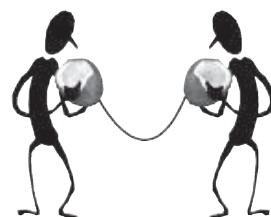


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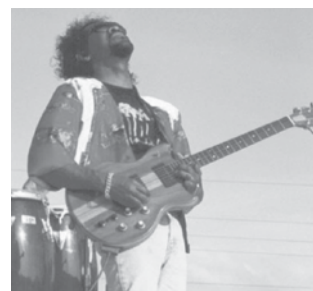
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### The Day The Music Died

(a poem for Bolivar)

No guitars were playing on the beach that afternoon,  
As we said goodbye to music in the salty, coconut palm shaded gloom.  
We didn't sing your songs because no one played the tune.  
So instead we stood in silence, on that cloudy afternoon.

We watched the sun set mutely from across the bay.  
Soundlessly, we cried.  
Not a syllable was uttered, the day the music died.

Up in the palms a transformation seemed to have occurred.  
Not a single note escaped the beak of any chirping bird.  
And on the sand below them there was uttered not a word.  
And if there had been I don't think a soul there would have heard.

And the oceans were all silent, but it felt as though they sighed.  
Not a single echo sounded, the day the music died.

No shrieking filled the air as children went about their play  
in Islamorada that day.

And the sky did not cry softly when the daylight passed away.  
No glasses clinking, nor laughter, from the Morada Bay Cafe.  
No voices from the oceans, while the dolphins cried today.

People went about their lives, or at least I think they tried.  
But something left the world that day, the day the music died.

### Editorial: What is MARC?

On November 11 there will be a Veteran's Day Party at the Tavernier Elks to benefit Marc. (See page 9.) We are also selling raffle tickets for a Nascar Tailgate Party, to be drawn that day at the party. It includes a huge cooler filled with beer, 4 tickets to the Nascar Ford Championship Homestead race November 16th, \$100 Winn Dixie gift card and a \$50 gas card. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Each day the price of the championship race tickets go up and when they are sold out the scalpers get hundreds of dollars each, so make sure you get your chance to win a party for yourself and 3 friends.

You can purchase tickets from Lisa Wetzel at Shear

Paradise, Cathy Johnson at Printing Plus, Kitty Kruse at the Galley Restaurant, Laura Carroll at the Murray Nelson Center, the MARC Thrift shop next to Coral Shores High School and myself - call 305-304-2837 and I will come to you.

The night of the party we will have raffles, silent auction items, food, beverages and fabulous live entertainment courtesy of Bobbe Brown and Michael Holler from 6 to 9:30.

It truly amazes me that I get asked so often "What is MARC?" and "Why do they need money?"

MARC stands for Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens, a non-profit countywide organization that serves adult clients who have

developmental disabilities that include mental retardation (I.Q. 69 or below), cerebal palsy, spina bifida, Prader-Willi Syndrome and traumatic brain injury sustained prior to age 18.

Non Residential Support Services have been totally cut from local and federal budgets. This means that none of the MARC clients are funded for activities outside of the work place or home... activities such as visiting the petting zoo, going to church, swimming with dolphins, joining in community activities, going to the movies or out to lunch - all of the activities you and I do which make our lives whole.

MARC is dedicated to helping all of their clients lead full and normal lives - inclusion in the community is vital part of this help.

MARC's Upper Keys Program is continuing to grow, with 20 clients currently. Ages range from high school transition to mature adults. The Adult Day Training Program includes, cleaning, jewelry creations, and onsite jobs. Offsite work crews do landscape maintenance in the community and at Harry Harris beach. Unique to the Upper Keys Program is the ReMARCable Bazaar/Thrift Store and training center stocked entirely by donations from our community. This is also a location for the ReMARCable Jewelry sales. The store and training center enables clients to improve life and work skills.

MARC's Upper Keys Program also provides a Support Employment opportunities for eligible clients enabling them to gain and keep jobs within our community.

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### Editorial continued

**Editors note:** Stop by the MARC thrift shop located at MM 90 next door to Coral Shores High School to really appreciate what this wonderful program does for these people.

Perhaps you have seen their jewelry on display around town. They make all of it at their Tavernier location. To them it is a job and a chance to express themselves artistically.

This program, like many others in the recession, has had their

budget cut. That is why it is so important to remember them when you are doing your holiday shopping.

Each piece of jewelry purchased comes with a card signed by each artist. Stop in the shop and buy something. Remember them when you clean your house, take unwanted clothing or household items or anything of value to them so they can sell it.

Thrift shop hours are Monday thru Friday 9am-4pm, and Saturday 9am-5pm. For more information on this program or how you can help, please call 305-852-3282.



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