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## Y'Barbo has traveled the world, but will always love Port Neches

**By Darragh Doiron**  
The Port Arthur News

Books & Such Literary Agency announces former Port Neches resident Kathleen Y'Barbo has released "Beloved Captive," book two in the Featherweather Keys series and it's a romance full of risk and redemption with hints of southern charm.

Y'Barbo, also a publicist for Books & Such Literary Agency, graduated from Port Neches-Groves High School and Texas A&M University. Her 34 novels and novellas have sold more than 750,000 copies and have been translated into several foreign languages, the agency reports.

At age 4, she stumbled on her grandmother's encyclopedias and began a love of far-away places and interesting people.

"I was blessed to receive a fabulous education at PN-G, and I often look back on my years spent there as among some of the best of my life," she said in the release.

A mother of four, she has lived in Jakarta, Indonesia and spent time in Bali, Singapore, Australia and Hong Kong.

"But I always came home to Texas. Even though I now live in the Houston area, Port Neches will always be home," she said.

The story: "Emilie Gayarre grew up in luxury, but when she left it all to help save two friends, she discovered her life was a lie. There is a stigma attached to her birth that could steal any hope for a happy future. She is content living in relative obscurity until the handsome young naval commander, Caleb Spencer, comes to her Florida key. Caleb is seeking to redeem the shadows in his family's past. When he meets Emilie, there is no denying the attraction, but if her mixed race heritage is found out, even greater things than his career are at risk."

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Suze Orman gift basket and knowing my attendance at Exorcizing Ike helped raise money for the Triangle Aids Network and Alzheimer's Association of Southeast Texas.

Many costumed attendees were in beaded gowns with feathers. I didn't see them wielding hefty, smoked turkey legs, I sure gobbled mine down. All this drama unfolded to a surging dance beat in the back yard law offices of Susan J. Oliver and Lynn M. Bencowitz. TAN usually hosts the gala fund-raising Paint the Town Red event, but Ike changed that. Just like after Rita, these groups teamed up to have a more intimate party in Beaumont's Old Town.

I rather enjoyed upping the bids at the silent auction table. Thankfully, I got the Orman basket, so maybe her financial advice will keep me solvent to bid at the next charity event.

Cardinal catchy

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