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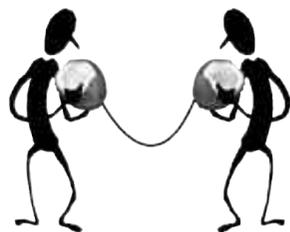
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## Editorial: Benefit for Maureen

May 22nd there will be a benefit for Maureen Owens at the American Legion. Maureen has worked hard for the community for many years. She recently underwent a double mastectomy and has months of chemotherapy and radiation in front of her. She must drive to Miami almost on a daily basis for treatment.

Though Maureen has not been able to work since the onset of her illness she did volunteer to help with the Coconut Telegraph's and WORZ's "Party for the Pantry" for the Burton Memorial Methodist Church food pantry. Her specialty is procuring donations and making them into beautiful baskets to raffle off for charity. We are looking for volunteers to get donations for baskets for Maureen's benefit. The theme is "It's

a Booby Shower!" Come on out for live entertainment, great food and fun. See the ad on page 14. For more information call me at 305-304-2837.

This month marks a year since my mother passed away. It is also a year since an old friend and former employer, Jack Webb, died in a trailer fire that was declared arson by the fire marshall. My mother died of natural causes and she had lived a full life. Sadly, Jack Webb died all too soon.

He was in the process of opening a restaurant at the Key Largo Fisheries and was absolutely ecstatic that his life was taking a turn for the better. I have had many conversations with his ex-wife Marty who passed away a few months ago. Marty Webb was a brilliant

businesswoman. She held a CPA license in Oklahoma. She could be a tough employer yet her heart was full of love for her family and friends. Not a week went by without an "I'm so glad we're friends" email from Marty.

Marty believed her ex-husband and partner Jack was murdered. I deeply appreciate the encouragement I have received from those who cared about Jack. I have also been threatened by those who want it to just go away.... I will not succumb to threats and bullying. Those who want this case reopened should call the police.

If you are afraid for your life, treat yourself to a little shopping at Kiffney's. They are a pleasure to do business with.

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## Tip the Band and Give the Munchkin a Lollipop

A few weeks ago I received a voice mail message from a short tempered band member that had played at Gilbert's Resort. He was very angry that I had put a picture of the band in the Coconut Telegraph. He said that he had not "authorized" me to put it in and to NEVER do it again! The policy of the Coconut Telegraph is that we only promote our advertisers. When we take a picture it is not about promoting the band as much as it is the advertiser and the advertiser is who pays the band. The Coconut Telegraph is a privately owned newspaper paid for by its advertisers. We are not the Rolling Stone magazine nor do we need authorization to photograph a public performance.

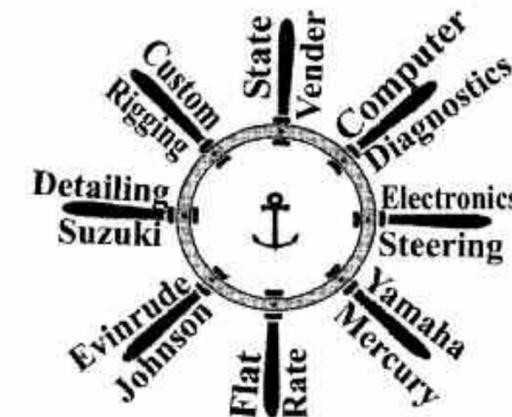
In all the years I have lived in the Keys I have met many talented musicians and it seems that the less talented they are the bigger their ego and the more talented they are the more secure they are with themselves. This particular caller has a head way to big for his bonsai body. Although he has a nice voice and knows how to stay within his small range, the success of the band is due to the guitarist and drummer who are phenomenally talented, those guys are already famous, just google them and see. Not some shrimpy little dude with a microphone who wears makeup and probably buys his clothes at yard sales for little kids.

A group of friends had gone to Gilbert's to hear this band, for many of them it was the first time they had ever heard them. Everyone was in awe of the guitarist, not the little squirt bouncing around the stage in his mama's army boots. This guy is so short you can probably see his feet in his drivers license picture! He probably poses for trophies

too. How could you stoop so low as to think it is all about you?

This same little guy made the comment to me a few years ago that his band would never "grant me an interview" because we had made the band "Hav-at-it" Entertainers of the Month! I couldn't believe it! You pathetic little wannabe! It is bad enough that you have a Napoleon Complex and think you are a super star but putting down other entertainers is just plain rude! Those guys are our friends and neighbors. People will look down on you for that. We know you are not happy, so which dwarf are you? Here is a new song for you to learn, "Short people!"

Every entertainer that we have promoted as Entertainers of the Month have been kind, gracious and talented. There are many other fine entertainers that deserve to be "Entertainers of the Month" and the reason they aren't is that we just haven't had the opportunity to do so yet. Just as we were finally able to feature this band we got the threatening phone message. Then we received an email of complaint about why they deserve to be featured from the same band member! A 4th grader could have written a better letter. What we do all agree on is that we love the band. One thing that really upset me was that the band Viva who was angry that their weekly gig was cut back claimed that Gilbert's was only a "cemetery" before they played there. Not true! This was a slap in the face to all the employees and regulars at Gilbert's. The band that I am not naming here is who made Sundays at Gilbert's standing room only way before Viva. Now that they are back the crowd is bigger than ever. Bottom line is you can't get bad entertainment at Gilbert's.



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