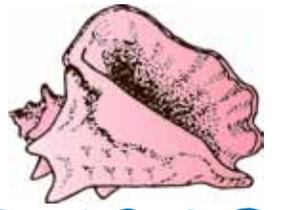


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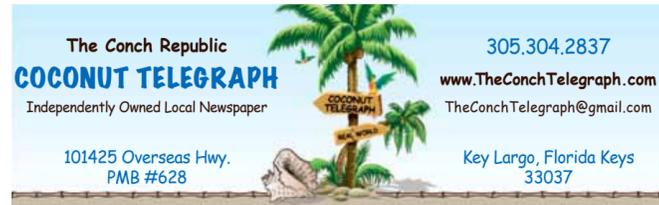
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This hive rebounded after mosquito spraying, only to get whacked by Hurricane Ian's winds, which caused several "chambers" to fall to the ground.

Taking life in stride is part of "Tough's Law", which states that some days working is hard and other days it's even harder.



a hive is by covering it in advance of the spray with a wet sheet. The bees encounter the wet sheet, think it is raining, and stay inside. But since the hive was high up, the sheet method was not practical. I devised a plan for saving the bees by creating a little artificial rain shower over their hive by using my garden hose. The next spraying event we had better results. Rather than a hundred plus bees

It was a beginning to a wonderful day, as I looked up and discovered a natural honeybee hive, nestled on a sturdy limb thirty feet up in a gumbo limbo tree. Hundreds of honeybees were thriving on the abundant resources of nectar, pollen, water and sunlight found in my Florida friendly yard.

Upon sharing the news with my husband Ted, as he sat sipping his honey sweetened cappuccino, he urged me to get the bees out of the tree so they'll be safe, as the limb supporting their growing nest may break.

If you were the proverbial "fly" or "bee" on the wall, this is how the conversation went:

Make the bees safe? How would that would work?

He replied, "You put a box on the ground and the bees go in it."

"Really... to get bees, you need a Queen... where would you get the Queen?"

"From the hive in the tree," he says.

Silly me. I thought, how could it be that bees, who have survived in the wild for millions of years, all of a sudden need my assistance to live? I thought this was capitalizing on the bees rather than saving them, so I rejected that idea, and the bees continued to grow their hive.

Then one clear September morning, I awoke to the sound of the mosquito control helicopter. Outside I found the honeybees were dying from the spray. I cried as I watched with awe as the bees were slowly dying due to the ignorance of people who should be preventing this type of carelessness. There must be a better way to control the mosquito population without indiscriminately blanketing everything with poison.

That's when I learned that the only way you can protect



Bees are important. Without bees there are no flowers to grace your dining table, no plants to eat.



Somehow I had an easier time reconciling the loss of bees from this natural disaster, than to the pesticide spraying event weeks earlier.

Honeybees CONTINUED



I suited up with beekeepers hat, dense head and shoulder mesh, long sleeves and jeans, I was advised to walk very slowly and make no sudden movements, and the bees would pay no attention to me, all the while we were stealing their honey.

behind the thick green walls of foliage lining old Card Sound Road in N. Key Largo. Tough kept his hives locally year round, at sites with names like "The Refrigerator" or "Broken Tree", referring to landmarks in the area. He followed the blooms of the Keys mangroves, the Everglades palmetto, Florida holly and the Homestead farm crops and avocado groves. Tough moved his bees to different locations on Mondays, removed honey filled hives on Saturdays, and extracted the

dying, the casualties were reduced to a couple dozen dead bees.

Bees are important ... it goes without saying. Without bees there are no flowers to grace your dining table, no plants to eat. What is happening here? If I called a beekeeper to move the bees, who would pollinate the vegetables and flowers in my garden?

Crazy mixed up world where you have some "men" protecting nature from the actions of other "men". The bees do need our help to survive. Beekeepers, "keep" the bees for their honey, pollen and wax and in return, cover the beehives during spray events.

Life is Tough. I found this out in 1988 when I spent a day with beekeepers Lois and Sid Tough who kept their hives



A natural honeybee hive, nestled on a sturdy limb thirty feet up in a gumbo limbo tree.

honey on Sundays, all while working five days a week at a Miami boat yard.

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1988 Lois and Sid Tough who kept their hives behind the thick green walls of foliage lining old Card Sound Road in N. Key Largo.

stealing their honey. Blowing pine needle smoke around the hive calmed the bees, and we found some hives were full of honey, while others were not.

Taking life in stride is part of "Tough's Law," which states that some days working is hard and other days it's even harder.

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More bees died and the larvae contained within perished soon after.

Tell that to the bees in my yard. Their hive rebounded after mosquito spraying, only to get whacked by hurricane Ian's winds, which caused several "chambers" to fall to the ground. More bees died and the larvae contained within perished soon after.

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The Queen Lives!! At least in my bee hive in the Northernmost Territory of the Conch Republic. Thanks to Nelson Gordy whose passion for bees and the hobby of beekeeping is helping the likes of me and others who find themselves "keepers" of bees with great education and removal services.

Though I probably will not become an official "beekeeper", I do hope the queen and her hive remain happy and thriving in my Florida friendly yard.



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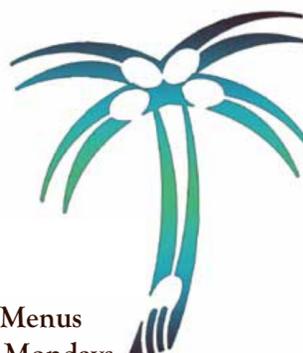
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Mark your calendar for the next one - the last Sunday of September 2023.

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Suki McDermott



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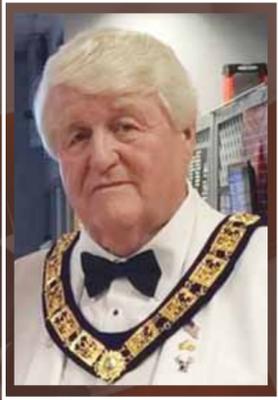



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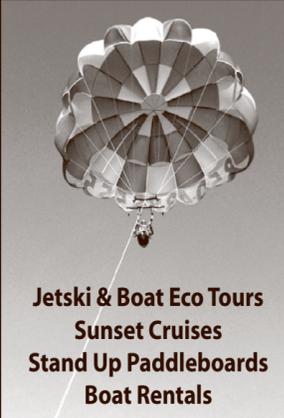
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A military man selling poppies stopped me today and asked if he could reposition mine - while doing so he told me that women should wear their poppy on their right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much.

The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War One formally ended.

He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them.

I'm really pleased to have learned some things today that I didn't know before, although must admit I've spent a rather obsessive afternoon wanting to rearrange quite a few strangers' poppies...



You Can't Make This Stuff Up!

I was at the checkout of a local Walmart. The cashier rang up \$46.64 charges. I gave her a fifty dollar bill. She gave me back \$46.64. I gave the money back to her and told her that she had made a mistake in my favor. She became indignant and informed me she was educated and knew what she was doing, and she returned the money again. I gave her the money back -- same scenario!

I departed the store with the \$46.64.

I walked into a Starbucks with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a Grande Latte. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said 'buy one-get one free.'

"They're already buy-one-get-one-free," she said, "so I guess they're both free." She handed me my free lattes, and I walked out the door.

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends, when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and asked, "Where?"

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north; because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the north?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East,

and has for sometime; she shook her head and said, "Oh I don't keep up with all that stuff."

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Eastern."

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

My friends and I went out to buy beer and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought two cases. The cashier multiplied two times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional, and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?" So I replied, "No ma'am, the pilot told us we're circling, third in line to land."



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November 9, 6pm
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November 4, 6pm
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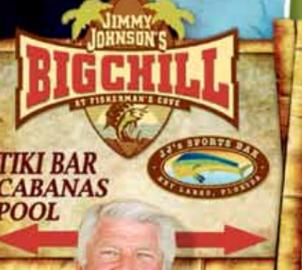
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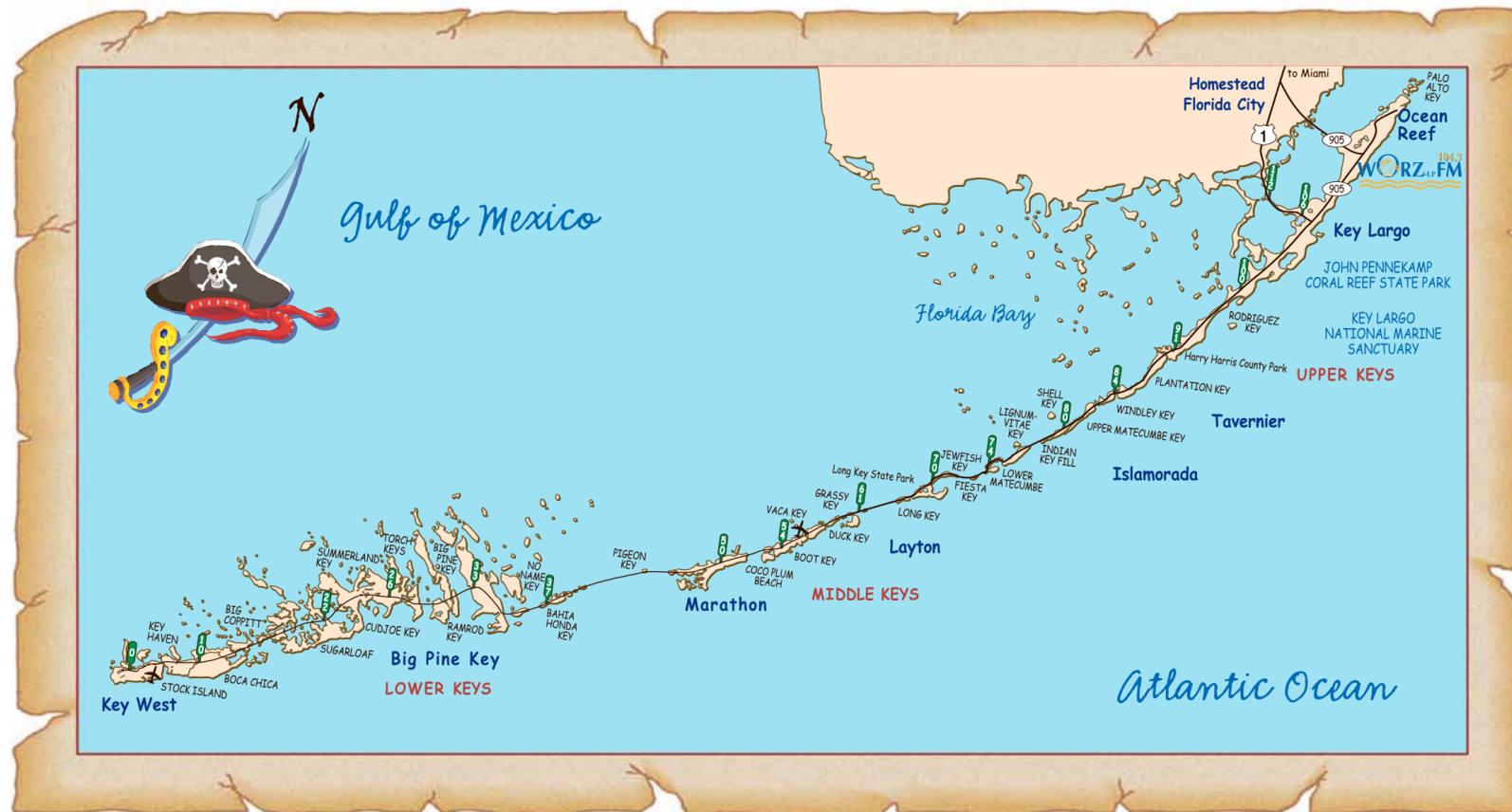
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talisman's owner deems meaningful.

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Nitrates	Rates of pay for working at night
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis
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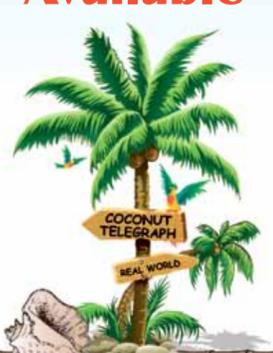
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Uncle Bob Lends a Hand

I spent my first Thanksgiving with my husband in his Irish-Italian neighborhood in New York City. As a newcomer, I was placed in charge of boiling 15 pounds of potatoes. When they were ready, I picked up the pan and surveyed the crowded kitchen for a sink in which to drain them. My husband's elderly uncle Bob guided me to a small half-bathroom and grabbed the steaming pot. He started to drain the potatoes into the toilet, but he lost his grip on the lid and all the potatoes tumbled in! I screamed, "Oh no!" but Uncle Bob began fishing the potatoes out of the toilet. "No one will ever know," he whispered "Now just go out there and mash them."

Sometime later, during the meal, my husband's Aunt Tot leaned over and whispered, "Your potatoes are delicious. I think you are going to fit into this family quite nicely."

A Close Shave

I prepared my first Thanksgiving dinner ever in 1960. My husband was a ship's pilot and was not due home until around 3:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Day, so I ordered a 25-pound, fresh-killed turkey from the local butcher. It was delivered in a paper bag the day before Thanksgiving. I put it in the refrigerator to be dealt with later. That night I fed, bathed, and put to bed our three children. I set the table for 16 guests and made the stuffing, sweet potatoes, twice-baked potatoes, cranberry sauce, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and more. It was 2:00 A.M. before I took the turkey out of the refrigerator.

As I opened the bag, I nearly fainted. There was the turkey — feathers and all. I tried to pull the feathers out, but it didn't work. At that hour

there was no one I could call for help. I was beginning to get hysterical.

I went into the bathroom to get some tissues to dry my tears when I saw the answer to my problem right on the bathroom counter. You can imagine my husband's surprise an hour later, when he walked into the house and saw his very tired wife crying and shaving the turkey with his Norelco electric shaver!

P.S. It worked fine, and my husband is still using his electric shaver.

Catnaps

When the time came to serve Thanksgiving dinner, I mashed the potatoes and spooned them into a beautiful serving bowl. I turned away to get a carving knife for the turkey, and when I glanced back at the bowl of mashed potatoes, I was horrified to see Pepper the cat had decided it was the right place for a nap! Speechlessly I tugged on my wife's shirt and nodded toward the bowl. Her eyes widened in disbelief, but we composed ourselves, scooped Pepper out of the bowl and scraped off the top layer of potatoes.



Mother-in-Law of the Year

I had my daughter, Sue, and her husband, Gary, to my house for Thanksgiving dinner, 1992. I had a ham baking in the oven and a turkey out in the garage, where I kept my electric roaster. When dinner was ready, I asked Gary to bring the turkey in to be carved. Soon after, we heard a terrible noise and a loud yell. Gary had lost control of the foil roasting pan, leaving turkey all over the car and garage floor. I was upset and so was Gary, but I tried to make light of the situation. "That's one turkey we won't have to pick meat off the bone," I said. (P.S. Sorry I can't type better. I slipped and fell in the garage, right where the turkey grease had been.)



99% Pure

My girlfriend, brought up by her mother and live-in grandmother, never learned anything about cooking. But, with a cookbook and a lot of confidence, she decided to cook Thanksgiving dinner for the entire family. After reading the directions about cleaning and stuffing the bird, she went ahead and did so, then put it into the oven. After a few hours, she checked on the bird and found it foaming all over the oven. She had cleaned it with Ivory Soap.

— Kathy Tarmasewica in Westminster, Massachusetts

Cold Turkey

When Ken and Lydia were given a turkey to raise for Thanksgiving, Lydia took on the responsibility with enthusiasm. She fed it, talked to it, and, far ahead of time, invited both sets of parents to the big dinner. As the days drew closer to the holiday, though, Lydia became more and more quiet. Finally, on the day before the big feast, Lydia burst into tears and told Ken, "I can't do it." Ken calmed her and promised to take care of everything. He went outside, and after a short while, returned with a limp turkey under his arm, trailing a whiff of chloroform. Putting the bird in the refrigerator, he suggested they go to bed and deal with dinner preparations in the morning.

The next day, Lydia woke early and went into the kitchen. She opened the refrigerator door and out flapped the turkey. Her screams brought Ken rushing down to find his wife on the floor in a dead faint and the turkey tottering unsteadily around the room. When Lydia revived, Ken had put the turkey out in the yard, where it lived out its life free from stress and fear of extinction. As for us, we decided to go out to eat. No one ordered turkey.



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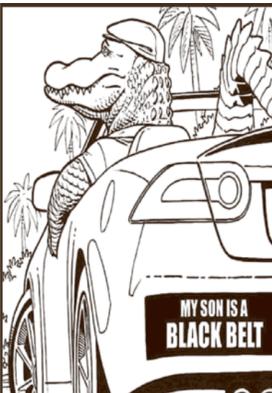
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My wife tells me I can be an idiot sometimes...
 I think it's pretty cool of her to give me permission like that...

MY SON IS A BLACK BELT
IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME... You can. Sunday Nov. 6th.

REAL MEN LIKE CATS
 GREAT MEN CHANGE THE LITTER BOX
 T'was the night that brought Ian
 And all through the house
 We turned off the TV,
 A request from my spouse.
 The shutters were down
 and the trees trimmed with care,
 In hopes that the morning
 Would see them still there.
 The children were sleeping
 All snug in their bed,
 Not bothered by wind noise.
 No dreams fraught with dread.
 Our small boat was pulled,
 The large one secured.
 A day's work was done
 We felt pretty assured.
 Exhausted we were,
 the husband and I,
 Tower pizza and beer
 Helped the storm pass us by.
 —Karen Beal

Before we work on artificial intelligence why don't we do something about natural stupidity?
 My hobbies include smoking marijuana and hunting with my dog


Why women want to be mermaids...
 1. No pants
 2. No periods
 3. Perfect hair
 4. Get to lure men to their deaths
 When the moon hits your eye Like it's 4:45 That's November


IF YOU ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS YOU'RE TWO AHEAD OF MOST PEOPLE
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An old man in Islamorada calls up his son in New York and says, "Listen, your mother and I are getting divorced. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," he says. "I'm sick of her face, and

I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Now, the son is worried. So he calls up his sister. She says, "Like hell they're getting divorced!" and calls her father immediately. "You're not getting divorced! Don't do another thing, the two of us are flying home tomorrow to talk about this. Until then, don't call a lawyer, don't file a paper, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and she hangs up.

The old man turns to his wife and says "Okay, they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own airfares."

I watched a documentary on marijuana last night. That's probably how I'll watch all documentaries from now on.



We'll be turning clocks back soon. Gaining an extra hour in 2022 is like getting a bonus track on a Yoko Ono album.

My daughter woke me around 11:50 last night. My wife and I had picked her up from her friend Sally's birthday party, brought her home, and put her to bed. My wife went into the bedroom to read while I fell asleep watching the Braves game.

"Daddy," she whispered, tugging my shirt sleeve.

"Guess how old I'm going to be next month."

"I don't know, beauty," I said as I slipped on my glasses. "How old?"

She smiled and held up four fingers.

It is 7:30 am now. My wife and I have been up with her for almost 8 hours. She still refuses to tell us where she got them.

I'm not saying I order from Amazon a lot, but I just received a wedding invitation from one of their drivers.

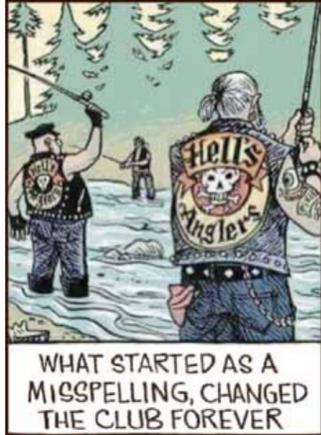


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My bills ain't even bills anymore. They're grown... I call them Williams



I'M REALLY GETTING INTO THE THXGIVING SPIRIT, I'VE ALREADY GIVEN THE BIRD TO LOTS OF PEOPLE



If you think things are bad now, rumor has it that the next variant plays the accordion.

I always see more people walking into Walmart than out of Walmart. But the meat is cheap so I don't ask questions.

One hot summer day, a blonde came to town with her dog, tied it under the shade of a tree, and headed into a restaurant for something cold to drink.

Twenty minutes later, a policeman entered the restaurant and asked, 'Who owns the dog tied under that tree outside?'

The blonde said it was hers.

'Your dog seems to be in heat' the officer said.

The blonde replied, 'No way. She's cool 'cause she's tied up under that shade tree.'

The policeman said, 'No! You don't understand. Your dog needs to be bred.'

'No way,' said the blonde. 'My dog doesn't need bread. She isn't hungry 'cause I fed her this morning.'

The exasperated policeman said, 'NO! You don't understand. Your dog wants to have sex!'

(You gotta love this)

The blonde looked at the cop and said, 'Well, go ahead. I always wanted a police dog.'

If it is true that stress brings on weight loss, why the hell am I not invisible.



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Someone asked me if I had plans for the fall. It took me a moment to realize they meant "autumn", not the collapse of civilization.



Self checkout should include an employee discount.



I'm gonna quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money! I estimate I'll be home again around 10 PM this evening...

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner.

I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong. He said. "Nothing".

I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset.

He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him.

He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent.

Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep. I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster

Husband's Diary:

A one-foot putt, who the hell misses a one-foot putt?

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EVIL GENIUS seeks minions to sacrifice their lives in world domination attempt. Must be prepared to work 24-7 for fascist psychopath for no pay. Messy death inevitable. Costumes and laser death rays provided. No weirdos.
Call: 1-555-MWAH-HAHA

FOR SALE



Getting rid of my dad's old stuff, found this vintage motorbike mask without the goggles. I didn't know he was into riding motorcycles, but he has a lot of leather gear.
Call if you're interested. 1-305-555-MASK

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 - two hours at dinner
 - matching outfits
 - tell a few jokes
- GOLD** (\$150 +a plate)
 - three hours at dinner
 - cute story on how we met
 - details about what I do for a living
 - call your dad "pops"
- PLATINUM** (\$350 + a plate + a to-go plate)
 - all day
 - tell you I love you in front of the whole family
 - kiss your mom on cheek
 - help clean up after dinner



For only \$500, I will come to your funeral and stand aside, weeping... dressed in a sexy black outfit with a black umbrella (no matter what the actual weather). So that your friends and relatives will wonder, forever, with which Dark Secret you went to the next world!
305-555-WEEP

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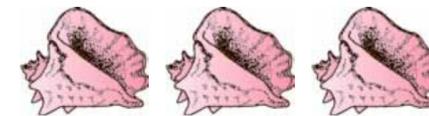
Conch Characters / Around Town



Congratulations to Bella Bastron for winning 1st place in the 0-4 Years, Offshore category at the Lorelei's Keys Kids Fishing Derby. Bella is the daughter of Jacklyn Kelley and Kris Bastron of Key Largo.



Party night at the Key Largo Moose.



Karen Beal was inspired by Carol Ellis' article last month on Banded Tree Snails, so she sent us this snail watching a frog.



Ukulele JOY, of the JOY Center, performed Halloween songs for Crystal Health and Rehabilitation Center.



The American Legion is collecting donations for Hurricane Ian victims. No clothing, please!



In the October "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" Keys University, Pat Kucera of Clearwater won First Place Inshore with a 45" barracuda, with Capt. Eric Scoble, Blackwater Charters.



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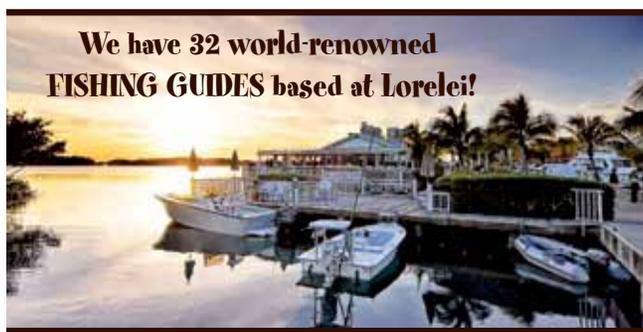
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This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Waterfront Dining!</i>	LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!	1 Dennis Holmes 5-9	2 Webb & Davidson 5-9	3 Webb & Davidson 5-9	4 Shadow Creek 5-9	5 Abstract Radio 5-9
		6 Webb & Davidson 5-9	7 Carousers 5-9	8 Dennis Holmes 5-9	9 Webb & Davidson 5-9	10 Webb & Davidson 5-9
12 Uncle Rico 5-9	13 Webb & Davidson 5-9	14 Carousers 5-9	15 Dennis Holmes 5-9	16 Webb & Davidson 5-9	17 Webb & Davidson 5-9	18 Ego Free 5-9
19 Static South 5-9	20 Webb & Davidson 5-9	21 Carousers 5-9	22 Dennis Holmes 5-9	23 Webb & Davidson 5-9	24 HAPPY Thanksgiving Dennis Holmes 11-3	25 Carousers 5-9
26 Lime Rock 5-9	27 Webb & Davidson 5-9	28 Carousers 5-9	29 Dennis Holmes 5-9	30 Webb & Davidson 5-9	Michael Trixx @Sunset	"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am
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