanted to believe her and not me. She had been arrested many times and I have never been arrested. She was that con-vincing.

Recently I was a victim of battery by a woman with a criminal history. This woman was arrested so many times for DUI that she has her driver's license permanently revoked. She was arrested for drugs and beating the crap out of her skinny little boyfriend. My desire was that if convicted she would be able to get some help, anger management and drug and alcohol counseling. It was pretty much a cut and dry case but the jury said "Not Guilty". Sometimes it is necessary for people to get into the system to get help, those who won't do it for themselves.



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Most of us who have computers know that we can do a free background check in Monroe County by logging on to www.keyssso.net. By checking out the Sheriff's Department website I learned that the young man that was accused of robbing many businesses and homes in the Keys lived on my street! It is important to know those faces should they show up at your house uninvited. This has been a very strange election year. Business owners were seen fighting over politics. I had one person flip out on me over my bumper sticker that was promoting a candidate for State Attorney. My belief is that we are all entitled to our own opinion and we should be able to have a disagreement without verbal or physical abuse.

Next time you are selected to be on a jury think about all the work involved to get you there. Our Sheriff's Deputies work 12-hour shifts. The State Attorney's and Public Defender's offices put in many hours as well. When they bring in a witness from out of town and the defendant is found not guilty, you pay for their mileage and hotel rooms through your taxes. Think about it... who are you doing a favor for?

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Useless Facts You Should Know

Compiled by Rachel R. Peine

- Key West has 32% of the entire population of the Keys.
- Monroe County consists of a portion on the mainland that is almost entirely in Everglades National Park, as well as the Keys from Key Largo to the Dry Tortugas.
- The Florida Keys are the exposed portions of an ancient coral reef.
- The Keys were originally inhabited by Calusa and Tequesta Native Americans.
- Key West grew prosperous on wrecking. Legend says that wreckers removed navigational markers from shallow areas to strand unsuspecting captains.
- The Keys are the only frost-free place in Florida. Why aren't we growing more oranges down here?
- Some plants that we think of as representative of the Keys are not native, including coconut palm, bougainvillea, hibiscus, and papaya.
- In summer, the airport at Marathon can be a good spot to see one of the keys' specialty birds, the Antillean Nighthawk, which is active beginning just before sunset.



- Some other unique birds can be observed after sunset in their native habitat in Key Largo at the Pilot House outdoor bar.

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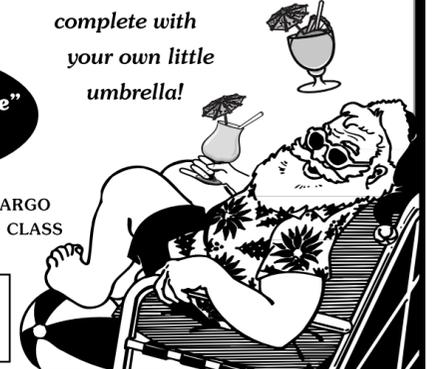
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Wildman The Red Tail Hawk

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Red Tails range in size from 18 to 26 inches, with the female being the larger of the two. They mate in the air (ooh, baby!!!) and usually lay 1 to 3 eggs. Their eyesight is eight times more powerful than a human's.

The Native Americans believe that the Red tailed hawk is a spirit guide. It is a messenger and a visionary. If you see a Red Tail often,

consider what the bird is trying to communicate to you. If you Google "Red Tail Hawk Spirit Guide", you can learn how to receive your messages.

You can see one of these fine creatures at the Wild Bird Center MM 95 bay side. Her name is Wildman. Guess they didn't know her sex when she was rescued about 3 years ago around Tallahassee. She won't be able to return to the wild but does catch the occasional mouse or gecko that wanders into her compound.

The Coconut Telegraph supports the Wild Bird Center and the wonderful work they are doing. Stop by there and check out Wildman and the other residents. Put a few bucks into the tip container if you can. Volunteers are always welcome. Do what you can for these magnificent creatures and the good folk who care for them. Go to www.fkwbc.org or call 305-852-4486.

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Life Lessons of a Legend

By CC Hemingway

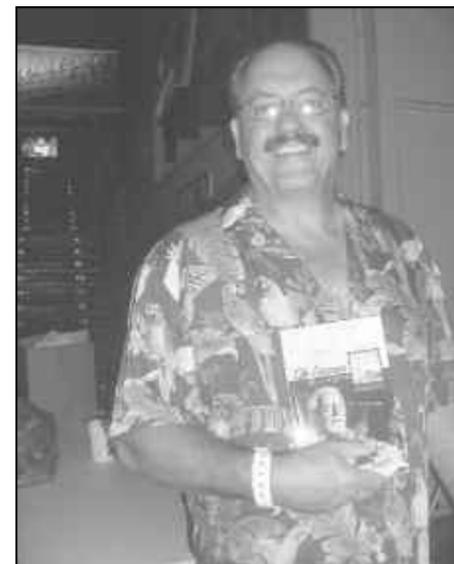
A lot of stories have been written about Capt. Tony Tarracino, but the book that was released this week bears the distinction of having been written by Captain Tony himself and Brad Manard, a small-town school Superintendent from Solon, Iowa.

Brad and his wife Denise had met the Captain on their first trip to Key West six years ago and they were enchanted. When they returned six months later, Brad made his way to Capt. Tony and said "Do you remember me, Capt. Tony?" Tony looked up and smiled at Brad and said "Where's Denise?"...a testament to the legendary "Casanova of Key West!"

They spoke of writing a book, and one day months later, Brad received a call from Capt. Tony to apologize for his failure to return Brad's calls. He'd been hospitalized with pneumonia and they had to install a pacemaker and put him on oxygen. He'd had his first serious reckoning with his own mortality, and he said to Brad "I'm not going to be alive forever, Brad. Let's tell people what I think. I've lived a full life, an amazing life. I've got a lot to teach, and I won't live forever...Let's tell the world about my philosophy.

So "Life Lessons..." came into being, based on tales told by the Captain to teach a middle-aged mid-western educator the lessons of his life. This is the tale told by the Legend himself and the man who was privileged to share the wisdom of his years in the telling. These are the stories that reveal the soul of the man, what motivated and excited him... the stories behind the stories...and in Tony's own voice.

By the time the book had arrived in mid-October, Capt. Tony had once again been hospitalized in the ICU at Lower Keys Medical Center for



Brad Manard co-author of Capt. Tony's book "Life Lessons of a Legend".

heart and lung problems. Book signings were scheduled for Tuesday, Oct.28 at Captain Tony's Saloon, and on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Dirty Harry's, and again at Capt. Tony's Saloon on Sat. Nov. 1, all in the hopes that Captain Tony would be out of the hospital and well enough to attend.

Capt. Tony was still in the ICU on Tuesday; so the hospital staff arranged a book signing event for Tony's family, the author and his wife in one of the conference rooms, and Tony signed as many books as his strength would allow. Later that day the party moved to Captain Tony's Saloon, and Brad and Tony's family autographed books and swapped stories celebrating Capt. Tony's life while people lined up to buy multiple copies of the book. Brad had sent a

thousand books to Key West and they had to order more for the next signing. When his eldest son, Louis Tarracino visited Capt. Tony in the hospital the next day and told him how well the book was being received, Capt. Tony actually cried tears of joy.

On Thursday, C. W. Colt, the Royal Minstrel of the Conch Republic and a long-time friend of Capt. Tony's, hosted a benefit book signing at Dirty Harry's on Duval Street in Key West to help out with Tony's medical expenses. A huge tip jar on the



Louie Tarracino with Capt. Tony's Vegas fund.

table said "For Capt. Tony's Next Las Vegas Trip." Although it was hoped that the Captain would attend via conference call, his family was on hand in his absence to greet the throng that came to pay their respects, hoping the Legend himself would be there to sign their books. C.W. Colt read one of the passages from the book and announced that

there would be a reading every year of another of Capt. Tony's Life Lessons.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, while Brad and Denise sat outside Capt. Tony's Saloon with people crowding the sidewalk to get their books signed, Capt. Tony Tarracino passed away quietly at 2:15 PM at Lower Keys Medical Center surrounded by his wife Marty and eight of his children.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ on August 10, 1916, itinerant gambler Tony Tarracino made his way to Key West with \$12 in his pocket in 1948. He was a shrimper, a fishing mate, and a charter boat captain after he purchased the Greyhound. He was a gun runner for Cuban mercenaries during the Bay of

Pigs invasion, and he got involved in the Haitian invasion in the mid-sixties and saved the US government a lot of embarrassment. In the early fifties Captain Tony worked as a diving stand-in for Robert Wagner in a movie called "Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef," and as recently as 2005 he played a pirate in a movie called CrossBones. In 1958 he purchased the bar on Greene St., changed its name to Capt. Tony's Saloon, and a new era began in Key West history.

Capt. Tony lived in the moment and he savored every moment like fine wine. He was one of the most genuine, compassionate human beings who has ever trod the earth. For many years you could always find Capt. Tony at his Saloon, surrounded by hordes of people seeking an audience with the legendary Captain; his

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Boats and Tires



Sort of a funny name for a business, one would imagine. Who else would hang tires from a crane in a boatyard? But the name is unique and it really says exactly what this long-time established property is all about, Boats and Tires. This property was developed in 1959 as the first dry storage boat yard in the early 1960s, when boat racks were just thought of and the first Johnson Evinrude dealership in the Upper Keys was on this property. It now has the largest Marine Travel Lift in the Upper & Middle Keys, 88 tons and 28 feet wide. In passing thru the yard I noticed the 75' Sea King of Islamorada ready to be hauled out at the dock and this is a Do It Yourself yard, no pressure here. Boats like the 75' Sea King & the 65' Gulfstream no longer have to go to Miami or Key West to find a boat yard.

Tires? What is that all about? The owner of the boat yard, after pricing a back hoe

tire in 1994 at a local tire store, was stunned at the cost and purchased a single back hoe tire from a longtime friend in the tire wholesale business in Miami. This started a daily tire route, as the owner was still commuting while building the property. One thing lead to the next and now the Michelin/BFG truck delivers tires Tuesday through Saturday to refill the largest tire inventory in the Upper Keys, with this large selection of tires in stock, odds are your size tire is on the shelf and if not, your tire will be on the next truck for tomorrow's delivery, 8:30 am. Tire sales are now handled by Mr. John Sheehan, with 25-plus years of tire experience. Staring in the family tire business, Townfair Tire and taking early retirement from Townfair Tire. Mr. Sheehan now is living the Keys dream on a 40' boat, flats fishing at lunchtime and doing what he calls a "Keys Tire Thing". A long way from corporate Townfair

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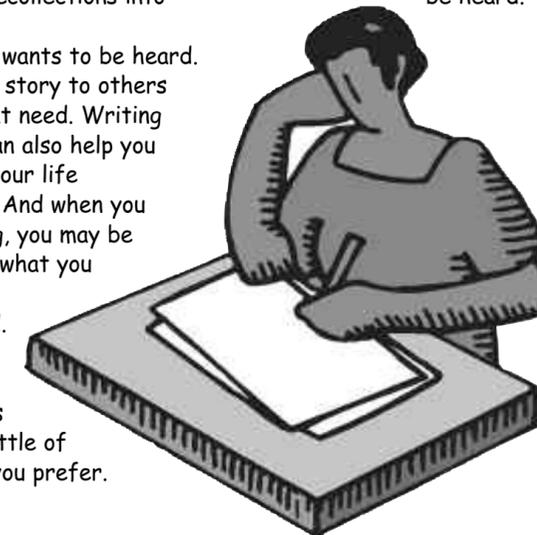
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Everyone wants to be heard. Reading your story to others can meet that need. Writing your story can also help you understand your life experiences. And when you finish writing, you may be surprised at what you have accomplished. Your story can encompass as much or as little of your life as you prefer.

You may surprise yourself with new insights, or you may find yourself exploring your roots, your identity, and your future through your words. Allow your writing to guide you and write as truthfully as possible. Don't worry about what others will think of your personal journey, your style of writing, or your words.

Research has shown that writing a personal narrative filled with feelings and perceptions can create long-term health benefits. As you write, remember to have compassion for yourself, particularly when writing about traumatic events. If you are a young person, you can add to your life story as you grow older. Your writing may help family members know you better, or they may understand themselves more through reading about your experiences. More importantly, you are expressing yourself in a permanent way, giving a gift to yourself, and letting your voice be heard.



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Restaurant of the Month Hideout



Story and photo by Rich Peine

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Barry is the owner (he likes the title "manager") and is assisted by Kathy who keeps an eye on things. They're always ready to take care of their patrons.

Barry came to the Keys 23 years ago from NYC and opened up the place. That's a

long time to keep a restaurant going. Few eateries survive that long. You can tell he likes what he's doing. He has a grin on his face even when the serious side of business occupies him.

Kathy has lived here in the Keys since she was 2 years old. She has worked at the Hideout for the past 13 years

The Coconut Telegraph isn't the first newspaper to discover the Hideout. It has been written up in the Times of London (England)

The hideout is open seven days a week from 7AM to 2 PM. They also have a Friday night all you can eat fish fry. Treat yourself and stop by.

Artist of the Month Darryl Norem at Gallery 94



The Coconut Telegraph has chosen Darryl Norem as Artist of the Month for November 2008. We have been hearing about her work for the past 2 years and after she opened her new studio at 94410 Overseas Highway, oceanside in Key Largo we were able to see for ourselves her amazing yet difficult to describe work.

The following is a description from Darryl's brochure.

"Darryl Norem's one-of-a-kind artworks are made of hand-cut, laminated foam-core and museum board to create dimensional surfaces. The tiled and patterned areas are then attached to these surfaces. It is a landscape puzzle of shapes, forms, color and textures methodically patchworked together. Her painting is

expressive and full of energetic movement. It is cheerful, vivid, whimsical and invigorating.

A resident of Key Largo for the past 12 years, Darryl was born in Alberta, Canada and raised primarily on the New York,



Connecticut border close to Manhattan. She directed an art gallery for seven years and has shown professionally in art festivals and galleries since 1982. Her childhood fascination with new locations and traveling on a road to a new adventure is the seed for her current body of artwork."

Stop by Darryl's new working studio and showplace or make an appointment 561-719-2666, or check out her website at noremart.com.

Lessons of a Legend

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presence drew them in like moths to a flame. Capt. Tony just loved people, and they knew it; he loved to make them smile.

Capt. Tony's wife, Marty Tarracino told Miami Herald reporter Cammy Clark that Tony... "really lived his life; it was a great ride... Tony needed to see the public and the public needed him." She felt that making people happy was his greatest goal." She told Clark that the highlight of his life was when he was elected Mayor of Key West in 1989. Tony loved Key West just as it was. He'd fought to save the Mallory Square sunset celebration; and to keep urban development from swallowing up the character of the island he loved. On his 92nd birthday this year, Captain Tony was honored with a plaque appointing him Mayor Emeritus of Key West and proclaiming that August 10 will be celebrated as Captain Tony Day forevermore.

Capt. Tony's youngest son TJ, Anthony Tarracino, Jr., said his Dad's greatest quality was compassion, and his gift was making everyone feel important. Captain Tony has said on many occasions that life is all about people, and in his last couple of days he'd told TJ that life is nothing but memories.

For the past five years, the legendary Capt. Tony has been on life support; his body was failing him but he wasn't finished with living yet. He'd

been determined to tell his side of the stories, and to impart the wisdom he'd gained on his journey. In September he'd been featured in the cover story in The Conch Republic Coconut Telegraph in Key Largo; by November "Life Lessons of a Legend" was a huge success; and his family had gathered around him for the festivities. What more could any man ask for?



Anthony Tarracino • 1916-2008

Captain Tony departed life the way he'd lived it, on his own terms. Now more than ever, Capt. Tony is with all of us, his spirit no longer confined to a hospital bed or a frail

body that belied the strength and the youth in his eyes. At the Pier House on Saturday evening someone said "We lost one of the good ones today," and my reply was "We lost one of the great ones today!"

A public viewing is scheduled from 4 to 8 PM at the Dean Lopez Funeral Home on Simonton St. in Key West, with Capt. Tony's funeral Mass scheduled for 11 AM on Saturday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church on Truman St., followed by a reception at 1 PM for family and friends at Captain Tony's Saloon. Captain Tony's book can be purchased at his famous Saloon, in bookstores all over Key West, and online through Amazon.com or through the author's website at bradmanard.com.



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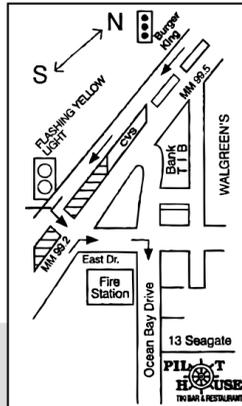
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Black Caesar Pirates Festival Huge Success

Last month's Pirates Festival was a huge success report Festival organizers with more than 6000 people attending the weekends events presented by the Upper Keys Business Group and sponsored by Pirates Choice Rum and the Tourist Development Council.

The Festival began on Friday with a Pirate Parade led by the infamous Black Caesar played by 6'7" local Firefighter Scott Desquott. More than 80 individuals, groups and floats meandered down the bike path of US1 from the Holiday Inn Tiki Bar over to Bayside Grill. At Bayside Grill participants were judged before joining in the revelry of the Pirate Bash which featured live music by Jimmy Ray the awards presentation and plenty of grub, grog and dancing.

Saturday afternoon the Worlds first ever Underwater Poker Tournament took place on the Reef with divers dressed in full pirate regalia playing the game. "Every card was watched

by a steely eyed barracuda" said Captain Spencer Slate who put together the event. 'It was awesome and was filmed for National TV, great publicity for Key Largo" said Slate.

On Saturday pirate aficionados came face-to-face with the fearsome pirate Black Caesar himself at the Sundowners complex on the Bay. He and his pirate brethren the Bone Island Buccaneers entertained the crowd with skits, battles, canons a fight ring and an invasion from the water at sunset. Saturday also hosted a Bazaar and Thieves' Market "The market was a great hit" said Bob Stoky owner of Sundowners and a Festival organizer. "More than half our vendors were from Out-of-County and all reported a successful day and, their promised return next year."

"We expect this event to grow and double in size next year" said Stoky. Saturday night culminated with a festive Fireworks Display at 9.30p.m.

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Black Caesar poses with one of his wenches.



James and Janet Sposato from Jupiter win Best Couple in Pirate Parade.

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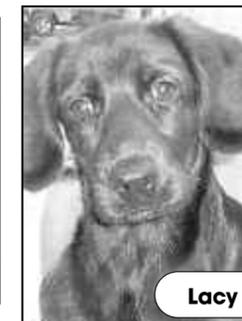
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- Little sister Sue catches Mama adding a box of ex-lax to her special brown gravy to insure that everyone will "be regular" afterwards.
- Cousin Mikey shows up with his new bride, his three-quarters sister Julie who is his sister by his father and his oldest full sister.
- Cousin Jen shows up wearing her new mink stole that has a blaze-orange circle--and-slash painted on the back of it and proudly displays her summons for court date to answer for beating the crap out of the animal rights activists who ruined her new coat.
- Brother Bobby, who just flew in from some South American country keeps popping up like a jack-in-the-box and fiddling with his "piece" in a low profile belt holster while nervously spying from the kitchen window up and down the street with binoculars.
- Uncle Max coughs and sputters up in his rusty old pickup and asks if anyone has a pouch of "Redman" chewing tobacco that he can shove down into the transmission to keep it from leaking all the fluid out until he can make it back home.
- Aunt Carly shows up with Carole, who is her new best



- friend as well as being her current parole officer and live-in lesbian lover who is also an associate producer on The Jerry Springer Show.
- Second cousin Billy Joe brings as his guest his current analyst, who's doing his doctoral thesis in primitive societal familial subcultures.
- Uncle Peter, who is legally blind but can see some shapes, colors and shadows shows up stone drunk and keeps "accidentally" bumping into all the women and copping feels as he seeks to regain his balance.
- 13 year old cousin Timmy asks his uncle Bobby if he can borrow his thermal-melt scale device so he can check the purity of an eight-ball "rock" he just bought from your Dad.
- Uncle Ralph serves the turkey flambé by pouring his famous homemade 'shine all over it and igniting it with a flick from his unfiltered Camel cigarette, creating a ball of flame that alights what hair is left on his head and gives third-degree burns to his balding pate, filling the trailer with the stench of roasting human as well as turkey flesh, as 911 is called for the second time on this special Thanksgiving holiday.



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If you have pictures of fun and interesting goin's on in and around the Keys just send 'em along to TheCoconutTelegraph@yahoo.com Be sure to include your name and phone number so we can contact you if we have any questions!

Golfers Raise Money To Support Animal Shelter

On Saturday, October 11, Marine Bank joined Botsford Builders and Coral Marine Construction as lead sponsors of the first-ever golf tournament to benefit the Stand up For Animals shelter in Marathon. Nearly eighty golfers from up and down the keys came out to Sombrero Country Club to support the animal shelter, which suffered

net - Doug Bell, Jim Groff, Tony Mullane, Rudy Krause. 3rd place low net - Nick Zappone, Chip Beneway, Eric Favier, Rick Milleli. Prizes were awarded on every hole including for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt. The four person scramble included a continental breakfast, golf, lunch, beverages and goody bag with two red tees, two



Sally Jones of Botsford Builders, Linda Gottwald of SUFA, Ginger Botsford holding Cody from the SUFA shelter, George Steinmetz of Coral Marine Construction and Stephanie Scuderi of Marine Bank.

a decrease of public fund support with recent budget cuts. "Brian and Ginger went all out for the animals!" said Linda Gottwald, Director of Stand Up for Animals, Inc. "Teaming up with Coral Marine Construction and Marine Bank, they created a first class golf tournament that was tremendously successful!"

The winning teams included: 1st place low gross - George Nugent, John Albert, Charlie Groenig, Larry Thomas. 1st place low net - Jim Aultman, Pat Aultman, Bob Bennett, Mary Bennett. 2nd place low

Mulligans, six raffle tickets, and six 50/50 tickets.

Stand Up for Animals is a 501 (c) 3 organization based in the Florida Keys dedicated to the welfare of all animals. Incorporated in May of 2001, the organization operates two animal shelters, one in Marathon and one in Big Pine Key and covers the Florida Keys from Mile Marker 16.5 through Mile Marker 70. In addition, Stand Up for Animals operates a state-licensed veterinary clinic dedicated to spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

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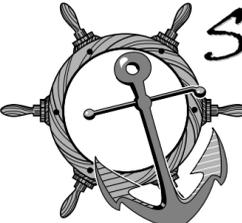


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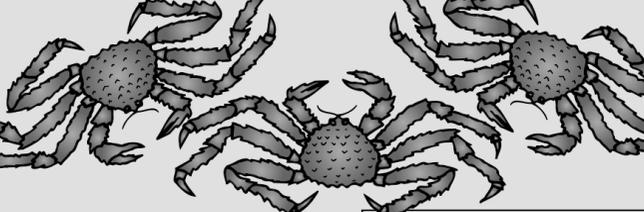
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Pirates Festival Success

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The Festival concluded on Sunday, with Black Caesar's By-Land-or-Sea Booty Hunt, participants scavenged for items and answered clues to win the Booty. The hunt culminated at Gilberts Resort where Capt. Spencer Slate announced the Booty Hunt winners the Martinez Family from Miami who won over \$500 worth of Booty. Afterwards Captain Slate was joined by Captain Skip Bradeen to judge the Buccaneer Finale's costume contest. Prizes were awarded for Best Buccaneer, Best Wench, Sexiest Pirate and Best

Young Pirate. The revelry continued into the night with live music and dancing. The Festival attracted Pirates from all over the U.S. as far away as Colorado, Virginia, and all points north. "We had a great time" said Rob Edwards who flew in from Colorado for the event. "We found the Festival on line and decided to take a break and come to the Keys to join in the fun." Next year we plan to extend our stay and continue on to Fantasy Fest" said wife Sally.



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- The 2nd Annual R4 Fair, sponsored by Mariner's Hospital and Green Living and Energy Education (GLEE), will be held at the Key Largo Community Park on Saturday, November 22nd from 11am-2pm.
- This event is piggy backing two events. The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce has organized a Community Clean-up Day from 8am-12pm. The Village of Islamorada's, "Keep Islamorada Parks and Roadways Green and Clean" program is also organizing a clean up of the Whale Harbor Bridge area starting at 9am.
- The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Islamorada and the Upper Keys Green Team are collaborating to promote cleaning up our community and educating on the importance of taking responsibility for the 4 R's; Reduce, Reuse, Rot (composting) and Recycling for not only our residents, but our businesses as well.
- November is National Recycling Month with November 15th as National Recycling Day. Monroe County has actively supported GLEE's efforts with the Keys Wide Sustainability Project. Mayor Di Gennero has approved a Proclamation announcing November as Keys Recycling Month. Commissioner Sylvia Murphy will be reading the Proclamation at the R4 Fair.
- The fair is also a thank you party for all the volunteers that participate with the clean up. The Key Largo Rotary will be providing hot dogs and FKAAs will be providing bottled water. We are gladly accepting any other food and beverages!
- Dave Feder, Nyan Feder, Micah and other bands will be playing.
- Monroe County Extension Services will provide games with prizes for children.
- CSHS, KLS, PKS, and Montessori will all be represented by recycled/reused art projects and educational booths.
- The fair will offer many booths with educational information and demonstrations on the 4 R's. Keys Sanitary and Veolia will be demonstrating what can and cannot be recycled. Keys Sanitary will be handing out 200 bins to Key Largo Island residents.
- The Upper Keys Garden Club will provide composting demonstrations, including a raffle for a composter. All Keys Gutters will be demonstrating the use of rainwater harvesting using a cistern, including a raffle for a cistern. GLEE will have a membership information booth giving out handmade bags from the Keys Quilting Club with each new membership. Information on the Community Garden Project will be available as well. Publix will also be providing 125 canvas bags. Bring your old computers, printers, televisions, etc. Recycled PC Parts will be available to pick-up any electronic waste starting at 10am.
- Various booths will include Island Dolphin Care (recycling your ink cartridges), Dolphin Research Center, The Audubon Society (collecting and recycling monofilament), FKAAs, Animal Shelter (collecting towels, blankets, pet supplies, and Miami Herald sized or Wall Street Journal newspapers), Heritage Trail, Keys To Peace, The Beach House Garden Center, All Keys Gutters, Publix, WeeCycle, MYCP/4H/Red Cross SOS, Look Out Lodge, MarrVelous Pet Rescue, MsEllenous, and more!
- If you are interested in participating in the Key Largo community clean up, contact the KL Chamber at 451-4747. If you are interested in participating in the Islamorada Whale Harbor Bridge clean up, contact Maria at Founders Park at 853-1685. If you are interested in participating in the R4 Fair as a volunteer, have a booth or be a sponsor, contact Christi Allen at 942-0808. For more information about GLEE go to www.keysGlee.com.

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- Thurs.-Sat. Nov. 27-29: Cliff Cody
- Turtle Club Party Nov 30

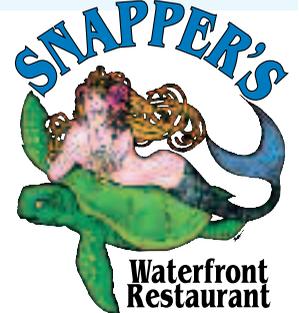
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