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Editorial - Rack of Lies

A couple of weeks ago I went to the Tradewinds Plaza to replenish the Coconut Telegraph newspapers, as usual, and our rack - that had been there at least 7 years " was gone! I called the Realty Company that owns the plaza, Kimco Realty (833-800-4343) and told them I would like to have my rack back. They said they would have the Property Manager call me.

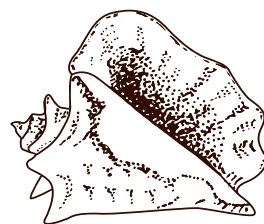
A woman named Julie (786-206-8757) called and left a message. I returned her call and all I got was a pack of lies. She said my rack was in bad shape so they threw it out. BULLSHIT! My rack was in excellent shape, as everyone who goes to that location will confirm. Everyone knows

we kept a constant eye on that rack because we'd go through hundreds of papers there each month. Then Julie told me they asked around and couldn't figure out who owned it so they threw it away. BULLSHIT! The Coconut Telegraph was proudly emblazoned across the front of it and our phone number was on the back!

Each rack costs over a hundred bucks after all is said and done. Then Julie told me that publication racks are not allowed there. Then why was mine allowed there for over 7 years? There are a lot of people who frequent that rack that are going to be as upset as I am, I told her. Currently I am looking for another location to

put a rack where the businesses will appreciate the added traffic. We apologize to everyone that has been inconvenienced by this.

In the meantime, we have upped distribution to the Key Largo Library and First State Bank.



Update - I called the company again to confirm the Realty name and was told that the Property Manager's name is Diana Desal, not Julie. As of press time we have not heard back.

Not much on the supermarket shelves yesterday so I decided to improvise.

Dinner last night was risotto I made with some mushrooms I foraged for locally.

Not only was it delicious, but soon after a Welsh male voice choir of purple elephants showed up and sand the whole of Meatloaf's Bat Out of Hell album, accompanied by a light show!

Local Woman Erin Allison Heads Up Wild Bird Center

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to introduce Coral Shores graduate Erin Allison as the Executive Director of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center. Allison received a scholarship from the Rotary Club to FIU, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, specializing in Education, Biodiversity Conservation and Management, and Team Management. During this time, she served as the Outreach Coordinator at the FWBC.

Allison then spent two years in West Virginia conducting research on freshwater crayfish and pursuing a Masters Degree at West Liberty University. Upon graduation "she heard there was an opening for the Executive Director position so she applied and was hired", says her proud father Callum Allison.

Erin Allison has striking blue eyes that reflect her high intellect, self confidence and dedication. "This

is my dream job and I love the mission," she mentions as she demonstrates one of the many different interactive educational displays at the Mission Wild Bird Hospital at MM 92 Oceanside in Tavernier. The Hospital is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9am to 5 pm.

Don't forget to visit the Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary at MM93.6 Oceanside, where you can see over 70 wild birds, learn their stories and the ways that you can help protect our native species. Open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset.

What to do if you find a bird that needs help? Call the 24/7 emergency hotline: Birdgency 305-852-4486, Ext. 1.

How can you help keep them flying? Your tax-deductible donation goes to help buy food, medical care and supplies. Visit the web at www.keepthemflying.org, or Mail a check to Mission Wild Bird Hospital 92080 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070.



Executive Director Erin Allison next to a photo of Bird Center founder Laura Quinn with Bob Gintel, whose support helped greatly to make the Wild Bird Center survive and thrive.

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Erin has many goals for expanding programs such as the Legacy Giving Program and the Volunteer Program, to become more active in the community, and she is expanding the outreach program with Outreach Coordinator Maggy Pollicino (305-852-4486 ex. 6). She and Maggy are pictured above. One of the things they are working on is a yearly event every October, the Owl-o-ween for kids. The date will be announced soon.

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