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Pictures taken by US Army First Lt. Glenn Hoover during the Vietnam War in 1968 are now on exhibit at the Florida History and Discovery Center. The exhibit will run through early December. As part of the exhibit is a painting called "Red Rain" by Vietnamese artist Huong, a survivor of the Vietnam War. See page 6 for more.

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## Editorial: Celebrating 11 Years

November marks our 11th year publishing the Coconut Telegraph. It is only possible because we have a very close staff. Close to broke, close to crazy and close to killing each other. That is why we have what is called a "deadline," just to make things interesting.

We actually get phone calls from people wanting an ad after the dreaded deadline and even beyond the next step, the "drop deadline." One such call the lady

Still bringing communities together!



pleaded and whined "Why can't you squeeze me in?!" My answer: "It is on the press right now m'am."

Another question I get often is "Why don't you publish the Coconut Telegraph weekly?"

I could grow an ulcer just thinking of it. Save me a bed at the looney bin!

Publishing this paper does have its rewards. We love seeing our advertisers do well and know that we make a difference. Together we can help the community.

We are in the process of planning another benefit for the Musician's Relief Fund at the Elks Lodge in March. Help is needed.

I recently ran into Jim Marcotte, who is retired

from the Coast Guard, just turned 75, and is battling cancer. He was October's Hunk of the Month, and he was excited to show me a letter he just received from State Representative Holly Raschein congratulating him on being the Hunk of the Month and thanking him for his service!

Now that is awesome! Thank you Rep. Holly Raschein, you are the best!



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**"You Might Have KEYS DISEASE"**  
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**Book sales benefit the Musician's Relief Fund in the Upper Keys**

This 32-page book was created in the spirit of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys.

Written by Sue Beal with a little help from her friends, it was illustrated by the late John McKinna, a syndicated cartoonist.

The book was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented, world-class musicians. Even as our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net for when disaster strikes and they cannot work.

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Gilberts Resort funded the printing of the first edition, so all proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

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### Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys' Golphin Tournament



Event participants, from left, Chris Jordahl, of Tavernier, Sean Sheehan and Chris Dillon, of Key Largo, rig their fishing rods for the Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys' Golphin Tournament at the Cheeca Lodge and Spa Golf Course in October.

At far right is HHUK Executive Director Jack Niedbalski. Four person teams went from hole to hole, casting at various containers using their own fishing rod and a provided casting plug. The event featured a trophy ceremony, casting contest and complimentary food and drinks prepared by Centennial Bank, at back. All proceeds benefited HHUK and We Fish For Kids 501(c)3.

Photo by Doug Finger Photography

### Art Guild of Purple Isles' Exhibit at Mariners Hospital



Left: "Girl with the Big Hat" by Mary Bonde  
Right: "Coconuts" by Natalie Dorf



"Gelato Face" by Alfred Wehl

The Art Guild of the Purple Isles is pleased to announce that a new exhibit has been installed on the second floor entry foyer of the Tassell Building on the campus of Mariner's Hospital in Tavernier.



"Sunset Serenade" by Cris Sandifer



"Fishy Fishy" by Sharon Braunberns

The 13 artists exhibiting their work are: Cris Sandifer, Catherine Fox, Sharon Braunberns, Pat Collins, Mary Bonde, Gloria Avner, Annmarie Anderson, Natalie Dorf, Geri Smith, Alfred Wehl, Jane Tomlinson, Carol MacKenzie and Carmen M. Alex.

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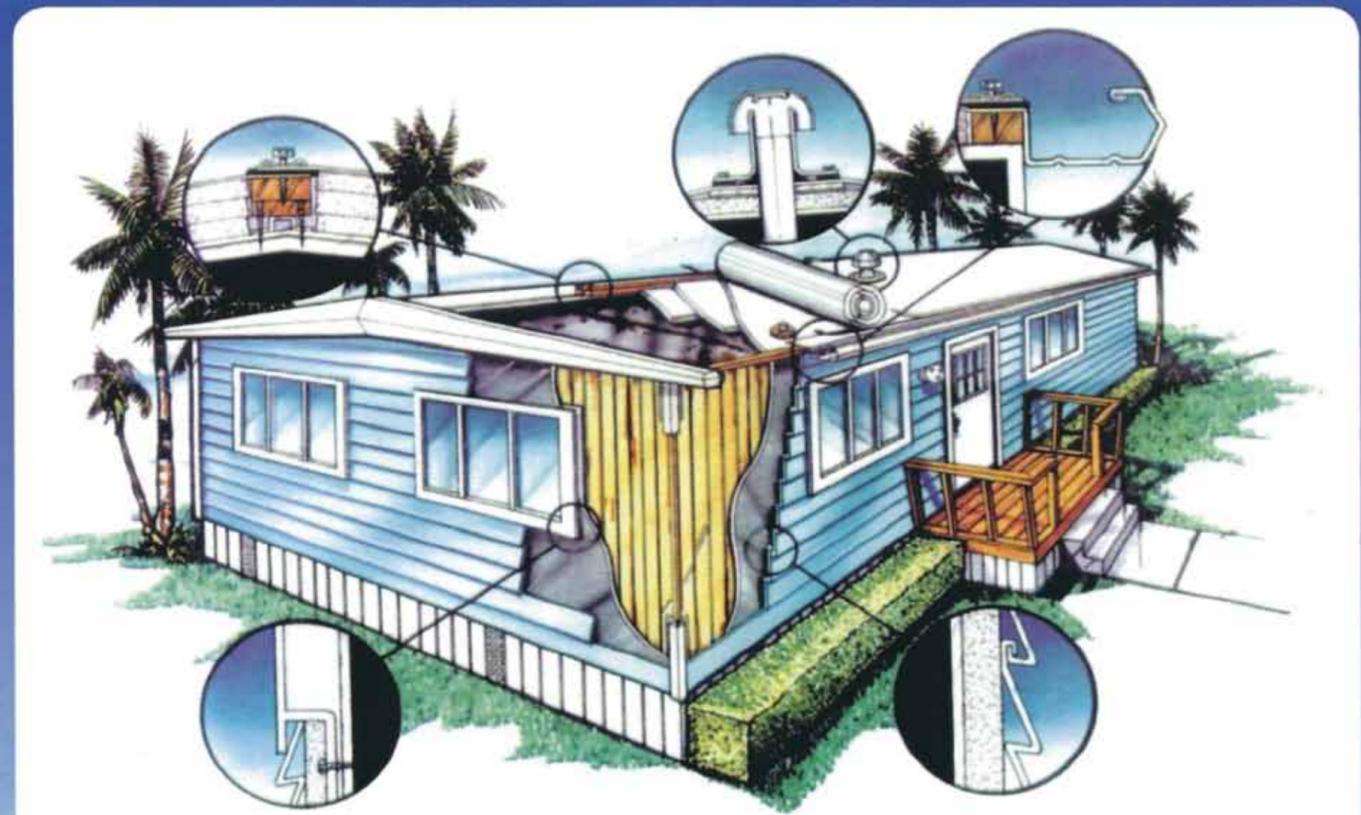


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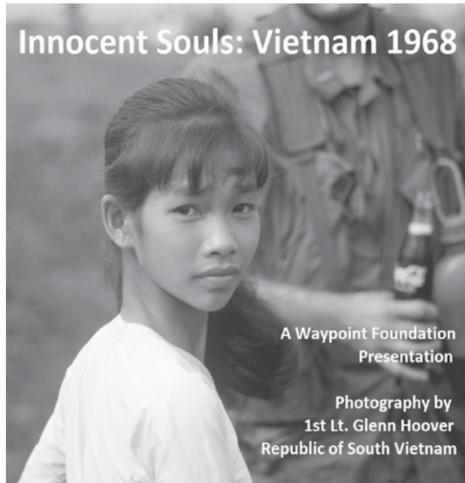
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**Innocent Souls: Vietnam 1968**

A Waypoint Foundation Presentation

Photography by 1st Lt. Glenn Hoover Republic of South Vietnam

these nearly 50-year-old images have been received. "Each time we open a new exhibition, we receive many heartfelt, emotional comments and notes of appreciation. We thought that we might get this reaction from those who were there or otherwise closely affected by the War. However, we never anticipated the interest and feed back that we have received by many younger observers, including elementary school children."

Dr. Yentsch and Glenn agree that it is not the intent of the exhibition to be a documentary, nor to pass any moral judgment about the period. The photographs are a series of snap shots taken during a brief moment in time by one person. It is their hope that by looking through the eyes into the souls of the subjects, the observers will contemplate the consequences of such conflicts and perhaps ask some questions.

Glenn Hoover, now a resident of Key Largo, Florida, arrived in Vietnam in January of 1968 through a series of voluntary choices, based on beliefs of service to his country instilled in him by his father. An Army ROTC graduate of Cornell University, he received a Silver Star, Bronze Star "V" Device, Army Commendation Medal and a Combat Infantryman's Badge during his 12-month tour in Vietnam. He worked years in the hospitality industry and now owns Glenn Hoover Real Estate. He is the proud father of four children who have given him eight grandchildren.

The exhibition is dedicated to Marine Captain Jerry Zimmer, Glenn's high school classmate and football teammate. A F4 Phantom jet pilot, he was shot down while on a mission August 29th, 1969 in the mountainous Central Highlands of South Vietnam. Classified as an MIA, his wife Elaine continues an effort to locate his remains and "bring Jerry home." A

longtime writer, Elaine has chronicled her labor-of-love mission in an ongoing blog, [www.bringingjerryhome.com](http://www.bringingjerryhome.com). She welcomes all visitors to Jerry's site for an insider's look at their journey.

The Waypoint Foundation is a relatively new, private, not for profit devoted to celebrating human creativity and operating out of Key Largo. It is the primary sponsor of the exhibition. The exhibition will be available for viewing at the Florida Keys History and Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, Florida 33036 from November 3rd through December 4th. The Center is open Thursdays through Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm. The Center will also be hosting a presentation by Glenn Hoover, with an opportunity for questions the evening of November 30th.



The opening reception for the photography exhibition Innocent Souls: Vietnam 1968 and Yesterday's Kids, was held at the Florida Keys History and Discovery Center (FKHDC) in Islamorada on Nov. 2nd. Joining photographer Glenn Hoover was renowned Vietnamese artist Huong. Huong, a war survivor and immigrant, now lives in Miami and owns the Peace Gallery on Washington Avenue in Miami Beach. She is loaning the exhibition her famous "Red Rain" painting.

The exhibition features photographs taken during the peak of the conflict known by Americans as the Vietnam War and by Vietnamese as the American War. The images were captured by Key Largo resident Glenn Hoover while he was serving as an Infantry 1st Lieutenant in the Republic of South Vietnam. They focus on the Vietnamese and Montagnards people who lived there, as well as the young American soldiers who were visiting. The exhibition can be previewed on line at [www.innocentsoulsvietnam.org](http://www.innocentsoulsvietnam.org).

Dr. Clarice Yentsch, President of the sponsoring Waypoint Foundation and exhibition Curator, states "We are excited about having the full exhibition in Islamorada and will be introducing a new element, Yesterday's Kids, to the existing canvases. Yesterday's Kids is a collection of contemporary portraits including several local Florida residents who actively participated in the war, or protested against it. Their poignant reflections about their personal involvement and the lessons learned are stated in each photo's caption. Images of several Montagnards refugees, who I personally interviewed, are included." The Montagnards are the indigenous people of Vietnam who fought bravely next to US Special Forces units in Vietnam's Central Highlands.

Hoover has been pleased with how

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### Move Over Mrs. Markham

is set in a very elegant top floor London flat, belonging to Philip and Joanna Markham. The flat has been under renovation, and thus has been largely empty. Philip is a straight-laced publisher of children's books, and he shares an office with his partner, Henry Lodge, on the ground floor. Reluctantly, Philip agrees to let Henry borrow his apartment for the evening to entertain his latest girlfriend.

At the same time, Joanna Markham is persuaded by Linda Lodge to let her borrow the apartment, so she can entertain her lover. What nobody knows is that the interior designer who had been decorating the apartment for the past three months has decided that this was the night he and the au pair girl would try out the new, orange bed! When all three sets of people converge on the apartment, expecting to find it empty, chaos and confusion ensue.

Directed  
Produced by

Jonelle Kop  
Patrice Messina  
& Tom Butler



Starring

Marinka Stuvell  
Jimmy Pardinas  
Russell Holmes  
Deborah Mendoza  
Patrice Messina  
Craig Zabransky  
Seychelle Hattingh  
Leah White  
Jerry Nussenblatt



Alistair Spenlow (Russell Holmes) and Joanna Markham (Marinka Stuvell) discussing his abilities as an interior decorator.



Philip and Joanna (Jimmy Pardinas and Marinka Stuvell) rekindling their marriage.



Philip Markham (Jimmy) begging Alistair (Russell) to explain what's going on.



Walter Pangbourne (Jerry Nussenblatt) realizing that Joanna (Marinka) is not the woman he was expecting to find in bed.



Alistair (Russell) joyful at finding it is his turn in the bed.



The famous, straight-laced, and ditty authoress, Olive Harriet Smyth (Pam Maye) tells Joanna and Alistair that she will not tolerate sex. Note: Seychelle Hattingh will be playing this role.



Miss Wilkinson (Leah White) also finds her way into the bed.



Alistair (Russell) and Sylvie (Deborah Mendoza) stealing a moment of privacy.



Joanna Markham (Marinka) is caught in the shower.

**PLEASE NOTE: the evening curtain time has been changed to 7:30pm and there will be a Sunday Matinee for those who do not wish to drive at night.**

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**Bartender of the Month: Toni Minnix**

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to have Toni Minnix as bartender of the month. This beautiful, sweet Georgia peach hails from the city of Atlanta. She moved to Key Largo right after Hurricane Andrew to be close to her family. When you meet her you will find it hard to believe that this is her first bar tending job. She is calm, cool, well organized and super fast. It isn't surprising since her previous work experience she was the general manager of Taco Bell before moving to the Keys. She enjoys making people happy, making new friends and her co-workers Pat and Kim.



Toni. She welcomes everyone to come in and check out the new Freedom Cafe. The owner Elke Pastor has turned the restaurant into something amazing with her fantastic specials and regular menu items. This is probably the only place in the Keys where you can get home cooked fresh french fries and they are delicious! Prices are low, a burger and fries is only \$6.50. They are open 11 AM to midnight with late night munch specials. Happy Hour is Monday, Thursday and Sunday from 3 to 7, Tuesday is members appreciation day with 50% off drinks also its tipsy taco tuesday with Toni featuring \$5 margaritas, Wednesday is ladies night and from 3 to 9 PM ladies drink free! Friday night is live entertainment and \$1 drafts all day. Saturday is Karaoke and \$1 drafts. Be sure to stop in for Show Me The Money! at 6:00 every mon, tues and weds night, it is so much fun! Toni invites everyone to stop in and try the Freedom Cafe - Wednesday night special is Chicken Parmesan and Friday is spaghetti and meatballs - both are awesome. Congratulations Toni!

**Hoagies for Heroes**



Lt. Al Ramirez, with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, at left, and Trooper Shawn Martin, with the Florida Highway Patrol, grab a free lunch prepared by Chef Drew Tsang, at right center, of Chef Drew's Island Catering, during Centennial Bank's officer appreciation event. Hoagies for Heroes was held at the bank's Key Largo branch on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. At back center is Wesley Wingate of Uncle Wesley's Smoked Fish. Photo by Doug Finger Photography

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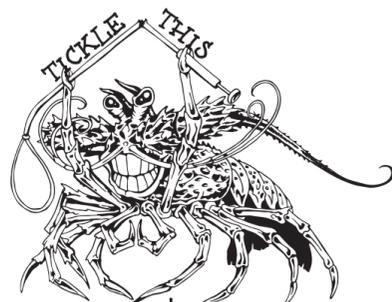
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## Bed Bug Infestation At The Key Largo Moose

Bed bugs are a taboo subject. No one really wants to discuss it because of the stigma attached. My skin is crawling just thinking about it!

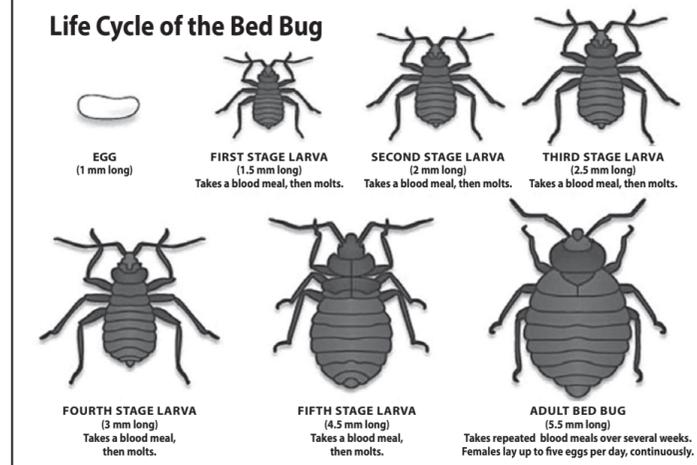
If you haven't experienced an infestation, you are fortunate.

The Key Largo Moose has a bed bug infestation upstairs in the hotel rooms and in the downstairs restaurant as well. It has been going on for months and people visiting the bar are still getting bitten each day. Tourists staying in the rooms take the critters with them on their clothes everywhere they go. You sit where they sat and bingo... you've got cooties!

Bed bugs are a devastating nightmare. A few years ago it happened to me. I was celebrating my birthday and sat in a seemingly innocent chair. The next day I had been eaten alive, bites everywhere! I brushed it off as no-see-ums, mosquitos or sand fleas. No such luck. It kept happening every night! The bites can get infected too.

I set out to cure the problem myself. I spent hundreds of dollars on every kind of spray imaginable, I switched rooms, I bought a new bed, steam cleaned the carpet, made my own spray. Nothing I did worked. Finally I was able to catch one and imprisoned it in a baggie and took it to Chris Sante, owner of Charter Pest Control, 300 Atlantic Drive, Key Largo, 305-451-3389. He confirmed it was a bed bug!

Fortunately for me, my problem was only in my bedroom and I gratefully paid the \$600. And after 2 visits the problem was gone forever. The bites, however,



103200 Overseas Highway, Key Largo 305-451-0013. People are getting thousands of dollars to recoup their losses, and for pain and suffering!

The Key Largo Moose has made attempts to fix the problem such as buying all new beds for the hotel rooms and are considering pressure washing. Those things don't help. Bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices. The only things that kill them are either extreme heat or pesticides done by a professional.

The Moose is a non-profit organization and sure could use some help before they get in trouble. Perhaps someone could give them a reduced rate or volunteer some services before the whole town starts scratching.

By the way, how do you catch a bed bug? Put a paperback book face down on your bed. They will crawl into the binding of it!

left scars and took a long time to heal.

One of my friends bought a beautiful sofa at a local consignment shop. He took a nap and was eaten alive. The problem is that most places infested with the bugs don't do anything about them.

They don't know that victims have recourse and can file a lawsuit.

If you have suffered personal injury because of bed bugs and got no satisfaction from the establishment where you got them, call attorney Vincent Tubiana



## Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

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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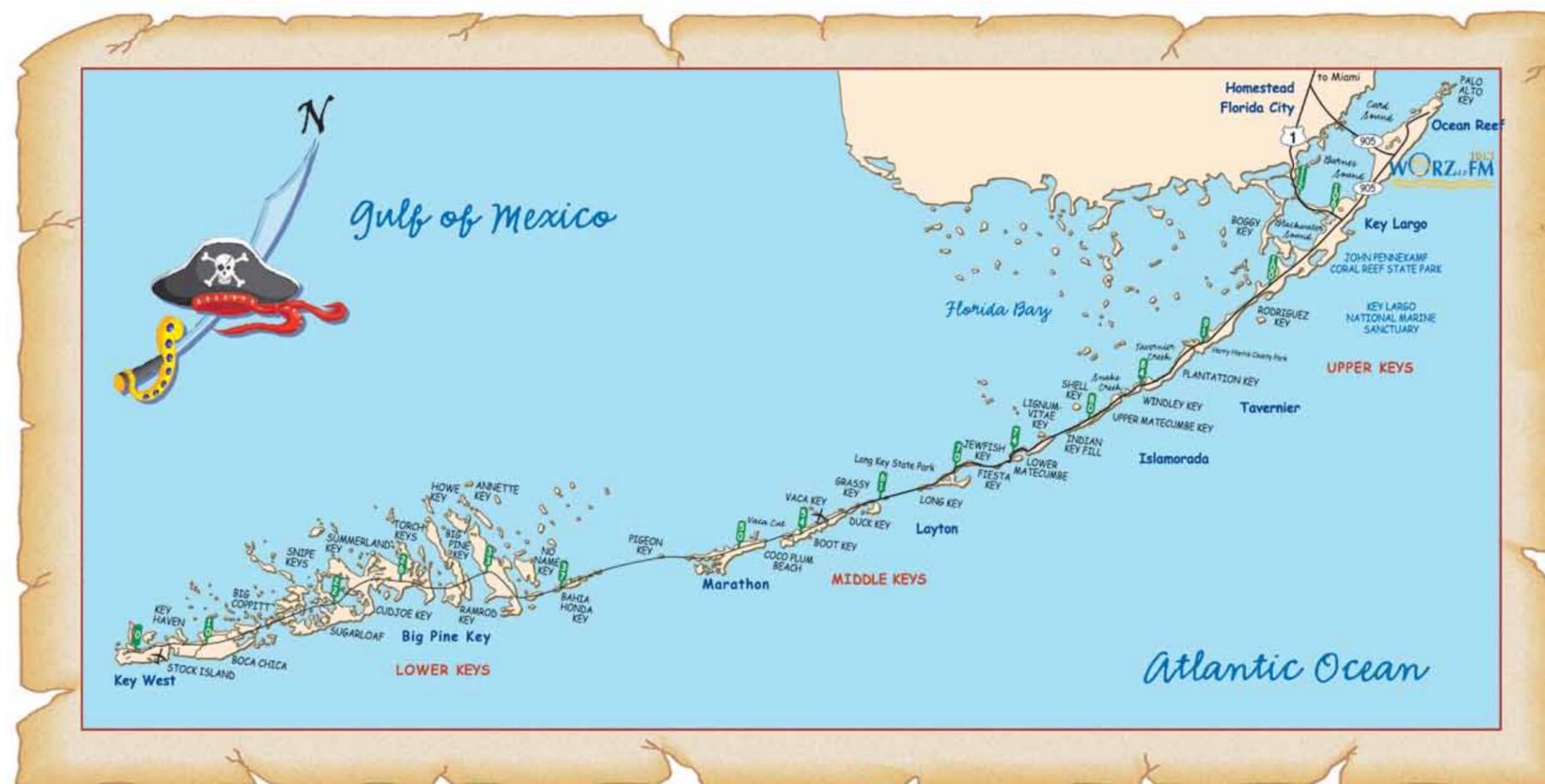
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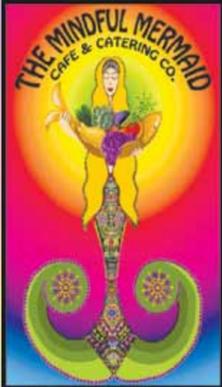
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## Drinking for the Cure!



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## "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" Results



In October, 45 participants came from around the country to learn from the pros at the award winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!@ Keys University, October 21-23 at the Elks Lodge, Tavernier, FL.

The University kicked off on Friday with the Harbor Financial Services meet-and-greet social featuring networking, fundraisers and an incredible Master Chef Appetizer Contest. While all entrants received a gift, the victor was David Kittrell, Islamorada, FL for Seared Tuna.

Saturday's events began with classroom presentations on fishing basics, offshore, bottom and inshore fishing, followed by lunch and hands-on fishing skills until 4 pm. Speakers were Stu Apte, Allison Stattner and Captains Gary Ellis and Lee Lavery. Skills such as releasing, conservation, knot tying, bait rigging, spin, fly and net casting, gaffing grapefruits and more were offered for hands-on practice.

Saturday events concluded with a silent auction, followed by a networking party with food and fun hosted by Seaside Glassworks, Islamorada, FL.

On Sunday, participants embarked on a fishing adventure out of Whale Harbor

Marina, Islamorada, FL followed by a fish fillet demonstration. Fish caught or released included sailfish, mahi, yellowtail snapper, king mackerel, mutton snapper, red grouper, bonito, snook, bonefish, mangrove snapper, sharks and more. On Friday was a Bonus Fishing Day featuring a double sailfish hookup.

Featured on network television and more, the series is supported by major partners including Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation, Mercury, Ranger Boats, Magic Tilt Trailers, Penn, Humminbird, Minn Kota and Fish Florida. Annual sponsors are Freedom Boat Club, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Treasure Cay Beach, Marina & Golf Resort, Sunrise Resort & Marina, AFTCO/Guy Harvey, Future Angler Foundation, Seaguar and Harbor Financial Services. Keys sponsors were Calusa Cast Nets, Breezy Palms and Seaside Glassworks.

The final LLGF event of 2016 is a fishing adventure Nov. 19-20 in the Gulf Coast Everglades 10,000 Islands of Chokoloskee, FL. Reservations are recommended asap due to limited availability of lodging and fishing/kayak mothership charters.

For more info: (954) 475-9068; info@ladiesletsfishing.com.

# Our Favorite Local Halloween Characters



Gremlins at Gilberts



Gilbert's manager Rob rocks out as Igor of the Red Elvises



Winner of Gilbert's contest : mermaid and octopus!



The finalists of the Gilbert's Resort Halloween costume contest  
The winner received \$500 cash!



Dr. Shots and Nurse Lotta Shots at Gilberts



Can you guess which owner of Sharkeys this is?



Alice in Wonderland at the Big Chill



Amanda & Shauna@ Big Chill



Halloweeners at Gilberts



Patty rockin' the cat suit at Sharkeys



Nurse Lotta Shots and Michael Trixx at Gilberts

## Bravery

Three generals, one from the Army, another from the Marines, and a third from the Air Force, were having a debate with a Navy Admiral about whose soldiers were the bravest.

To prove his point, the Air Force general calls over an airman. "Airman! Climb that flagpole, and once you are at the top, sing 'Wild Blue Yonder', and then jump off!"

"YES SIR!" replies the airman. He takes off for the flagpole like a shot, scales up it, sings the anthem, salutes and jumps off, hitting the ground at attention.

"The general dismisses him. "Now that's bravery!" exclaims the general. "Ah, that's nothing" says the Admiral. "Seaman!" A seaman appears.

"YES, SIR!!" "Take this weapon!" as he offers him an M14. "Scale that flagpole, balance yourself on top, stand at attention, present arms, and sing 'Anchors Aweigh.' Salute each of us, and jump off."

"YES SIR!" replies the seaman. He sprints for the flagpole with the weapon high over his head, and completes the task perfectly.

"Now that's courage!" says the admiral.

"You want courage!?" snorts the Army general. "Get over here, private!"

"YES SIR!" replies the private.

"Put on full combat gear, load your rucksack with these rocks, scale that flagpole, come to attention, present arms, and sing the National Anthem, salute each of us, and then climb back down, head first." "YES SIR!!" replies the private, and completes the task.

"Now that is a brave man! Beat that!!"

They all look to the Marine. "Private," he says.

"YES SIR!"

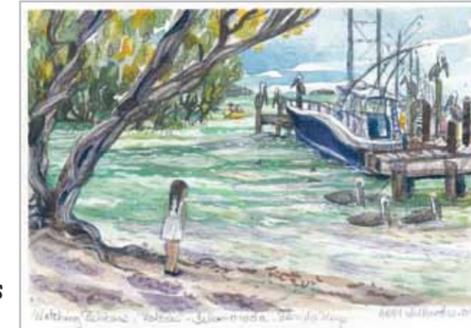
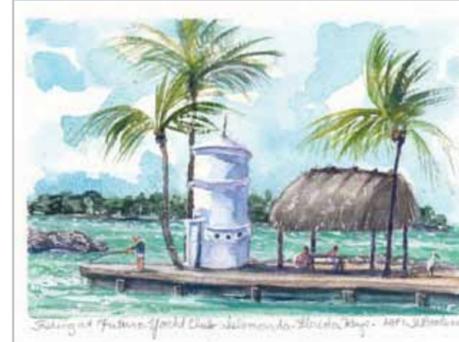
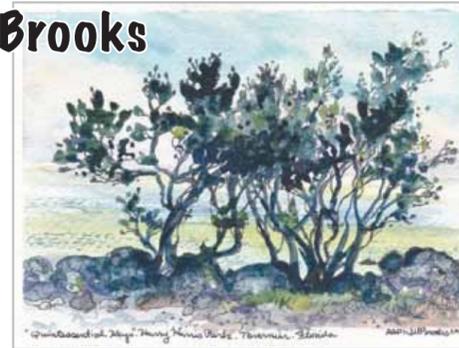
"Put on full combat gear. Put these two dogs in your pack. Using only one hand, climb that flagpole. At the top, sing 'The Halls of Montezuma', put your knife in your teeth, and dive off, headfirst."

The private snaps to attention, looks at the general and says, "GO TO HELL, SIR!"

The general turns to the others and says, "Now THAT'S bravery!"

Don't forget the Marine Corps Birthday Party Thursday November 10th at 6 PM at the American Legion - Everyone welcome.

## Artist of the Month: Ingrid Brooks



Longtime snowbird Ingrid Brooks is a regional tourism landscape watercolorist. Her small watercolors depict scenes of local interest, rendered in quick, impressionistic style accentuated with ink or pencil.

A prolific and award-winning international artist, she is the current President of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (www.agpi.us), a long-established, non-profit art guild in the Upper Florida Keys. An AGPI Board Member since 2012, she has been awarded ribbons at their annual juried member art shows, the "Birds in Nature" Joe Cella Memorial art shows,

and in other international art events.

At Islamorada's 2016 second annual Paradise Paintout Ingrid placed first in the Enthusiast Division, a plein air event that is open to public participation.

With a degree in art history, a back-

ground in outdoor advertising, and practical art education through various guild workshops, Ingrid is primarily a self-taught artist. For her, the beauty of painting outside in the Florida Keys is the illumination of the subject in brilliant sunlight often not captured in gloomy northern climes.

Ingrid's collection of plein air watercolors currently displayed at the Art Box in Key Largo were created on AGPI Member Plein Air Days at various scheduled paintouts in the Upper Florida Keys.

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Ingrid Brooks with ribbons from Art Guild of the Purple Isles' annual show.

# Coco'Nut' Funnies



### The Big Accident

A man wakes up in the hospital bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, however, your penis was severed in the accident and we couldn't find it."

The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You have \$9,000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new penis. They work great but they don't come cheap. It's roughly \$1000 an inch."

The man perks up.

"So," the doctor says, "You must decide how many inches you want. But I understand that you have been married for over thirty years and this is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now she might be a bit overwhelmed. If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision."

The man agrees to talk it over with his wife.

The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

"Yes I have," says the man.

"Has she helped you make a decision?"

"Yes" says the man.

"What is your decision?"

"We're getting granite counter tops."

Thank you Frank Patterson!



### No Sex!

A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major for conversation.

"Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?"

"Negative, ma'am. Just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

"Yes, ma'am, a lot of action."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation said, "You know, you should lighten up. Relax and enjoy yourself."

The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?"

"1955, ma'am."

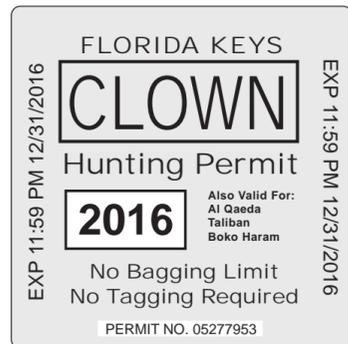
"Well, there you are. No wonder you're so serious. You really need to chill out! I mean, no sex since 1955!"

She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to 'relax' him.

Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955!"

The Sergeant Major said, after glancing at his watch, "I hope not, ma'am. It's only 2130 now."

Thank you Thad Bowling!



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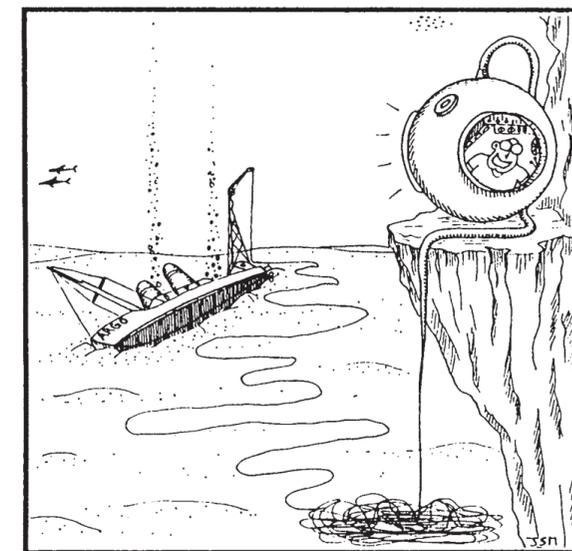
### TIPS FOR HOLIDAY EATING

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can And quickly. It's rare. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-aholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruit-cake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

**The saying, "Say no to drugs" has always made me laugh. If you're talking to drugs, it's probably too late to say no to them.**

## Left Field

by J.S. McKinna



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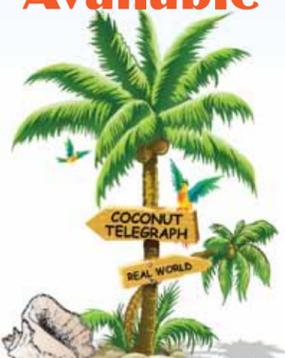
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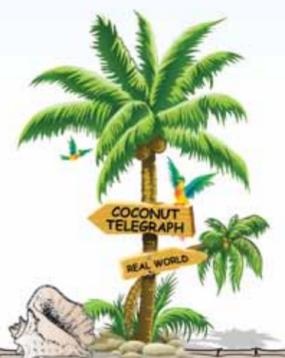
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Jade Sanders Band is a favorite at the Big Chill.



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Paul Larsen and friends were entertained by Michael Trix on his 77th birthday at Plantation Key Convalescent Center



Johnny Depp (center) makes a surprise appearance to see Chain Reaction play their Journey Tribute show at Gilbert's.



Cinnamon Edgar, Shirley Albury and Justina Black at the Islamorada Moose greet arrivals for the Trolley tour.



Dave Scully of the Shane Duncan Band shows off his rocker abs to lead singer Tiffany. Yes, she laughed.



Fury Water Adventures "Commotion on the Ocean" sunset cruise features a live band onboard.



Alan Truesdell and Luke Sommer Glenn at the Big Chill.



Steve Venini Band at Bayside Grille



Shane Duncan and the crowd mug for the Coconut Telegraph camera.



Igor and Red Elvises played to a rain-soaked crowd, but even a little water couldn't stop the party at Gilbert's



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It's fall and that means apple season. Apples are a great fruit. With several varieties available, apples can be prepared in so many different ways. Not only are they delicious to snack on, but the fruit can be made into desserts and pairs well with meat such as pork. One of my favorite (and easy) ways to make a quick apple side is to slice the fruit and sautee in a pan with a dash of water, pat of butter and red hot candies. The candies add a cinnamon taste and a red color as well. I also like to bake apples (see recipe) and serve them as a dessert or a side at a brunch. Peeling the apples is a personal preference, I usually leave the peel on. Try these baked apples and I am sure that you will enjoy them.

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Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Using an apple of choice (Red Delicious works really well), core the apple using an apple corer or a paring knife. Rinse the apples, checking to be sure that all of the seeds have been removed.

Stuff each apple with a pitted date or raisins if you prefer. Place a pat of butter on top of each apple then brown sugar. Press down well. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake approximately half an hour, or more if the apples are large.

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Alfonso and Larry played in the Village People (with hits like "YMCA" & "Macho Man"). Later, Alfonso played bass for Patti La Belle and Luther Vandross, while Larry worked with James Brown and Lou Rawls. Karina sang professionally in "Phantom of the Opera" and "Oklahoma!", before recording for BMG and RuPaul. Shawn played with Jessie Graham and

To say that Gypsy Lane puts on a show would be an understatement. You can expect to hear hits from the 70's 80's and recent hits too. Who doesn't like to dance to "Shake Your Booty" or "Hot Hot Hot" and the "Cupid Shuffle?"  
 Go back in time and enjoy the disco era with hits like "YMCA" or "Celebrate" and "Boogie Oogie." For those of you who prefer the more modern hits, they play "Sugar" and "Fireball" as well as "Uptown Funk" and "I Can't Feel My Face." This is one show at Gilberts Resort that you don't want to miss!

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