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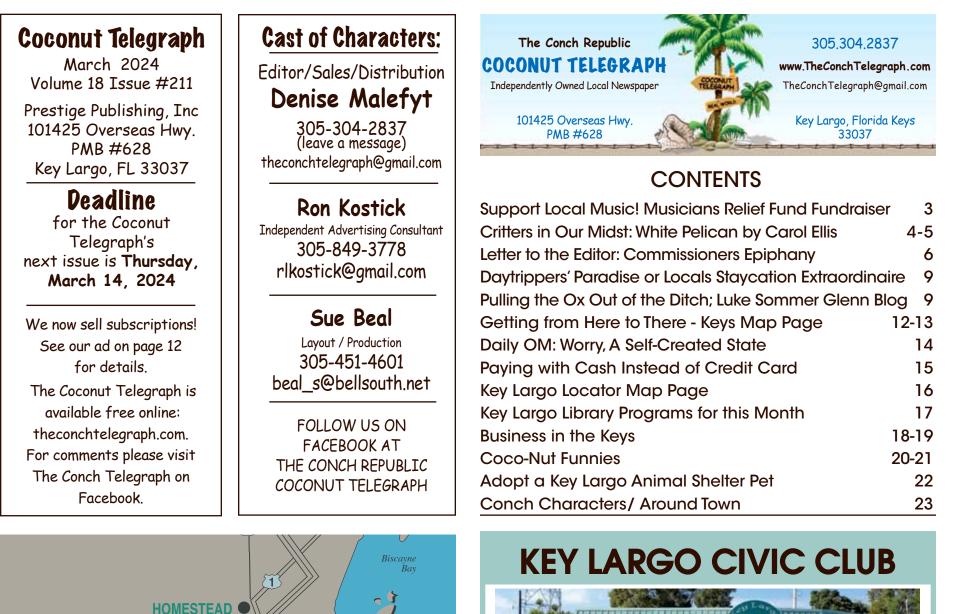
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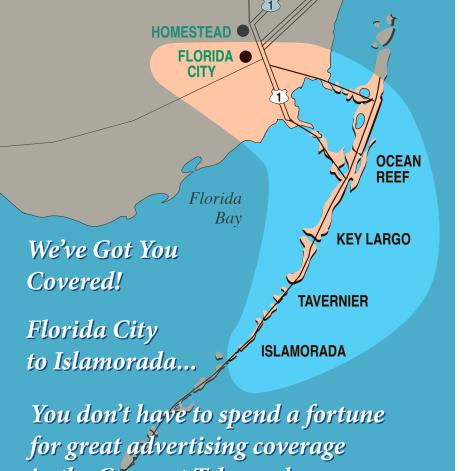


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The American White Pelican's wingspan may reach nine and a half feet. Adults have distinctive black wingtips, and their bills, legs and toes are reddish orange or pink.

The first eco-tourist to visit the Keys was French-American ornithologist, naturalist, and north on Card Sound Road, painter John J Audubon, who in 1832 visited Indian Key and Key West. Audubon to the east, sitting wasn't coming down to see the sunset, he was coming to document the birds here. American White Pelicans. In the late 1700s and early 1800s Audubon was witnessing the demise of birds across the landscape due to the widespread killing of birds for the plume trade... plumes from many of the wading birds in South Florida were designed into hats. With his keen eve and close observation. this self-trained artist created detailed watercolor, pastel and graphite drawings, in addition to oil paintings of more than 500 types of birds in their natural habitat.

One of the largest birds in North America, the American White Pelican, (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos) winters in the Florida Keys, not to breed, but to soak up the warm weather. I spotted a flock of nearly 50 White Pelicans at Crocodile

Lake National Wildlife preserve the first week of February, while traveling just past the three-way intersection. As I looked amongst red and black mangroves were 40-50 They sat comfortably

preening, dozing, and soaking up the sunshine, oblivious to my presence 500 ft. away, across the water, from behind a guard rail along the gravel shoulder of Card Sound Road. White Pelicans are tolerant of human observers if not approached too closely.



A low flying Brown pelican in the Florida Keys backcountry.



White pelicans wading on a flat in search of food.

Most people are familiar with the Brown Pelican, (Pelecanus occidentalis) who can be seen everywhere all year long in the Keys. While White Pelicans wade in the tidal flats, Brown Pelicans patrol their fishing waters and are seen begging for fish at docks or off bridges. Unfortunately some of these Brown Pelicans eventually swallow fishermen's hooks as the pelican swoops over and swallows the bait, hook and all. If the line is cut the bird flys off to have the line entangled and the bird is left



The Brown Pelican can be seen everywhere, all year long, in the Keys; usually juvenile.In the first year they have a brown neck and wings and very white belly; in the second year the body more grey than brown; in the third year, the belly is dark.

hanging from some mangrove, or if that doesn't happen, the bird dies from an infection caused by the embedded hook. The fisherman in this situation should call the Wild Bird Center.

Brown Pelicans are known for their spectacular head-first dives to snag a fish. White Pelicans feed by dipping their bills in the water and scooping up prey such as small minnows. Sometimes 10-12 White



threatened by human disturbance, and direct exposure to pesticides, which caused death or reproduction failure due to eggshell thinning.

It was an amazing sight to see these White Pelicans, but they were in the right spot... the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

A wonderful bird is the pelican, His beak can hold more than his belly can. He holds food in his beak Enough for a week And I don't know how in the hell he can.

White Pelican CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis except as noted.

White Pelicans are seen among the snorkel roots of the Black Mangrove, Crocodile Lake National Wildlife refuge.

Pelicans work together to drive fish into the shallows where the fish become more concentrated and easier to catch. The Brown Pelican nearly disappeared from North America between the late 1950s and early 1970s,

The Keys are home to four National Wildlife Refuges: National Key Deer Refuge, Great White Heron, Key West and Crocodile Lake, plus other land and sanctuaries set aside to protect our native plants



White pelicans are winter visitors to the Keys.

and wildlife. The wildlife come to these places because there is suitable habitat, with the space, food, shelter and cover they need.

We have these spaces because the residents and people of the State of Florida woke up in time. In the 1950s land had been platted for homesites, even

those areas sitting under two feet of water. Dredging and filling fragile coastal mangroves was a common practice. According to the National Audubon Society by 1960, 60% of the wading bird feeding grounds disappeared from Lower Matecumbe Key through North Key Largo. In 1975 when Florida designated the Keys an "Area of Critical

State Concern," a large chunk of undeveloped land in North Key Largo was saved.

Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge was designated in 1980. The following quote from the The Ocean Reef News of December 1987 gives an insight to popular opinion at the time:

"With the protective moat of undeveloped wilderness cocooning Ocean Reef property owners outside our gate, some are taking a kindlier look at the alligator's cousin - the crocodile. 14 years ago the crocodile made the endangered species list. North Key Largo is the major of only three



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protected areas, being bought by and preserved by the state. Until guite recently, there were 27 major developments on the drawing boards for our neighboring upper Key Largo. "Can you picture the line at Card Sound bridge, if that happened?" commented one homeowner. "Or the road traffic south to Winn Dixie? Let's keep those females laying... and the males at bay."

I wonder what the folks in 1987 would have thought about the diurnal "tradeparade" of workers commuting to work along Card Sound Road today?



## LOST KEYCHAIN



Small - Gold "Colored" Key Chain - with 2 Silver Fobs made by my Father in the early 1950s. Huge loss for me!!! It went missing Feb. 2023; first weekend of February, at MM 90, oceanside - at the Coral Shores Art Fair and Church/ Garage Sale.

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## **Commissioners Have An Epiphany**



BEWARE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEARING GIFTS

To the Editor:

After seven months of non-stop cheerleading, and \$100,000 plus in taxpayer funds spent on outside attorneys and consultants, the Monroe County Commissioners had a most unlikely epiphany -- work on the Charter Government proposal must pause immediately.

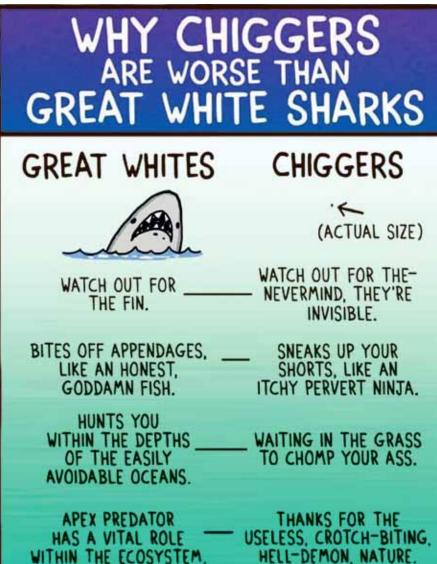
Monroe County Mayor Holly Raschein suggested to the other four commissioners that they "hit the pause button," on promoting the charter government initiative at their Jan. 31 BOCC meeting. Commissioner Michelle Lincoln proposed putting the charter initiative on the "back burner" for now. '...I think the community doesn't understand it," she said. Commissioner David Rice argued there are "a lot of benefits" to a charter county, but "I doubt the average voter understands all of the benefits."

There was no vote to kill the proposal. Commissioners offered no motion to formally table the measure. Instead, the charter government proposal can be revived at any time commissioners deem it advantageous to its passage. This delay, delay, delay is a common tactic Monroe County County Commissioners use when dealing with issues they want passed but their constituents oppose.

Just look at the monster Publix supermarket proposal in Tavernier. The decision to approve or deny was delayed, delayed, delayed. As soon as the citizen anger about the unwanted mega project cooled, it suddenly returned to the agenda, and was approved. Vocal, vigorous, and legitimate concerns of Keys residents are often ignored.

Monroe County residents must remain vigilant to ensure that efforts to expand county taxing and regulatory powers, like the charter government proposal - now lurking just out of sight - do not suddenly reappear.

Patrick Foley Keys Accountability Project, keyskap.org



WITHIN THE ECOSYSTEM.



For those wondering, "How did I do it?" I boiled 1/2 gal of water, added 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, two cups of Pepsi, and a half cup of lemon juice then stirred well. Waited 3 minutes, put the pan in the solution for 45 minutes, then added a guarter cup of Clorox to the mixture. Then I brushed it with a firm toothbrush and put it back into the liquid for another 25 minutes. I took it out, rinsed it and it looked exactly the same, so I threw it away and went out and bought a new one.







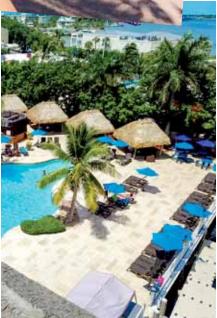
Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill at Fisherman's Cove is now offering day passes! You can unwind and savor a day of laid-back fun at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill. Lounge by the waterfront pool, savor delicious seafood and tropical cocktails, and enjoy live music and a lively atmosphere. Explore the Florida Keys charm or indulge in watersports nearby. With its vibrant vibe and waterfront setting, Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill guarantees a perfect day of relaxation and good times.

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## Pulling the Ox Out of the Ditch

The show must go on! New Year's Eve 1989. A bar in Kissimmee, Fl on what was the outskirts of town. The Brass Rail or Oak Rail, no matter, it was a nice place on a beautiful piece of central Florida property. It was a 5 nighter that started on Wednesday.

of Mims, Fl. The bass 2AM every night.

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

The band was based out player's family had a small RV that he parked next to the bar. Sweet set up for a number of reasons but mostly to avoid getting arrested leaving the bar at

Everything is going fine all week. Sitting on the picnic table under a giant live oak I saw an albino grey squirrel for the very first time. It was a white streak zipping around the huge branches of the century old tree. Too bad I didn't have a camera. Nice spot to have a beer and smoke a bowl...Relaxation... The bass player's side hustle was selling weed and business was good in Kissimmee. He sold out the first night. Thursday morning he and the singer drove all the way back to Mims to re-up. For some reason lost to time, the bassist drove his "in the

process of being restored" Dodge rust bucket project truck, not exactly reliable, with the singer following him in his baby mamma's car.

They arrived right at stage time. The drummer and I were standing on stage holding our breath. Damn it, man. That's a good way to have the bands pay "docked". The bar takes it out on the entire band not just the offending member(s).

By Friday night he had sold that QP and decided to drive the 2.5 hours back to Mims to retrieve more product on Saturday. New Year's Eve. The biggest gig of the year.

I had a bad feeling about it and told him I thought it was a bad idea being New Year's Eve and all. That's 5 hours round trip not counting the time hooking up with the product. In a project truck, a polite way of saying "a piece of shit." What could go wrong?

The guickest route involved using SR528, back then known as the Bee Line Expressway between Orlando and Cape Canaveral/Cocoa Beach. A toll road with manned toll booths.

It's 8PM. No bass player.



All we know is that he left his house around 5PM. I ask some of the help(staff at the bar) if they know any musicians. How hard could it be to find a competent bass player on New Year's Eve Saturday night with zero notice?

We're a country band without any bass, no bottom. The drummer had a "light foot" meaning he couldn't kick the bass drum with much authority at all so without the added punch of the bass guitar we sounded flat.

The bass rig is on the stage. Out of 200 or so people there, not one can pluck the bass - the night continues with an empty dance floor, bored expressions on the faces sitting around the room; I wasn't experienced enough to do anything other than keep playing my own guitar. I should've played the bass guitar, "lead bass" so to speak but that was then...

People were having more fun when the juke box was on than when the three of us sans bass tried to entertain them.

"Where the \$%<sup>#</sup> is Rick?" and "Can you play bass?" were the mantra of the entire evening. Not much fun but when the ox gets stuck in the ditch you have to pull the mother effer out some way or another.

The drummer at the time, nicknamed Smoothie, whined at the management long enough to get us a little pay for what should have been a BIG payday otherwise. Also to not fire us for the upcoming week. You really can't appreciate his skill at passive aggressive manipulation unless you've

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seen it for yourself. (Didn't work on his hot ex-wife though.)

So what happened to the bass player? The toll booth I previously mentioned happened to have some officers standing by and the old Dodge with the redneck in it looked suspicious. It was held together with baling wire and somehow that didn't meet the vehicle inspection code at the time. The reason for the stop.

Upon closer inspection by the police dog it was revealed that a guarter of a pound of marijuana was in a toolbox in the back of the truck. Four ounces of weed, \$250 worth back then. Compressed, seedy and stemmy. The claimed "street value" was \$1200.

Unfortunately, he was taken to the Orange County jail. The gig was in Osceola county. Mims is in north Brevard County by the Volusia county line. "Why can't you boys just play in town" asked the old folks.

That wouldn't be the last time the Law made making the show go on a challenge. There was the night in Alabama the cops arrested the drummer for a "roach" while we were on break. Played 5 of 6 nights, got paid zero for "breaking club policy" for having illicit drugs on the property. Ahh... That's another story...

Could've been worse, could've have gotten the death penalty if we were in China!





## Worry, A Self-Created State

Worry is an extension of fear, and can also set you up for attracting that which you don't want in your life.

We have all had the experience of worrying about something at some point in our lives. Some of us have a habitual tendency to worry, and all of us have known someone who is a chronic worrier. Worry is an extension of fear and can be a very draining experience. In order for worry to exist, we have to imagine that something bad might happen. What we are worrying about has not happened yet, however, so this bad thing is by definition a fantasy. Understood this way, worry is a self-created state of needless fear. Still, most of us worry.

One reason we worry is because we feel like we're not in control. For example, you might worry about your loved ones driving home in bad weather. There is nothing you can do to guarantee their safe passage, but you worry until you find out they have reached their destination unharmed. In this instance, worry is an attempt to feel useful and in control. However, worrying does nothing to ensure a positive outcome and it has

an unpleasant effect on your body, mind, and spirit. The good news is that there are ways to transform this kind of worry so that it has a healing effect. Just as worry uses the imagination, so does the antidote to worry. Next time you find that you are worrying, imagine the best result instead of anticipating the worst outcome. Visualize your loved ones' path bathed in white light and clearly see in your mind's eye their safe arrival. Imagine angels or guides watching over them as they make their way home. Generate peace and well-being instead of nervousness and unease within yourself.

Another reason we worry is that something that we know is pending but are avoiding is nagging us - an unpaid parking ticket, an upcoming test, an issue with a friend. In these cases, acknowledging that we are worried and taking action is the best solution. If you can confront the situation and own your power to change it, you'll have no reason to worry.

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March 1, 6 pm Jennings & Keller in Concert an award-winning duo that plays 21st c. Americana with influences in folk, jazz, and roots music. This is the last Friday Night Concert of the season. Funding provided by the Florida Keys Council of the Arts and the Friends of the Key Largo Branch Library.

March 4, 12 pm with Drumsinger A. Michelle. neous tone.

March 7, 2 pm Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Climate Technology & Competition. Visit the library for an informative article on the topic to read ahead of time. We'll watch a brief video on the topic, then discuss. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

## March Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

The Key Largo Branch of the Monroe County Library System is hosting the following programs this month. All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Visit KeysLibraries.org for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

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#### March 5 & 19, 4:30pm

LEGO Club Calling all builders! Be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOs provided by the library. Work on your own creation or build as a team and test your skills with building challenges! Check the Library's website/Facebook page for more details. Ages 6-11.

March 6, 9 am-12 pm 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 related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems.

#### March 7, 3:30-5:30 pm Are you Ukulele Curious? Beginner and seasoned players are welcome to join an informal ukulele play-along, Ukuleles available for check-out.

March 8, 4:30 pm Screening of "We Are Friends of Old Seven" documentary produced by Marathon resident Cliff Rydell. Watch "We are Friends of Old Seven" and learn about all the local individuals, businesses, Monroe County and Marathon City Officials who made saving the Bridge a reality.

#### March 11, 11 am-12:30 pm The Alzheimer's Association hosts a Care Support Group. Register/more info call 800.272.3900.

March 11, 2 pm and 4:30 pm Slime Time: Make fun spring slime just in time for Easter. Recommended age: Elementary. All supplies provided.

March 15, 2:30 pm New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias will chronicle the thirteen harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis Based on his book Above and Beyond.

March 18, 10 am - 12 pm Paws to Read to Tucker, the Goldendoodle. Young readers are invited to read to Tucker, a certified therapy dog. Bring your favorite book or pick one from the library. Call 305-451-2396 to book a 20-min. session.



March 21, 2-3:30 pm Adult Craft: Crazy for Coconuts Decorate a coconut or two with your favorite medium - acrylic paint or pen, decoupage, or use bling - all supplies are provided and lots stencils are on hand.

March 22, 1:30 pm Come out and enjoy an activity about plants and food sources then make your own turkey wrap to eat in or take home. Presented by Feeding South Florida. Recommended age: elementary. All supplies provided.

#### March 25, 2 pm Jelly Bean Bottle Flip

Participate in a fun STEM activity with Jelly Beans identify the most used jelly bean colors and then the jelly bean bottle flip fun begins! Recommended age: elementary. All supplies provided.

#### March 25, 5-7 pm Free Hands Only CPR Class led by certified registered nurses from Baptist Health will be offered at the Key Largo Branch Library. Also April 22. To register, email lauraarb@baptisthealth.net. Space is limited.

#### March 26 6-7:45 pm

Books on Tap Join us at Keys Meads to discuss The Measure (2022) by Nikki Erlick. Borrow the book from the Key Largo Library or the Libby app. Drinks available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.

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March 28, 12-2 pm Join Melody and Maria (MC Recycling Coordinator and Horticulture Agent) to learn how to minimize food waste, how to compost, and more. We'll have a fun craft activity and kids will receive a milkweed seeding to raise! Recommended age: elementary. All supplies provided.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

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



Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds, 1pm Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

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#### Tech Tutor,

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Come take a class! The Key Largo Library has a variety of offerings, ranging from Arts & Crafts to Slime Time. Scan the code to see the complete schedule.



## BUSINESS IN THE KEYS



## BUSINESS IN THE KEYS

## **Coco'Nut' Funnies**



AS AL GREW OLDER, HE BEGAN TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH HIS JOINTS

Last night, my friends and I went to a Ladies Night Club. One of the girls wanted to impress the rest of us, so she pulled out a \$10 bill. When the male dancer came over to us, my friend licked the \$10 bill and stuck it to his butt cheek!

Not to be outdone, another friend pulls out a \$20 bill. She called the guy back, licks the \$20 bill, and sticks it to his other butt cheek. In another attempt to impress the rest of us, my third friend pulls out a \$50 bill and calls the guy over, and licks the \$50 bill. I'm worried about the way things are going, but fortunately, she just stuck it to one of his butt cheeks again. My relief was short-lived.

Seeing the way things are going, the guy gyrates over to me!!! Now everyone's attention is focused on me, and the guy is egging me on to try to top the \$50. My brain was churning as I reached for my wallet. What could I do????

The woman in me took over! I got out my ATM card, swiped it down the crack of his butt, grabbed the eighty bucks, and went home









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I don't know if Facebook has ever caused the lame to walk but it has sure caused the dumb to speak.





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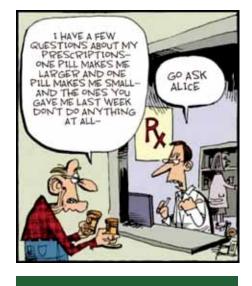
An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame arew, and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to him to get him to paint their likenesses

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo, and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request, he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; moreover, she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned. "The wife says it's okay. T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said. "I'll paint you in the nude alright, but I have to leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes!"

And that, me friends, is why we love the Irish so.



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### **Protons** have mass?

I didn't even know they were Catholic!



May the wind at your back. not be the result of the corned beef and cabbage you had for lunch.



An Irish daughter had not been home for over three years. Upon her return, her father yelled at her, "Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us? Not even a line. Why didn't ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old Mother thru?"

so yer are."

"OK, Daddy...as ye wish...I just came back to give Mammy this luxurious fur coat, title deed to an eight-bedroom mansion plus a £5 million cheque. For me little brother Seamus, this gold Rolex. And for ye Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside, plus a membership to the Limerick Country Club."

She takes a breath and continues, "and an invitation for ye all to spend New Year's Eve on board my new yacht in the Caribbean

become?" says Dad

"Oh! Good heavens, Ye scared me half to death girl! I thought ye said a PROTESTANT. Come here and give yer old Daddy a big

The fact that some people can't distinguish between etymology and entomology bugs me in way can't put into words



### Happy St.Patrick's Day

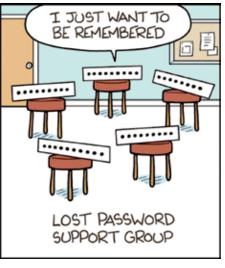
The girl, crying, replied, Sniff, sniff...."Dad.....I was too embarrassed, I became a prostitute."

"Ye what!!? Out of here, ve shameless hussy! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this Catholic family,

- "Now what was it ye said ye had
- Girl, crying again, Sniff, sniff..."A prostitute Daddy!" Sniff, sniff.







Don't you wish they made a "clap on, clap off" device for some people's mouths?





REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

"Charcuterie is French for "I'd ike a sandwich, but I don't have any bread."

#### At what age do you realize that

E.g means = "Example given" I.e means = "In essence"

I bet your teachers told you

E.g means = "For example" I.e means = "That is"





SCIENTIST CONCLUDES THAT THE CHICKEN CAME FIRST, NOT THE EGG, BECAUSE THE PROTEIN WHICH MAKES EGG SHELLS IS ONLY PRODUCED BY HENS

I don't know what my spirit animal is, but it's something that hibernates.

> "Is everything OK? You haven't photographed your food yet."





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## Conch Characters / Around Town ——



Angler Morgan Beaton from Islamorada Wine Company won the Doug Berry hand-carved Top Angler Award along with the JayAnna Cohan Founder's Award in the Bartenders Sailfish Open, based at the Lorelei Restaurant and Cabana Bar.



The Skipjac captained by Jac Paul-Hus with anglers Bernard Paul-Hus and Randy Towe took home the Michelle Snyder Memorial Grand Champion Award in The Redbone at Large 35th Annual Capt. Al Flutie's Over the Hill Rip-Off Tournament in late January. Also shown: Susan Ellis and Pasta Panteleo.



Congratulations to anglers Amanda Mitcheltree, Richie Trachuk, Omar Alvarenga, Lacy Selman, Ali Guerrero and Yessie Jusino from Shipwrecks, who won second place in the Bartenders Sailfish Open on Jan. 29th.



After 15 years, it was time for the IIslamorada Chamber of Commerce to bid farewell to theirbeloved caboose mailbox created by Capt. Joe Fox. Pete "PJ" Hoeltje graciously offered to engineer a stunning, to-scale replacement inspired by the Flagler train caboose, which was unveiled on Feb. 7th, at the Visitors Center, located at the entrance to Founders Park, MM 87 Bayside in Islamorada. THANK YOU, PJ!



Sun 103's Doug Hitchcock at the Islamorada Moose, raising money for the Mr. Legs Contest.





Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 pm Tim Dressing and friends perform, a mini orchestra to soothe your soul with timeless golden oldies at Denny's Lounge, MM 97.6 in the median. Tim on keyboard, vocals and fluglehorn is joined by merry music makers Bill Falvey on guitar and vocals, John Baxter on sax and flute, Jorge "Chief" Travino on trumpet, and John Pessis on guitar and vocals. Pessis comes all the way from Homestead. Come dance the night away!







The big, new Publix store in the Tradewinds Plaza was a popular place when it opened in mid February. There are all kinds of exiting new areas to explore and things to see, and people came out in droves to visit!

