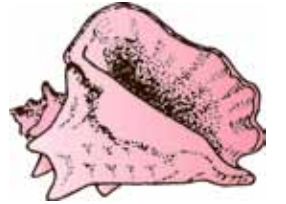


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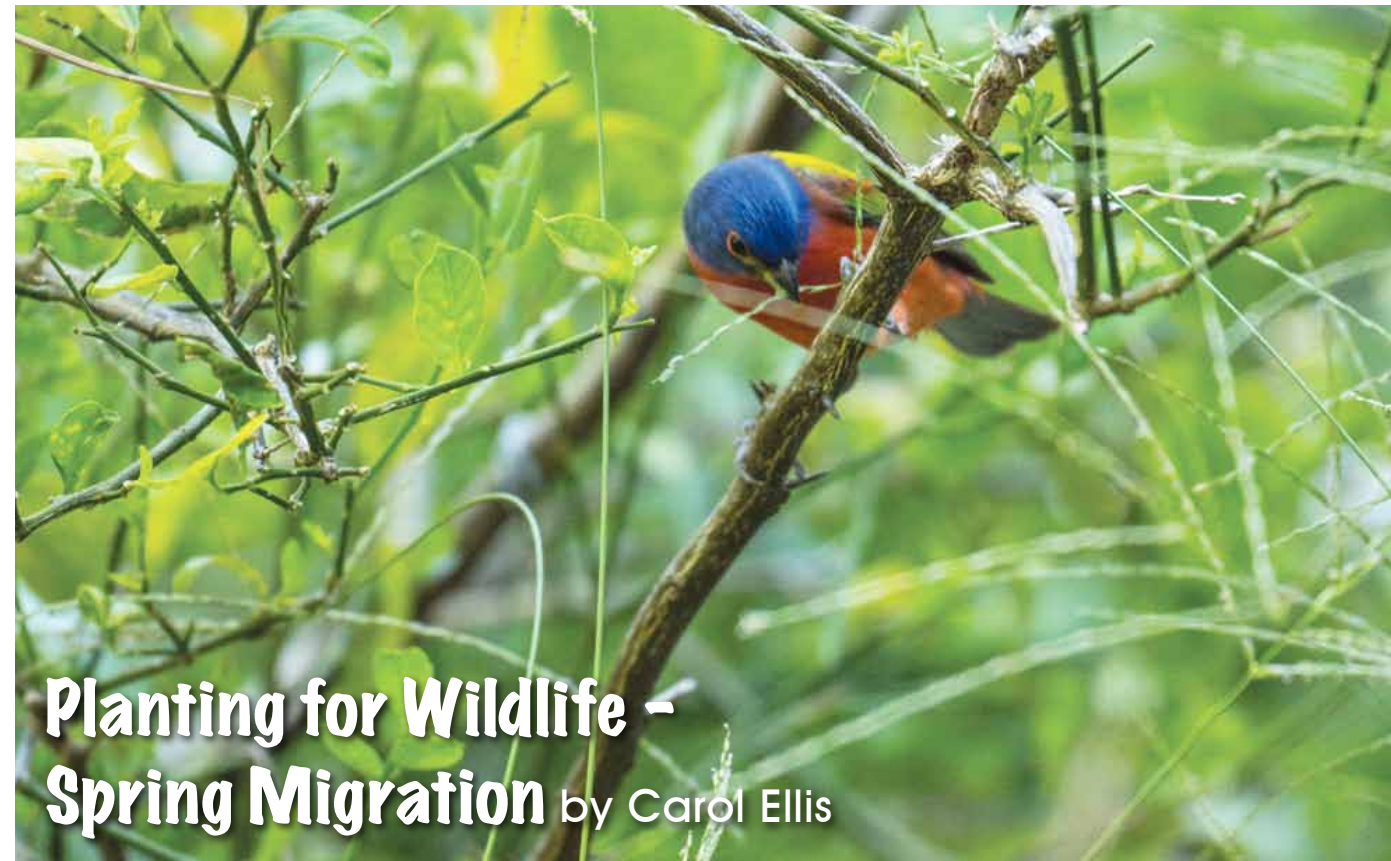
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Planting for Wildlife - Spring Migration by Carol Ellis

A member of the Cardinal family, the male Painted Bunting is one beautiful bird!

Never will I forget the words of Jean Geddes, full-time Keys resident, fisherman and naturalist, and one never afraid to speak her mind, whom I met in the early 80s. She said her favorite time of year was when the White Crowned Pigeons arrive and at the same time, the winter "snowbirds" depart. It is the frenetic pace of the season with the "three activities a day crowd," plus feedings, that keeps Keys service workers and professionals in our tourism economy busy, and longing for the calmer days of the off season. All they have to do is endure Spring Break.

For years I'd make note of the first White Crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*) I'd see, usually in late March or April, after they've flown from Central and South America, across the Gulf of Mexico. When they stop here they need water and food. Figs are high on their list... all sorts of figs, which are full of nutrition for our

feathered travelers. My home is surrounded by a majority of native plants, including a large Banyan Tree (*Ficus benghalensis*.) White Crowned Pigeons also



Insects are the main source of food for the Prairie Warbler

favor gumbo-limbo, blolly, poisonwood, rough strongbark, and ironwood trees.

This year, while sitting under the fig tree and waiting, I managed to photograph my first White Crowned Pigeon. It is a challenge is to maneuver into a good clear vantage

point for viewing the birds, without alerting them to your presence. I found it particularly helpful to use my Nikon 180 - 600 mm lens and stand in the shadows so I could watch without being discovered. In just a few weeks, benefiting from the tips about what to look for and where to stand, I was able to get close-up photos of various birds in my yard including a Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*), Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*), White-Crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas*



A Palm Warbler seeks food on the ground.

leucocephala), and Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*).

It is helpful if you can identify the birds by learning their songs. The Merlin app which listens for birds can give a pretty accurate ID to aid in visual identification. Unfortunately the spring migration coincides with the departure of our snowbirds, who also have a loud call... caused by the rumble of their jet engines warming up on the nearby airport runway, which successfully drowns out any bird call.



Prime viewing spot for birds is under this Strangler Fig in my yard. Some ficus, such as the Banyan tree require a lot of space for their roots to grow, but they are full of food for birds.

"Practical bird-protection means not only preventing the destruction of birds but creating conditions which shall make the world more habitable for them. Tree planting for birds should be given especial consideration on Arbor Days."

FROM BIRD LORE (1901)

Planting for Wildlife... CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis



White Crowned Pigeon in a fig tree full of their preferred fruit.



The female Painted Bunting finds protection as it blends in with the shrubby vegetation found in my butterfly and vegetable garden.



Common Yellowthroat male with a dark mask. These birds feed on insects, and here is perched on a Giant Milkweed branch.

| Florida Keys' Native Plants and the Wildlife they Attract | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|
| Local name | Scientific name | Birds | Butterflies | Other Animals |
| Firebush (scarlet bush) | <i>Hamelia patens</i> | * | * | * |
| Gumbo limbo | <i>Bursera simaruba</i> | * | | * |
| Marlberry | <i>Ardisia escallonooides</i> | * | * | |
| Passionflower | <i>Passiflora suberosa</i> | * | * | |
| Pigeon plum | <i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i> | * | | * |
| Quail berry | <i>Crossopetalum ilicifolia</i> | * | * | |
| Saw palmetto | <i>Serenoa repens</i> | * | * | * |
| Sea grape | <i>Coccoloba uvifera</i> | * | | * |
| Shortleaf fig | <i>Ficus citrifolia</i> | * | | * |
| Spanish needles | <i>Bidens alba v. radiata</i> | | * | |
| Virginia creeper | <i>Parthenocissus spp.</i> | * | | * |
| Wax myrtle | <i>Myrica cerifera</i> | * | | * |
| Wild lantana | <i>Santana involucrata</i> | | * | |
| Wild tamarind | <i>Lysiloma latisliqua</i> | * | * | * |

With the help of charts such as the one featured here, homeowners can improve their yards by choosing plants that will attract and nourish wildlife. From "The Florida Keys Environmental Story" article by Jim Duquesnel.



CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida her entire life and Key Largo for 37 years. Currently a Master Gardener volunteer, Carol has a degree in Journalism from the University of Florida and is the resident photographer /artist at Ocean Reef Club.



After looking in the wild, I find a Chimney Swift inside a home!



The bird clung onto the drapes, look for its branch.

After all I've learned about finding migrating birds in the outdoors, my most unusual bird sighting was inside the home of Gail and Spike. While working on a photo project we were distracted by the flapping of a bird trying to get out. From high above on the window ledge the bird looked out and repeatedly was repelled by the clear glass barrier keeping him in. It darted up to the curtain and clung onto the fabric, probably wondering, "where is my branch?" Confused, hungry and thirsty, this bird needed to be let out. We called Ocean Reef's naturalist Jeanette, who was there instantly, and within a couple minutes had netted the bird. Jeanette took him out into the sunshine among the trees and flowers and butterflies and released him and as the bird flew off, I recognized that bird as the one often seen flying in pairs in the late afternoon catching mosquitos. From my photos the bird was identified as a Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*), and sure enough it feeds primarily on flying insects and it mates for life. It also likes chimneys, but it is unclear if the bird entered the house through the chimney or an open door.



Ocean Reef naturalist Jeanette swiftly nets the bird and admires its beauty. The small beak is ideal for catching flying insects.

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Local Artist Marcia Brito Announces Environmental Exhibit Opening May 3rd



Marcia Brito, a visual artist and full-time Upper Keys resident, announces her upcoming exhibit entitled "The Florida Keys Attractions and Environmental Preservation." The Exhibit will be on display at the Key Largo branch of the Monroe County Public Library located at 101485 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo in the Tradewinds Shopping Center. This exhibit is sponsored in part by The Florida Keys Council of the Arts.

An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 3,

from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. At 4 PM there will be an artist presentation with a slide show and additional commentary from local environmentalist Barry Wray, Executive Director of the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition in Islamorada. Light refreshments will be provided.

This project is twofold, showcasing the distinctive nature and features of our beautiful Florida Keys islands while also displaying current environmental degradation and threats to our ecosystems. The contrast on display will aim

to raise awareness of the threats to our environment and to encourage conservation efforts.

With support of the Florida Keys Council of the Arts, the Art Guild of the Purple Isles, Conch Republic Marine Army, Crustacean Plantation and the Key Largo Library, this photographic solo exhibit will be on display from May 2 - May 30.

A native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Marcia Brito's career includes a variety of visual and performing arts in the areas of

photography, sculpture, painting, ballet and movie and television acting. Ms. Brito earned Master of Fine Arts degree Visual Arts from Jacksonville University, FL, and has lived the Keys full-time since 2021. Her work has appeared in exhibits in Art Basel Miami / Scope Miami Beach, The Museum of Science and History (MOSH) in Jacksonville, FL, in Times Square at the Conde Nast building and at the Louvre Museum in Paris. More info: www.britoart.com for more information.

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Knife and Gun Clubs — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Most people remember the scene from the Blues Brothers movie with the band playing in one of those bars with the chicken wire in front of the stage to protect the band. The places I cut my teeth playing live music were without the chicken wire. It wouldn't have saved the audience from us anyhow.

I was warned NOT to go! But these were the places in my small part of the world that had live music. The kind of music that I play. Every where I've travelled I've always been attracted to these places of ill repute and played music at most of them. The formula worked like this:

The first set was at the tail end of happy hour just before the day drinkers left, old guys that loved some Hank Williams, Ray Price and Ernest Tubb. I played those songs with my dad growing up and I love to make people happy. It's amazing how a sad old song can actually make you feel better somehow.

A lot of WW2 vets. Some of them were the guys that buckled the astronauts into the capsules that went to the moon, actual rocket scientists.

They loved the two step and a good waltz.

By the start of the second set, all the construction guys are starting to get rowdy. The old fellers aren't there to complain about the volume any more. We play David Allan Coe, Hank Jr., Waylon and Willie kind of stuff. Outlaw Country they call it now as it seems everything has to be defined.

The dance floor would start to warm up as the fellas' old ladies would show up to eventually drag them out as they would get too sloppy to stand on their own. They've been up since 6AM working in the sun all day and that's about it for their endurance and alcohol level.

The third set marks the arrival of the post-dinner crowd. We throw out some easy to dance to songs like 'Keep Your Hands To Yourself,' 'Takin' Care of Business' and 'Gimme Three Steps' kind of stuff.

Also known as the flatulence set. It's hard to sing on key when the air has been befouled by noxious ass gas. Everyone farts on the dance floor so they can blame it on the band, usually the bass player because he is associated with the bottom end and most of them look suspect anyway.

The last set is when the party is full on and the band is playing 'R.O.C.K. in the USA,' 'Mony Mony,' 'Crazy Train,' 'Highway to Hell'... start out hard core country, finish off hard rock. We didn't dare play disco. Pop 40 was played at the Holiday Inn in town.

The bands I played in back in those days would have fist fights or break over things like the other guitar player drinking up our pay or who effed up the arrangement or

timing of a song. We would play the next set pissed off and looking pretty rough but we'd be spot on.

Other times we'd all just be pathetically, shamefully drunk and kicking each other's ass over shit nobody remembers now. Southern Rock was our label. Every one is their own special brand of #\$\$%^ up. The skin head punk bands from up north called us "hair farmers." They didn't know how to tune a guitar but they were loud!

I've seen stabbings on the dance floor, "Damn! He didn't even get Three Steps," I would think to myself as the band played on. We only stopped playing if the power went out or the roof fell in (actually happened). If a fight got too close to the stage we repelled them by either kicking them back into the crowd or whacking them with a ten-pound Les Paul (guitar) in the head.

One packed night with the band wailing away I heard a strange zip, like a big ass, hyper sonic bee zoomed by my ear. I sing with my eyes closed a lot so I never saw what happened. Gun fire on the dance floor. A guy was taken to the hospital for a bullet wound. Nobody heard the sound of the gun over the band and the crowd never stopped dancing as it was shoulder to shoulder. A love triangle thing. Ain't love a bitch?

We dug the bullet out of the wall behind my mic stand. In a different reality or parallel universe that was my demise. Unfortunately for all of you in this reality I lived to sing off pitch and play wrong chords another day.

By the time the band got finished socializing and loading our gear it would be time to



hit the-24 hour Sambo's in Tite-ass-ville. The band guys are usually the tail end of the after bar closing time rush. It was a confluence of wasteoids from different worlds, all filling the jukebox with their preferred brand of noise.

These were the days of driving with open containers before the moms got mad.

Around 4AM the overwhelmed wait staff and lone short order cook are showing the "eff this" face, definitely not a good time to complain about your steak and eggs. Between rowdy drunks arm wrestling, chicks fighting in the bathroom over who pissed on the seat and the dude that left vegetable beef stew in the urinal, it's been a long shift.

These also the days of small groups disappearing then reappearing with the same sinus issues.

I've found that people tend to find what they're looking for be it a fight or a good time. For some people a fight is a good time. Finding love is a whole 'nother complication entirely.

By 6AM the jukebox is still blaring away, filled with hours of paid for songs before someone turns it down for the Sunday morning, before church breakfast crowd. In their day a quarter was a good tip. The tables and floor look like a large party of toddlers ate there.

Such were the dives of our lives.
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POTTY HUMOR

When you have to visit a public bathroom, you usually find a line of women, so you smile politely and take your place.

Once it's your turn, you check for feet under the stall doors. Every stall is occupied

Finally, a door opens and you dash in, nearly knocking down the woman leaving the stall.

You get in to find the door won't latch. It doesn't matter, the wait has been so long you are about to wet your pants!

The dispenser for the modern "seat covers" (invented by someone's Mom, no doubt) is handy, but empty.

You would hang your purse on the door hook, if there was one, but there isn't - so you carefully, but quickly drape it around your neck, (Mom would turn over in her grave if you put it on the FLOOR!), yank down your pants, and assume "The Stance."

In this position your aging, toneless (God I should have gone to the gym!!!) thigh muscles begin to shake.

You'd love to sit down, but you certainly hadn't taken time to wipe the seat or lay toilet paper on it, so you hold "The Stance".

To take your mind off your trembling thighs, you reach for what you discover

to be the empty toilet paper dispenser. In your mind, you can hear your mother's voice saying, "Honey, if you had tried to clean the seat, you would have KNOWN there was no toilet paper!" Your thighs shake more.

You remember the tiny tissue that you blew your nose on yesterday - the one that's still in your purse. (Oh yeah, the purse around your neck, that now, you have to hold up trying not to strangle yourself at the same time.) That will have to do. You crumple it in the puffiest way possible. It's still smaller than your thumbnail.

Someone pushes your door open because the latch doesn't work.

The door hits your purse, which is hanging around your neck in front of your chest, and you and your purse topple backward against the tank of the toilet.

"Occupied!" you scream, as you reach for the door, dropping your precious, tiny, crumpled tissue in a puddle on the floor, lose your footing altogether, and slide down directly onto the TOILET SEAT.

It is wet of course.

You bolt up, knowing all too well that it's too late. Your bare bottom has made contact with every imaginable germ and life form on

the uncovered seat because YOU never laid down toilet paper - not that there was any, even if you had taken time to try.

You know that your mother would be utterly appalled if she knew, because, you're certain her bare bottom never touched a public toilet seat because, frankly, dear, "You just don't KNOW what kind of diseases you could get".

By this time, the automatic sensor on the back of the toilet is so confused that it flushes, propelling a stream of water like a fire hose against the inside of the bowl that sprays a fine mist of water that covers your butt and runs down your legs and into your shoes.

The flush somehow sucks everything down with such force that you grab onto the empty toilet paper dispenser for fear of being dragged in too

At this point, you give up. You're soaked by the spewing water and the wet toilet seat.

You're e-x-h-a-u-s-t-e-d.

You try to wipe with a gum wrapper you found in your pocket and then slink out inconspicuously to the sinks.

You can't figure out how to operate the faucets with the automatic sensors,so you wipe your hands with spit and a dry paper towel and walk past the line of women still waiting.

You are no longer able to smile politely to them.

A kind soul at the very end of the line points out a piece of toilet paper trailing from your shoe. (Where was that when you NEEDED it???) You yank the paper from your shoe, plunk it in the woman's hand and tell her warmly, "Here, you just might need this".

As you exit, you spot your hubby, who has long since entered, used, and left the men's restroom.

Annoyed, he asks, "What took you so long, and why is your purse hanging around your neck?"

This is dedicated to women everywhere who deal with a public restrooms (rest??? you've GOT to be kidding!!). It finally explains to the men what really does take us so long. It also answers their other commonly asked questions about why women go to the restroom in pairs. It's so the other gal can hold the door, hang onto your purse, and hand you Kleenex under the door!

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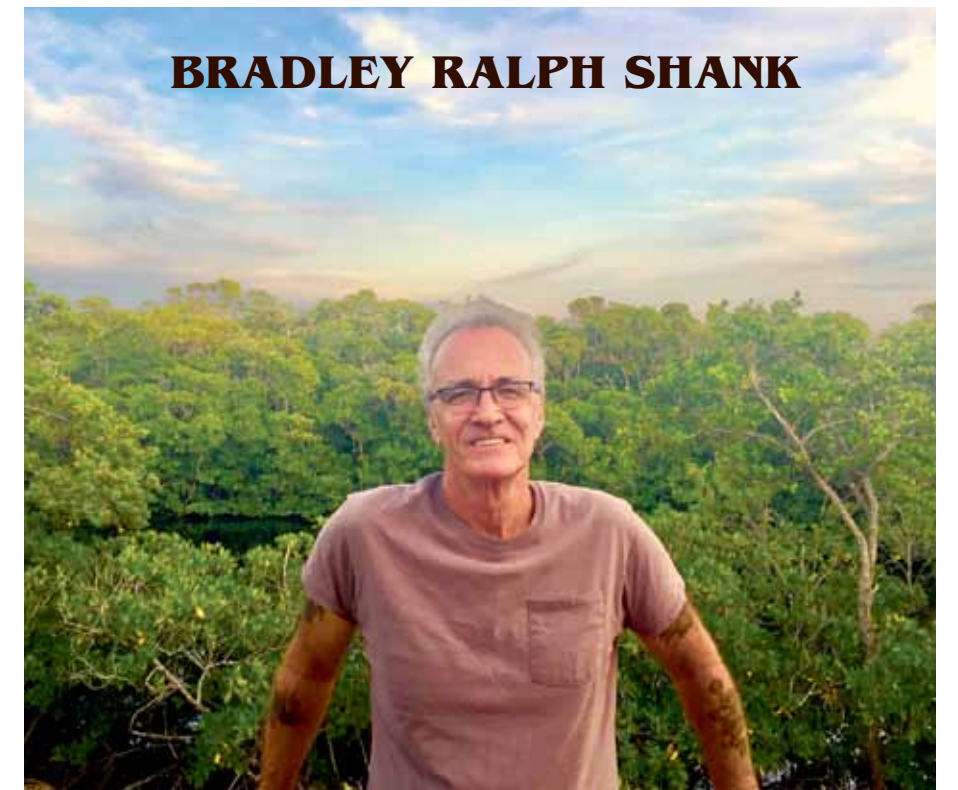
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Bradley Ralph Shank, 69, of Key Largo now rests in peace as of Saturday, March 23, 2024. A drummer with the Keys Community Band for 30+ years, beloved husband, talented actor/director/musician and known for his helpful expertise in diverse areas of knowledge.

Born in Massapequa, Long Island New York, Brad moved to Key Largo decades ago and was soon established as a jack-of-all-trades. He enjoyed creating things and figuring out how to make something not just work, but work better. Employed by various hotels, K.L.I. and the Wastewater District, he is best known for appearing on-stage in numerous Key Player productions.

Brad loved the theater and appeared half-naked, in a dress, a prison outfit and sang his heart out... often making us laugh or cry. Brad was an integral part of our community and will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Bazin, and by his two loving brothers, Ed Shank and Donald Shank. If so inclined, please choose a charitable organization to carry on his memory, including but not limited to: Keys Community Concert Band, Key Largo School Band, Key Players, Animal Rescue or any organization that you and he shared interest in.

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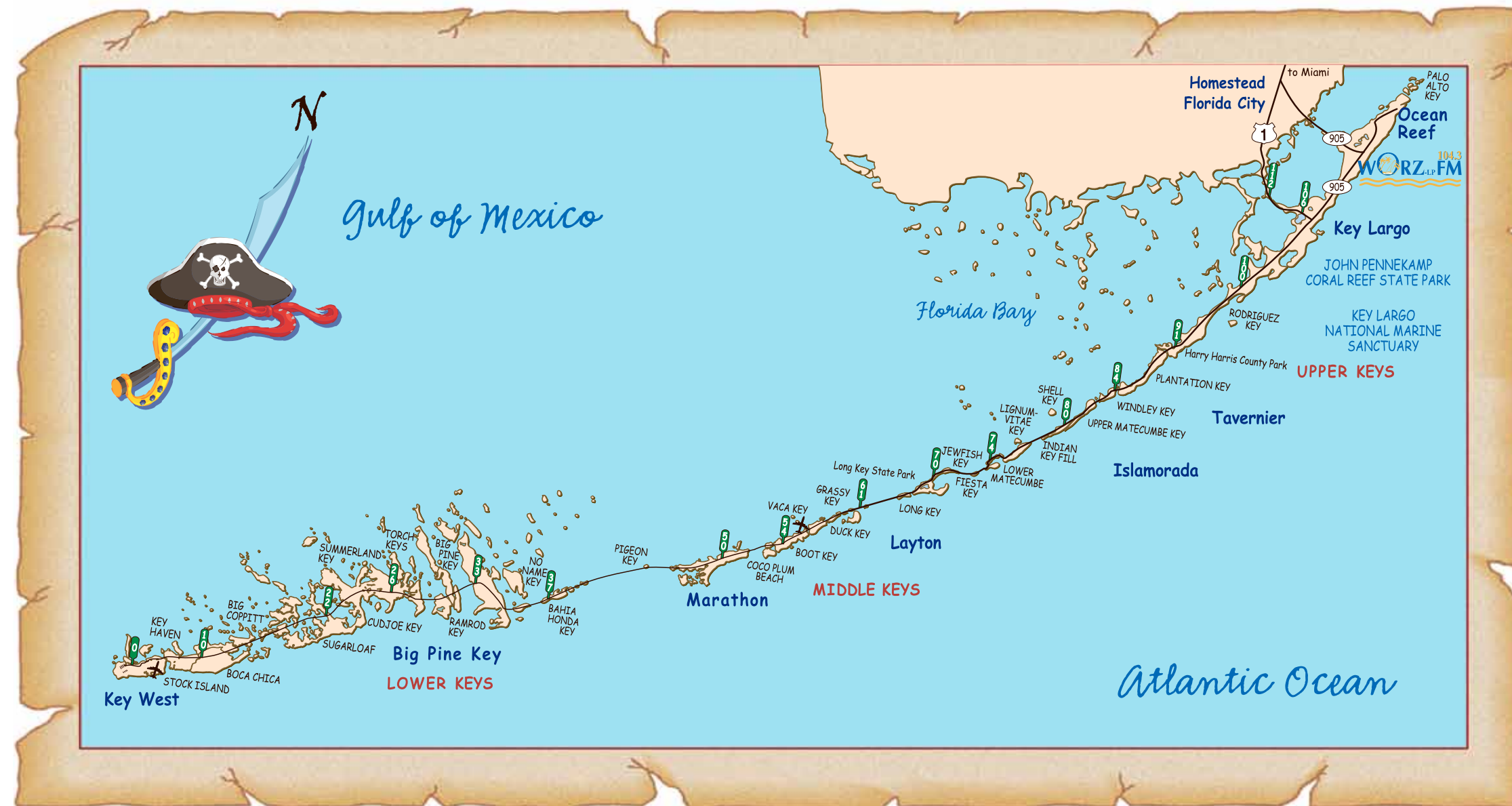
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To live harmoniously, we need to be supportive and helpful to all people, creatures, and plant life that share this Earth with us. While "being of service" is part of being a good citizen of the world, it also feels good to help others. When we do something for others in service without the expectation of anything in return, we are turning our actions into offerings.

You can give service to your community through many ways. There are the obvious and much needed volunteer opportunities, such as serving Thanksgiving dinner at a shelter, mentoring youth, or cleaning up a beach. Then, there is the kind of service that we may not even think of as being acts of service. Learning a new language (perhaps sign language) so that you can talk to more people is a way to reach out to others.

Inviting someone who isn't motivated enough to exercise on their own to join you on your daily walk is a way to give of yourself. Sharing flowers or vegetables from

your garden, organizing a poetry reading, offering to babysit for a busy parent, or donating pet food to an animal shelter are all simple ways to offer your services to your community.

You can serve the world through different paths. Imagine the impact we would have on the environment if we picked up one piece of trash off the street every day and chose not to drive our car once a week. Even gardening tactics such as throwing wildflower seeds onto a vacant lot can brighten the lives of others — including the lives of birds and insects.

Every day, you can do something to make this world a better place. During meditation, ask for guidance on what you can do to be of service. This can be a wonderful way to start your day. Smiling at a stranger who looks down in the dumps or teaching neighborhood kids how to whistle will impact someone's day or even their life. Giving of yourself is the best gift that you can give.

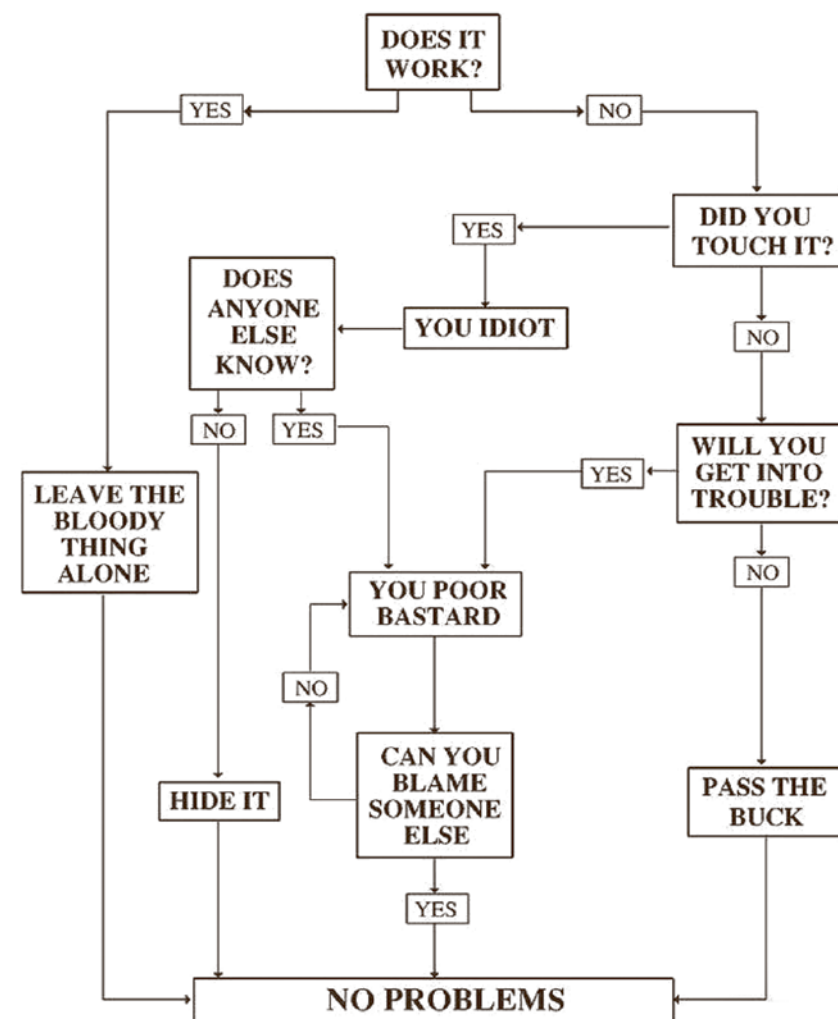
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Dave Barry Quotes

Here are a few quotes from Dave Barry, who wrote a humor column for the Miami Herald, and also writes books. We hope you get a kick out of some of them:

- Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- Everyone has a right to be stupid. Some just abuse the privilege.
- There is a very fine line between hobby and mental illness.
- Buying the right computer and getting it to work is no more complicated than building a nuclear reactor from wristwatch parts in a darkened room using your teeth.
- Your hand and your mouth agreed many years ago that, as far as chocolate is concerned, there is no need to involve your brain.
- The four building blocks of the universe are fire, water, gravel, and vinyl.
- A child can go only so far in life without potty training. It is not mere coincidence that six of the last seven presidents were potty trained, not to mention nearly half of the nation's legislators.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 2-30 Key Largo Library Community Room Exhibit: Marcia Brito is an Upper Keys photographer concentrating on the beauty of the Keys with an emphasis on the community's responsibility to preserve our environment.

May 1, 9 am-12 pm 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic. Master Gardener Volunteers will help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications/problems, and other services.

May 2, 2 pm Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions: US-China Trade Rivalry. Visit the library for an article to read ahead of time. We'll watch a brief video on the topic, then discuss. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

May 2, 16, & 30 4 pm STEM: Intro to Game Design Are you interested in learning how to make your own animations and games? Join us every other Thursday in May to begin your coding journey! Sign up at the desk to reserve a spot. For ages 10 - 14.

May 3, 3:30-5:30 pm Reception for Photographer Marcia Brito. Artist Presentation with slide show and additional commentary from local environmentalist Barry Wray,

May 7 & 21, 4 pm LEGO Club Calling all builders! LOTS of LEGOs provided. Work on your own or build as a team. May 7: Travel Challenge May 21: One-Handed Challenge. For Ages 6-11.

May 9, 2-4 pm Adult Crafting Fun: Nautical Wine Bottle. Get crafty and transform some wine bottles into something fun and functional with a nautical theme. Sign up - space is limited. Supplies provided.

May 10, 1-5 pm Non-Profit Job Fair: Bring copies of your resume & dress to impress. Visit keyslibraries.org/job-fair-2024 for a list of employers.

May 13, 11 am-12:30 pm The Alzheimer's Association hosts a Care Support Group, 2nd Monday of every month. To register/more info call 800.272.3900.

May 13, 6 pm Start Up, Start Right! New Business Workshop If you are starting up a new business, attend this in-person presentation and information session. Registration needed. Presented by Bonnie Barnes, Small Business Development Center (FIU).

May 15, 12 pm Create a healthy brain-power meal and learn together! Samples are included. Presented by the Center for Independent Living. Recommended for adults.

May 16, 2 pm Mindful Musings: The Power of Journaling, which has been shown to improve mental and emotional health. Join Baptist Health Psychotherapist Janelle Falcon to learn more about the benefits of journaling.

KeysLibraries.org/events
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The Key Largo Library will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

WEEKLY EVENTS

The Small Business Development Center at FIU offers no-cost consulting WED 2-5 pm at the Key Largo Library and TUES 9-1 pm at the Islamorada Library. Email bbarnes@fiu.edu to reserve

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May 23, 4 pm STEAM: Patterns in Art and Math. Explore the world of Tessellations! Children and teens of nearly all ages can get hands-on enjoyment with this mathematical art form. Supplies provided. Ages 6-11.

May 28: Stop by the Key Largo Branch Library starting today to pick up Summer Reading Logs! This year's theme is Adventure Begins @ Your Library. Join us June 7 at 3 pm for our Adventure Awaits Kick-off event! Ages 6-106. <https://keyslibraries.org/summer-reading-2024/>

May 28, 6-7:45 pm Books on Tap Join us at Keys Meads to discuss "How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House" by Cherie Jones. Borrow the book from the Key Largo Library or the Libby app. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 O/S Hwy., #6.

May 30, 1-3:30 pm Hurricane Preparedness Presented by the American Red Cross and the Center for Independent Living.

May 31, 3:30-4:30 pm SLIME TIME - Playdough Fun - School is OUT! Let's have some FUN in the library with a summer playdough challenge. You'll make your own playdough and use it to complete the beach themed challenges - and it's yours to keep. All supplies provided. Recommended Age: 6-11.



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He couldn't say he had no children because he couldn't lie (as we all know, lawyers cannot, do not lie).

So he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids. He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.

He loved one of the homes and the price was right.

The agent asked: "How many children do you have?"

He answered: "Twelve."

"Where are the others?"

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look, answered, "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

Moral: it's not necessary to lie; one has only to choose the right words. Don't forget - most politicians are lawyers!

Unfortunately, Sonia had reached that age where all the noises that she used to make during sex she now made getting out of a chair.



I seized the day, but I didn't lift with my knees, so I also seized my back.

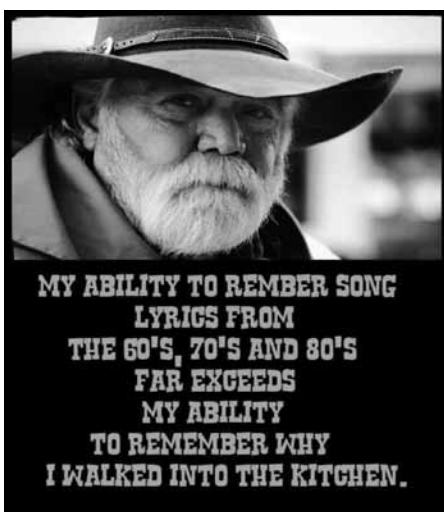


The Lord moves in mysterious ways but you don't have to. Please use your blinker.

When you are single and told there are plenty of fish in the sea. These are the fish.



I went down to the paint store to get THINNER. I didn't work.



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A young guy from Wisconsin moves to Florida and goes to a big everything-under-one-roof department store looking for a job.

The Manager says, 'Do you have any sales experience?'

The kid says 'Yeah. I was a salesman back in Wisconsin.'

Well, the boss liked the kid and gave him the job. 'You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did.' His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the boss came down. 'How many customers bought something from you today?'

The kid says, 'One.'

The boss says, 'Just one? Our salespeople average 20 to 30 customers a day. How much was the sale for?'

The kid says, '\$101,237.65.'

The boss says, '\$101,237.65! What the heck did you sell?'

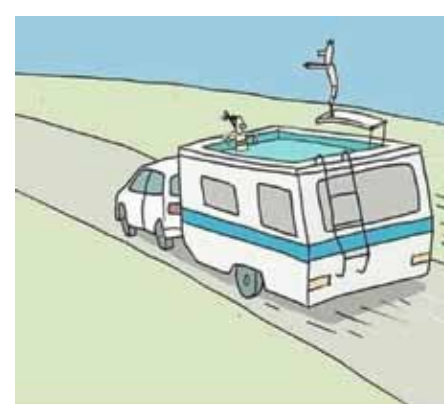
The kid says, 'First, I sold him a small fish hook. Then I sold him a medium fishhook. Then I sold him a larger fishhook. Then I asked him where he was going fishing, and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department, and I sold him a twin-engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4x4 Expedition.'

The boss said 'A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a BOAT and a TRUCK?'

The kid said 'No, the guy came in here to buy Tampons for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing.'



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The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch.

Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story: Bullshit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

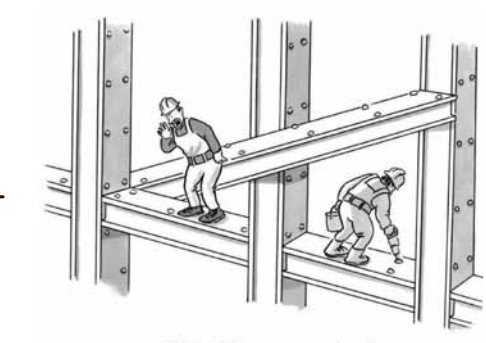
400 passengers but only 200 meals were loaded onto a flight from Delhi to New York City.

It was only discovered after take off, when the flight attendants started going through their preparations for the meals. So, the airline had bungled, and the crew was in a fix. However, one smart flight attendant had an idea...

A couple of hours into the flight she nervously announced, "Ladies and gentleman, we don't know how this happened, but we have over 400 people on board, but only 200 dinners. Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal to someone else will receive unlimited free liquor for the duration of the flight."

Her next announcement came six hours later. {Ladies and gentlemen, if anyone wants to change their mind, we still have 180 dinners available.}

Moral of the story: People who like to drink have very kind hearts!

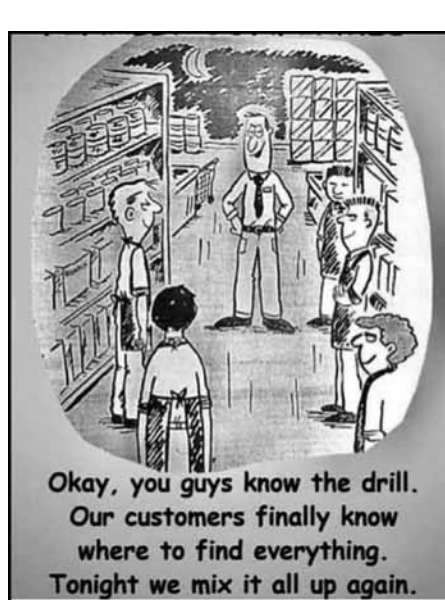


ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU'RE UNIQUE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE



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Gina Boilini, owner of Doc's Diner, was gifted a special photo by community members with appreciation for the many good things she does in the Upper Keys. Annette Nina, the photographer, had entered the photo in the Art Guild show at the History & Discovery Center, where it was discovered and purchased.



Victor Jr., Victor and Dominic Figueroa at Islamorada Chamber of Commerce.



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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.



Three very chill guys watching the solar eclipse on April 8th. Photo by David Kay.



Pirates Cove Watersports at the Christ Statue.

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| Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 7am-10pm | | | 1 Webb & Bellamy 6-10 | 2 Webb & Bellamy 6-10 | 3 Jade Storm 6-10 | 4 John Ciulla 11-3 |
| | | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Uncle Rico 6-10 |
| 5 Chris Bellamy 11-3 | 6 Uncle Rico 6-10 | 7 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 8 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 9 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 10 Shadow Creek 6-10 | 11 Micah 11-3 |
| Webb & Bellamy 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | | | | Abstract Radio 6-10 |
| 12 Scott Youngberg 11-3 | 13 Carousers 6-10 | 14 Micah 6-10 | 15 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 16 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 17 Ego Free 6-10 | 18 Dennis Holmes 11-3 |
| Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Lime Rock 6-10 |
| 19 Steve Venini 11-3 | 20 Carousers 6-10 | 21 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 22 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 23 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 24 Sailor Ripley 6-10 | 25 Devon Spaulding 11-3 |
| Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | The Regs 6-10 |
| 26 Micah 11-3 | 27 Carousers 6-10 | 28 Steve Venini 6-10 | 29 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 30 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 31 Shin Dig 6-10 | Waterfront Dining! |
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