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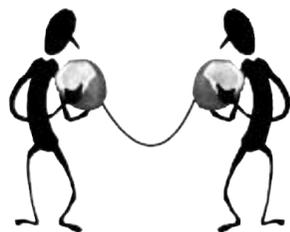
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## Editorial:

# Bidin' My Time While Marooned at Gilbert's Resort

What do swarms of helicopters, armed vessels, limos, unmarked vehicles, traffic jams and Secret Service have in common? They are all signs the United States Vice President is in Key Largo.

Over President's Day weekend Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden visited Key Largo. They reportedly were staying in a home at Stillwright Point and visiting friends in Ocean Reef.

On Monday, February 21, I moseyed up to Gilbert's to kick back and listen to the music of Dave Bowman there playing solo that day. I could listen to him play guitar all day. It is so soothing. Next up was supposed to be the Steve Venini Band except the only one there was drummer Jimmy McGuirl. The rest of the

band was stuck in traffic while the Bidens were being transported out of the Keys.

All vehicles were stopped going in and out of the Keys as well as boat and air traffic, except for the police helicopters. We heard that there would be a two hour wait but it wasn't very long before traffic opened up. Shortly, Steve Venini arrived along with Nick Charles and his super sax, Steve D. on guitar and Stumpy on percussion to hit the stage and rock the night away. Captain Steve Deatley sat in and entertained us for a couple of songs and then Keys legend Jimmy Hawkins took a turn, sounding better than ever! It's a darn shame the Bidens had to miss it. We sure hope they

enjoyed their stay in Key Largo and will come back and join us because, after all, the Florida Keys is absolutely the best place on earth!



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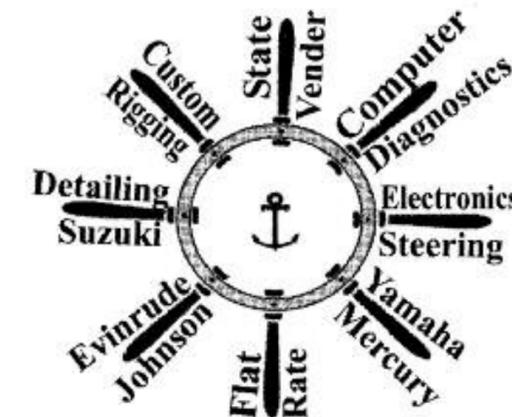
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# Entertainers of the Month

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The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature one of their all-time favorite entertainers, the Sunshine Band this month. If I were to listen to this band every day for the rest of my life it would not be enough. It is impossible to ever tire of Carol's crystal clear voice and Ken's quick wit. This is Florida Keys entertainment at its best!

Carol and Ken Schryver, of the Sunshine Band, have been performing as a husband and wife duo for over 35 years.

Originally from Long Island, New York, the band has played in such well-known venues as The Waldorf-Astoria, The Plaza, The New York Hilton, and many resorts on Long Island's East End as well as the Catskill Mountains.

Carol plays keyboards (bass with left hand, organ, piano, and synthesizer with the right) and Ken plays a 12 or 6 string guitar.

A rhythm machine

controlled by foot pedals Ken employs is used for a dancing back beat. Both Ken and Carol sing leads and harmonies. At no time do they utilize any pre-recorded

Irish/Celtic tunes, German (Oktoberfest), Swing and songs from the 20s and up. Before moving to Key Largo in 1994, the Sunshine Band primarily performed for

Bayside Grille, Holiday Inn Tiki Bar, The Pilot House, The Key Largo Conch House, Snapper's and the Mandalay plus more.

Together they have also written and recorded numerous songs and have released six albums.

The Sunshine Band has also been lucky enough to performed for (and with) numerous celebrities including Harry Chapin, Jimmy Dean, James Coburn and Mick Jagger who remarked the music was "very nice" and the band "very good."

A retired hospital administrator, Ken keeps busy as a charter fishing Captain, occasionally as a Realtor, and a fitness instructor, in addition

to performing. You can reach them by phone at 305-852-8442 or 305-942-8005; email biggerboat47@comcast.net or check out their website at www.musicbysunshine.com



musical or vocal background tracks.

The repertoire of over 2000 songs includes almost every type of music. They play anything from Oldies, Rock, Country, Island Music,

weddings where playing music for a diverse audience was required.

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lake smelt.

Thankfully, the chick fully recovered and was escorted to Sandy Key by FKWBC staff and Dyer aboard Audubon's boat. There she was re-united with other young Spoonbills and their families. Like the vast majority of wild animals arriving to FKWBC's Emergency Wildlife Hospital, the Spoonbill was not accompanied by a donation to cover the cost of her care. Wild Bird Center hosts a Sanctuary at 93600 Overseas Highway open to the public for a suggested donation of \$5 per adult; your visit will help to sponsor care for patients like the Spoonbill chick. Tax-deductible donations can also be sent to fkwbc.org.

**Support the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center and visit the sanctuary and make a donation or send a tax-deductible donation via [www.FKWBC.org](http://www.FKWBC.org)**



Don't forget your feathered friends this year.

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### Mission Statement

Florida Keys Wild Bird Center's mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native and migratory wild birds that have been harmed or displaced, to provide or locate a humane shelter for those birds that cannot be released, and to educate the public toward the importance of coexistence with all wild bird species.

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This is a great project that finds new uses for phased-out equipment and makes a big difference in the education and motivation of children. Mike personally goes over to refurbish and help set up the systems interacting with the students and the school.

During the entire month of March, UKMUG will collect equipment in the Key Largo,

Tavernier and Islamorada areas; the next container shipment and trip to Jamaica

What can be used:

- Laptops and computers, both Macintosh (with

- Flatscreen monitors
- Software
- Hard drives & RAM - memory
- Mice, keyboards, cords, USB routers

Note: Printers, computers from before 2005 and the older, huge monitors cannot be used.

If you love the project, but don't have a computer to donate, a few dollars towards the shipping would be most appreciated.

If you have questions or to coordinate collection, call before March 31st 305-394-1841 or email [Karen@keysglee.com](mailto:Karen@keysglee.com).



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# How to Recognize a Control Freak

A control freak is someone with a need to control other people, situations, or environments to create a false sense of security for themselves. They are insecure and out of control so they become perfectionists to cover up their fears and keep from letting their anxieties overwhelm them.

### Do you know one?

Do they put down your friends? Control freaks have a way of isolating you from your pals and a tell tale sign of a controller is their readiness to bad-mouth your friends.

Do they dominate every conversation? What you have to say is not important to them and they get very upset if you interrupt their diatribe.

Are they jealous when you talk to others? Does their mood change and can you sense them seething with anger?

Do they criticize your clothing? Your occupation? Your cooking? Your family? Your looks?

Do they ignore your feelings and concerns?

Do you feel a constant sense of disapproval from them?

Do they try to control you with threats of suicide?

### Are you one?

Do people tell you that you're bossy as they start disappearing from your life?

Do you tell people how to fix their lives and problems even when they don't ask?

Do you have a hard time taking failure or criticism?

Do you resent authority?

A control freak stirs up problems in their relationships and often finds themselves in arguments and shouting matches. Then they use their anger, hysterics, or silent treatment to control

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Don't become someone else's puppet.

## 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.*

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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

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## Key Largo Rotary Welcomes New Member



Pictured from left: Key Largo Rotary President Sara Hamilton, , Bob Thomas and Rotary sponsor Gretchen Holland..

The Key Largo Rotary Club is honored to welcome its newest member, Bob Thomas. Thomas is a retired airline pilot and has lived all over the world, but finally settled down in Key Largo with his wife Kristie in 2002. Thomas has been involved with the Optimist Club, the St. James Episcopal Church and Pirates on the Water. Between his days of volunteering, boating and golfing, he and Kristie have found the time to start a new business, Key Largo Chocolates, which are already being sold at a number of destinations in Monroe County.

For more information about the Key Largo Rotary Club visit [www.keylargorotary.org](http://www.keylargorotary.org).

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A pregnant crocodile recently showed up at mile marker 103 in the Twin Lakes subdivision and decided to jump in a pool for a swim. Barbara and Wade, the folks renting the house called Florida Fish and Wildlife who said that they would only remove it if it was a "nuisance". Barbara replied "Well, it's in my pool!"

After about four hours the pregnant croc left by herself.



# Control Freaks

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the other person. And here's the last word on control freaks—they always insist on having the last word!

Control freaks cannot do anything wrong so don't even try to tell them anything negative about themselves or their performance. They will stick up for their actions even when it's clear they are wrong. They just turn it around and blame someone else for the failure—it's never them. And of course, it's their way or the highway. They're just not open to criticism no matter how constructive it is so don't even waste your time.

If anything goes out of control in their life, a control freak either shuts down and turns their anger inside or turns into a rageaholic and throws a temper tantrum. You don't want to be around them when they get "out of control."

If they're upset with themselves for the error they made, they'll take it out on themselves by shutting down their emotions, getting depressed, or pouting. If you find yourself exhibiting some of these tendencies you may have control issues. If you see

yourself in most of these scenarios, you are most probably a raging control freak. It's time to get help or get yourself out of a toxic relationship.

### The Waitress Test:

It's been said that when dating, the way a person treats a waitress or other impartial person of the opposite sex is the way they will treat you in six months. During the "honeymoon phase" of a relationship, you will be treated like a king or queen. However, during that time a Control Freak has not forgotten how he or she basically feels about the opposite sex. Waitresses, bartenders, or other impartial individuals will be treated badly.

If they are cheap, they will be cheap with you. If they whine, complain, criticize, and torment, that's how they'll treat you in six months.

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It is up to us to seek out media that empowers and informs us, and to say no to media that drains energy and hope.

There is a lot of information available to us at this time in history, more than ever before, and it travels fast. We are able to learn in the blink of an eye about something that happened halfway around the world, and it's natural for us to want to know what's going on. However, it's also fair to say that we don't want to become so caught up in one way of looking at events that we lose perspective. Often, the news comes to us in a very fear-oriented format, and when too many of us get caught up in fear, the balance of the whole is disrupted. It helps to remember that we have a much greater and more positive impact on the world when we maintain our inner sense of peace and joy.

We are aware enough to know when we are eating something that is not good for

us, because we don't feel well after we've eaten it. In the same way, we can determine for ourselves whether the sources in which our information comes are ultimately healthful. News can be presented in a way that inspires us to take positive action to help the world, or it can be presented in a way that leaves us feeling powerless and sad. It is up to us to seek out and support media that empowers and informs us, and to say no to media that drains our energy and our hope.

For a time, it may even be of benefit to commit to a media fast, in which we stop taking information in for a time to give ourselves a rest. When we return to the task of taking in and processing the information all around us, we will come to it with a fresh mind. This will enable us to really notice how we are affected by what we hear and see, and to make conscious choices about the sources of information that we allow into our lives.



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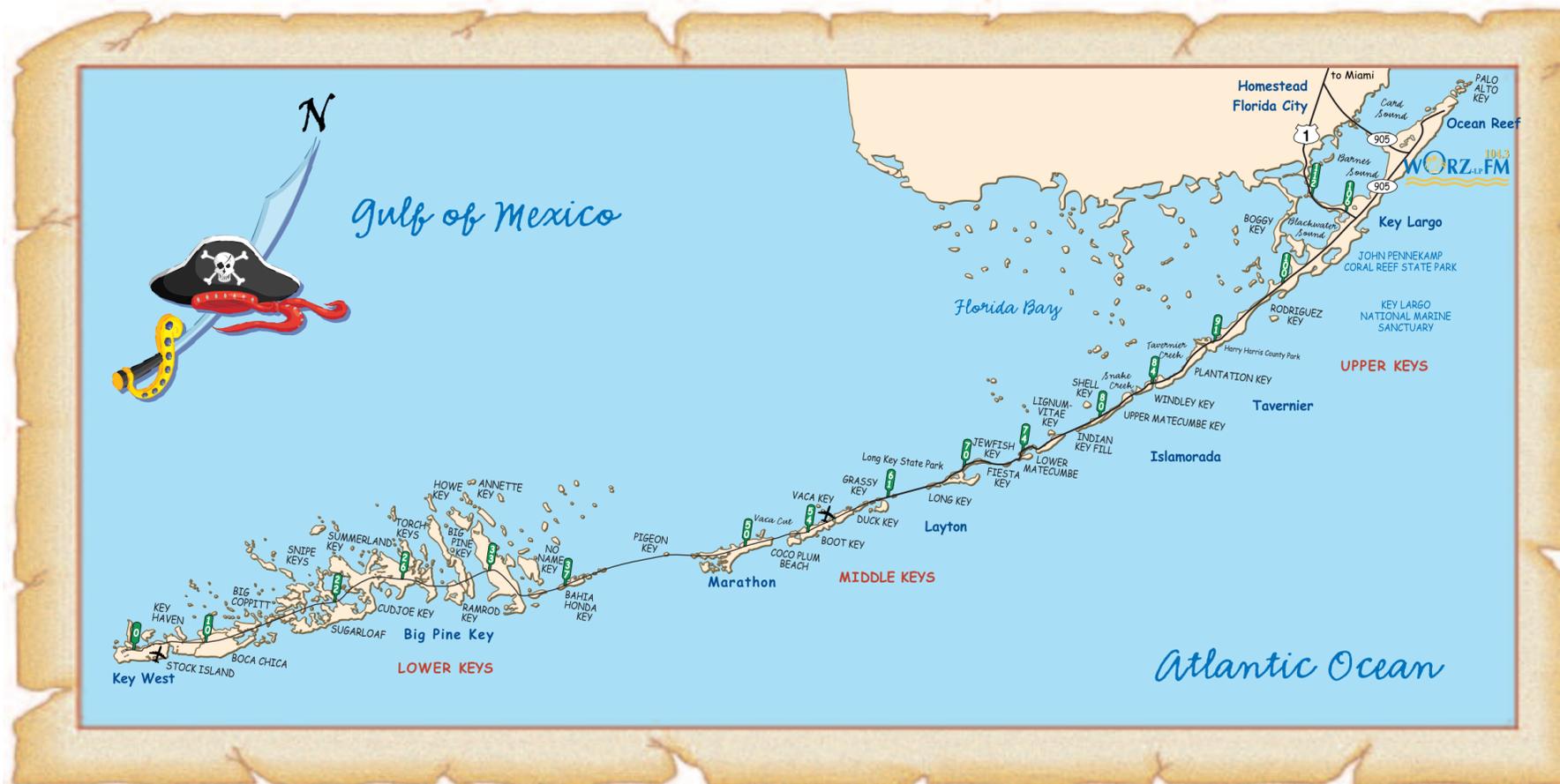
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# Lodging Association Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The Lodging Association of The Florida Keys and Key West held its Annual Awards Banquet last month. The event took place in the ballroom at The Doubletree Grand Key Resort in Key West. The lavish cocktail party was held to honor excellence in the Lodging industry in the past year. In light of the economic challenges facing many community not-for-profit organizations, this year the Board of Directors opted again to present more modest awards to the evening's honorees and make a donation to the charity of each winner's choosing. This year, donations will be made to Alzheimer's Association - South East Florida Chapter, American Cancer Society - Monroe County Chapter, Florida Keys

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Employee of the Year Awards recognize an employee who exemplifies the qualities



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and dedication to service that we would like to see all employees have. The employees are the strength of our industry. They are on the

front lines every day taking care of our guests and our business. The Key West Employee of the Year is Manny Sanchez (presented posthumously) of the Casa Marina Resort, and the Upper Keys Employee of the Year is Shelby Valles of Holiday Isle. General Manager of the Year Awards recognize one of our members who has demonstrated exceptional qualities in overseeing his or her property, who has inspired the staff to high levels of guest service and who has always managed to maintain the composure and grace that are the hallmark of a first class GM. The recipient should exhibit a commitment to volunteerism within our Association and our community. Continued on page 23..

# Centennial Bank Recognizes Achievements



Jennifer Miller, Jennifer Hawkins, Stephanie Scuderi and Teresa Condas of the Key Largo Branch proudly display their award.

The employees of Centennial Bank's Southwest Florida region recently gathered to celebrate the end of a successful year, and the welcome a new year with enthusiasm and momentum.

In addition to dinner and dancing to Freddie Bey, the celebration included recognition of certain employees for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the overall success of Centennial Bank in 2010.

In the Upper Keys, the Key Largo branch received the "Most Enthusiastic Branch in Building Customer Relationships" award and Vince Hall of the Key Largo branch received Most Enthusiastic Employee.

"In the last three years, the Key Largo branch has gelled as a team, gained focus and direction and secured a growing presence in the Upper Keys community," said Teresa Condas, President Centennial Bank Florida Region. "While all of our branches excelled in 2010, our Key Largo branch, and Vince in particular,

maintained a razor-sharp focus on growing relationships with our customers and expanding our presence in the Upper Keys community."

Todd German earned the Officer of the Year award for his substantial impact on the development of business throughout Monroe County, particularly within the Key West and Lower Keys market.

"From driving a UHaul to driving a bank acquisition, no job is too small or too big for Todd German," said Condas. "Todd's leadership is characterized by his willingness to jump in a do whatever is necessary, the professionalism with which Todd represents the bank, and his role in the significant growth of our Key West market in 2010."

April Serpa in Key West Roosevelt branch was recognized for the most Star Teller awards. And Cintia Companioni in the Marathon Midtown branch was also recognized for processing the most transactions in 2010. For more information, please visit my100bank.com.

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Anita, John and George stopped by Calypso's for a fabulous lunch specially prepared by Chef Todd.



Cousin Jo and mom Lorna made a surprise visit to Laura and John T at the American Legion Post 333.



Vice President Biden was a temporary "Conch Character" during his visit to Key Largo last month.



Secret Service Police Helicopter patrolling during the Vice President's stay in Key Largo



The beautiful Whistle Stop twins Kelly and Tracy at the Big Chill.



Coconut's Super Bowl Party prizes! Watch it there next year for a chance to win.

## Fun Facts About United States Vice Presidents

**Alben W. Barkley** was the only VP to marry while in office. At 71 he married his 38-year old girlfriend.

**James S. Sherman** received 3.5 million votes after his death. He died a few days before the 1912 election.

**William R. King**. King was the only VP to take his oath outside the US. Sick with tuberculosis he went to Cuba for treatment and was sworn in there, propped up by his aides, in his bed.

Only two Vice Presidents have resigned from the office. **John C. Calhoun** to take a seat in Congress and **Spiro T. Agnew** after being placed on indictment on charges of taking bribes.

President James Madison had two VPs die while he was in office. **George Clinton** during his first term and **Elbridge Gerry** in his second term.

Our current VP **Joe Biden** was the sixth oldest VP to be in sworn into office at 66 years, the oldest being **Alben Barkley** who was 71 years and 57 days when he took office.

For more facts visit [www.funtrivia.com](http://www.funtrivia.com) and [www.suite101.com](http://www.suite101.com)



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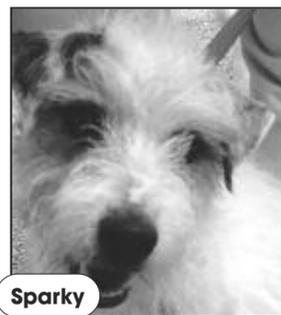
Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



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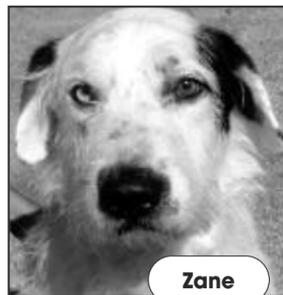
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## "Artist" of the Month Richard M. Behr, Esquire Locals Helping Locals

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Sincerely,  
Bugged

Dear Bugged,

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Maybe this isn't just a problem for Ocean Reef. Once nature takes its course and sucks the blood out of Ocean Reefers these natural predators could venture south to feast on Key Largo residents. Ouch. Better get to the bar quick!

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Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

A stripper was killed when her audience showered her with rolls of pennies while she danced.

I saw a Mormon polygamist with only one wife.

People receiving checks marked "Insufficient Funds," are calling to ask the bank if they meant them or the bank.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A woman had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, and they re-possessed her!

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

Vice President Joe Biden visited Key Largo but couldn't find a hotel room on President's Day.

Congress says they are looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!

A woman was so depressed by thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., she called the Suicide Hotline. When she got a call center in Pakistan and then she was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if she could drive a truck.

## A Letter to the Men's Helpline:

Dear Help Line,

I really need your advice on a serious problem: I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: if the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up; she goes out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep. Anyway last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the boat. When she came home she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on. It was at that moment crouched behind the boat that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard engine-mounting bracket. Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace it?

I appreciate your quick response!

Sincerely,  
Joe Smith

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## Lodging Awards

...Continued from page 14 to help maintain the lodging industry as a good partner with our residents to ensure a better Florida Keys. The Key West General Manager of the Year is Kevin Speidel of the Casa Marina and the Reach Resorts. The Upper Keys General Manager of the Year is Kathy Lyons of Coconut Palm Inn.

Property of the Year Award recognizes the one property that has done a particularly outstanding job during the past year of demonstrating in a notable manner the highest standards of visitor service and lodging industry operations. This property has made special efforts to be a good corporate citizen through support of community programs and activities. Overall efforts should be such that they invite emulation. The Key West Property of the Year is the Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel by virtue of the extensive renovations, green lodging efforts and the community support and partnership which have made it a premier property. The Upper Keys Property of the Year is the Cheeca Lodge by virtue of their amazing complete rebuilding of this land mark resort to modern and green lodging standards in 11 months after the tragic New Year's Eve fire of 2009. The Wright Langley Award recognizes businesses or individuals who have made special contributions to foster and preserve our historic and cultural resources through preservation of noteworthy properties or identification and preservation of unique aspects of our cultural history that otherwise might have been lost, or who through the written word, graphic arts or

other special personal endeavors, helped further the knowledge, understanding or preservation of those resources. In recognition of the preservation, rehabilitation, public education about sea turtles and the marine environment of the Florida Keys, the Wright Langley Award was presented to the Turtle Hospital and Richie Moretti. The Margo Golan Community Service Award recognizes leaders who have made substantial contributions to the tourism industry and the community at large, which will have a long lasting, beneficial impact on the Florida Keys. Recipients should be people who not only engage in business or public affairs honestly, but are examples to others. They should not only help the tourism industry, but make such important contributions that their mark will be long remembered and a part of history of this island. The Margo Golan Award Recipient is Harold Wheeler, the Marketing Director of the Monroe County Tourist Development Council. Board Chair Awards are chosen by the Chair, Diane Schmidt. The Board Chair award allows the Chair and the Board to recognize people in our community who have made an outstanding effort to support the tourism and lodging industry as well as our community. The recipients of these are: Stephen Kurutz, in recognition of his tireless devotion to and support of the Lodging Association, and his outstanding service to the community. And Andy Newman, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Lodging Association and the Community.

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