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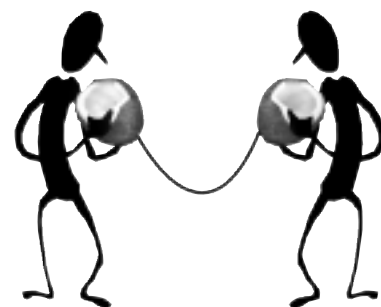
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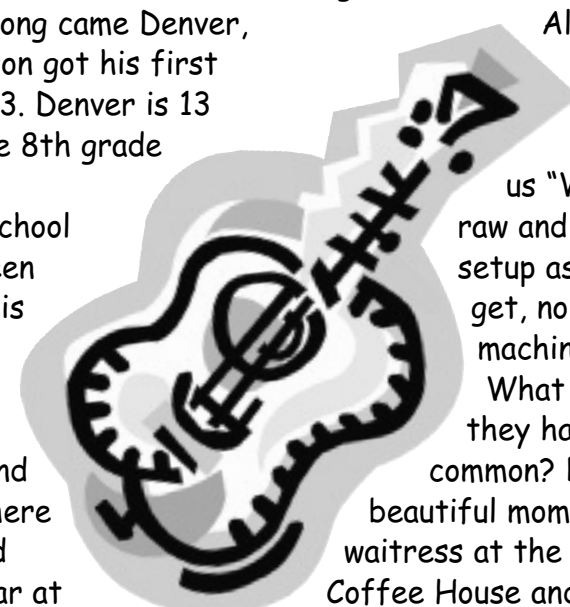
Entertainer of the Month Mike & Denver Cooper

Today Key Largo Coffee House, Tomorrow the World



Mike Cooper has been singing his whole life. He started out singing in Church in Detroit, Michigan and got so good he began entertaining at weddings with his incredible voice. Then along came Denver, his talented son got his first guitar at age 3. Denver is 13 now and in the 8th grade at Key Largo Elementary School and he has been playing with his father his whole life. They played with a full band in Detroit, where Denver played the bass guitar at age 11. They now play friday nights at the Key Largo Coffee House from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Denver worked there bussing tables to save up to buy the 6 string guitar he now uses and he still plays bass as well. Mike can sing anything. He prefers Classic Rock but sings

Frank Sinatra , Steven Tyler from Aerosmith to Jimmy Buffett. While we were there Denver played and Mike sang Kryptonite, Amazing Grace, Ring of fire and Sweet Home Alabama to name a few... Mike tells us "We are as raw and as light a setup as you can get, no back up machines, just us." What else do they have in common? Denver's beautiful mom April is a waitress at the Key Largo Coffee House and was Miss September in the Calendar for the Cure to benefit Breast Cancer. These guys also play at Little Italy Restaurant in Layton and are planning to tour Germany and Switzerland next. For bookings call 734-752-2818.



Editorial

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to announce the **first annual Bartender of the Month Contest** for the benefit of Caring for Cats in the Upper Keys. Caring for Cats is a non-profit organization that relies solely on donations. They capture the wild cats and get them spayed or neutered. This has greatly reduced the feral cat population in the last several years. This must continue. When I first moved here 18 years ago there were cats roaming all over the place. Too many wild cats equals disease and starvation. You can do your part to help by dropping a check or cash in to the jar of your favorite bartender. Each dollar equals one vote; the bartender that collects the most money wins the prestigious Coconut Telegraph Bartender of the Year title. There will be a party at Gilbert's in December and each bartender will win something. The Coconut Telegraph recently

adopted a beautiful little Siamese mix kitten that was found in a lobster trap. She was really wild at first but has become a most affectionate kitten in just a short time. Dr. Bailey is going to love this one! When I went to the Humane Animal Care Coalition, Marsha told me they had 52 cats up for adoption. The \$20 fee included the license, spaying, collar, leash and a bag of goodies. The hardest part was trying not to buy out the store at Keys Kritters. They have everything! I named the kitten Suki after the wonderful lady that takes care of the cats. If you are interested in adopting an animal visit the animal Shelter at MM 106 O/S or the Humane Society at MM 101.5 O/S. Very soon the Coconut Telegraph will be opening an office and a Visitor Center at Gilbert's Resort at MM 107.9. You will be able to drop off ads or just stop in for free coffee. We will also be offering



discount hotel rooms in the Keys as well as booking water sports and providing discount coupons to local restaurants. A very special thank you to Lourdes Spellman from everyone that enjoyed the show at the Caribbean Club Tuesday October 23rd. Felix the Kat and Jimmy Hawkins set the stage for Elvin Bishop who appeared with his band as a favor to his friend (Lu Lu) Lordes. It was more fun than a barrel of mangrove monkeys!

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