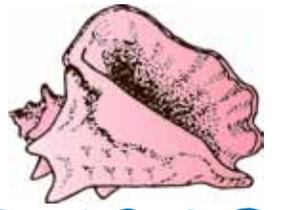


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## Critters in Our Midst: Burmese Python

Percy is a python-sniffing dog - Australian Shepard Mix. Photo by Isaac Lord



Pythons are biological vacuum cleaners, their jaws are fitted with sharp, inward-curving teeth to grab their prey, while they coil their body around it. Pythons are ambush predators, so they patiently wait for animals to go by for their next meal.

The number of possums and raccoons in our area is fairly high; this may be because the Keys are fairly early in the python invasion, and/or because there are a lot of food resources available, so more young are born, and survive.

The snakes have migrated to the Keys over land and by water, and are adapted to hiding underground, in the cracks and crevices of a geological ancient coral reef. There is whole subterranean world under our feet; a space where pythons have the ability to occupy and where man has an inability to detect, and they stay beyond reach in impenetrable mangrove swamps.

So how many pythons are there? Too many! Some distrust the agencies putting

out the data, and believe the numbers are exaggerated for whatever reason. I'm no scientist, but the fact is pythons never were in my neighborhood before and now they are. EDDMAPS is a website, that shows on a map, the actual places where pythons have been sighted or captured. ([www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org))

The best thing people can do is be on the lookout for pythons. The most important thing to do if you see a python is take a photo. Document it, and then report it immediately. Percy the python-sniffing dog is successful if it is a very recent



Pythons blend in so well with their surroundings, you could be standing next to one and fail to see it.

Anyone out there ready to turn back the hands of time to the way things were in our youth? Our house pets were dogs and cats; they taught us responsibility, and were family members. There were also goldfish, a small turtle lagoon, caged parakeets or hamsters, and fluffy white "Blossom B Rabbit" who lived in a pen under the shade tree. Exotic creatures lived in zoos; venomous snakes, alligators and crocodiles were housed at the Miami Serpentarium until the late 70's.

only that easy.

For years Everglades park managers were convinced these invasive snakes were escapees, or former pets, not part of a breeding population. Florida offers virgin hunting grounds for pythons, who are carnivorous, but aren't picky. Last year in N. Key Largo 40 pythons were captured. These captures were humanely euthanized, and then necropsied to examine their stomach contents, which revealed a diet of possums, raccoons, woodrats, and cotton mice.

Soon people began buying a new kind of pet: the harmless looking baby snake, sitting on a rock under a heat lamp in a pet store terrarium, without thinking that when mature, the creature would be 20 feet long, weigh 200 pounds, live more than 25 years, and must be fed with live mice, rats, and eventually rabbits. There were reports of pythons in the Everglades in the '70s and '80s, most likely caused by people releasing their unwanted pets, to happily slither off into saw-grass marsh or cypress slough.

Look out for snakes in the proverbial grass! If it were



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Percy found an 11 ft. python in a crawlspace under a deck. A home deck is a perfect habitat for rats and possums, and large snakes, who want to get away from people and have an abundant food source. Photo credit: Isaac Lord

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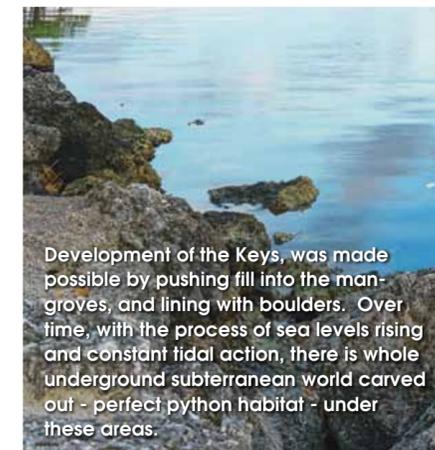
eliminate any holes big enough for critters and snakes to go through.

Indeed, things have changed since our youth. The night watchmen and security patrols have always had an eye out for suspicious human activity while on patrol; now their watch must be expanded to include the night creatures. If you were to drive on CR905 at night, you would potentially see pythons cruising the side of the road. Agencies must make it a condition of employment, and provide the training and incentive, to remove the python, not just drive right by it.

### Burmese Python CONTINUED

sighting, a few hours or a day, but not more than that. If you see a python, call 1-888-IVEGOT1

As homeowners we should adopt cultural controls: things we can do to modify the habitat, without physically or chemically harming animals. We can eliminate food sources that attract small mammals such as rats, possums and raccoons to our homes. To prevent infestation of not only rats, but also pythons, we can close up crawl spaces under our homes, place mesh over vents that may be missing or cracked, and





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### Henry's Python Tale...Tail??



Henry seeks emotional support from his mother Julie, moments after being snatched from within inches of the python by his attentive owner Rob.

Poor Henry the Westie, family member of Julie and Rob, who one day on his regular "potty break" was traumatized by a near fatal encounter with a large python lurking in his backyard. It was quick thinking by his dad, who snatched him from within inches of the python's head. Later on Julie got to wondering where had the raccoon gone that regularly visited her pool for a drink. She concluded it must have been nabbed by the python. She said there was a feeding station next door, and that may be why the python has chosen this area to hunt. Soon after hearing this, I began scanning my property for potential food sources that may attract pythons, and guarding my doors from my cat's possible escape.

**Burmese python that was in the yard. Public safety couldn't catch it before it went back in the mangroves, but they said it was the largest they've seen. 🐍**



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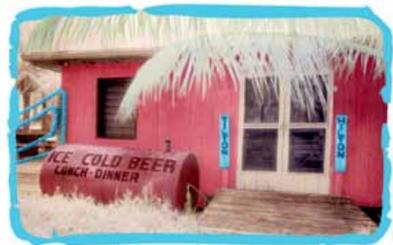
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The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

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From a postcard: Florida East Coast Railway, moonlight on the ocean, train at sea crossing, Key West. c. 1912

**Railroads, Highways & Horses**

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used?

Well, because that's the way they built them in England, and English engineers designed the first US railroads. Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the wagon tramways, and that's the gauge they used. So, why did they use that gauge?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that same wheel spacing. Why did the wagons have that particular, odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break more often on some of the old, long distance roads in England. You see, that's the spacing of the wheel ruts. So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And what about the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match or run the risk of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel

spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. Bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder "What horse's ass came up with this?", you may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. (Two horses' asses.)

Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature, what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system, was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass.

Ancient horse's asses control almost everything!

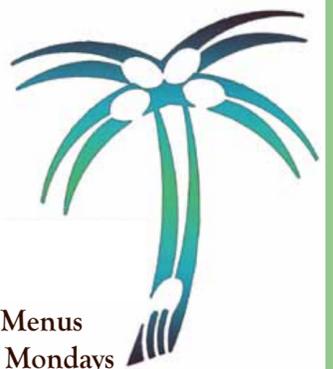
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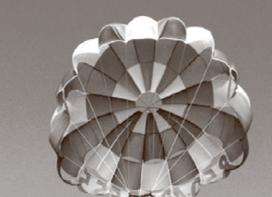


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## This Ain't Glamping... or... The Masked Gangs of Pennekamp

A blog by  
**Luke Sommer Glenn**

The band was booked to play the infamous party spot Holiday Isle in the beautiful Florida Keys. We had been playing high out in the low plains of the upper Midwest during the flizzard of '96/'97 and were damn grateful to be getting out of the cold.

Instead of staying at the "band house" as usual, I opted to camp out at Pennekamp State park as I had a date with the girl I would end up marrying.

The future Mrs. Glenn and I set up our camp site, having arrived a few days prior for some quality alone time in a tent. It was a beautiful spot, perfect weather...

The next afternoon a young mother and child pull up in a mini van packed to the gills with a young fellow in a fancy, foreign two seater sports car following behind. They decide to pick the spot right next to us to set up their brand new camping gear with the price tags still on everything and enough food to feed a small army. Definitely their first camping trip...

They were not having any fun setting up the tent- definitely not a very good team. If you want to know what it's going to be like living with someone, go camping together for two weeks! Then they started packing the tent full of food. They brought everything you would need for a Friday happy hour fish fry and a spoiled small child, especially a lot of flour and cooking oil for some reason.

They did an impressive job bringing their entire kitchen to a primitive campsite. Miffed by the absence of electricity, the man fumes at the park ranger for the lack

of modern conveniences... as if the ranger had designed the park.

The young fellow jumps in his fancy, foriegn douche mobile and does his best passive aggressive engine revving as he leaves the camping area for the correct type of supplies for cooking the 5000+ fish they must have planned on catching with the brand new surf rods and tackle they had bought.

I explained to them that they really should keep their coolers and food in their van otherwise the raccoons would get into everything. They blew me off as the stoner I am and continued without a second thought.

Later that night, after the whining and complaining about the mosquitoes, no-see-ums and the little kid being terrified of lizards, the raccoons started doing raccoon stuff.

The 'coons started off exploring the neighbors' picnic table and the food left on it and soon knocked some stuff over, alerting the neighbors to the invasion.

The humans start yelling and flailing their arms and the 'coons make a hasty retreat as the humans pick up some of the mess and move the cooler to the "front room" of their



big-ass, 3-room tent. Thinking themselves victorious the humans again retire to complaints of "It's too hot," "I wanna go home"...

The 'coons soon return to find the goodies have been moved into the tent, no problem... several 'coons start noisily exploring around the back of the tent eliciting shouts of "SHOO! GO AWAY!" "Mommy I'm scared!"

In the meantime, a couple of 'coons easily breached the front zipper to the tent and are tearing into cereal boxes, bags of chips..."Get out of there!" as flashlights dart from side to side in the tent as the 'coons seem to sense the ineptitude of the humans and become more brazen in their assault.

"Help! Help us!" Now they want advice... with the smell of our interrupted sex permeating the air, the future Mrs Glenn and I begin grabbing their foodstuffs and coolers to put them in their mini van and shut the doors... as they just stood there, looking helpless.

The 'coons scurried away with the spoils of the attack they could carry/drag along.

The next morning the young fellow says he is going for coffee as that was one of the items ruined in last night's battle. That would be the last we ever saw of him.

The young mother, a clueless soul, bless her heart, obviously learned nothing from the previous night and began setting up what was left of the food supplies as if she were in her kitchen at home.

I commented that was a lot of work to do just to have to

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put it all away before the 'coons came back later in the evening. "Really" she asks, looking at me like I should sit in my van and smoke more pot.

The future Mrs. Glenn and I go to Holiday Isle and do the nights gig. After letting ourselves in at the main gate we pull into our camping area and notice the absence of the neighbors minivan.

As the headlights illuminate the area we can see that the 'coons have had their way with the neighbors' stuff.

Sunrise reveals the devastation. The 'coons managed to spill 10 pounds of flour and a gallon of cooking oil. There were thousands of floury, greasy coon prints ALL over the entire campsite. "Damndest thing I ever saw" said the park ranger

The minivan arrives after the motel checkout time. The defeated looking mother and child duo takes in the FUBAR'd campsite. Without looking at me she begins describing how a "gang" of twenty or thirty raccoons with guns and knives raped and pillaged her village... they managed to flee to civilization just in time.

"Where do you think the nickname "masked bandits" came from?" Luckily, there ain't no bears in the Florida Keys, not that kind anyhow. Wonder if they started the #glamping, "I'm afraid of nature" camping for pussies thing...

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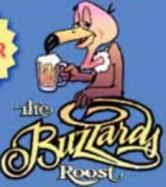
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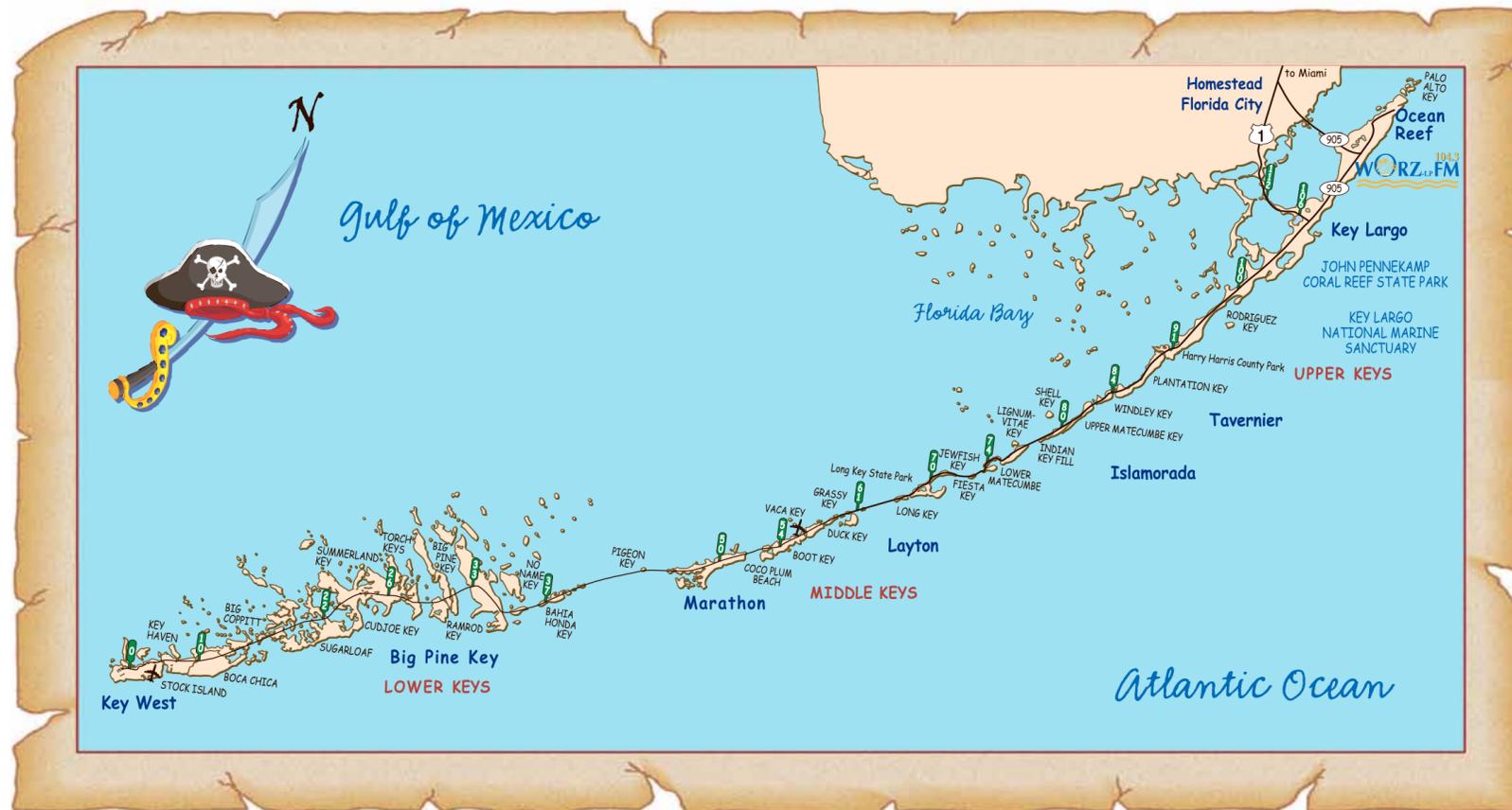
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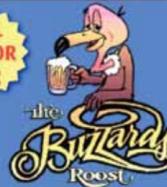
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## The Purpose of an Altar

Having an altar in your home can be a way of as reminding you to take time for serenity each day.

If you didn't grow up with an altar in your home, having an altar now may seem like an exotic and unattainable idea. Yet having an altar does not have to be complicated or difficult, nor does it need to be based on a religion or a set of ideas that don't seem to relate to you.

An altar can be a simple, personal expression of what you want to focus on right now. You do not have to build anything or take up a lot of space. You do not have to buy anything new or follow a complex set of instructions to create your altar. All you have to do is allow yourself access to this wonderful, ancient tool of transformation.

At its most essential, an altar is simply a raised structure that serves as a resting place for meaningful objects. It focuses the eye and provides a place for contemplation

One idea for a simple altar is a pot with a bulb planted in it, set on a box. This altar to growth can act as

a reminder to you that all living things bloom in their time. A simple ritual might be to write down dreams you would like to see come to fruition on scraps of paper. You might place these scraps of paper in the box, or under the flowerpot, or in an envelope you prop against the pot. As the flower grows, so will your dreams.

If you look around your home, you may find that you have already created altarlike arrangements without even really thinking about it; this is something we humans do quite naturally.

A candle, a decorative box, and a vase of flowers are just a few of the common household objects that lend themselves naturally to the creation of an altar. Add intention and intuition, and you have created your first altar. Remember that it isn't necessarily about the objects you place at your altar—it is the time you spend with it daily, taking the time to be with it for your sacred time.

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Thanks to Helene "Lucky" Jensen

- 2 cucumbers, thinly sliced
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- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley



In a large bowl, combine the sliced cucumbers, sliced red onion, and diced tomatoes.

In a small bowl, whisk together the apple cider vinegar, olive oil, honey, Dijon mustard, salt, and black pepper.

Pour the dressing over the vegetables in the large bowl and toss to coat.

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Get in the shower Use wash cloth, long loofah, wide loofah and pumice stone. Wash your hair once with cucumber and sage shampoo with 43 added vitamins.

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Squeegee off all wet surfaces in shower. Spray mold spots with Tilex. Get out of shower. Dry with towel the

size of a small country. Wrap hair in super absorbent towel. Return to bedroom wearing long robe and towel on head.

If you see husband along the way, tighten your robe and cover up any exposed areas.

## HOW TO SHOWER LIKE A MAN:

Take off clothes while sitting on the edge of the bed and leave them in a pile. Walk naked to the bathroom. If you see wife along the way, shake wiener at her making the woo-woo sound.

Look at your manly physique in the mirror. Admire the size of your wiener and scratch your butt. Get in the shower. Wash your face. Wash your armpits. Blow your nose in your hands and let the water rinse them off.

Fart and laugh at how loud it sounds in the shower. Spend majority of time washing privates and surrounding area. Wash your butt, leaving

those coarse butt hairs stuck on the soap. Wash your hair. Make a Shampoo Mohawk. Pee.

Rinse off and get out of shower. Partially dry off. Fail to notice the water on floor because curtain was hanging out of tub the whole time.

Admire wiener size in mirror again. Leave shower curtain open, wet mat on floor, and light and fan on. Return to bedroom with towel around waist.

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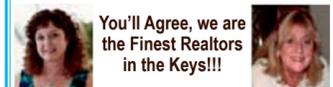
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- Boat Ramp
- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

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KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN TRADEWINDS SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE.

Monroe County libraries will be closed Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**April Artist of the Month:** Monica Bankowski's artwork is on display in the Key Largo Library Community Room March 16-April 28.



**April 5, 11:00 a.m.** Book Lovers Book Chat: It's a book club without the book! Chat about a book you've read and receive book recommendations from others.

**April 5, 4:30-5:30pm** Tween Scavenger Hunt: Easter is just around the corner! The Library Bunny left some eggs for you to find. Each one has a clue that will help you on your way to a great prize. For ages 10-12.

**April 5, 6:30 p.m.** The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Library.

[KeysLibraries.org/events](http://KeysLibraries.org/events)  
[Facebook.com/KeyLargoLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/KeyLargoLibrary)  
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**April 6, 2-3:30 p.m.** Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions topic of the month: How will the United States Respond to China's Growing Global Presence? Join us for an article on the topic to read ahead of time. We'll watch a brief video, then discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

**April 12, 4:30-5:30pm** Teen Scavenger Hunt: Easter may have come and gone, but Library staff hid some eggs for you to find. The clues will help you on your way to a prize. For ages 13-18.

**April 13, 2-3:30pm** Adult Art Program. Visit [KeysLibraries.org/Key-Largo](http://KeysLibraries.org/Key-Largo) for more information.



**April 14, 6:00pm** Last Friday Night Concert of the Season: Karyn Oliver is part Joan Osborne with a touch of Janis Joplin and a bit of Emmylou Harris. Bluesy soul to country. Oliver is deeply dedicated to her folk community. Funded by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

**April 25, 6-7:45p.m.** Books on Tap: Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Hazel Gaynor. Borrow a copy of the book from the Key Largo Library or Keys' Meads and return it the evening of the event. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.



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**Creative Tuesday 1-3 p.m.** Calling all Artists, new and experienced! Bring in items you are working on and help each other during this fun afternoon program. Sometimes a guest artist will have a project everyone can enjoy creating.

**Tech Tutor Wednesday 1-4 p.m.** Bring your device and questions to the KL Library for one-on-one help.

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You kids today with your legal weed...  
 Back in my day, we had to walk a mile uphill in the snow to meet a sketchy guy in an alley.  
 We paid what he asked, and we smoked what he had, and WE LIKED IT.

"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with a needle and then you play with buttons and knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"

I JUST SAW SOMEONE REFER TO MANSPLAINING AS 'CORRECTILE DYSFUNCTION' SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME WHILE I LAUGH HYSTERICALLY FOR 6 HOURS.

WIND CHIMES ARE MADE FROM THE METALLIC BONES OF ROBOTS THAT TRIED TO OVERTHROW US.  
 HANG THEM OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE AS A WARNING TO THE OTHERS.

Sadly I do most of my proofreading after I hit sned.

DID ONE OF YOU LAZY MUGGLES ORDER A SIX-PACK OF BUTTERBEER?  
 DUMBLEDOREDAESH

The boat used as the S.S. Minnow in Gilligan's Isle was a 1964 Wheeler with a cruising speed of 12 knots- which means they couldn't have traveled more than 41.5 miles. Now I'm starting to doubt if the show was even real.

HOW, ESTON! HOW, ERDIT? HOW, LEADER AND HOPPY! OH, FUZZY! OH, FURRY! OH, FLAKEY AND FLOPPY!

The Easter Bunny & his Eight Tiny Reinhears

# Coco'Nut' Funnies

Yesterday my son e-mailed me asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like sitting around playing on my computer is not a good thing?" I asked.

Talking about my "doing something useful" seems to be his favorite topic of conversation.

He said he was "only thinking of me," he said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Center and hang out with the ladies. I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on him. I e-mailed him and told him that I had joined a Parachute Club.

He replied, "Are you nuts? You are 60 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told him that I even got a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to him.

He immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses?! This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!"

"Oh man, I'm in trouble again, I said, I really don't know what to do. I signed up for five jumps a week!!"

The line went quiet and his friend picked up the phone and said that my son had fainted.

Life as a senior citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun!

Finally. My bills are washed, laundry is paid, clothes are baking and dinner is in the dryer. I got this!



Q: How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb?  
A: Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.



**Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.**

"I have a sore throat, Doctor. I ache, I have a fever."

"Sounds like a virus."

"Everyone in the office has it."

"Well then, maybe it's a staff infection."

As long as a lady carries a book with her, she will always have company



and a weapon.



A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant, and order the 'Chicken Surprise.'

The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around, before the lid slams back down.

'Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband.

He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot.

He reaches for it and again the lid rises and he sees two little eyes, looking around before it slams down.

Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

'Please sir,' says the waiter, 'what did you order?'

The husband replies, 'Chicken Surprise.'

'Ah! So sorry,' says the waiter, 'I brought you Peeking Duck!'

**EASTER EGG HUNTS: PROOF YOUR KID CAN FIND THINGS IF THEY WANT TO**

A very virginal Chinese couple got married.

On their wedding night, the husband politely asked his new bride "What would you like?"

She replied "I want {giggle} {giggle} 69 {giggle}."

He was puzzled, and replied "What?"

She again said "I want {giggle} 69 {giggle}."

He said "You want chicken with broccoli?"

Thanks, Marshall Hoyt



Went to the shooting range with some friends the other day. Afterwards we stopped at Hooters for some wings and a beer. One of my friends asked, "Which waitress would you like to be stuck in an elevator with?" I answered, "The one that can fix elevators."  
I'm old, I'm tired and I pee alot.



Three nuns were traveling in a car. There was a horrible accident, and they all died. They find themselves up at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter says, "Let me explain the rules. You have to answer a question to get into heaven."

He turns to the oldest nun and says "You first. Who was the first man?"

She replies "Adam."

And the thunder rolls, and the music plays, and the Pearly Gates swing open.

She goes in and the gates close.

St. Peter turns to the second nun and says "Who was the first woman?"

She replies "Eve."

And the thunder rolls and the music plays and the Pearly Gates swing open.

She goes in and the gates close.

St. Peter turns to the third nun. She says "Wait a minute. I didn't think it would be that easy to get into heaven.

Can you give me a more difficult question?"

St. Peter says OK, and thinks for a minute. Then he asks "What were Eve's first words to Adam?"

The nun thinks for a long time. She's scratching her head, and mumbles under her breath "Ooh, that's a hard one."

And the thunder rolls, and the music plays ...

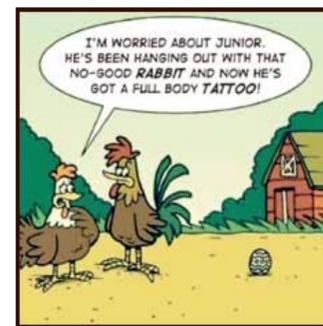
Thanks, Marshall Hoyt



*I picked up my sons from school and stopped to get gas, and invited them to get out of the car and learn how to do it.*

*Afterwards the 11 year old says, "Thanks for the life lesson, but I'll never drive a gas car."*

*The 13 year old says, "This is like the time you showed us how a pay phone works."*



A mother and her young son were flying Southwest Airlines from Kansas City to Chicago.

The little boy (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, 'If big dogs have baby dogs and big cats have baby cats, why don't big planes have baby planes?'

The mother (who couldn't think of an answer) told her son to ask the flight attendant. So the boy went down the aisle and asked the flight attendant, 'If big dogs have baby dogs and big cats have baby cats, why don't big planes have baby planes?'

The busy flight attendant smiled and said, 'Did your Mother tell you to ask me?' The boy said, 'Yes, she did.'

'Well, then, you go and tell your mother that there are no baby plane; because Southwest always pulls out on time. Have your mother explain that to you.'



**WHAT IF MARS HAS WATER ON IT BECAUSE WE USED TO LIVE THERE AND WE MESS UP THE CLIMATE SO BADLY THAT WE HAD TO SEND AN ESCAPE POD TO EARTH WITH ONLY ADAM AND EVE IN IT, AND THE POD WAS THE ASTEROID THAT WIPED OUT THE DINOSAURS?**



**Never depend on someone else to make you happy, that's what alcohol is for.**

A man has been stranded on an island for the past 10 years. One day, he spots something moving on the horizon and it seems to be getting closer. As he's waiting, the figure emerges from the sea, it's a beautiful blonde in a wetsuit. She slowly starts to unzip her suit.

Blonde:" Would you like a cigarette? How long has it been since you've had one?"

Man:" I'd love one! I haven't had one since I've been stranded here and that's been 10 years! She reaches into her suit and hands the man a pack of cigarettes and a lighter.

Blonde:" How about a drink?" "How long has it been since you've had a drink?"

Man:" Oh! I can't wait! That too I haven't had in 10 years!" She reaches into the other side of her suit and gives the man a pint of whiskey.

Blonde:" When is the last time you played around?"

Man:" No way! Don't tell me you have a set of golf clubs in there too!"



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## Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



Simba



Rudy



Humphrey



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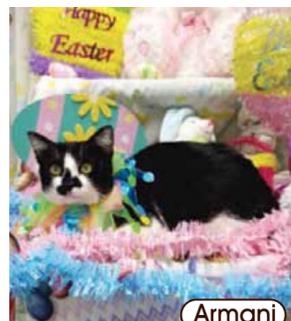
Gigi



Ginger



Misha



Armani



Elvira



Rico

## Conch Characters / Around Town



Maddie - server at Shipwrecks.



JJ loves Enrico's pizza!



Steve "SkyPilot" Scott at Shipwrecks.



Best place to view the Key Largo Sunset?  
The Big Chill of course!



Live music at Big Daddy's Grub & Beach Pub at  
Mangrove Marina (MM92) on a Saturday evening.



Handsome bartenders at Sharkey's!



Pirates Cove Watersports dive at the Christ statue.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Happy Easter APRIL 9th</p>		Lorelei can host private parties, weddings and rehearsal dinners. See our website for details.		<b>"SUNDAY SCHOOL"</b> \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am		1 <b>John Ciulla</b> 11-3 Trip Machine 6-10
2 <b>Harry French</b> 11-3 Webb, Davidson & Meyer 6-10	3 <b>Carousers</b> 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	4 <b>Harry French</b> 6-10	5 <b>Webb &amp; Davidson</b> 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	6 <b>Webb &amp; Davidson</b> 6-10	7 <b>Jade Storm</b> 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	8 <b>Micah</b> 11-3 Lime Rock 6-10
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