

Strange Facts about the U.S.

More people live in New York City than in 40 of the 50 states.

The word "Pennsylvania" is misspelled on the Liberty Bell.

There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America in one foot of liquid.

There's a town in Washington with treetop bridges made specifically to help squirrels cross the street

In 1872, Russia sold Alaska to the Unites States for about 2 cents per acre.

It would take you more than 400 years to spend a night in all of Las Vegas's hotel rooms.

Western Michigan is home to a giant lavender labyrinth so big you can see it on Google Earth.

There's an island full of wild monkeys off the coast of South Carolina called Morgan Island, and it's not open to humans.

There's enough concrete in the Hoover Dam to build a two-lane highway from San Francisco to New York City.

Arizona and Hawaii are now the only states that don't observe daylight savings time.

Boston has the worst drivers out of the nation's 200 largest cities. Kansas City has the best drivers.

Kansas produces enough wheat each year to feed everyone in the world for about two weeks.

Oregon's Crater Lake is deep enough to cover six Statues of Liberty stacked on top of each other

The Empire State building has its own zip code.

The Los Angeles Coroner's Office has its own quirky gift shop called Skeletons in the Closet.

The Library of Congress contains approximately 838 miles of bookshelves—long enough to stretch from Houston to Chicago.

At 46 letters, Massachusetts's Lake Char-goggagogmanchauggagogg-cha ubunagungamaugg has the longest place name in the U.S. (even though it's based on a joke).

In 1922, a man built a house and all his furniture entirely out of 100,000 newspapers. The structure still stands today in Rockport, MA.

The entire Denver International Airport is twice the size of Manhattan.

In 1893, an amendment was proposed to rename the country to the "United States of Earth."

A highway in Lancaster, California plays the "William Tell Overture" as you drive over it, thanks to some well-placed grooves in the road

The total length of Idaho's rivers could stretch across the United States about 40 times.

The town of Centralia, Pennsylvania has been on fire for 55 years.

The one-woman town of Monowi, Nebraska is the only officially incorporated municipality with a population of 1. The sole, 83-year-old resident is the city's mayor, librarian, and bartender.

The entire town of Whittier, Alaska lives under one roof.

The number of bourbon barrels in Kentucky outnumber the state's population by more than two million.

Montana's Glacier National Park has a canine "bark ranger" that helps herd wildlife away from high-traffic areas.

You can watch more than 100 ponies swim to Chincoteague Island every year in Virginia.

In 1943, the temperature in Spearfish, South Dakota jumped 49 degrees in two minutes (-4°F to 45°F), one of the most drastic changes on record.

The world's tiniest park is in Portland, measuring a mere two feet wide.

The inventor of the Ouija board lived and died in Baltimore; his tombstone stands as a reflection of his achievement.

The biggest signature in human history belongs to

Texas farmer Jimmie Luecke. The two-mile landmark can be seen from space.

There are around 5,000 commercial airplanes flying over the United States at any given time.

Only one-third of all \$100 bills are actually inside the United States.

In Colma, California the dead outnumber the living by nearly 1,000 to 1.

The smallest county in the U.S., Kalawao County on the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, is also a leprosy colony where a few former patients still live.

South Florida is the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles coexist in the wild.

Thank Karen Beal for these!

Entertainer of the Month: Alex Caldwell

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature Alex Caldwell as this month's Entertainer of the Month. Alex is a Coral Shores graduate and has lived his whole life here in Key Largo. Both of his parents also graduated from Coral Shores too. He learned to play the flute at age 11 and played with the school band. Now he plays 9 musical instruments including guitar, drums, bass, ukelele, mandolin and he sings and writes music as well. He is soft spoken, multi-talented, creative and very intelligent.

You can find Caldwell and his friends playing at the Big Chill, Gilbert's Resort, Sharkey's and sometimes Hog Heaven. He plays solo gigs, and also and with his band Uncle Rico

which includes Rob Garza on bass and Alain Candia on drums.

With the band Uncle Smokey he plays with Luke Sommer Glen, Lewis Rainbow and Rob Garza. On Sundays he is at the Big Chill for Sunday Fun Day with friends Devin Spaulding, Jamie Vila, David Whidden and Justin Truscello. They have been playing together for 10 years.

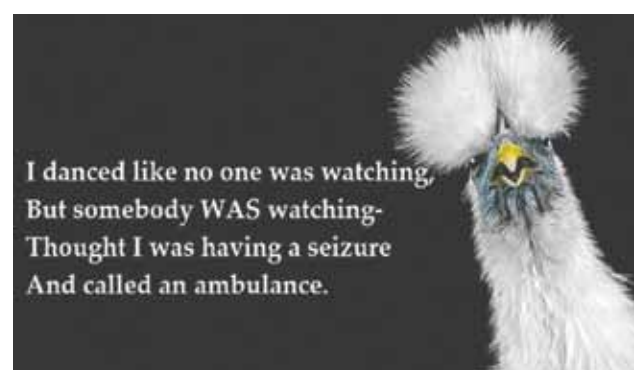
Alex is inspired by the incredible talent of the Keys musical community, a close knit group of friends that are always willing to help each other. You can reach Alex by email Alex.Caldwell02@gmail.com or by phone 305-747-5616.



With Uncle Smokey



With Uncle Rico



I danced like no one was watching, But somebody WAS watching- Thought I was having a seizure And called an ambulance.



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