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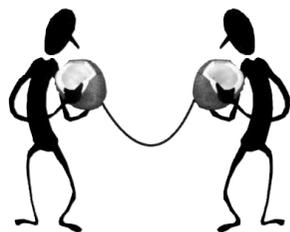
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**Editorial: Termites and Mean People Suck**

I while back I had a front passenger-side slow leak on a bald tire so I contacted Bryan Wheaton of B&B Mobile Tire Repair.

He called me back and said, "I think I have time to change out that tire today." "Great!" I said..

We agreed to meet at the Salvation Army where I could search for shells and other items of value while I waited for my new tire. As soon as I got there it began to rain so I found a carport with a canopy and parked under it. I wanted him to be able to change my deflating tire out of the rain. I knew it wouldn't take Bryan any more than 10 minutes to change the flat and I'd be on my way.

I no sooner got inside the building and the phone rang, it was Bryan, he had

an emergency on the stretch and couldn't meet me. As I disconnected with him one of the ladies that works at the Salvation Army said that the next-door neighbor lady at Truly Nolan had called a tow truck!

I immediately moved my car which had a nasty note attached saying, "DON'T PARK IN A BUSINESS PARKING PLACE!"

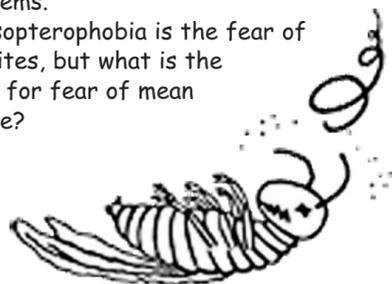
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**Annual Take Stock In Children Backcountry Challenge**

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Mark your calendar for the 12th Annual Take Stock in Children Backcountry Challenge. The event will take place from Friday, September 30th to Sunday, October 2nd in the Upper Keys. The tournament is for trout and redfish again this year, making it a fun, family event.

The Captains Meeting and tournament kickoff is set for 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30th at the Key Largo Lions Club, mile marker 99.5 oceanside. Captain Matt Bellinger will preside and a welcome party and silent auction will follow.

Anglers can begin fishing as soon as the welcome party ends and continue straight through until Sunday, October 2 at 4 p.m.. An awards dinner, provided by the Key Largo Conch House and Doc's Diner, will start at 6 p.m. and included both live and silent auctions.

First, second and third prizes await the anglers catching the largest fish by length in each target species. Other prizes are also awarded.

Key Largo Rotary Club is thrilled to announce that KLI Home Center is the premier sponsor for this year's event.

Supporting sponsors include Markey Marine, Capital Bank, FKEC and Centennial Bank. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Take Stock in Children initiative, which awards college scholarships to economically disadvantaged students in grades seven to 12, as well as local Rotary scholarships.

The tournament entry fee is \$100 per adult angler and \$50 per young angler.

For more information call Mike Shipley at (305) 304-0241 or Whitney Lavene at 786-390-3672. Applications are also available at [www.keylargorotary.org](http://www.keylargorotary.org).

To date this year, the Rotary Club of Key Largo has contributed locally to vocational and 4-year college scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, Coral Shores High School sports programs, KLS Safety Patrols, Take Stock in Children, Key Largo YMCA and other local youth and adult programs. Our ability to contribute to these worthy causes comes from fundraising events such as this Backcountry Challenge.

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# Artist of the Month: Peter Segerer

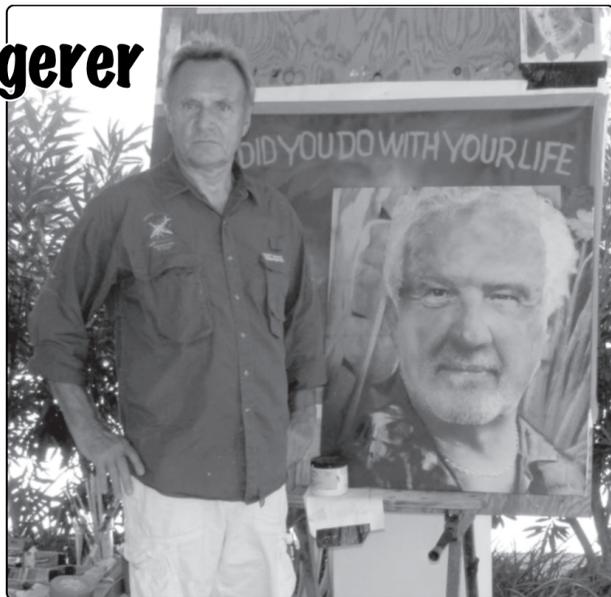
Gallery Owner, Art Collector, International Portrait Artist.

When Peter Segerer was a young man of 17, his father gave him the German equivalent of \$250 US so he could visit London for a week. On his first night there all his money was stolen. Most people would have returned home but not Segerer. He spent the night at the Salvation Army and the next day started painting chalk graffiti art on the sidewalks of London. His creations were so good that people gave him tips. He painted up to ten works a day and made enough money to travel all around England for a month.

After high school, Segerer graduated from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany where he studied Law and graduated with a degree in Art History. With that under his belt he joined the Military and his love of aviation led him first to a career as a pilot. When the military transferred him to the USA, he had the luck of being posted to the Naval Air Station in Key West. He fell in love with the climate, the music and art scene of Key West.

Segerer's thirst for travel led him to Key Largo where the serenity compelled him to purchase a home in the land of opportunity. He took an early retirement and began working as a private pilot returning to Germany often to fulfill his visa requirements. All along the way he continued to sketch the most interesting faces. Peter Segerer has a keen eye for detail. Other artists inspired him and it wasn't long before he opened his own gallery, the Kunstschalter in Ulm, Germany, to endorse and celebrate other international, well-known, talented artists. For many years his gallery would display at the famous Art Miami show.

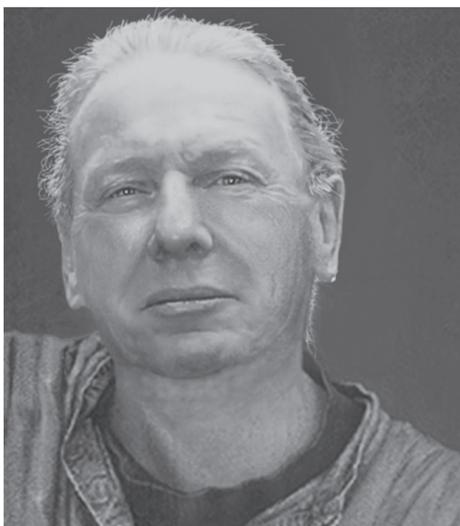
Several years ago Segerer took his talent to a new level. His fascination with faces led him to portrait painting as a hobby. With a humble confidence that comes from many years of experience, he captures the true essence of his subject with a light sketching and then follows with a sure use of color in his brushwork. His portraits reflect his admiration or affection for his subject and as the personality emerges, bringing the soul to the eye. Segerer's work is available for private portrait commissions via his website PeterSegerer.net or just google Paintings by Peter Segerer. Shown on this page are some portraits of Segerer's Key Largo friends.



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On October 15, race teams will gather at Holiday Isle Beach Resort for the annual Trikes for Tykes tricycle races. These are not your average little tricycles, but big adult-size tricycles. Races including drag races, slalom races, obstacle races, long distance races, and relay races, will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Sign in is at noon. Teams consist of four adults with one member as captain. Awards are presented in the Tiki Bar at 4:00 p.m.

Presented by the Kiwanis Club, and hosted by Holiday Isle Beach Resort, the team registration fee is \$100. Each team receives a team photo and plaque, free Rum-Runners, and (if you win) trophies and bragging rights.

Proceeds benefit the Key Club Scholarship Fund. The event is sponsored by Holiday Isle Beach Resort and Budweiser.

Further information and registration forms are available from any Kiwanis member, or by calling Tim Bricker at 766-0437.

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04. Eclipse 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	<b>LABOR DAY</b> David Bowman on Beach Stage - from noon & Band Breaks 1-6 Backwater Sound 7-11 Jammin' with Steve Venini Band	06. Luke 1-3:30pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	07. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6-8:30 pm	08. John McKinna 1-3:30pm Kevin Hurley 6-8:30pm	09. David Bowman 2-5 pm Mosquito Heads 7-11	10. Luke & Dave 2-6 Exit 19 7-11
11. Zaida & PUSH 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	12. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	13. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	14. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6-8:30 pm	15. Luke Sommer Glenn 1-3:30 pm Kevin Hurley 6-8:30pm	16. David Bowman 2-5 pm Limerock 7-11	17. Luke & Dave 2-6 EGO 7-11
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# Coconut Telegraph Redneck Hurricane Preparedness Guide

With Hurricane Irene's threat to the Keys last month, I thought it would be a good idea to remind our readers that you need to be prepared for these types of predicaments. One group of people who seem to have survival down is the Rednecks.

Immediately after an emergency, and you have seen this time and time again, the first people to be up and rescuing others are the Rednecks. It's not the Harvard MBAs that are pulling people out of flooded homes with Jon boats. It's the Rednecks. It's not a group of accountants sitting in a fancy, air-conditioned, italian-marbled-floored, mahogany-paneled office used for high-powered lunches who are persevering through the aftermath.

When the #@it hits the fan a Redneck will always come out on top. What is their secret? Preparedness. And this is how they do it:

- **Booze:** Hide the Budweiser and have a couple cans of Milwaukee's Best to share or barter with the neighbors. If you are too drunk to walk then take a kayak and float through the disaster zones.
- **Food:** Always have a supply of Slim Jims (if you want to live large get some mustard for dipping), beef jerky, and pork

rinds. These fancy delicacies won't go bad without refrigeration, you just have to be careful the dogs don't get into your stash.

- **Boat:** A true Redneck keeps a boat in his yard for years without ever using it once. That's because it is for emergency purposes. I highly recommend a two-stroke motor



that will always start after it's kicked a few times. A Johnson motor is preferred because, you know the joke, your Johnson never gets old. In the rare instance that kicking the motor doesn't work, call Louie at Dockside Services, he can fix anything.

- **Pickup Truck:** When a hurricane hits, it's certain that a Redneck in a Ford F-150, held together with Bondo and duct tape, will be pulling your Lexus or shiny Land Rover out

of that ditch.

- **Dog:** Use to determine if something is edible or not.
- **Flashlight:** A good Redneck family always has at least one flashlight handy because they use it to find the bathroom at night. During a storm it just comes in extra handy.
- **Radio with Powerful Speakers:** This is can be used

supplies can run short but a Redneck knows that with the proper ammunition crocodile is always on the menu.

To scare off looters consider installing a Redneck home security system. Here is how to do it:

1. Buy a pair of size 14-16 work boots.
2. Put them on the front porch with a copy of your most recent assault charge.
3. Put some giant dog dishes next to the boots and court papers.
4. Leave this note on your door: "Jake and Buster: I went to Kiffney's for more ammo & the Whistle Stop for booze. Back soon. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they messed the mailman up bad. I don't think Satan took part; hard to tell from all the blood. I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back."

In case you have a shortage of Rednecks in your area, prepare yourself and follow these guidelines. Don't expect FEMA to be able to get to you or provide for you.

Last but not least organize a hurricane party. Meet me at the Big Chill or Cactus Jack's where we'll have a good view of the storm.

Thanks to Daryl Smallwood for helping with this article.

to drown out the wife, kids, mother-in-law, your sister-in-law Crystal, your sister Crystal, cousin Crystal, and your neighbor Crystal and her daughter little Crystal. We recommend you tune into WORZ Ocean Reef Radio at 104.3.

- **Guns and Ammo:** A Redneck's neighbors know all looters will be shot on sight, and their loved ones' watches and rings can be bought back at the local pawnshop. Also, after a storm,

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Dr. Cecelia Monahan has a serious problem. As a therapist who runs a support group for single and divorced women, she must listen to a number of relationship problems from her unusual patients as well as deal with the unsolicited advice of her live-in mother on subjects ranging from dating to cooking recipes. The doctor, however, is not above using some unorthodox methods of her own such as hiring out-of-work actors to role play with her patients. It is only when Cecelia meets the new substitute package delivery man that she must learn to practice what she preaches!



The all-star cast includes (clockwise, from left) Donna Roberts, Jonelle Kop, Tom Chambers, Annie Regan, Chris Elwood, Leah White, Ron McMahon and Marianne Billings.

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**Tom Chambers** plays Bob Crowley, a delivery man, hired by Dr. Monahan to do role play therapy.

**Marianne Billings & Leah White** look on as group members role play.

**Annie Regan** as Jane Rudolph, an RN, discusses her relationship issues.

**Chris Elwood**, as Rose Monahan is consternated by her daughter, Cecelia.

Dr. Monahan prays for a man with certain "equipment."

**Donna Roberts** as Loretta Morris invites everyone to a luau.

**Jonelle Kop** as Dr. Cecelia Monahan, scolds Mom on the phone.

**Ron McMahon** as Tony Rumson gloats about "playing" with four women.

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## Bartender of the Month

### Guy Lange

*of the VFW, Sailing Club, and Keyz Konz and Coffee Zone*

Ever-pleasant har-working bartender, manager, and entrepreneur just about sums up the extraordinary work ethic of the Coconut Telegraph's Bartender of the Month, Guy Lange.

Lange was born in Newburgh, New York the day the Brooklyn Dodgers won the World Series. After achieving a degree in arts at the Massachusetts College of Arts, (the only state arts school in the United States) Lange joined the Navy. When he fulfilled his naval service requirement he went to work in Baltimore in environmental design architecture.

He and his beautiful wife Sallie enjoyed the island life of their home on Nantucket but the cold winters drove them to a warmer climate and they wound up in the fabulous Florida Keys. During their last week in the north, Lange, the man from Nantucket, shoveled snow every day and mournfully lamented his \$800 home heating bill.

Upon their arrival in Key Largo they heard the VFW was looking for bartenders so the couple was hired. He became involved in the Men's Auxiliary and currently is the treasurer for the group.

Stop in and see "quick with a joke and a smile Guy" on Thursday nights. The Men's Auxiliary puts on a delicious Chicken Parmesan dinner every Thursday too. The meal is only \$7 and they donate 100% of their money back to the community.

Every Friday night this month Brenda Star performs at the VFW and Saturday nights are your chance to sing with the Queen of Karaoke, Lee Kibbey.

Not too long ago, Guy and Sallie also went to work at the Upper Keys Sailing Club as managers/bartenders. This is a private club located at mile marker 100 on the bay. For information on joining this prestigious club call Lange at

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# Business of the Month is Leah's Ark

## Petting Zoo and Animal Education

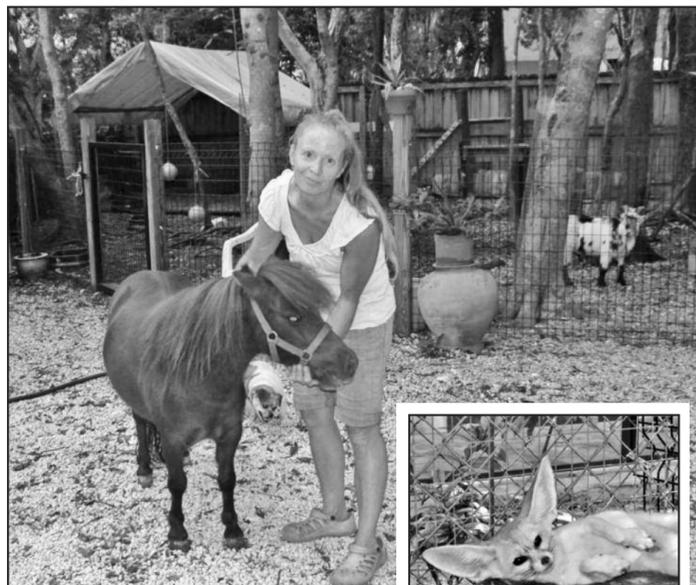
If you are looking for something special for your next party or event, look no further - Leah's Ark is a petting zoo that comes to you.

Key Largo resident Leah White has been an avid animal lover her entire life and now has found a way to share her passion with others by offering a petting zoo. Many of her animals are rescues, or were mistreated, but in their new forever-home they are returned to health and thrive under her loving care. All animals are appropriately housed and well taken care of.

White got the idea for her ark when she attended a birthday party for her friend's granddaughter and they had hired a petting zoo from Miami.

"It seemed like a fun idea, and after seeing how things went I thought I could do this and then some," says White. "I love kids and have always wanted to educate them about animals, specifically about native wildlife and the need for conservation. The future of our environment lies in the hands of the younger generation, and many of these

kids have little understanding of the importance of preserving our environment and sharing it with the creatures who were here before us."



Leah White with her mini-horse. Also pictured is her pet fox.



educational programs are more geared for a classroom setting but it can be incorporated into the petting zoo as well.

Leah's Ark can also be

In addition to her traditional petting zoo she also offers an educational program that deals with native wildlife and exotic animals, and their impact on the local environment. The

hired for events such as fundraisers, Easter egg hunts, Christmas nativity scenes or whatever your imagination can dream up. If there is a specific animal you would like featured and she

doesn't have it most likely she can get it. A favorite is the miniature horse, which has a cart for pulling kids and can be decorated if desired.

White will travel throughout the Keys and to South Miami but there is an additional traveling fee for all locations 35 miles from Key Largo. The safety and well being of the kids and animals is always foremost.

Pet sitting in her home or yours is another service White offers. She is also happy to help rescue injured or orphaned wildlife and offers pet "counseling" to help you decide what pet might best suit your family if you're considering a new addition.

Suitable for all ages, Leah's Ark offers a wide variety of domestic and exotic animals including pony rides and or mini horse cart rides, goats, pot belly pig, chickens, bunnies, guinea pigs, sugar gliders, de-scented skunk, fox, possum, hedgehogs, a variety of exotic birds, turtles and a tortoise, lizards, gecko, salamander and even a buffo toad! For more info call Leah White at 305-619-5353.

# Pity Party Releasing Negativity

Having a pity party for yourself is alright as long as you learn from it and don't dwell in it for long periods of time.

We all have days when the bad things seem to outweigh the good ones and we begin to think that life isn't fair. You get stuck in traffic, which makes you late for an

important meeting, and then your car gets towed. You might ask yourself, "Why me?" Events like this one can test

anyone's ability to be grateful and feel optimistic.

If you have a tendency to feel sorry for yourself, and many of us do, things usually progress to the next stage: the pity party. You begin to feel like the innocent victim of a dismal fate because you are seeing your life through inaccurate lenses. Most of the thoughts that run through your mind at times like these are not helpful, and they mainly serve to increase your indignation and feelings of powerlessness. What these feelings and thoughts don't do is change your circumstances or make you feel better.

When you have a terrible

day, there should definitely be a time and place to have your feelings so you can process them. It's important not to pretend that you are fine with things when you aren't. It's also important, however, to notice when you're having a pity party. It's a good idea to set a time limit in which to fully express

your emotions and not feel guilty, ashamed, or judge yourself. Having a friend witness you during this process can be helpful. You may also want to write about your



feelings. When your time is up, let go of the negativity you just expressed. You can declare your intention to your friend. If you've written down your feelings, you can burn the piece of paper or throw it in the recycling bin.

Try not to dwell on unpleasant experiences and do everything you can to avoid holding on to negative emotions. When you indulge in self-pity, you only make a bad day worse. Stop feeling sorry for yourself, release the notion that you are a victim, and notice the good that exists in your life.

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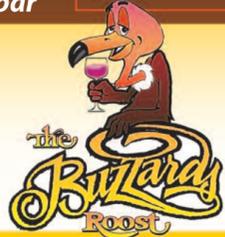
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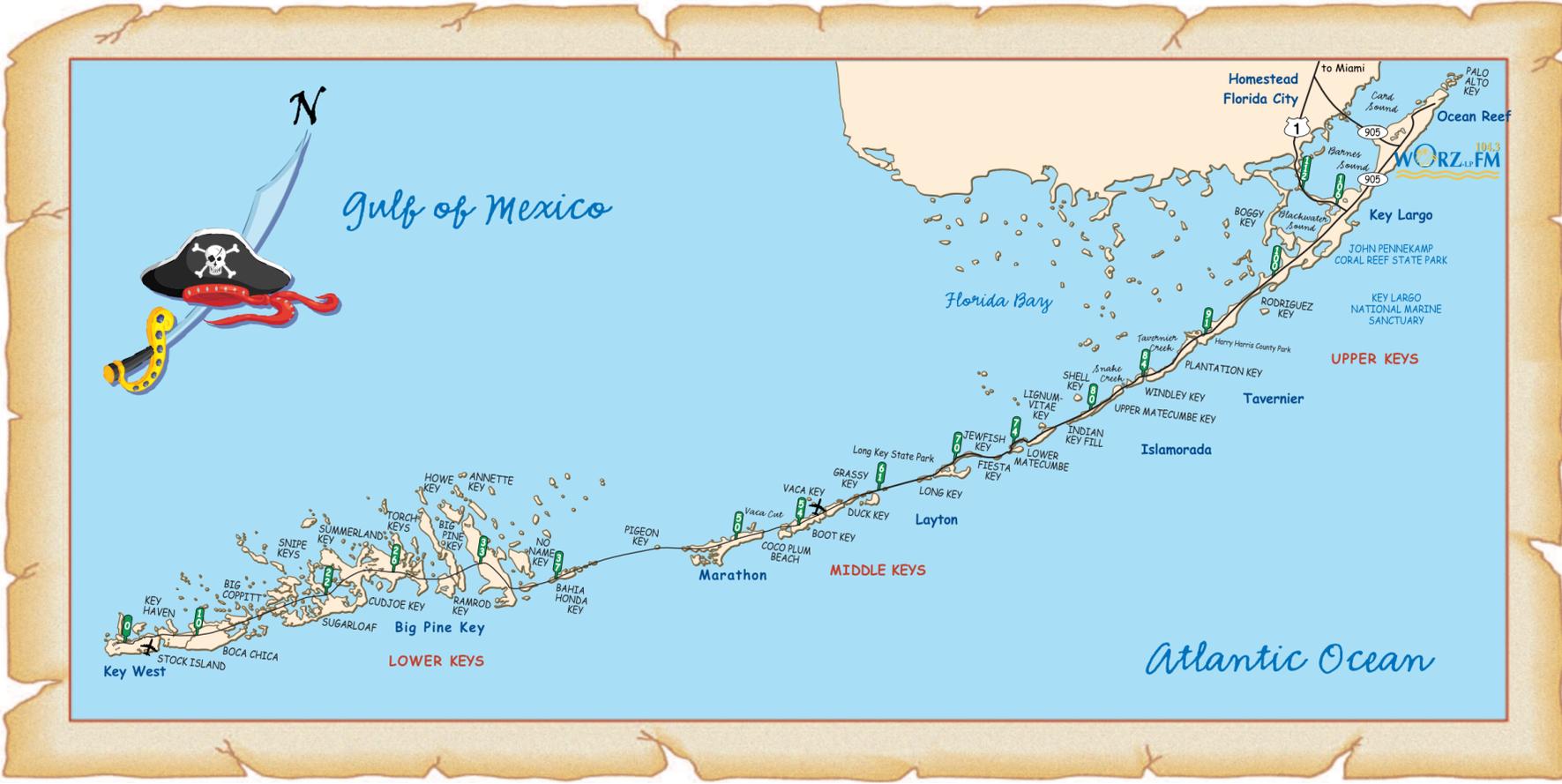
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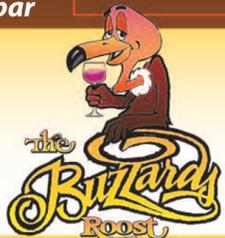


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Last month, the Florida Keys Council for People with Disabilities joined forces with Centennial Bank and the Center for Independent Living to host a community celebration of the 21st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Over 150 people showed their support for the FKCPWD, including County Administrator Roman Gastesi who announced the development of a five-year, \$5.3 million transition plan to implement over 2,000 projects of accessibility improvements throughout the County.

As part of the celebration, Centennial Bank fired up the grills to serve more than 150 hot dogs and hamburgers to accompany Commissioner Sylvia Murphy's homemade baked beans.

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## Bartender of the Month

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451-9972 or stop by. If you are lucky you might get a chance to hear the multi-talented Sallie entertain you on the piano or you can just kick back and enjoy the spectacular sunset view.

The ambitious couple also recently teamed up with good friend Phil Elmstrom whose previous experience and dream led him to open Keyz Konz and Coffee Zone at mile marker 100.6 in the plaza where Keys Kritters is. Stop in for a cone, sweet treat or coffee and enjoy a display of local artists' work or take advantage of the free wi-fi. Chances are Lange is in the back

office working on the finishing stages of designing the miniature golf course and batting cages.

With Langes's background in art you know it will be a huge attraction for Keys kids of all ages. In the future, the Coconut Telegraph hopes to hold local celebrity Putt-Putt Tournaments for Charity there.

Last but not least the Keyz Konz and Coffee Zone offers a special treat for our four-legged friends, the Woof Woof Sundae which consists of vanilla ice cream and a dog biscuit for only \$2.50. That will make you want to wag your tail! Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

# Conch Characters of the Month

# and More Conch Characters



Lovely ladies at the Whistle Stop.



A recent car show held at D-Hooker.



Anita Clark and the Coconut Telegraph in Colorado Springs.



Carmen and Linda Lu at the VFW Toga Party.



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The lovely Joni's spectacular toga at the VFW party.



Ms. Merle Miller at her shop Lunatique at the U-Haul Flea Market in Key Largo. Ms. Merle has thousands of pieces gently-used, adventurous clothing. Reasonably priced, clean as a whistle and a selection that includes vintage. Truly a locals favorite!



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Brenda Star rocks the Whistle Stop



Local residents and car enthusiasts organize a local car show held the first Saturday of every month at various locations in Key Largo.



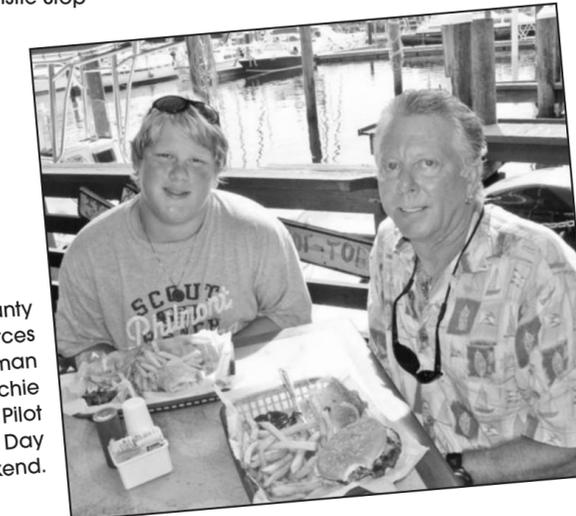
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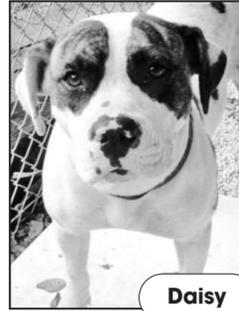
Judy and Sterling at the Big Chili.



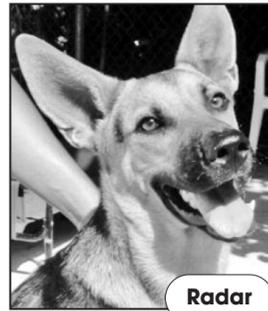
Ex Monroe County Marine Resources Capt. Skyler Chapman and his son Richie enjoy lunch at the Pilot House Labor Day Weekend.

# Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

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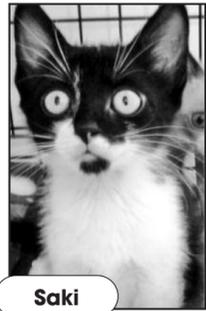
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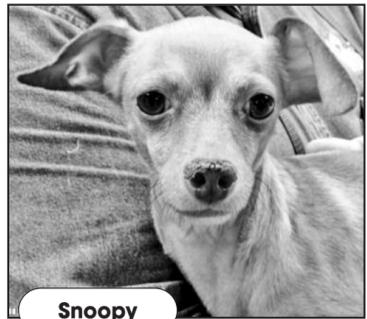
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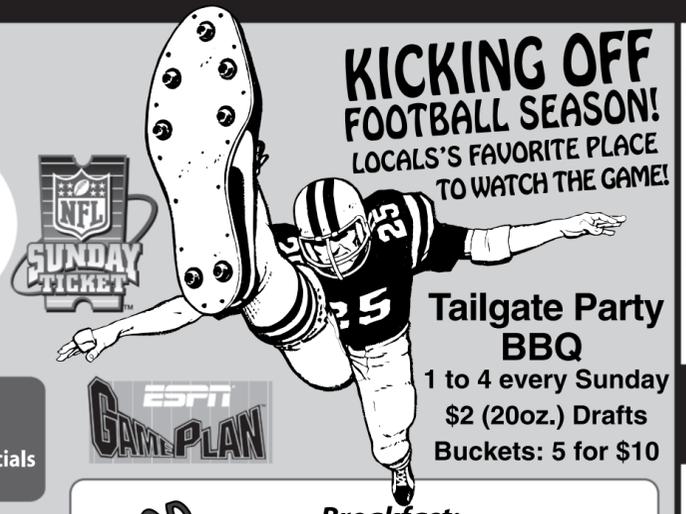


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Dear Anny Bannanny,  
I belong to a wonderful local organization that has recently been taken over by a band of misfits. There are more drug dealers, alcoholics and criminals involved than you can shake a cocktail at. I do not believe the majority of them have any business sense or experience as they are running this particular club into the ground. Most of the employees there cannot get work anywhere else for various reasons. Be it their physical, mental, criminal or work history prevents it. The good members are either dropping out or dying off, and it is a sad thing to sit back and watch the demise of this long standing local chapter that has been a part of the community for so long. They are soon going to run out of money and face eviction! What can be done to fix this?

Yours Truly,  
Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,  
The only thing you can do is wait. These organizations have a board of directors that change periodically. When the new crew emerges they will clean house and that is when you can step up to help. As it is now, you would just be throwing good money after bad and wasting your valuable time.  
Regarding the employees, the bad ones, it's their last hurrah. They are only financially motivated. With no conscience they will leech off the money until it is gone and then they will contribute to the nation's unemployment statistics with food stamps, welfare and jail in their future. Remember this, if you sit next to a crack head people will assume you are one as well. You are who your friends are. If you fail to dump the bad people in your life and rise above the nonsense you will be judged with them. When the lake runs dry the fish are easy picking. Until the pile hits the fan or someone pulls the plug, move on and do your good deeds elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
Anny Bannanny

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# Entertainers of the Month Samantha Clark-Smith and Donovan Berg

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to present Samantha Clark-Smith and Donovan Berg as Artists of the Month for September. Sammy and Donovan make a great team. With two open minds and diverse backgrounds, the end result is something quite extraordinary.

Lured by the water and the inspiration the Keys are famous for, Sammy comes to us all the way from Ketchikan, Alaska. Music started at home for Samantha at the age of 8 under the tutelage of her vocal coach mother. She soon moved on to become part of the local community theater scene in Ketchikan. Growing up in a small town, Sammy added to her repertoire by teaching herself the guitar. However, with encouragement from locals and other musicians, it is here in Key Largo where she took the next step and started performing on stage.



Samantha has a creative approach with her set lists drawing on everything from rock to rap and reggae. She is influenced by Stevie Nicks, Norah Jones, Jack Johnson, Bob Marley, Regina Spektor, and Joni Mitchell just to name a few. She can cover several genres of

music with ease and is an absolute pleasure to watch.

Donovan comes to us from Long Island and loves to play world ethnic music. He has studied his craft under George Parker and The Matecumbe Drum Band. Hand drumming just shy of 10 years, his music has already taken him to Jamaica to participate in the Fi Wi Sinting festival, a celebration of the country's African heritage. Closer to home you may have seen The Matecumbe Drum Band at the Morada Bay full moon celebrations. Through open mics around the Upper Keys he has taken his ethnic drumming background and learned to apply it to modern music.

Together the pair presents a show that is only as predictable as their friends shouting out requests. Between Sam's drive to take almost any song and make it acoustic, and Donovan's world beats their music becomes its own melodic concoction with a side of spicy rhythm. The two have played around town at venues such as the Pilot House, Bayside Grill, and the Hilton. They are currently at Coconuts every Saturday from 6 to 9pm.

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# “Unemployment” is it my Fault?

I woke up this AM wondering if I have anything left in my 401K, due to the recent economic condition of the greatest country in the world and the ridiculous actions of our government, both sides of congress I might add. Subjected to a fixed income and the responsibility of raising my minor children and securing their health care, I find myself questioning the reasons behind this mess.

Is it the offspring of our foreign governments economic condition, who we spend billions on to secure their ungrateful support or is it the leadership of our own government failing to fulfill their promises to their constituents and showing favoritism to the minorities? I mean the real minorities, The Rich, the Billionaires that pay fewer taxes than I do. Is it their greed that has brought us to this status or the loopholes or the tax laws? Is this the cause for the massive unemployment in this country? If the Congress got 98% of what they wanted I would hate to see 100%

If so, please explain to me the justification of these examples, which I have personally been exposed to.

The price of oil has dropped twenty dollars a gallon, but I still pay \$3.77 per gallon for gas? I purchased a “Nascar” official ball cap for \$35.00, made in Taiwan, My wife recently returned from, N.C. on a camping trip with the Boy Scouts of America. “America, did you hear! And of course she had to purchase a ball cap sold by the scouts at the campground only to discover that the cap was made in Vietnam. I joined the NRA and received a free hat from them, made in China. I thought that these organizations were the example of patriotism? Possibly a young inspiring individual could apply for one of the phantom “Small Business Loans” that are advertised but impossible to acquire, could manufacture hats, made in America and sell them for a mere 100% profit and knock out the Asian countries. I might be wrong on this, possibly our US companies who profit from this exchange of products would have to reduce their profits to 100% Either way it would put some people to work, if we Americans would be loyal enough to purchase them. My

neighbor just redecorated his house, and purchased all new furniture, made in China, Vietnam and Korea, at least he was diversified! My son just had wood flooring installed in his home. No not Oak, not Ash, not Pine, a Brazilian hardwood. Please help me.

Those things happen to slip by us once in awhile, but they shouldn't. Maybe we should all pay attention to where our money goes. I recently was shopping for a replacement American Flag for this past Independence Day. “Independence Day”, did you hear, Independence, think about it. I spent \$28.00 on gasoline and hours of frustration; to finally find an American Flag that was made in America, how embarrassing is that?

Computers, televisions, smart phones, tablets, cars and trucks, furniture and on and on, can you find one that is made in America. I am so tired of the cliché that we, as Americans cannot produce a product that has the quality and cost to compete against the foreign countries. Maybe we should try! Maybe we should pay attention to where our products are made. Maybe it's our fault that we don't have a job.

I have an old Harley bike that drips oil and requires periodic repair and my neighbor has a new crotch rocket that runs great, I wouldn't trade him!

Do you own an American made vehicle? Don't tell me “but it is assembled in the USA.” Don't tell me it's cheaper. Don't tell me it gets better mileage. Those thoughts are long gone. Can you justify the billions of dollars in wages and negotiated benefits the UAW gave back to their bosses wouldn't compensate for a few electronics made in Asia? I guess that would intrude on some of the billions in record sales that our automakers put in their pockets this year. Will our automobile manufacturers give some of that money back to the workers who saved their asses? Are there foreigners using us to maintain their wealth? They can all kiss my ass. Do you realize that General Motors sold more vehicles to China that they did to US citizens? Maybe that should open some eyes. If their cars were

so good, why would they buy ours? Do we really need them? Can we not produce the means and technology and production that they do? When was the last time they sent a man to the moon? Unemployment, I don't think that we can blame anybody but ourselves.

Arizona is talking about a fence to keep people from entering our country from Mexico. How about a bigger fence around our entire country and keep them ALL out. We don't need their imports of hats,

cars or motorcycles, we'll make our own and put people back to work. Maybe the countless tons of food that we send overseas should help feed our people right here in the USA. I can do without Chinese take out. How about you?

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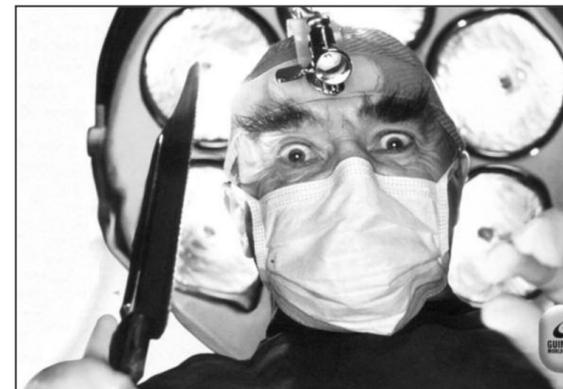
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The fourth surgeon, from Los Angeles chimes in: “You know, I like construction workers. Those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over.”

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“Never,” said Ed.

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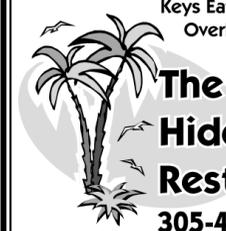
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