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Editorial - Musician's Relief Fundraiser

Please help our local musicians! Saturday the 27th from 1 to 7:00 at the Key Largo Moose Lodge we are going to party all day! There will be live music, door prizes and a silent auction to benefit the Musician's Relief Fund. If you are a musician and want to jam with us call Tim Dressing 305-522-3982 or just show up. We are in need of items for our silent auction. Text me 305-304-2837. If you want to help by sending a check, please make it out to Elks Lodge for Musician's Relief Fund, PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255.

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Planting for the Critters in our Midst by Carol Ellis



A Red-bellied woodpecker and Monk parakeet jockey for position.

In preparation for this journal I spent a lot of time being grateful for my mother-in-law Helen A. Ellis, who had the vision for the garden where I call home. When she arrived in 1968, she could see the ocean a half mile away from her patio. Her home was on the golf course at Ocean Reef, which began as a fishing camp, with a small lodge developed by Roger Baker beginning in 1945. Prior to its development, the area had been planted with key limes and orange groves. Due to its high elevation of nearly 14 ft., our land was nicknamed "nose-bleed hill," and originally was the site of a hardwood hammock, full of mahogany, lignumvitae, stoppers, figs, mastic, milkbark, and gumbo limbo with large branches full of glistening tree snails. In the name of progress, everything was leveled to make way for homesites on stark, barren coral rock fill. Helen understood about landscape planning, but the Florida garden is so different than gardens up

north. I still have her reference books, full of dog-eared pages, notes, and clippings from the Miami Herald. For the last 50 years "Florida Landscape

Plants" (John V. Watkins) and "Your Florida Garden" (John V. Watkins and Herbert S. Wolfe) are still go-to manuals for Florida native and exotic plants.



A nimble squirrel at home in the tangle of bombax branches.



Bombax buds and flowers at night in various stages of development.

Helen asked a local gardener for some trees to plant. His name was "Joe Ficus." One day he arrived with three logs cut from tropical trees. He put them in our poor, sandy, salty, coral rock soil. This wasn't an instant garden, it would take time and vision... thankfully Helen had a little of both. The stumps were Bombax (Pseudobombax ellipticum), African Tulip Tree (Spathodea campanulata) and Tiger's Claw (Erythrina livingstonia), trees that only grow in the tropics, and in the warmest locations in



The bees having a pollinator block party.

Florida, The gardener understood that if the cutting was planted and taken care of, that it would grow to a full size tree. That is the magic about South Florida... everything grows. Trees are an essential element in the Florida garden because they provide shade during our very hot and sunny days here. The moment you enter my driveway, the temperature drops at least 10 degrees. Large trees should be planted away from the house to minimize damage in case of storms,

Planting for the Critters... CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis



A Red-bellied woodpecker searching for insects and nectar.

yet provide shade for energy conservation during the hot afternoon sun. All summer long the Bombax has dense green foliage, It grows to 75 feet, and is about as wide as it is tall. It likes full sun, and is a perfect Keys plant. Late winter, this relative to the shaving brush tree drops all its leaves, and reveals a tangle of green branches. Then flower buds begin to appear, looking a bit like an acorn, each day expanding outward, and elongating until about 5-6 inches long and about an inch wide. The Bombax (Bombacaceae) from the Greek for silk, for contents of the seed pods, adds interest particularly when it is in full bloom in March and April when the

spectacular flowers cause many to stop and take notice. The blooms when they emerge last just one day. It is called the "penis"



A grey squirrel scurrying in the treetops in search for food.

tree by some. I rather equate it to a banana peel. When ready the bloom's outer casing splits and curls, revealing a fireworks like burst of a flaming pinkish-red bloom. If you are walking by and you don't happen to look up to see the blooms, you may be drawn in by the sound of bees buzzing overhead... a

kind of pollinator block party. Scurrying from flower to flower a squirrel drinks from the nectar cup. Monk parakeets and red bellied wood peckers jockey for position on a flower, while a hummingbird zips in and out of the nectar-filled cups.



Some call it the penis tree, I prefer to compare it to a banana peel.

The landscape that Helen built, and I now steward, is full of life. We can make a difference in our landscapes if we plant trees, shrubs and ground cover that provide essential elements for wildlife. If someone were to ask, what was better before it was discovered, I'd say the Florida Keys before air-conditioning and the water pipeline. It had hardwood hammocks that sloped down to a natural



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mangrove shoreline that filtered runoff, protected it from storms, and at the same time was a nursery for baby fish, crabs and sea life, which provided food for the birds and bigger fish and so on. Our family wasn't the first to come to the Keys, and there will be scores after us, coming for whatever reason floats their boat, and they'll need docks and a place to lay their heads at night, places to shop, be entertained and relax... even play some golf... and so the story goes.



Red-bellied woodpecker pondering his next meal.



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Friendly fishing competition ensues Saturday and Sunday on inshore and offshore charter boats or private boats, departing from Whale Harbor Marina, Islamorada, FL and other locations.

\$1,000 in individual angler prizes will be presented on Sunday upon the return of the boats. Awards include Top Offshore and Inshore Fish, Releases, Wild Card prizes and more.

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Plantation Boat Mart, Sunday: Melissa Sinasac, Sharon Russell, Lyn Gremonprez (First Place Offshore), Brittini Swenson and Leslie De la Torre, all from Tavernier, FL.

LLGF offers a second Keys event Oct. 18-20, the Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar and fishing with full day fishing seminar, two days of fishing and casual prizes.

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"Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!"

The Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Foundation (LLGF) is a national charitable 501C3 organization dedicated to attracting women and families to fishing and encouraging conservation and responsible angling. LLGF promotes networking among women anglers and emphasizes mentorships.

Founded in 1997 by Betty Bauman, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, LLGF has over 9,000 graduates and is the largest organization in the world whose objective is to introduce women and families to fishing.

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Art Guild of the Purple Isles' Annual Members' Judged Show Winners Announced

The winners of AGPI's 58th Annual Show were announced recently. This year's judges, George and Stacy Sass, awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention ribbons in 8 different categories along with Best In Show. First Place winners are: John David Hawver (ink/pencil/pastel); Carol Ubben (oil); David Badder (plein air); Louise Lindsay (photography); Kelly Walkotten (digital art); Mary-Ellen Cassata Holler (water media); Monica Bankowski (acrylic); Diane Smith

(mixed media). Best in Show was awarded to Jackie Campa for an acrylic painting titled "High Tide." The public's Peoples' Choice Award was presented to the winning artist upon show closing, which was not available at press time.



"High Tide" by Jackie Campa won Best of Show.



First place in the mixed media category, "Flower Girls of Havana" by Diane Smith.



This digital photograph "Golden Everglades" by Kelly Walkotten won the first place for Digital Art.

Afro Roots Fest to Bring Multicultural Rhythms to Islamorada

Audiences in Islamorada can enjoy three days of multicultural music with an all-star South Florida lineup of Afro Roots artists Friday through Sunday, April 26-28, during Afro Roots Fest.

All performances are set to take place on the outdoor beer garden stage at Florida Keys Brewing Company, 81611 Old Highway near mile marker 81. It's free to attend and open to music lovers of all ages.

The annual celebration of Pan-African and Caribbean cultures and music opens Friday at 6 p.m. with Jean P. Jam's special blend of world beat music called Deep Roots, combining African, soca, Caribbean and reggae influences into a unique amalgamation.

The Saturday show is to begin at 6 p.m. with vibrant Venezuelan music by Venzonix, accompanied by Venezuelan

dance group San Juan USA. Then Miami-based Cortadito is to take the stage, performing their signature "son montuno" brand of Cuban music reminiscent of the famed Buena Vista Social Club.

Beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, Manny Swagg is to deliver his unique blend of Latin jazz, Afro-Latin beat, Caribbean folk and traditional Cuban music; followed by Stella Fusion's smooth cumbia salsa funk from Colombia.

Florida Keys Brewing Company's locally brewed and island-inspired beers will be available for purchase, along with food truck fare.

The Islamorada performances conclude Afro Roots Fest's 26th annual season of music events throughout South Florida.

The festival is staged by Community Arts and Culture, a



Saturday's headliner: Cortadito. Photo credit: Edwin Cardona.

nonprofit dedicated to increasing understanding through the cultivation, preservation and presentation of diverse cultural music and arts offerings.

Afro Roots Fest is sponsored by Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Morada Way Arts & Cultural District, Islamorada Commu-

nity Entertainment and the Florida Keys Brewing Company.

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Judgement Day -- A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

After my first time busted, I had to travel back north to face the music. I could've skipped it altogether and probably avoided the hassles involved with making a court appearance in another state, the Common wealth of Virginia or Virgina as I call it.

Seeing how I was born in West Virgina I didn't want to have to sweat it every time I drove up to visit the kin folks by having an outstanding warrant along the way. Offering to accompany me for the adventure was the shipping/receiving guy who was from Summersville, West BY GOD...That's a whole 'nother story...

Rodney Hypes, a convicted felon for safe cracking, was a partier just like most people at ESP. We built high resolution video projectors for flight simulators and XXX peep shows. We did a lot of business overseas as well. The service techs always looked forward to the machines that came from Amsterdam and so

did Rodney because the guys always packed in a little something something to facilitate a quick turn around on the repair.

At any rate we took off in the middle of the night as we had to wrangle party supplies for the trip which took longer than expected and cost more money than agreed upon originally but that's how black market capitalism works.

As a refresher, I was appearing for misdemeanor marijuana possession, felony for a concealed weapon and possession of alcohol in a dry county or some variation on that theme. The concealed weapon was a three inch long, Smokey Mountain "toothpick" knife that had fallen under the front seat during the trip - it was perfect for opening cans of snuff but you wouldn't clean a fish or gut a hog with it.

The whole court thing was as strange as it was stupid. We arrived early AM at the Bland County Circuit

Court/Sheriff's Office/ County Clerk building. I was a day early in the mistaken belief that I could meet with the prosecutor and reach an agreement like they did on TV. Wrong. The asshole refused to see me, saying that he couldn't discuss the case. Turns out he wouldn't not couldn't. Asshole.

I figured it was some kind of ruse to make me hire a local attorney. I didn't qualify for the public defender because I wasn't a resident of the Commonwealth. Surrounding the courthouse is the "down-town" area of unincorporated Bland. There, amongst the local businesses, hung the shingle for an attorney. The ONLY attorney in town, an anomaly even for back in 1988.

The attorney was out of town but his assistant, a paralegal secretary, was willing to take my case. Or at least guide me through the process. I gave her my statement. She was concerned because I had been pulled over for having a radar detector (they were illegal in the Commonwealth). It was just the holder he saw, I had taken the radar detector off the bracket and stowed it away. The holder was a pain in the ass to get off the windshield, that's what I get for being lazy.

She spewed some technical sounding law jargon about improper cause or whatever. Lawyer speak makes my head hurt. My buddy Rodney thought telling the truth and admitting to possessing the marijuana they found in MY car was somehow the wrong move. But she's my lawyer, they can't defend you against shit you don't tell them about.

We checked into the local motel and Rodney knows how

small towns work. Every body knows every body. He tells the motel clerk/owner a half ass version of my tale of woe, stressing the little knife charge but not mentioning the marijuana charge. Rodney shushed me when I tried to tell the guy the WHOLE truth.

"I know the prosecutor, we'll just see about this knife and booze charge." the clerk says as he grabs the phone and calls the prosecutor at HOME. "Hey Billy Bob, yeah this is Pork Chop over to the motel." He proceeds with the half story with the prosecutor over the speaker phone.

The prosecutor rustles through some papers and comes back with, "Did they tell you about the sack of MARIJUANA the state patrol found?" The clerk was embarrassed and none too happy about being told a half truth. Rodney you dumb mother effers. No wonder you went to prison. If the guy had had any other guests he would have sent us packing. I felt an inch tall walking out of the office.

No sooner we get into the room and the paralegal is burning my ear off about the ill-advised call to the prosecutor. Small towns. She was there with the prosecutor when the motel clerk called. She HAD everything worked out but that phone call ruined my credibility. She made plans to come over and discuss my now-limited options. The prosecutor really wanted to hammer me now. Thanks Rodney.

Bless her heart. No one gave her any respect. Except me. That was my one saving grace. I recognized she was smart, if not smarter than anyone else in the room. She was waiting to take the Bar Exam and it seemed like the

men in town weren't happy about losing another potentially barefoot, pregnant and subservient wife to the professional world.

She had advised delaying until I could find an accredited attorney but I didn't have the luxury of time or money for that matter so I told her to just do the best she could. I didn't figure I would get jail time; it wasn't like I robbed a bank or banged the preacher's wife. It was a misdemeanor possession charge and when the court saw the knife I figured they would see it wasn't an assault knife.

The next morning in court seemed unusually packed. There had been scabs crossing the picket line at the coal mine and shots had been fired. I assumed it was busy because of the ruckus at the mines.

After a long, head-splitting round of lawyer speak the judge began addressing me. He has my homemade wooden box that contained several years worth of marijuana paraphernalia, empty bags with seeds and stems, rolling tray and accoutrements, pipes, lighters, matches, hanging "postal" scale, roach clips...

The prosecutor argues that I had intent to deal drugs in the Commonwealth. The problem was the Commonwealth had "misplaced" the ounce of marijuana I had intended on selling and that was a HUGE plus for me. "Far out" I say aloud and the paralegal girl stomps on my foot as giggles erupt around the room. The judge rolls his eyes, slowly shakes his head at the prosecutor.

I assured the judge that I am a pack rat and that's why I have all those empty baggies in the box. The prosecutor then alleges I have intent to cultivate because of the seeds but when the judge empties the seeds and stems onto his bench he can clearly see the seeds had been crushed by the process of being squeezed into a brick for easy shipping. Definitely no intent to growing those seeds as the court begins to see the humor in the absurdity of the whole process.

The judge lifts up an object from my box and asks me what it is. "It's the fuel vent valve from a Sea Ray boat," I answer. He sniffs it and says "it smells like marijuana". I shoot back, "Yeah it makes a good pipe too." More

laughter. My foot gets stomped on again.

Then he gets around to my knife and holds it up and asks, "Who is this for? The bad guys?" I burst out laughing along with the gallery, another foot stomp from my paralegal. I grabbed my Copenhagen snuff can from my pocket and the judge allows me to demonstrate my technique for breaking the label to open the can.

Lucky I was in a room full of tobacco users that could appreciate such a demonstration. I stick the can and the knife in my pocket and the prosecutor has a shit hemorrhage about states evidence and blah, blah, blah... they never did give me that knife back and it was a gift from my oldest brother. Asshole.

When it was all said and done they kept the \$2500 bail I posted and just when I thought I was going to walk away without further infringement upon my freedom the judge decides he would feel better if I were to agree to take ten random drug tests over the next year. No mention of the alcohol charge as I assumed as it wasn't on the evidence table it probably ended up in the same place as the misplaced weed.

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



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Somehow I managed to convince the judge to let me go to my doctor in Florida for the random testing as they surely didn't want me to become a resident pot head of the Commonwealth.

I actually paid \$50 out of my own pocket, passed a piss test and mailed the results back to the judge in Virginia with a note stating that was the last penny I was going to spend and that if he was interested in any more tests he would have to foot the bill.

I never received a reply so I thought I should get around to checking my status. Ten years or so later, I met a private dick from Virginia and he informed me that when the Commonwealth was scrambling to update ahead of the Y2K thing a lot of little shit like mine was deemed unimportant and didn't need to bog down the conversion to the new Y2K compliant computer system. Thank God for the work ethic of government employees... sometimes.



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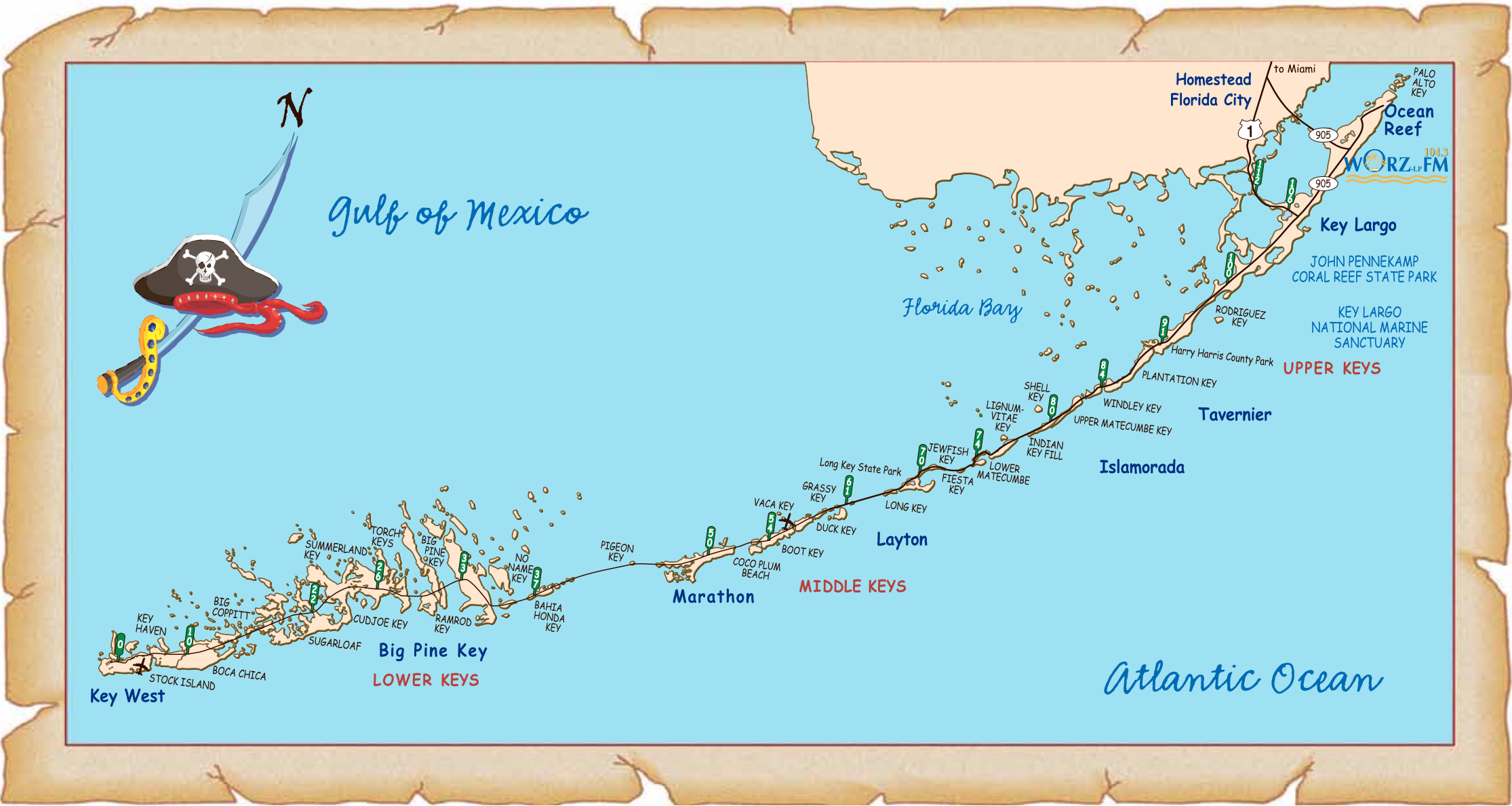
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Imagine a place where the sun is hot, the water's warm, and the drinks are as cold as they are plentiful. Welcome to Margaritaville, the island paradise where city folk get away from it all. Kick off your flip flops and set your clock to island time, as you slip into a tropical paradise, change your attitude and latitude... where love and laughter are the keys to living life to the fullest.

Leading our visit is Tully, a part-time bartender, part-time singer, and full-time charmer who thinks he's got life all figured out — until a beautiful tourist steals his heart and makes him question everything. "Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville" is a musical comedy featuring the most-loved Jimmy Buffett classic songs, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," "Fins," "Volcano," and many more. With a book by Emmy Award winner Greg Garcia ("My Name is Earl," "Raising Hope") and Emmy nominee Mike O'Malley ("Survivor's Remorse," "Shameless"), this hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you've been waiting for!



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Brock Mills, Director, on the right.

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

Key Largo landmarks include: Murray Nelson Government Center, Adams Cut, Pennkamp Entrance, Key Largo Public Library, African Queen Community Pool and Park, Post Office, Sunset Cove, Bayside, Buttonwood Sound, Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center, Mariners Hospital, Harry Harris Park & Beach, Molasses Reef, Duane, Oceanside, John Pennkamp Coral Reef State Park, Carysfort, City of Washington, Christ Statue, Grecian Rocks, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Spiegel Grove, Berwood, French Reef, Alligator, and Duane.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 2-29: Key Largo Library Community Room Art Exhibit: Reginald Henry & Family. Originally from Haiti, Mr. Harvey came to United States in 1990. As an artist he explores numerous art mediums and techniques. To see more of his art visit fineartamerica.com

April 2 & 16, 4pm (NEW TIME) LEGO Club
Apr.2: Mini-Robots; Apr.16 Earth Day. Ages 6-11.

April 3, 9am-12pm 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic. Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications/problems, and other services.

April 4, 2pm Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions: Science Across Borders.

April 8, 11am-12:30pm The Alzheimer's Association hosts a Care Support Group on the 2nd Monday of every month. Register/more info: 800.272.3900.

April 8, 1:30-4pm Total Solar Eclipse Watch Party for the partial visibility of the last Total Solar Eclipse of North America for 20 years! The Library will provide glasses and observation sheets and activities.

April 8, 6-7:45pm Film Screenings: Get Fishy with us and learn about seafood in Florida. Several films featuring Florida seafood! Featured Films **Treasure Coast Shellfish, Spiny Lobster,

KeysLibraries.org/events
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April 17, 10am - 1:30pm Free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Call (866) 686-2760 or pre-register online legalservicesmiami.org. Sponsored by Legal Services of Greater Miami & the Florida Keys.

April 17, 2pm & 4pm Nature Explorers: Earth Day Windmill Challenge Join us as we harness the power of the wind! Elementary age children join our windmill challenge to build the best windmill. Materials and supplies provided.

April 22, 10am - 1pm Visit the Brain Bus! A state-wide outreach program that raises awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The program addresses the benefits of early detection, early diagnosis, brain health, and risk reduction.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Story Time
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

Creative Tuesday 1-3pm
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Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds. 1pm
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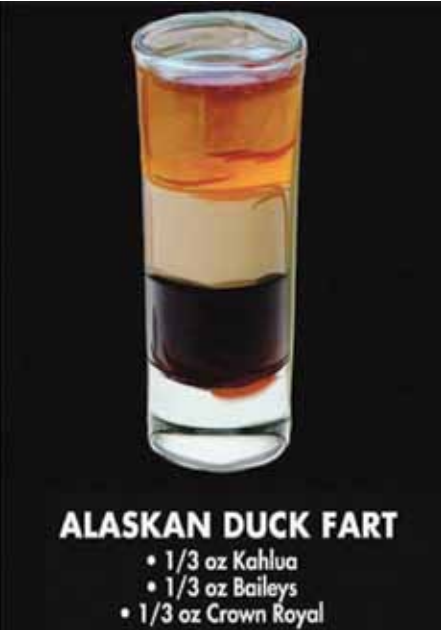
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The first guy slept with Daryl and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. The other two said, "Man, what happened to you?" He said, "Daryl snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

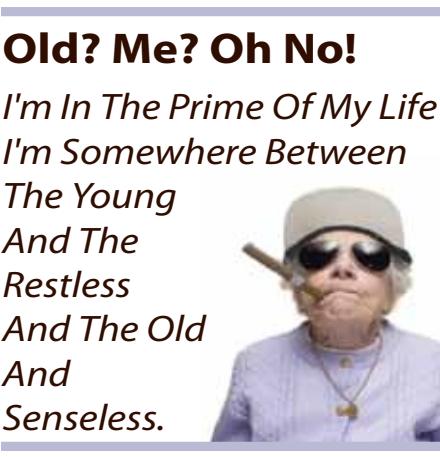
The next night it was the second guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. The other two said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!" He said, "Man, that Daryl rattled the roof!! I sat up and watched him all night. I couldn't believe the noise!"

The third night was Frank's turn. Frank was a big burly ex-football player; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. "Good mornin'!!" he said.

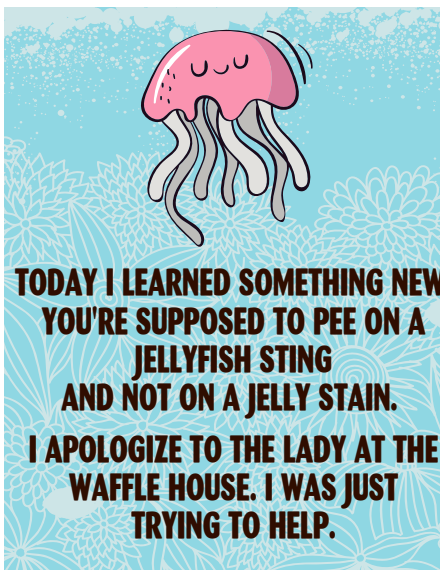
The other two couldn't believe it! He look rested and wide awake. They asked, "Ma happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Daryl into bed, patted his butt and kissed him g'night on the cheek. Daryl sat up and watched ME all night.



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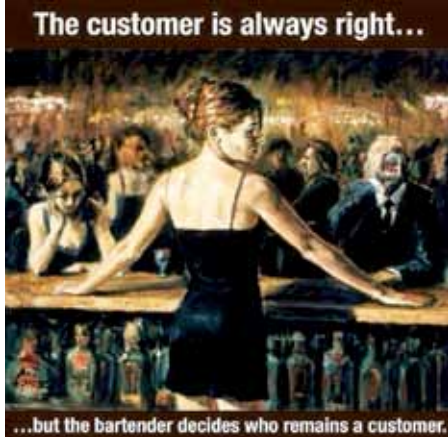
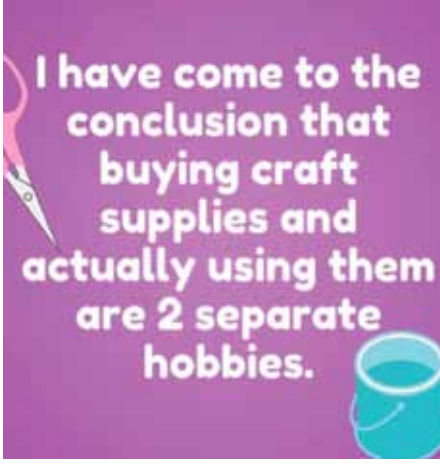
I'm first-world poor. Which means I own a smartphone and a laptop so I can go online and check that I have no money in the bank



A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet and romantic little restaurant. Suddenly a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table.

She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband'. The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands. The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.' The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.

So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!...the husband became 92 years old. The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful bastards should remember fairies are female



I'm thinking about joining the cicadas this summer and just screaming for 6 weeks straight.



As you get older, you begin to suffer the occasional series of increasingly humiliating micro-injuries. "How did you hurt yourself?" I slept wrong. While I was driving, I happened to yawn while checking my blind spot. I drank water too hard.



A beautiful woman loved growing tomatoes, but couldn't seem to get her tomatoes to turn red.

One day, while taking a stroll, she came upon a gentleman neighbor who had the most beautiful garden full of huge red tomatoes.

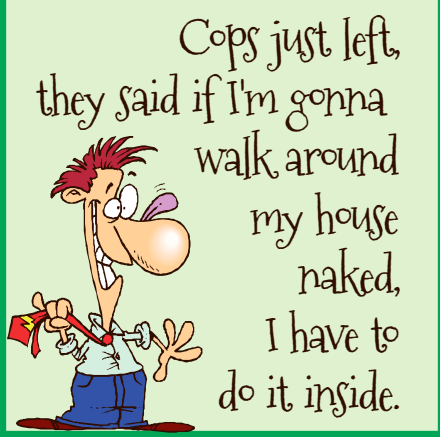
The woman asked the gentlemen, "What do you do to get your tomatoes so red?"

The gentlemen responded, "Well, twice a day I stand in front of my tomato garden naked in my trench coat and flash them. My tomatoes turn red from blushing so much."

Well, the woman was so impressed that she decided to try doing the same thing to her tomato garden to see if it would work. So twice a day for two weeks she flashed her garden hoping for the best.

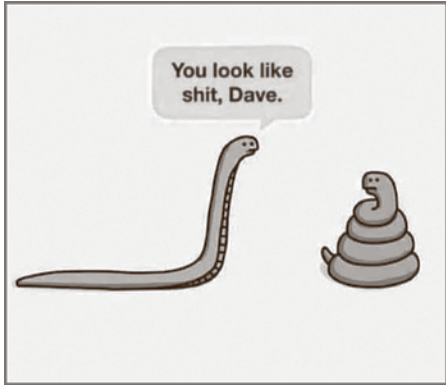
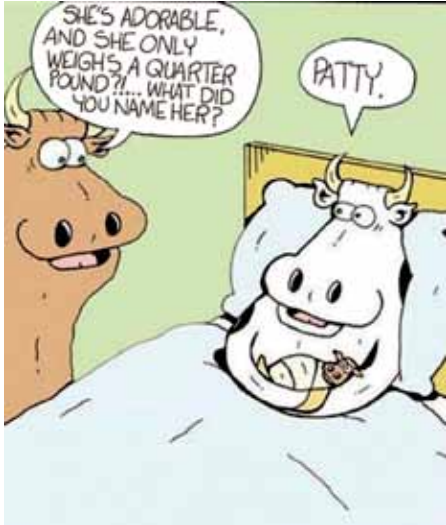
One day the gentleman was passing by and asked the woman, "By the way, how did you make out? Did your tomatoes turn red?"

"No", she replied, "but my cucumbers are enormous."



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| <i>Waterfront Dining!</i> | 1 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset | 2 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 3 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset | 4 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 5 Jade Storm 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset | 6 John Ciulla 11-3 Uncle Rico 6-10 |
| | 7 Scott Youngberg 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 8 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset | 9 Micah 6-10 | 10 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset | 11 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 12 Shin Dig 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset |
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