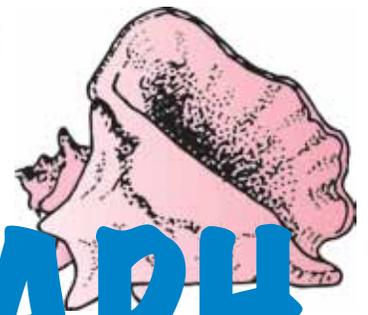


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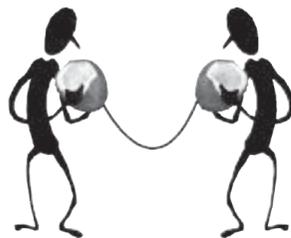
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Editorial: Amateur Meteorologists

On the eve of the first hurricane in 4 years I'm living in a half-house, half-trailer surrounded by water every which way. You can't help but feel a little comforted by the guy you overheard at the Winn Dixie in the meat section telling a friend that there is absolutely nothing to worry about, Issac is going to blow by us.

Others, like myself, are in a last minute shopping frenzy for canned food, bottled water, batteries, beer and chocolate, the usual hurricane necessities. As I round the corner of the isle, there are a couple of ladies sharing hurricane Andrew horror stories, I cringe and head back for more batteries.

I run into a friend who wants to know if I got my storm shutters up okay. When I tell him I don't have any, he shakes his head and warns me to not go outside because I could be decapitated by flying coconuts. I nod my head (that is still at-

tached, so far so good...) and do a u-turn and go back for a large bottle of wine. The produce section looks empty of people and I decide that is a good place to hide out and recheck my shopping list.

While I am hunched over behind the onions the phone rings and its my friend telling me the gang is going to the Big Chill for a hurricane party. "Be right there!" I answer as I zoom to the first available checkout line. If I hurry I can catch happy hour.

We in the Florida Keys have dodged another bullet. We are getting better at this type of thing. The county trucks were out early trimming branches and the Electric Co-op workers were on the spot. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

To quote my friend Lissa, "I'm going back to school to become a meteorologist. Where else can I get paid a lot of money for being wrong all the time?"



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**Bartender of the Month
JP Pietrylo at Coconuts**

To be a bartender at Coconuts you have to have a friendly personality, a good attitude and lightening speed to keep up with this fast-paced island night club. JP Pietrylo has it all and then some. He came highly recommended for the Coconut Telegraph Bartender of the Month.

JP grew up in Islamorada and has been tending bar at Coconuts for two years. He loves the late-night crowd and the upbeat, revitalizing music. Late at night, the legendary Coconuts night life sizzles; you can feel the magic in the air. "Wednesday is Ladies Night, ladies drink for free and dance to the beat of DJ Dave. Thursday night it's DJ Julio, and Friday and Saturday nights DJ TJ keeps the place rocking," says JP. "Sunday night is karaoke with Marilee Free inside the lounge."

"Outside on the deck, we have the locals' favorite, Bobbe Brown, 4 days a week: Wednesday, Friday,

Saturday and Sunday. Ricky from Marathon via Ireland is awesome on Tuesdays and Thursdays (the ladies really love him!) and on Mondays Kim Bankston, formerly of the Platters, entertains."

Coconuts is a popular hang out for locals and tourists.

They are open 7 days a week serving breakfast for \$2.99 at 8 am, then lunch and dinner.

Happy hour is every day from 4 to 7.

"We have a special menu along with \$2 drafts and \$3 well drinks", says JP. "And don't forget the annual Coconuts Dol-

phin Tournament - anglers win big prizes here!"

What does a good-looking man like JP do when he isn't working, I ask... He is at the gym working out or spending time with his beautiful fiancée Amber Eastman, who is a server at Lazy Days. They are planning an October wedding. Congratulations guys! JP also mentioned that he would like to thank all his loyal customers. Stop in, and tell JP the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



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Artist of the Month Stanley Papio - Dynamic Junkman of Key Largo

Like many artists, Stanley Papio was never fully appreciated until after his death. A former boxer, horse groom, and Army veteran, Papio made his way to Key Largo in the 1940s and settled on a cheap piece of land right next to the highway, where he built a salvage and welding business. In those early years no one cared that he filled his front yard with junk. The Keys had not yet been discovered and Papio's nearest neighbor lived 15 miles away. But when developers arrived the surrounding property sprouted with fancy homes and residents began to complain about the old washing machines, cars, toilet bowls, and scrap metal heaped in piles around his plot. All that "junk" at the entrance to Key Largo was an eyesore. No one cared that Papio had been there first.

The town hounded him to remove the junk and bring his property up to code. He refused to comply, instead creating sculptures welded together from his treasured junk and displaying them in his front yard. Papio considered his sculptures more political statement than art. His work, which often represented actual people, enraged members of the Garden Club and the Monroe County Commission and landed him in jail on six different occasions.

Papio's sculpture eventually was acclaimed; pieces were exhibited around the U.S., as well as in Canada and Europe. Art fans from regularly arrived at his yard to "browse" his gallery and tours began adding his "gallery" to their itinerary. Yet Papio



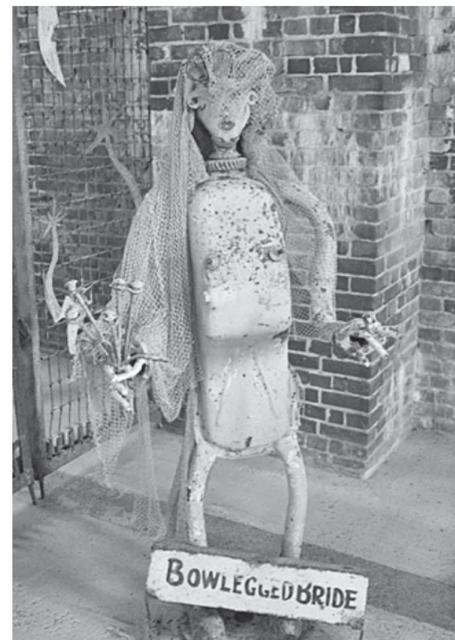
Metalllic Las Vegas model.

refused to sell his art, at one point turning down an offer of \$7,500 from a museum for one of his pieces. Instead, he hoped to donate everything to a museum that would be willing to display the entire collection. Papio got his wish posthumously; after his death in 1982, the East Martello Fort and Museum in Key West agreed to display his works in the central citadel at the fort.

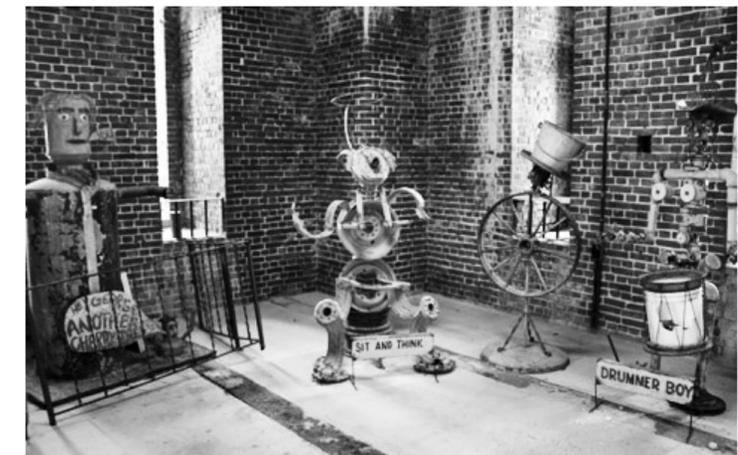
Papio's works are scattered through three floors of the gloomy citadel. Like the fort, many of his sculptures are deteriorating in the damp salt air, but perhaps that is the way Papio would have preferred it. For whatever remaining time they are with us, his works provide a fascinating historical social commentary on the people and society of the Keys.



Historical photo of Stanley Papio, welder/artist.



Whimsy or social comment? Picasso-like woman..



Papio's sculptures are scattered around the citadel at East Martello Fort and Museum.

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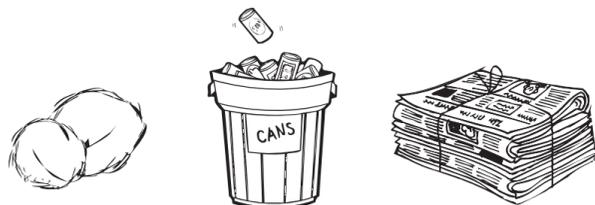
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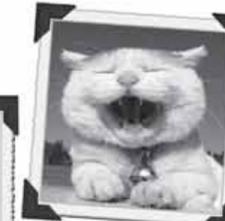
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Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized taser. The effects of the taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse affect on the assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety...

WAY TOO COOL! Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button and pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs. **AWESOME!!!**

Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave. Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two AAA batteries, right? There I sat in

my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul), while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh-and-blood, moving target. I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and taser in the other. The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries. All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5 inches long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference; pretty cute really and (loaded with two it'sy, bitsy AAA batteries), thinking to myself, 'no possible way!' What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best...

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side as if to say, 'don't do it dipstick,' reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked

thigh, pushed the button, and...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!! I'm pretty sure Jessie Ventura ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs? The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fireplace, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a taser, one note of caution: there is no such thing as a one second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor.



A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. The recliner was upside down and about 8 feet or so from where it originally was. My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it had been shot up with novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 pounds. I had no control over the drooling.

Apparently I pooped myself, but was too numb to know for sure and my sense of smell was gone. I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head which I believe came from my hair. I'm still looking for my nuts and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!

P.S. My wife can't stop laughing about my experience, loved the gift, and now regularly threatens me with it!

Message from Tim Charron, a former Entertainer of the Month in the Coconut Telegraph.

I just wanted to thank everyone for an amazing year so far. Highlights have included meeting so many of our fans, co-Hosting the TV show "Good Morning Key West," performing the national Anthem for Scotty McCreery (4000+), Randy Travis, The Pawtucket Red Sox (5000+), at fairs and festivals across the US, and recording at Crystal Gayle's Studios. Huge things are coming up and I am sharing these milestones with YOU. Thanks again, Tim

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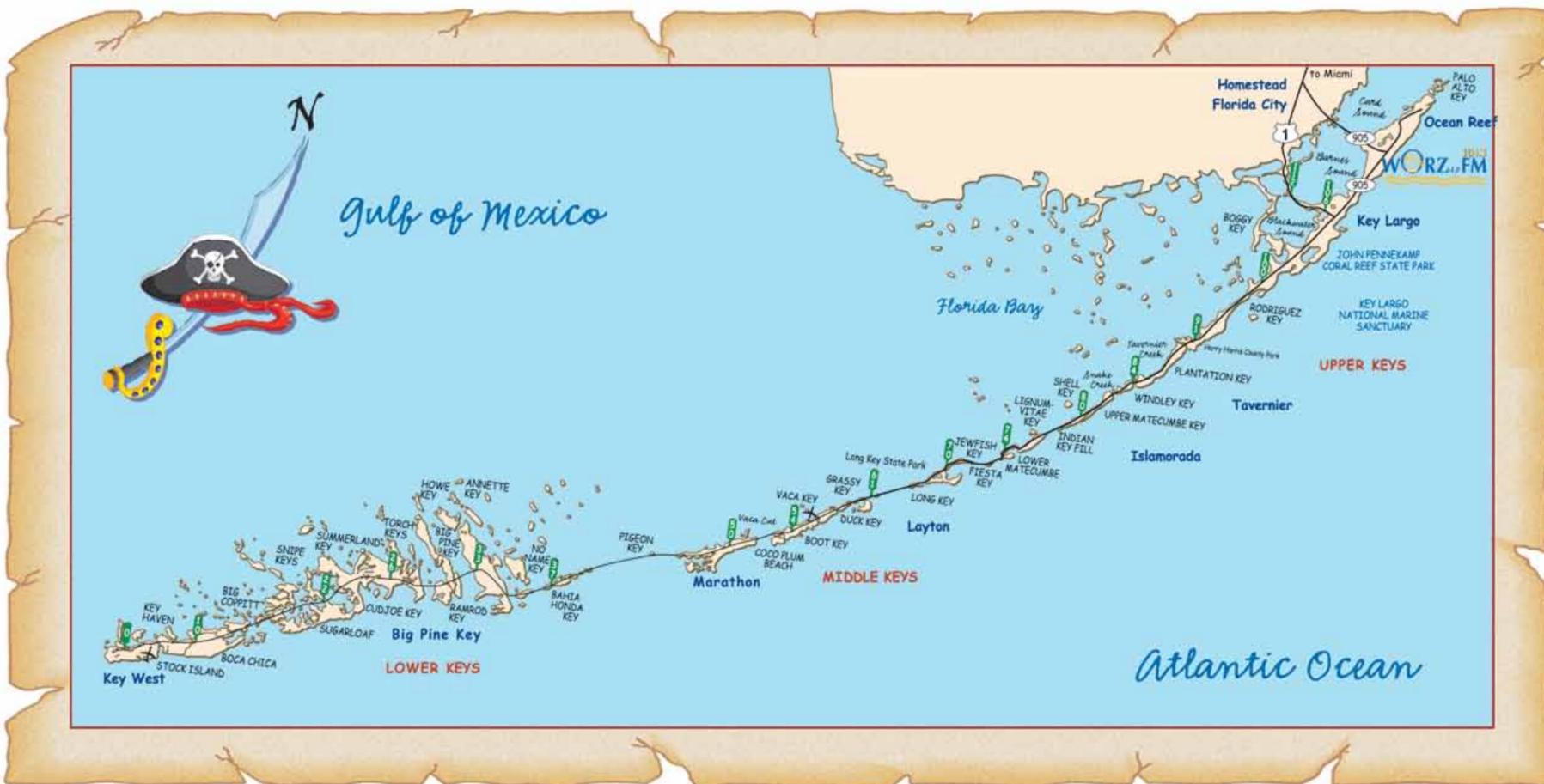
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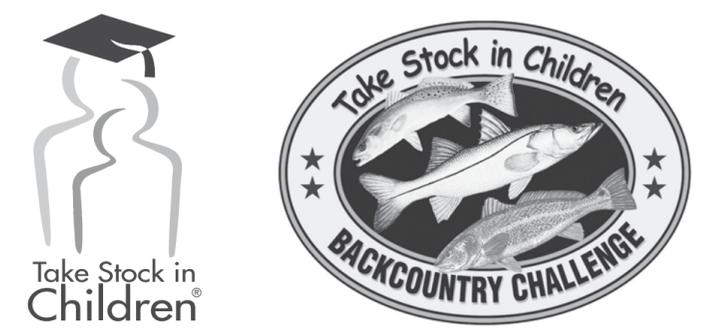
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Sincerely, The Tournament Committee

For more information on the event, please contact Mike Shipley at 305-766-7486 or Whitney Lavene at 786-390-3672, or our website at www.keylargorotary.org



Dear Editor,

I am proud to be from Monroe County. Harry Sawyer has stood up for Democracy. He has chosen to allow the poles to be open on the weekend to allow everyone the opportunity to vote.

In a Democratic government, everyone having a vote and all being created equal are principles more important than who is in power or party affiliation or economics or social issues, in my opinion. My son defended the right for people in Iraq to have the right to vote. So many have fought and died for our citizens to have the right to vote. I believe policies that prevent people from voting violate our country's founding principle.

Everyone seems to agree that the new voting restrictions will keep some registered voters from voting. Why are we allowing these restrictions to be implemented? I became certified to register people to vote and to up-date voter registrations. The number of people I have found that will not vote because of the cost of a Florida Driver's License is appalling, and most of these individuals are Republican.

Yes, I am a Democrat, but I am proud to have voted for many Republicans because of their integrity, people like Sylvia Murphy, Allison DeFoor, Ileana Ros Lehtinen, Joan Mowery, and Harry Sawyer. I may not always agree with their stance, but I know they are acting on what they believe to be right. After all, this is true of the Democrats I support, as well. I know Harry Sawyer will have my vote if he ever runs for another office, and I hope he runs for Governor.

God bless America,
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Conch Characters



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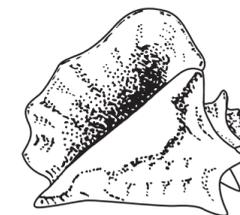
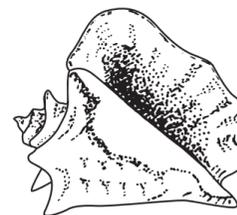
Muppet coconut characters spotted recently!



Bobbe Brown live at the Big Chill.



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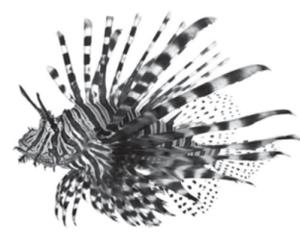
The 4th Annual Lionfish Derby Summer Series is here! The Lionfish Derby helps protect local reefs, while participants have fun competing for great prizes. The next derby is set for September 8th at Coconuts in Key Largo.

This is a one-day team competition to collect as many lionfish as possible. Teams of up to four members collect lionfish during daylight hours using a variety of capture methods while SCUBA diving, free diving, or snorkeling. Over \$3,000 in cash prizes are awarded to the teams with the most, biggest, and smallest lionfish.

Teams and spectators have the opportunity to taste lionfish while learning how to properly collect and handle this venomous invasive species. Specimens collected during the derby support ongoing lionfish research and are provided to a number of government and university research partners. To date, more than 7,500 lionfish have been collected by participants in REEF's lionfish derbies.

The captain's meeting for derby teams will be held at Coconuts on Friday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at sunrise the race for lionfish begins and ends at the dock at 5 p.m. The award ceremony will take place after all of the lionfish have been measured and will coincide with a free public lionfish tasting.

To register for the competition or for more information, visit www.REEF.org/lionfish/derbies. Pre-register your team by September 5th to receive a \$20 discount off the registration fee! Each registration fee includes 4 drink tickets and a pair of puncture-resistant collection gloves.



Remembering our Warriors: Wounded Warriors and Depththerapy

Letter to the Editor:

We are all glad for the troops who have been brought home from the conflict overseas. At the same time, we need to remember the ones who are still there. This is the time of year I start collecting for care packages which mean so much to those deployed so far away from home. We don't have to agree with the conflict but can still show our sons and daughters we care about them.

If you want to contribute, please bring only items that are on the list. The Tavernier Elks Lodge will be helping collect the items. You can drop them off there or with me at the Key Largo Library.

These are the items (preferably in small individual packages): sun block, Chapstick, antifungal cream, athlete's foot powder or cream, tuna in pouches, trail mix, dried fruit, nuts, beef jerky, protein bars, Crystal Light, Kool-Aid in individual servings, instant coffee in individual servings, Pringles in lunchbox-size cans, brown boot socks, Oreos/cookies in individual packages, and small bottles of hand sanitizer. They will no longer accept homemade baked goods.

In addition to the packages I send, most of you know I work with the wounded who are brought to the Keys for dive therapy. We bring in both allied troops and our own. I'm often asked why there are often more allied wounded than American. It is a very complicated effort to get ours released for the program. It is also expensive as our military does not pay for their flights/transportation, where the our allies do. So we raise funds in a variety of ways to pay their way. One was the Poker Run in August. If you want to help, you can make a donation to the Depththerapy account at First State Bank.

The organization Depththerapy which raises funds to get our guys here, has gone through all the hoops to get its nonprofit status and is still waiting for finalization. So at this time you won't be able to claim it on your taxes. We hope you do it just because you want to help, as we have a group scheduled to come the last week of September.

Thank you to all who always step up and help.

Claudia Moriarty
(A Marine Mom)

Editors reply: Thank you Claudia for all that you do. You are truly an amazing woman! The Coconut Telegraph will be donating a package.



Dear Anny Bannanny,

I am the owner, editor, sales manager, reporter, photographer, circulation and office manager of a local newspaper. As you can guess it keeps me pretty busy. I have 30-plus years experience in the newspaper business, yet I am constantly being attacked by unqualified people. People who can't even spell, sending out letters to my customers.. people who are unemployable, telling me that they didn't like something I wrote years ago... and old men calling me during working hours to tell me their politics.

Retired people seem to forget that the rest of us have to work. If I am in the middle of writing an article, researching and writing at the same time and I get interrupted it takes a while to get back on the same track. What can I do about it?

Yours Truly,
Harassed Publisher

Dear Harassed,

Anny Bannanny gets interrupted too... where was I? Oh yeah, interruptions suck and so do unqualified criticisms. Anny Bannanny has thousands of readers of the paper and even more on her website. A smart person does not write nasty letters about Anny, they just elect to not read her damn column.

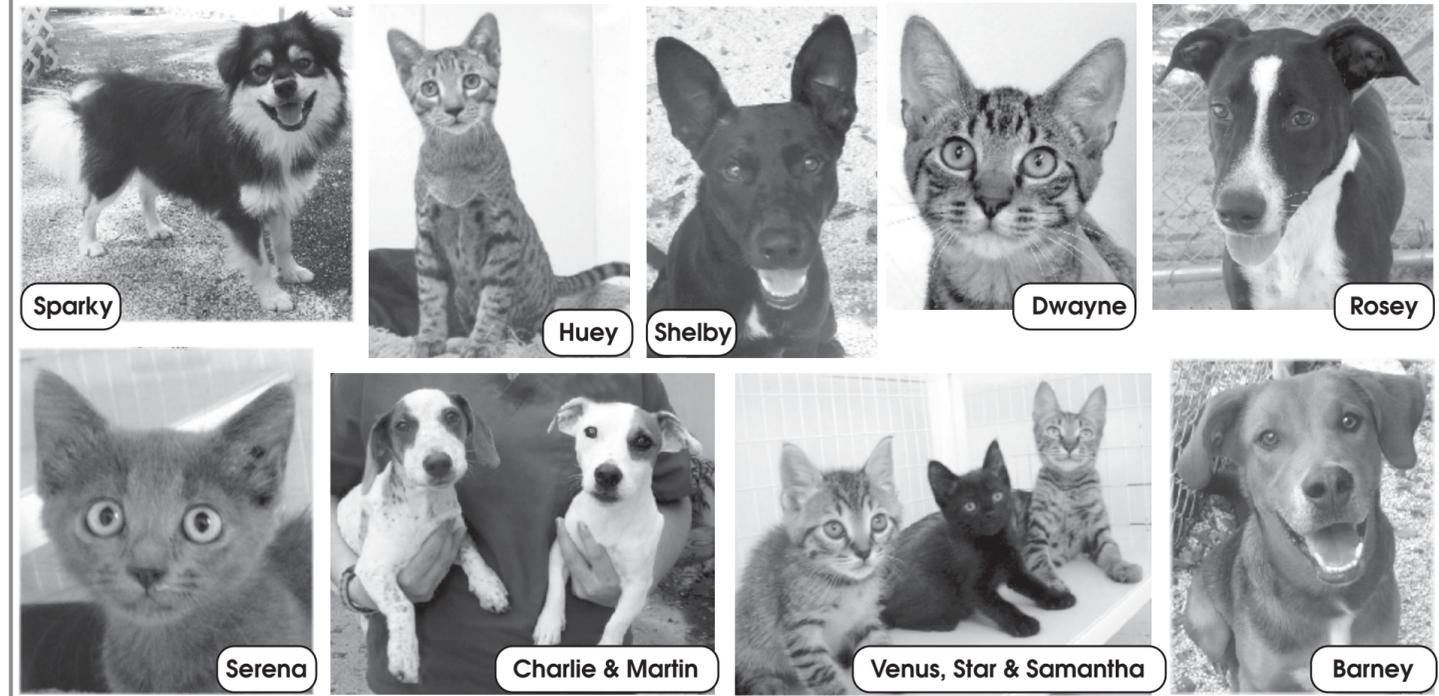
When I go into a bar and I think the bartender sucks I don't pick an argument with them. When I get criticized by the creepy guy who is in his 50s and still living off mom and dad I don't say "Hey Fleabag, get a job and take a bath!" Did you know that passive aggression and unnecessary criticism is a form of low self-esteem? These people are not qualified to criticize a successful columnist like me.

Eat dirt, pancake face! Oops, even Anny Bannanny gets off on a tangent now and then. My advice to you is to not answer your phone when you are on a project and challenge any unqualified person who criticizes you to buy your newspaper business. If they hate you bad enough, they will gladly mortgage their house to get rid of you. You and your lawyer will laugh all the way to the bank. While they are struggling to make ends meet, with no experience and only losers of their own caliber to advise them, you will be designing your next publication on the deck of your new yacht.



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On August 8th, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Jimmy Johnson responded to a call from Monroe County Sheriff's Office in reference to a capsized boat at American shoal. FWC was dispatched to the site at about 7:30 p.m. As Officer Johnson arrived, he observed two men sitting on top of their 16' Baycraft vessel, which was overturned. Officer Johnson retrieved both men from their boat and secured them safely on his patrol vessel.

During Officer Johnson's initial interview of the men, they stated they were fishing on the reef and when they started to leave, the anchor line got caught in the prop and the boat turned, with the transom into the rough seas. The vessel took waves over the transom and the boat flooded, causing it to capsize. They stated it

took only about 30 seconds to go over.

The captain, Jeremy Doan, and his passenger, Edward O'Keefe, both from Jacksonville Florida, had been able to secure the vessel's dry box before it overturned. The dry box contained a cell phone so they were able to call 911.

After retrieving some of their personal possessions from the water, towing salvage was contacted to recover the vessel. Officer Johnson transported both men to their trailer at Venture Out Trailer Park on Cudjoe Key. At the dock the entire group of family and friends were extremely appreciative of Officer Johnson's life-saving efforts.

Report submitted by Robert Dube, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, South Region Community Relations/Recruiter Officer. Photo by FWC Officer Jimmy Johnson.

Join REEF's Monthly Lionfish Contest

REEF's monthly contest helps collect lionfish and protects our reefs all year round! July was a huge success with over 70 lionfish collected by local individuals and dive shops.

To participate in the monthly contest, simply bring your lionfish in a sealed bag to REEF Headquarters (MM 98.3) Monday-Friday, 10am to 4 p.m. Please provide the location and depth of where it was found.

Three-time winner, Dave Waterbury, won a \$25 gift certificate to Upper Crust Pizza by capturing 24 lionfish. Horizon Divers sieved an outstanding 32 lionfish and claimed a \$50 gift certificate to the Pilot House and the infamous Lionfish Slayer Necklace.

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The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

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"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the Bartender, "What's with them?"

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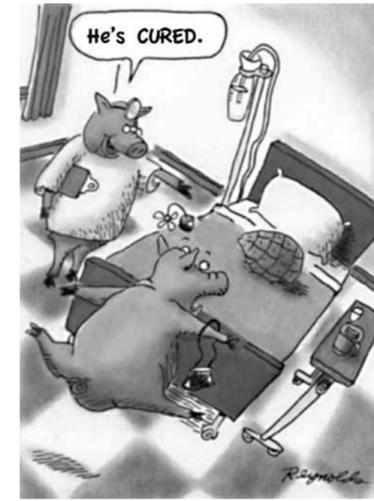
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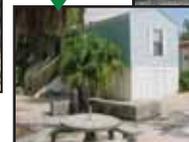
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