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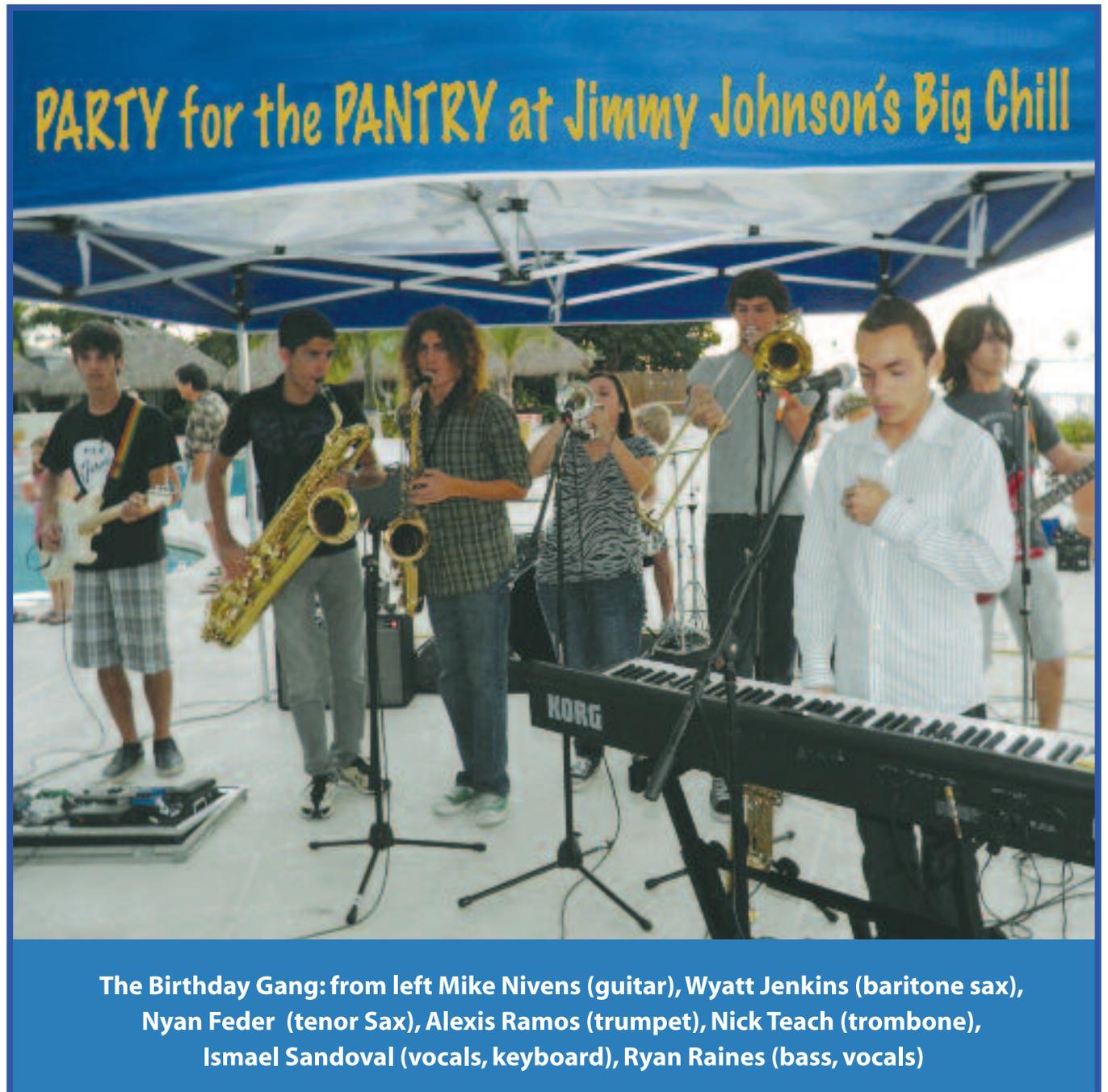
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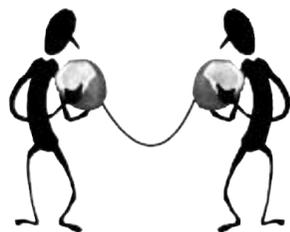
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## Editorial: Her Name is Dixie

She is a Chihuahua mix and used to live in a fenced in yard on Buttonwood Avenue in Key Largo Trailer Village. Her owners at the time took little time to care for or about her. She existed outside under a rundown trailer at the end of a seedy street. Dixie's whole world was limited to a chain that kept her imprisoned outside, day after day after day. When the South Florida temperature was ungodly hot Dixie would go as far as her little chain would let her to find shade or a just bit of breeze. Chihuahuas are prone to heat stroke so they should never live outside here in the Keys.

When Dixie's owners would come home late at night, she would rush to them wagging her tail and hoping for just a tiny bit of affection, which she rarely, if ever, received. Animal Control received numerous complaints and visited Dixie's

torture chamber often, leaving warning after warning. But all her unconcerned owners did was put up a "no trespassing" sign.

When it was so hot you could practically cook an egg on the asphalt or so cold that folks bundled up and stayed inside, little Dixie was outside on her chain of torture. She survived through extreme heat, near-freezing temperatures, thunderstorms, tropical storms and even hurricanes. Many dogs have been known to strangle themselves on their own chain or rope, but Dixie managed to stay alive.

One day Dixie disappeared. Her owners told people that someone had stolen her. The truth is Dixie escaped! Animal Control found her wandering the neighborhood, picked her up and took her to the shelter. There they fought to save little Dixie.

The tiny animal was suffering from heartworms and dehydration. Dixie's owners never called Animal Control to look for her. Either they just didn't want the little dog back or didn't want to pay the fee. The good news is that little Dixie survived and was eventually adopted. Finally Dixie has a good home thanks to the caring people at the Upper Keys Animal Coalition.

You are probably thinking that this is a happy ending, well luckily for Dixie it is. Unfortunately Dixie's previous owners have more pets!

Monroe County has an ordinance against this kind of abuse, stating "It is inhumane to chain or tie a dog to a stationary object or confine it in a small place".

Responsible pet owners and caring individuals should report animal abuse or neglect to Animal Control 305-451-0088.

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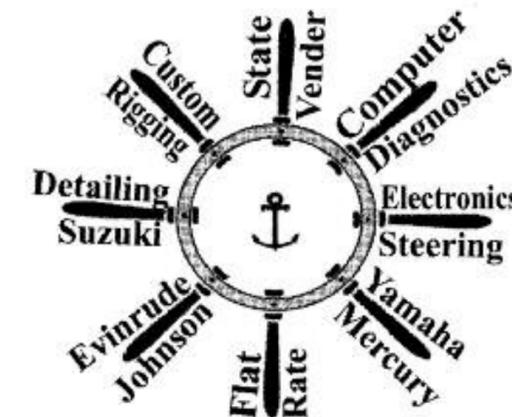
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# Key Largo Woman Wins Wave National Championship

Leah White of Key Largo, known business-wise as the "Plant Lady," won the 13th Annual Hobie Wave National Championship the weekend of December 3-5 held at Founders Park Watersports at Founders Park in Islamorada, Florida.

This is her second National Title and she is the only the second woman to ever win the title in the fastest-growing class of sailboats in North America. The first woman was Kathy Kulkoski of Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Leah's husband Dave White had been running in second place through most of the regatta, but slipped to fourth place overall.

Leah totally dominated the class by taking nine bullets out of fourteen races. Her worst finish was a 5th place. No one has ever so dramatically won this event, which is usually a nail-biter to the end.

The White family gets a lot of practice and tips as they frequently sail with Dave's Father, Rick White, who is the Wave Masters World Champ, is in the Sailing Hall of Fame, and runs Rick White's Sailing Seminars. The entire family is very



Leah White leads the fleet around the weather mark.



Dave White took 4th place overall.

active at the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo, Florida.

The Wave Fleet at UKSC sails about 90 series races every winter season at the Upper Keys Sailing Club where there is a fleet of over a dozen boats that race regularly.

The Wave Class was formed about twelve years ago when the boat design first came out. It is a thirteen-foot beach catamaran and is roto-molded by the Hobie Cat Company - nearly bullet proof to damage. It was one of the least expensive boats to purchase and requires very little maintenance.

The next Nationals will be held the first weekend in December of 2011 again at Founders Park Watersports. For more information on the Hobie Wave contact Rick@catsailor.com or visit www.Catsailor.com, or www.WaveClass.com.

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## Junior Angler Winner of Islamorada Sailfish Tournament



Tim Rahn Photography

The first Place Junior Angler winner of the 47th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament was James David of Ft. Lauderdale, age 11. He was aboard the Relentless with Captain Paul Ross and mates Ben Ekblom and Scott Stoky. Congratulations! Read more about the tournament on page 7.



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# Bartender of the Month Linda Schaupp

at Gilbert's Resort



Linda Schaupp, the Coconut Telegraph's Bartender of the Month, comes from a family of very hard workers. When her parents, Reinhard and Karina, purchased Gilbert's Resort it was only natural that she, along with her sister Julia and brother Robin, jump in and help in any way they could.

When the family first moved here from Germany they were faced with extreme culture shock and spoke very little English. But, in no time at all they were fluent in the language and came to love the Florida Keys.

This writer's first memory of Reinhard left a lasting impression. It was during his inaugural week at Gilbert's. He took an old broken down Island Oasis machine, put it on a table in the parking lot, tore it apart and put it back together in working order. It

is that kind of intelligence and perseverance that enabled the Schaupp family to bring Gilbert's out of bankruptcy and make it the huge success that it is today.

Linda, the oldest of the three children graduated from Florida International University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Science. She is also a certified personal fitness trainer and is pursuing a degree in Medicine. She is beautiful, intelligent and sincere. Although she takes her work very seriously, her naturally friendly personality makes her a favorite of the locals and visitors who come to see her at Gilbert's Tiki Bar.

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# 2010 Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

Team Reel McCoy won the 47th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament releasing a total of 16 Sailfish over the three-day event. Captain George McElveen led anglers Larry Amoyette (Silver Springs, FL), Sean Smith (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Kiki Ferrer (Islamorada, FL), and Justin Miller (Islamorada, FL) to the winner's circle.

The Reel McCoy team has also won an entry into the 2011 IGFA Offshore World Championship in Cabo San Lucas. The Reel McCoy took the lead on the first day, as mate Lee Gahagen grabbed the leaders, releasing eight Sailfish. The Olympic Gold was hot on their heels with seven releases. Day two was another great day for Reel McCoy. They released seven fish giving them a two-day total of 15 releases. Captain Alex Adler on the Kalex was coming on strong and had 12 fish by the end of the second day. Kalex would release three Sails on the final day, but Reel McCoy would release one more Sailfish before it was over, guaranteeing them a front row seat at the awards ceremony.

A total of 92 anglers fished on 27 boats in this year's tournament. There were 257 hook ups during the three days with 205 total releases. Total fish tagged ended up being 18. The Islamorada Sailfish Tournament is the primary fundraiser for the Islamorada Charter Boat Association. Islamorada Sailfish Tournament continues the fight to preserve and protect the fabulous fishing in the Florida Keys.



Anglers on the Reel McCoy took home first place. From left: Sean Smith, George McElveen, Larry Amoyette, Justin Miller, Kiki Ferrer, and Lee Gahagen.

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Neal Watson legendary diver and DEMA Hall of Famer is to be the Grand Marshal for this year's boat parade. Watson's achievements are legendary. He currently holds several Guinness World Records, including the compressed air diving depth record where he descended to 437 feet. He recorded another milestone by swimming 66 miles underwater non-stop in 19.5 hours from the Florida Keys to Miami.

Watson has worked in numerous major motion pictures, and appeared in television shows including, 20/20, Inside Edition and The Today Show. He has also been featured in countless magazine and newspaper articles for his world records and exploits in shark diving. For the past 12 years, Watson has annually produced Ocean Fest, the only seaside consumer dive show in the United States. Watson has worked with numerous celebrities and taught Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York to dive and hand-feed sharks for an ABC special with longtime friend, Jean-Michel Cousteau.

In November 2004, Watson was inducted into the "Fort Lauderdale Sports Hall of Fame" along with three-time Super Bowl Champion and Football "Hall of Fame Recipient" Michael Irvin. A year later he was inducted into the DEMA "Diving Hall of Fame".

"I am thrilled Neal can join us, he is a diving legend who

has been in the industry since 1953 and I have known and admired him for many years," said Spencer Slate Captain of the Grand Marshal Boat.

This year's theme for the Parade is 'Under the Sea'. entry is free and boats are encouraged to register early.

There is \$1500 in cash and awards for Best in Parade, Best Use of Theme, Most Colorful, Most Original, Best Business, Best Boat Under 25' and Best Boat Over 25'. All entries receive a fabulous ditty bag and win great raffle prizes at the Captains Party on Friday evening the 10th. In addition every entry except the overall winner will qualify for a \$500 cash drawing. The winner will be picked at random at the awards party after the parade.

The Boat Parade will begin at 7:30pm on Saturday, December 11th with an extended route beginning at Dusenbury Creek going north to Gilbert's Resort and then heading south back to Sundowners for the awards at 10pm. The best viewing locations along Blackwater

Sound are the Caribbean Club, mile marker 104.5; Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill and Sundowners Restaurant mile marker 104; and the Marriott Key Largo Bay Beach Resort, mile marker 103.5.

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We all know that our planet needs our help right now, but we often feel unsure about what to do, where to make an effort, and what will really help. The good news is that we can heal the planet on a daily basis simply by buying and eating food that is grown locally. Food that has been transported long distances doesn't contain much life force by the time it gets to your kitchen. Making a commitment to shop, buy, and eat locally is not only a very important part of creating positive change, it can also be delicious fun.

One of the best places to begin the adventure of eating locally is a farmer's market. Stalls brim with fresh fruits and vegetables grown on nearby farms. Not only is this good for the environment, it's good for the

farmers since they benefit from selling directly to the consumer. The consumer benefits, too, from the intimate experience of buying food from the hand of the person who grew it. In addition, the food is fresher and more diverse. In supermarkets, particular varieties of fruits and vegetables are favored due to their ability to survive transport to a far destination. Alternately, at a farmer's market, you will find versions of the fruits and vegetables you know that will surprise and delight your senses—green striped heirloom tomatoes, purple cauliflower, white carrots, and edible flowers, just to name a few.

Make an effort to buy as much of your food as possible directly from local farmers. You will become one of a growing number of people eating delicious food to save the planet and having fun doing it.



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# PARTY for the PANTRY

Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill Sunday, Nov. 14



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## Free Outdoor Concert Home for the Holidays

The Keys Community Concert Band invites you to Home for the Holidays, a free outdoor concert at Founders Park, Islamorada. Conducted by Robert Sax, the concert offers something for everyone in the family. The program of holiday favorites includes Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Feliz Navidad, Frosty the Snow Man, and Winter Wonderland.

Santa, with a bag of treats for the kids, will make an appearance. The youngsters, and the young at heart, will also join the Band for one of the selections. Musical guests from the community will please and surprise the adults.

Pops in the Park is funded, in part, by a grant from the Monroe County Tourist Development Council, administered by the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. The Hurlburt Family Foundation and other local organizations provide additional funding. The Parks and Recreation Department, Village of Islamorada, and Islamorada Community Entertainment co-sponsor the concert series.

The Keys Community Concert Band will perform the free concert at the TIB Amphitheater in Founders Park, Islamorada (Plantation Yacht Harbor), mile marker 87 Bayside, on Saturday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Bring family, friends, and a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the free Pops in the Park concert. For more information, call (305) 853-7294, e-mail keysconcertband@aol.com, or find the Band on Facebook.



Santa Visits Band Concert at Founders Park

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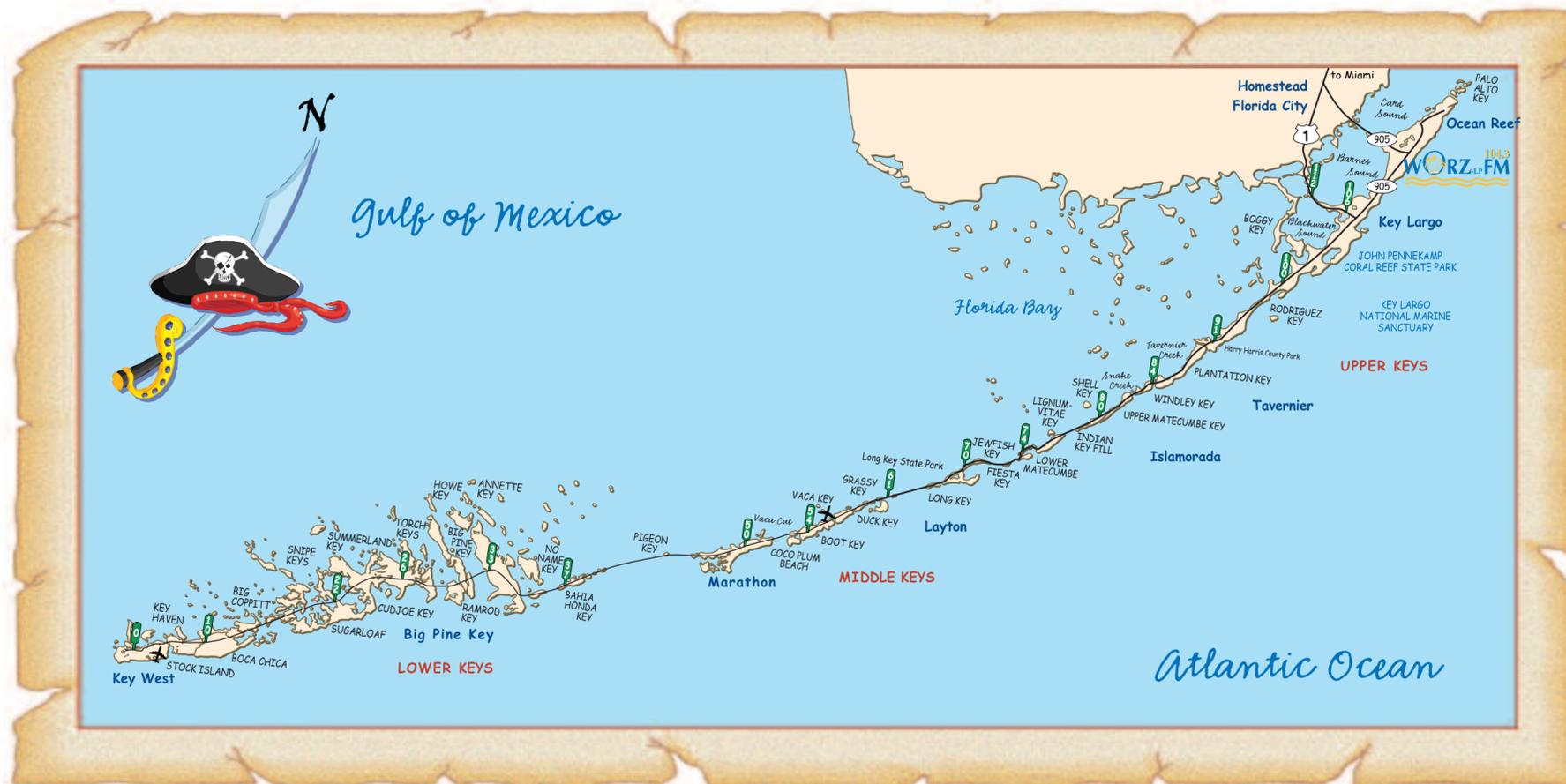
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Nicole Brown Bricker with her fellow Marines in Afghanistan.



Sgt. Nicole Brown Bricker



The Brown family. Niki with her parents and "big" brother Austin.

## Thank You Key Largo from the Brown Family

My wife, Jeanne, and I would like to thank the many friends, neighbors, strangers and businesses in Key Largo and Islamorada that helped provide our daughter Nicole "Niki" (Brown) Bricker with hundreds of Christmas presents and care packages to be delivered by Nicole to her fellow Marines and soldiers at a Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Afghanistan. Niki volunteered to be the FOB Santa this Christmas Eve. She will make sure these gifts are hand delivered to every Marine and soldier at that base. Through your generosity over 200 packages are in the mail headed for Afghanistan.

Special recognition and warm wishes go to:

- VFW Post 10211, Key Largo
- American Legion, Key Largo
- Pilot House Restaurant and Marina
- Coconut Telegraph
- Pirateheads of West Palm Beach
- Key Lime Products
- Capt Pete's Banana Pepper Mustard
- Key Largo Painted Coconuts
- WR Systems
- Dolphin Research Center
- The OV
- Lazy Days Restaurant
- Key Largo Post Office
- Ables Tackle Shop
- Last Chance Saloon
- A youth group at Coral Shores High School
- Many, many individuals we haven't met

Special thanks must go out to the VFW Post who donated \$700 and to member Bob Stuart who handed out 500 flyers around town. Special thanks also goes to Pilot House Restaurant and Marina who matched "all donations and paid for the mailing of all the packages" to Afghanistan. Special thanks also to Piratesheads in West Palm who threw a party and raised 26 boxes of gifts. And to Ray and Jody Yu who's company WR Systems donated 55 boxes of gifts and paid for the postage. Also thank you to the many kind souls who donated and we don't know who you are.

And finally, to the unknown cashier at Publix who saw one of our donors buying food and asked what it was for and upon hearing it was for our troops told our donor "Honey, go get ten more cans and I'll pay for them." And she did. People of Key Largo are so wonderful. Thank you all for supporting our troops and helping them have a Merry Christmas in Afghanistan.

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## Jell-O Shots for Your Holiday Parties

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*Makes about 16 shots*

### The Coral Reef Concussion

3 cups of boiling water and dissolve 1 package of Orange Jell-o, 1 package of Strawberry Jell-o, and 1 package of Pineapple Jell-o (all the 3 oz size) and stir until fully dissolved. Add 1 1/2 cups of cold water and 1 1/2 cups of Coconut Rum. Stir until everything is well combined. Cool until the liquid can be safely poured into Jell-o shot cups.

*Makes about 48 shots*

### Party All Night Jell-o Shots

1 cup of boiling water. Dissolve 1 package of Orange Jell-o (3 oz) and stir for at least 2 minutes until fully dissolved. Add 1/2 cup of Red Bull, 1/4 cup of Rum and 1/4 Blue Curacao. Stir until well combined and cool before pouring into Jell-o shot cups.

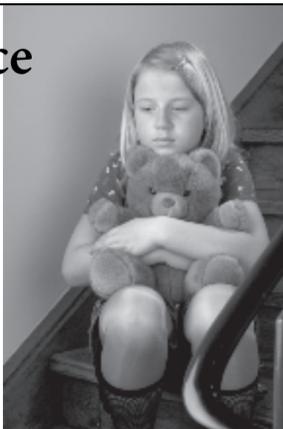
*Makes about 15 shots*

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The first Jell-O Shot concoctions dates back to 1862 and was called Punch Jelly.

## Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays.



The holidays should be a time for family and friends to share the joy and hope of the season. For those experiencing abuse, however, December can also be a particularly stressful time. Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays and the added pressures of holiday expectations can worsen an already unhealthy situation.

### This year, help those living with abuse to know that they're never alone, especially during the holidays.

The Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse in the Florida Keys. *Our mission is to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims and abusers to appropriate, effective programs and services.*

The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. is the only certified emergency shelter in Monroe County that provides refuge for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Residents may stay at the shelter for up to six weeks. The shelter is a safe and secure environment that empowers residents through its services to form the beginning of independent lifestyles.

Residents obtain crisis intervention, supportive counseling, children's services, food, clothing, support group counseling and advocacy. All agency services are available to shelter residents. For more information, call (305) 743-4440. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

### Below is a list of items needed by the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

You can drop off your gifts at 100670 Overseas Highway #5, Key Largo, FL. Monetary donations are also accepted. You can mail a check to Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., PO Box 522696, Marathon Shores, FL 33052

For more information call 305-451-5666, or go to [www.domesticabuseshelter.org](http://www.domesticabuseshelter.org).



#### DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER, INC. Wish List

##### General Needs

- Copy paper
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies & laundry detergent
- Gift certificates to drug (Kmart, CVS, Walgreens) & grocery stores (Albertson, Winn-Dixie and Publix) in small denominations
- Hand sanitizers
- Twin size linens (sheets, pillows, plastic mattress & pillow covers)
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Non perishable foods
- First aid supplies
- Bus passes (Keys transit)
- Gas cards

##### Personal Needs

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Hair brushes & combs
- Shampoo, conditioner, bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors
- Deodorant
- Cotton balls, Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene products
- Women's panties & bras in assorted sizes, pajamas, night shirts & socks
- Blow dryers

##### Children's Needs

- Books
- Art & school supplies
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices
- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
- Children's underwear in assorted sizes & socks

## Richard Behr Opens Solo Law Office



Attorney Richard M. Behr of Key Largo has opened a solo Law Office and is now accepting clients throughout the Keys, from Key Largo to Key West, seeking to file for Bankruptcy relief. The new office is located in the Bank of America Building at 92300 Overseas Highway in Tavernier.

Behr has been a resident of Monroe County for 15 years. He has practiced law county-wide all of that time and has substantial experience in Bankruptcy, having

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## Coconut Conch Characters of the Month



Laura Deaver and Dawn DeBrule with the wreath for Pennecamp Park's 50th anniversary at the Key Largo Conch House.



Some of the Hiddenout crew at the Party for the Pantry at the Big Chill.



Deadliest Catch at Coconuts!



Picture from left: Don Brown and Sharon Butler of the VFW. Thank yous to VFW for doing a great job for Niki's troops! See article on page 14.



Mikey at Coconuts.



Lisa and Ed's house on Maderia St in Key Largo.

# 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.



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Joey



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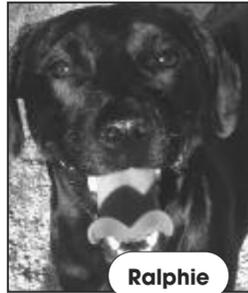
Sam



Nemo



Sandy



Ralphie

# Dealing with Evil People During The Holidays

Last year at this time I was working hard to get the paper out, had just finished with the "Party for the Pantry", and was in the process of moving in to my new home and preparing for Christmas. In my hurry to get things done I felt my heart race a few beats. Oh boy! I decided it was time for me to take a break and rest a bit.

So, I went to a local club and ordered an ice-cold beer. Sitting by myself, I began to relax a bit and then the Sunshine Band started playing beautiful Christmas

music. It had been half a year since my mom passed away and it was my first Christmas without her. Hard as I tried I could not stop the flow of tears. Off to the ladies room I went to compose myself. Everyone in the place knew that I had recently lost my mother and I was quite embarrassed to "lose it" in a public place.

After I returned to my seat, a woman that I had not spoke to in a few years decided she could not let an opportunity to take advantage of my vulnerability go. She walked a distance out of her way to come over where I was sitting and asked, "What was the favorite meal that your mother cooked for you for Christmas?"

Needless to say I was shocked. I sat there dumfounded and blankly stared into the face of evil. Satisfied that she had achieved her goal of kicking me when I was down she smugly walked away.

There is nothing like a good dose of evil to kick in your spirituality.

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Bring a holiday ornament to donate for an on-site sale with proceeds to benefit GLEE. Large, small, homemade, secondhand or new ornaments are all welcome! Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. For more information contact info@keysglee.com.



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## Eating Tips for the Holidays

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can and quickly. It's rare. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand-alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

## Reasons to Not Diet for the Holidays

### *There are Benefits in being Fat*

- Half the population will stop hitting on you.
- You don't get as cold and you float better.
- You will live longer if there is a food shortage.
- You are no longer a bimbo, people like you for your brains.
- More body to tattoo.
- Less wrinkles, bigger boobs.
- Fat people are harder to kidnap.
- Studies show that we are less likely to die from chronic illnesses, infections, invasive procedures, etc.
- Less chance of sustaining injuries during falls. Cushioning!
- It is highly unlikely you will ever become a vampire. Have you ever seen a chubby vampire? Probably not.
- You will never have to agonize over "Does this outfit make my butt look fat?" Of course it does! So now you can move on to other, more interesting sartorial judgments.



## Revenge of the Blondes

Why do brunettes like their dark hair color?  
*It doesn't show the dirt.*

Who makes all the bras for brunettes?  
*Fisher-Price.*

Why didn't Indians scalp brunettes?  
*The hair from a buffalo's butt was more manageable.*

Why are most brunettes flat-chested?  
*It makes it easier for them to read their T-shirts.*

Why are brunettes so proud of their hair?  
*It matches their mustache.*

Why is the color brunette considered evil?  
*When's the last time ya saw a blonde witch...*

How can you tell a brunette is lonely?  
*Check her for a pulse.*

What did the frustrated brunette say to her uninterested lover?  
*"What part of 'yes' don't you understand?"*

Why did God create brunettes?  
*So ugly men wouldn't feel left out.*

What do brunettes miss most about a great party?  
*The invitation.*

Where do brunettes get the hair for a transplant?  
*From their underarms.*

What do you call a good-looking man with a brunette?  
*Gay, married, or a hostage.*

Why do brunettes have to pay an extra \$2,000 for a breast job?  
*Because the plastic surgeon has to start from scratch.*



## Dear Anny Bannanny Old Ladies Need Nookie too

Dear Anny Bannanny,

I had a friend who is in her 70's. She was a nice lady till she became the high mucky muck of a small group. It went to her head and she has become a moody promiscuous nasty horny old bat!

She has turned on all her friends and is cheating on her live in boyfriend who puts a roof over this granny's head. She sneaks out at night after old Willy is sleeping and goes to the bar where she proceeds to fluff her hair and rub up against younger men like she is in heat! I am so afraid that one of these days Willy is going to get smart and follow the wanton witch, catch her in the act, and put the sorry old promiscuous septuagenarian out on the street. It is so sickening and sad it makes me want to throw up in my coffee! What can I do???

Signed,  
Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,

We all know that old ladies need nookie too. If she is not smart enough to take her cheating to another bar where no one knows her or cares, the maybe you should pick up a listing of the many fine hotels in the area from the Chamber of Commerce and circle a few for her.

If her behavior is totally out of character she may need medical help. It could be something as simple as having her hormone level adjusted.

It reminds Anny Bannanny of a joke: "A crazy little old lady that lives in a nursing home goes up to the nurse, lifts her skirt and yells 'Super Cookie!' The nurse just shakes her head. The old lady proceeds to the next person in the hallway, a young man visiting his grandmother. The old lady lifts up her skirt and yells 'Super Cookie!' The young man blushes and runs the other way. Next, the old lady walks up to an old man in a wheel chair and again lifts her skirt but before she can yell out 'Super Cookie!' the old man quietly says 'I'll take the soup'."

Good Luck,  
Anny Bannanny



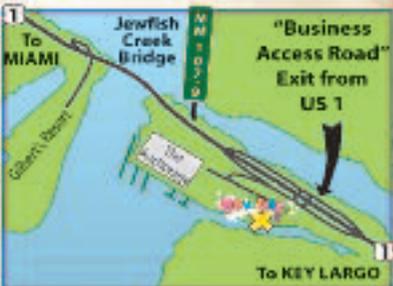
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