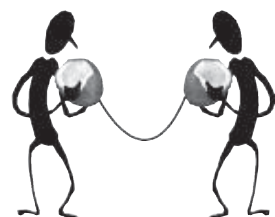


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Next thing I hear he is on his Facebook tirade of terror again this time threatening to throw flaming bags of shit at my house! And he claims to be a good citizen. The alleged felon probably does know the DCF, ATF, FHP, and KEYSSO well by now.

Publicly threatening and harassing a media person is crazy!

Many times I haven't agreed with what a public person has had to say but I don't harass them or threaten to throw fiery feces at their house. I don't wish them dead. I respect their right to their opinion and their courage to say it.

It is called Freedom of Speech.

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Student Volunteers Help Key Largo Rotary Raise Funds with Brew on the Bay



Key Largo Rotary Club thanks the student athletes of Coral Shores High School for their support of Brew on the Bay. This event is in its fourth year and continues to grow in both attendance and monies raised. All monies raised are used to support Monroe County student scholarships and athletic endeavors. When our Key Largo Rotary reached out to Coach Ed Holly, he not only secured more than enough volunteers, but stopped by to make sure that everyone was working towards a common goal.

Key Largo Rotary is a three-share supporter of

the Upper Keys Foundation which encourages student athletes to serve our community by using their time and their energy to give back to the individuals, groups and causes in need.

Key Largo Rotary recognizes and thanks both Coach Holly and all the students who sent up tents, laid out parking lots, strung pretzel necklaces, logo'ed water bottles and simply supported the cause!

The main objective of Rotary is service – to local communities and throughout the world. Key Largo Rotary meets at the Hilton Key Largo every Wednesday at 7:30 am. Further information can be found at keylargorotary.org.

Editorial: If the Shoe Fits... Wear It!

One of the strangest things I have experienced in my 9 years as publisher of this newspaper is that, although I do not mention any names when I write about a combination of people, there is always one idiot who runs around town taking credit for being a jerk. Indignantly they clutch the paper in their sweaty, balled-up fist shaking it in the air yelling "that's about me!" to anyone who will listen.

A few years ago Key Largo author and Pilot House bartender Ed Carboni wrote an article called "Living La Vida Douche Bag" about a conglomeration of not so nice people he has known and we published it. I thought I would hear complaints about using the term "douche bag" but instead we had people calling and saying they knew the person! One guy even claimed to be the douche bag!

Ed has since expanded the article and published it in a book that just came out. See page 11 to find out how you can get your autographed copy of Ed's latest book or stop by the bar and see him personally.

Speaking of douche bags, it brings to mind something that happened to me recently.

Several years ago an egotistical local singer in a band on stage vocally degraded my newspaper and me in front of hundreds of people more than once on a Sunday at Gilbert's Resort because he was angry he had never been nominated for "Entertainer of the Month," a feature article this newspaper does regularly to honor deserving musicians. He also left me a message blasting me for photographing the band's amazing guitarist. That's when the fight was on and I wrote an

editorial in May 2010 titled "Tip the band and give the Munchkin a Lollypop", which you can read at www.theconchtelegraph.com. I thought it was over then, but every chance the little narcissist has he continues to run me down and my newspaper on Facebook. Recently he was arrested for alleged possession/sale of synthetic drugs. Last month's editorial touched on the subject.

Then last week I was literally run down when my car was broadsided in a car accident. My vehicle was totaled. I received first-class treatment at Mariner's Hospital and also by our highly-trained, fabulous local ambulance crew. I am truly blessed to be alive and to have great friends. Thank you Kitty, Tony, Jane, and Sue for being there and everyone who sent well wishes.

When the malicious munchkin alleged pill pusher heard I got hurt, he went berserk! He wrote horribly misspelled rants on Facebook and he wished me dead, he even called my phone the morning after I got out of the hospital to harass me! When I realized who I was talking to I said "Aren't you in enough trouble?" "Why?" he asked. "You just got busted for selling some kind of synthetic drug and we just had a local teenager die from drugs recently!" He calmly said, "All they got me for was possession of some weed and X. I don't know about any kid that died." I said "You got busted last month too!" He said "So, what does that have to do with anything?" I yelled "YOU ARE A MORON!" and disconnected the call.

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