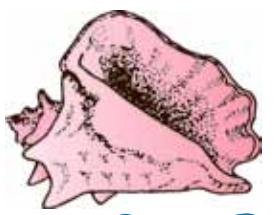


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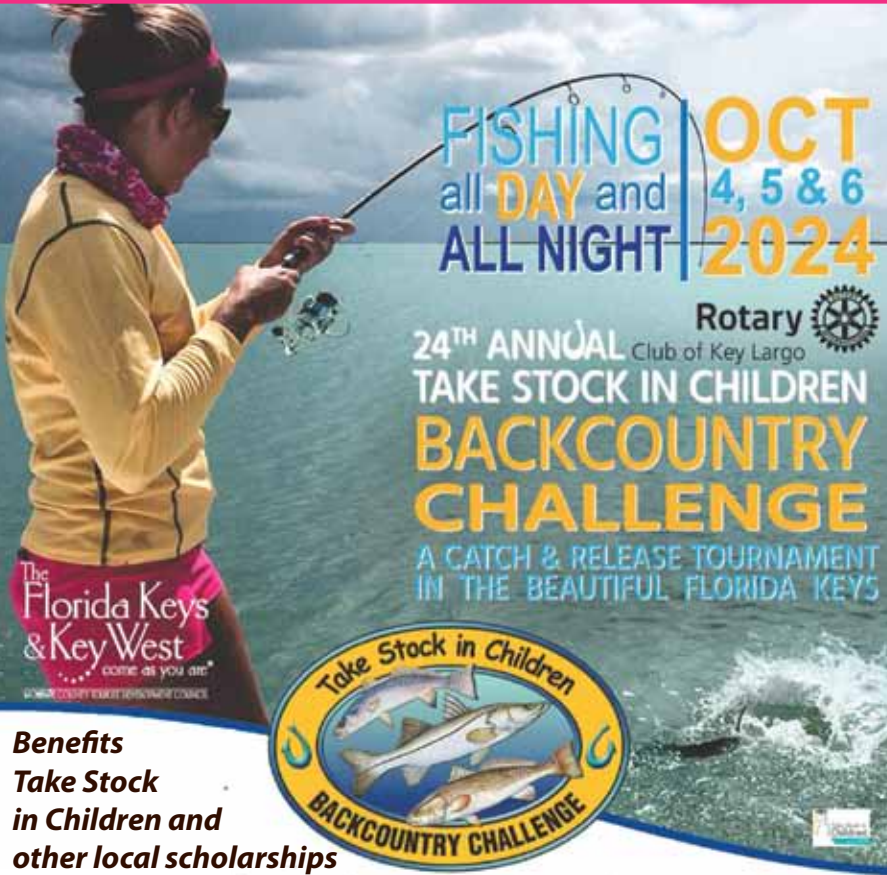
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**Critters in Our Midst: Tarpon** by Carol Ellis

Closeup shot of tarpon trolling for handouts at Robbie's.

Some may think it odd that I live in the Keys, the fishing capital of the world and I don't fish. It's not that I don't like the water. I love photographing its varying shades of blue and aqua.

I came to the Keys in the mid-1980s in a round-about way. I actually left my hometown of Ft. Lauderdale in 1979 aboard a yacht, and spent nearly five years, logging more than 47,000 miles by sea, including seven trans-Atlantics, as crew aboard the schooner "America." Upon my return home, I had tamed my adventurous spirit, and satisfied a lifetime of "been-there-done-thats" and also noticed the Ft. Lauderdale of my youth had vanished, as high-rise buildings were popping up in the once-small town.

Imagine what it would have cost to have chartered a yacht, and spent years living in exotic destinations? Yet we live in one of those

special places called the Keys, where tourism and fishing have been the backbone of the economy for decades. Here we have hot weather, warm water, and skilled fishing guides for those willing to spend a



In 1962 Kay Brodneý record 137.6 lb. tarpon on a 12-pound tippet in the Florida Keys with legendary fishing guide Stu Apte.

lot of money to fulfill an item on their "bucket" list, to experience the rush of stalking and hooking a tarpon. The "Silver King" tarpon was the first major game fish sought in Florida waters.

A pioneer in the sport of fishing, Stu Apte, age 94, still lives in Tavernier with his wife Jeanine. After serving from 1955-1958 as a Navy fighter pilot during the Korean War, he became a pilot for Pan Am, most importantly because their routes included the places he wanted to fish. Stu holds many records for fish, but his largest record on fly was for tarpon, a record he achieved twice on one day (May 28, 1982) fishing in Homosassa Springs; he broke the record in the morning with a 162-3/4 lb. tarpon, only to break his own record in the afternoon with one that weighed 164 lb. on 12 lb. tippet.

When he wasn't fishing, Stu was photographing and writing, or guiding other anglers to world records. In 1962 his angler Kay Brodneý landed a 137.6 lb. tarpon on a 12-pound tippet, at Coupon Bight, Big Pine Key. She was fishing alongside a half dozen

others, with baseball great Ted Williams among the boaters present. "It was fantastic to have her tie into that fish in front of all of those people," Stu recalls. Now known as Coupon Bight Aquatic Preserve, it is a 5,400-acre protected area located south of Big Pine Key in the Lower Keys.



Though fishing for the "Silver King" was generally a sport reserved for men, that didn't dissuade Shultz Heitman with her 185 lb tarpon catch circa 1900. (Credit: Archives State of Florida)

An environmentalist in a time before sustainable fishing was even invented, Isaac Walton (1593 to 1683) in "The Compleat Angler" wrote: "The Earth is a solid, settled Element; an element most universally beneficial both to man and beast: to men who have their several recreations upon it; as Horseraces, Hunting, sweet smells, pleasant walks: the Earth feeds man, and all those several beasts that both feed him, and afford him recreation."

That quote was my inspiration: Can we still in the 21st century have a battle with a powerful beast within sight of the trappings

**Tarpon...** CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis. except as noted.



This photo of hooking a tarpon was started out as a challenge and a dream, that actually came true.

of mankind? I wanted a photo of a jumping tarpon on an anglers line with a traffic-filled US-1 in the background for the America 24/7 (Day in a life of America) book project. I arranged for two guides, one as my photo "chase" boat and the second with long-time fishing guide Capt. Ron Wagner and two British anglers Pip and Ashley. My heart sunk when Capt. Ron said they'd been out all week and hadn't hooked a tarpon. Undeterred, we approached the Channel 5 area where Capt. Ron put a small crab on the hook, cast it and within moments a tarpon grabbed it, leapt high into the air and the battle had begun.

I have heard stories of anglers while fishing at Channel 5 Bridge, would hook a tarpon, it would head through the bridge to the ocean and turn around and go back again. You have to follow the fish. In heavy current it is easy for them to breathe; they have more oxygen and it gives the fish more stamina to fight harder. On this day this tarpon headed that way, in heavy current toward the bridge. The experienced Capt. Ron maneuvered the fish, line, and the boat through the concrete arches of the Channel 5 bridge and through to the ocean side.



Landing a tarpon in view of US1... closer to the boat, the tarpon leapt out of the water in front of me.




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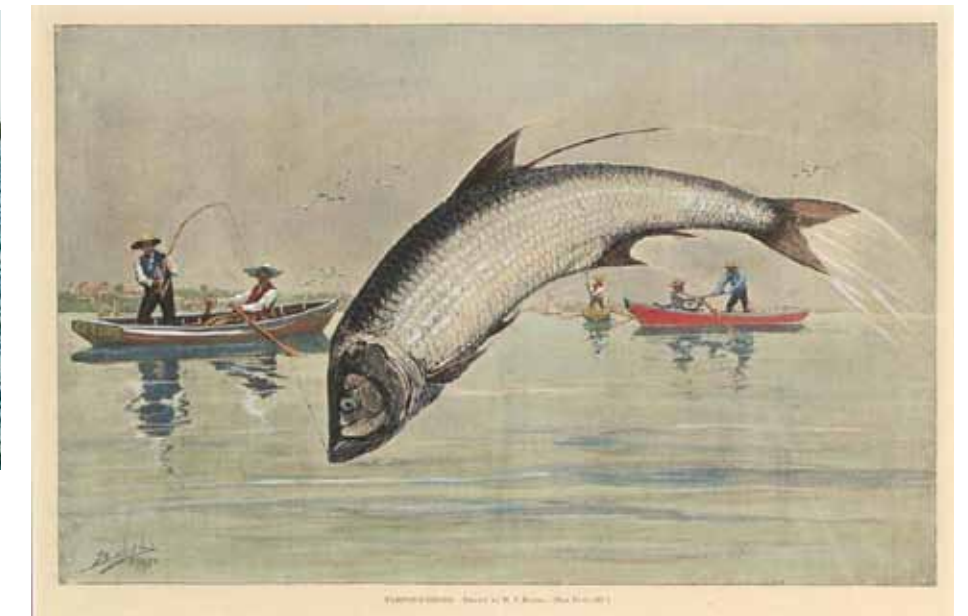


Following the fish through the concrete arch of the former Florida East Coast Railway Extension.

My camera captured many different views, but always in mind was the shot I wanted... a tarpon battle with a background of US1. As the sun got lower and the fish more tired, the angler Ashley brought it closer to the boat and it

leapt out of the water in front of me. The shot made the book Florida 24/7.

So I guess I DO fish after all, sustainably, with my camera and lens, I RELEASE the shutter to capture a moment.



"The requisites to success in tarpon-fishing are a favorable locality, hot weather, warm water, infinite patience, plenty of endurance, coolness, skill, a good guide, carefully selected tackle, and a knowledge of how to use it.

—"Tarpon Days," Harper's Weekly, June 26, 1897



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and experience a fishing trip on charter boats or on land for land-based events. The series encompasses offshore, inshore, beach and bass fishing. Keys events in Islamorada include a casual tournament with prizes. The mission of the organization is to enable the underserved market of

women to enter the sport of fishing.

**Comments from Alignable:**  
"Because fishing ain't just for guys!"  
"Great way to meet other ladies who like to fish! Destination fishing trips! Keys seminars my favorite! Caught the most fish, biggest fish, and caught & released a sailfish!"

Nine thousand women from almost all of the US states and other countries have graduated. LLGF also conducts virtual meetings and fundraisers.

"Fishing unites all ages and backgrounds with participants ranging from teens to seniors as well as a variety of ethnic origins," commented LLGF Founder Betty Bauman.

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Betty Bauman, Founder of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing

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Participants must register in advance for all events online at ladiesletsgofishing.com.

See page 15 for 2024 remaining LLGF events, with optional or included fishing, and contact information for LLGF. Virtual Meetings and more events are in the works.

### In the News:



A fifteen-year old boy was at the center of a Monroe County courtroom drama recently when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him. The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulation requiring that family unity be maintained to the highest degree possible. The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge then suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried and said that they also beat him.

After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him. After two recesses to check legal references and confer with the child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Panthers, whom the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.


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Why aren't veterinarians called dogtors?

You can lead a man to Congress, but you can't make him think. Milton Berle

I asked the Librarian if she had any books about Paranoia. She whispered: "They're right behind you...."

A Trip to Cinderella's Dungeon -- A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

A nationally chartered high school club was counting the money they had raised to pay for the paint the boys were supposed to use to beautify the school by touching up the railings and such around the campus. That's what the adults in charge were told anyway.

The club's big fund raiser every year was selling Halloween insurance. The policy protected the buyer from the trick part of, "Trick or Treat." For instance, if a protected house got rolled by toilet paper wielding pranksters, the members of the club would clean it up.

The cross town rival high school also had a club selling "roll" insurance. It sold itself really, because in our little town rolling houses was done every Halloween by the high spirited kids. It was a protection racket. Pay up or we rolled your house with toilet paper, burned your yard by cutting donuts in the lawn with a truck on off-road tires and either smashed your mailbox with a baseball bat or ran it over as we made our getaway.

The clubs from the opposing high schools would split into teams, one team to protect the neighborhoods where the policies were sold, and the other team to go roll the houses covered by our counterparts from the rival high school as well as a few houses in our own territory to serve as an example to those who didn't buy our insurance. Needless to say it was a moneymaking enterprise for the clubs.

The club would then throw a big party for themselves using the proceeds from our harmless community extortion. This particular

year it was a keg party at Fort Wilderness, the Disney World campground.

The club had two types of partiers; the drinkers and the more adventurous types.

On this particular excursion the partiers invaded the River Country waterpark in the middle of the night and had fun wreaking havoc and setting off alarms. The drinkers were content to play in the park, helping themselves to the inner tubes to float down the rapids. They were easily apprehended by the Disney authorities.

The more adventurous types, who were tripping on Space Coast mushrooms, found the little, two-seater rental boats fueled and ready to go for the upcoming mornings tourists. It only took one pull to start the little two stroke engines. Disney really kept their machines in good working order.

Doing tight, fast circles really enhanced the tracers

from all the lights as the mushrooms really kicked in. After zipping around the little lagoon the shroomers wound up on Tom Sawyer's Island exploring the caves while security was busy wrangling the drunkards up in the waterpark.

Being on shrooms it was easy for the kids to see in the dark and by the time the security guards showed up, they could only hear the echoes of the silliness as the boys laughed their way through the caves unaware of their pursuers.

The boys sparked up a joint in the cave and thought they heard voices. "Ahh, you're just being paranoid," said one of them. "No, for real, man."

"Shush. Listen." The shuffling footsteps and jingling of a ring of keys were getting closer. The flicker of a flashlight on the wall. The light darted around as if someone were lost or looking for something.



One of the kids let out a low, ghost like moan. The footsteps stopped, the flashlight beam jerked around suddenly and with a metal racket reverberating throughout the cave, the light went out. Then the noises of somebody running...

"OOFF!" it sounded like someone had been punched in the gut. The scared officer had run into one of the crotch level, faux stalagmites in his panic to escape the dark, scary cave after dropping his brain beater flashlight.

It's easy to get lost in those caves especially at night. Unless you're on hallucinogenics and your pupils are the same size as your eyes...

It wasn't long before he returned with reinforcements. They would make sweep after sweep, searching for the trespassers whom they could hear but couldn't locate. After the security guys passed by the kids' location, the kids would scramble to another one.

Again, the security people could hear the commotion but couldn't see anything in the dark cave even with their powerful, 5000 candle power flashlights. They would holler out warnings to give up, "We've got you surrounded.

There is no way out," and then listen to see if they could locate us.

They passed by yet again, but this time one of the boys cut a loud, wet ripper of a fart. "Ah man! I think I drew mud," echoed through the cave sending everybody into hysterical laughter. Even the pissed off security guards were laughing at that one.

Did you know there is an underground part to Disney World called the Utilidor? Just like their engineers are called Imagineers, hence a Utilidor is a utility corridor... You'll find out if you ever get arrested by the Disney police. Technically it's not underground, it's the first floor. Disney is just built on top of it because you can't have a basement in Florida because of the water table.

The lights came on in the cave and two squads of armed officers entered the tunnels at opposite ends and tried to trap our fun seekers.

The boys were able to out maneuver the bumbling pursuers and escaped the cave with security lagging woefully behind. The youthful trippers easily out ran the overweight staff as they huffed and puffed their breathless commands to, "FREEZE! Right now goddamn it! Come back

here you little &%\$#ers!"

The boys made faces at the Disney SWAT team as they zipped by in the little motorboats making their escape from the island. The sweat glistened off the faces of the tired men with their hands on their hips, sucking for air as they watched their quarry disappear into the night.

By the time the boys returned the rental boats to where they found them, the other fellas had been rounded up. The Disney cops were waiting, hiding, staking out the kid's campsite. When the trippers returned, the less than amused officers sprang into action and took the boys to their lair under the Magic Kingdom.

Mug shots were taken, trespass orders handed out, parents or guardians were called as well as the principal of the school along with the club's teacher sponsor who was supposed to have been chaperoning the club sponsored event. He probably didn't get his bonus for the extra babysitting duties of a school club sponsor.

The drinking age was 18 so they didn't make too big of a deal over the keg back then. They were way more concerned about the mari-

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juana that had long been smoked. The age-old lecture about the future, permanent records and the importance of college went in one ear and out the other as usual.

The school administrators were smart enough not to suspend us because they knew most of us would just go to the beach anyway. We ended up painting the railings and such during in-school suspension. There were a few guys that took life too seriously and believed in the whole educational collegiate system way of doing things. Those guys always wasted time being worried for nothing.

They still got to go to college and most of them are still condemned to spend their lives working until they die. For me the whole point to life is to just enjoy every opportunity to have fun. There's plenty of time for unwanted, uninvited misery but never enough time for fun seeking on this planet. Like mom always said, "If you can't have fun, don't go!"

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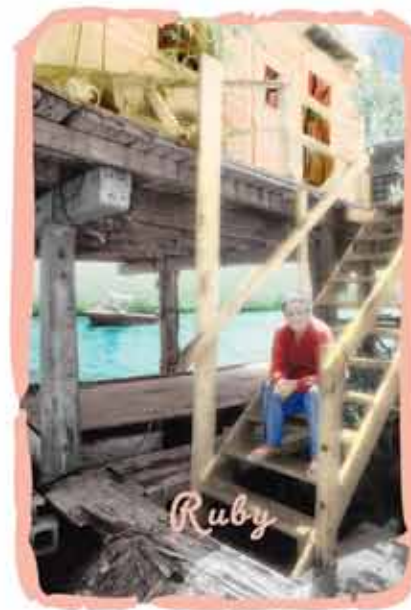
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  - "Can we still be friends?"
  - "I'm not available right now, please leave a message at the tone."
  - "Welcome to Dumpsville. Population, YOU!"
- A woman who's uncomfortable watching you masturbate:
  - Probably needs a little more time before she can cope with that sort of intimacy
  - Is uptight and a waste of time
  - Shouldn't have sat next to you on the bus in the first place

If you answered "A" more than 7 times, check your pants to make sure you really ARE a man.  
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3. Do not touch vending machines. Insert coins with your mouth.

IN THE RESTROOM



1. Avoid contact with the faucet. Wash hands wearing gloves.



2. Toilet seats breed germs. Carry your own toilet seat with you wherever you go.



3. Never flush using your hands. Push the handle with your foot. Then wash your foot thoroughly.



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I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

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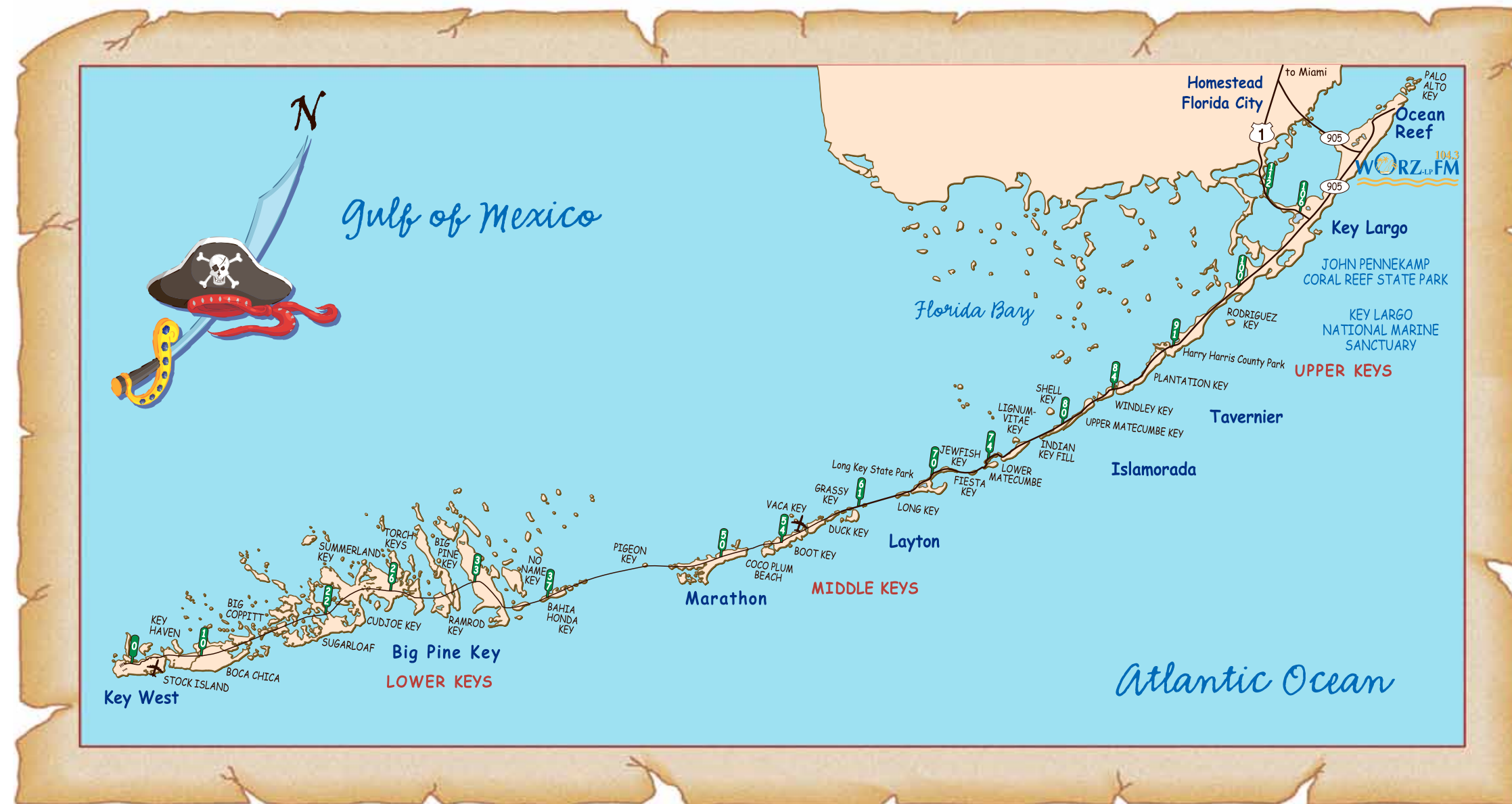
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## An Instant Vacation

If you can't get away on a vacation, turn your home into an instant vacation place.

Throughout our lives, most of us are led to believe that relaxation is best pursued outside of the home. As a result, we spend months anticipating weeklong vacations, seldom fully appreciating the leisure time we are blessed with on a more regular basis. It is possible, however, to experience the same utterly relaxed state you slip into while on holiday within the walls of your home. The feelings of serenity you enjoy during a vacation are a product of your outlook rather than your locale. You give yourself permission to enjoy yourself and unwind while on vacation. Granting yourself the same privilege while at home allows you to experience complete relaxation, even when surrounded by routine.

Our homes can be distracting places as most survival tasks are addressed there. Reviving the tranquility you felt on holiday is as easy as creating an atmosphere that helps you relax. First, divest yourself of the notion that messes must be

cleaned up immediately and reaffirm that relaxation is as vital as physical nourishment. Then, set the mood. Music that reminds you of a beloved vacation destination can put you in a vacation mind-set. The exotic flavor of a tropical beverage or the spiciness of a favorite ethnic dish can transport you to a more restful mental space. Finally, put aside your projects and commit to doing only what you consider truly pleasurable. Your responsibilities will wait as you put up your feet and revel in peacefulness that comes from within.

If you find it difficult to ignore the temptation to simply fall back into your usual schedule, consider that relaxation should occupy a prominent place on your to-do list. You deserve to take "you time" and to care for yourself, even during life's busy periods. While you may not always be able to get away from it all, you can still nurture yourself and regain your peace of mind.

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## Great Decisions

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2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ask at the circulation desk for a copy of the month's background article. Each free event will include a video and guided discussion.

### August 1: NATO's Future

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has come under increased scrutiny, not because NATO troops are involved in the conflict, but because of its role in relations between Russia and its neighbors. Will expanding membership in NATO protect countries, or will it further provoke Russia?

### September 5: Understanding Indonesia

Despite its large size, Indonesia remains virtually invisible to most Americans. But as one of the world's largest democracies, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, and as an economic driver of ASEAN, why does it fly below the radar? What are current issues in U.S.-Indonesian relations, and what role can the country play in Asia?

### October 3: High Seas Treaty

Areas of the high seas beyond national jurisdiction are facing a degradation of ecosystems due to climate change and the increase in shipping, overfishing, pollution, and deep-sea mining. The recent High Seas Treaty, will attempt to address these issues. How difficult will it be to convince nations to participate?

### November 7: Pandemic Preparedness

Looking back at the COVID-19 pandemic, how can we apply the lessons learned in terms of domestic and international policies to future pandemics? Will countries cooperate, and will a consensus emerge on how to manage global health challenges?

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- 4 Go slightly outside of your comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5 Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6 Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7 Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, a stranger, or even yourself).

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## Lady Anglers to Learn, Tackle Fishing and win Fishing Fever Tournament Prizes at Keys Oct. 18-20 Ladies, Let's Go Fishing®

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Don't miss the "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!®" Keys University and Fishing Fever Tournament, Oct. 18-20 in the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the "No-Yelling School of Fishing" offers classroom presentations, two networking events, hands-on skill practice, optional charter boat fishing and the friendly Fishing Fever Tournament. Classes will be held at the waterfront Elks Lodge in Tavernier. No equipment or experience is necessary.

Optional offshore or inshore charter fishing out of Islamorada is offered on Friday and Sunday with prizes awarded for the tournament. Participants can also fish from their own boats.

Activities launch Friday evening with a networking social and fundraiser 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Saturday morning indoor presentations begin at 9 am, covering Offshore, Inshore and Bottom Fishing, plus Fishing Basics and Conservation. Speakers include Captains Lee Lavery, Jeanne Towne, Rob Modys, podcaster, fishing book author and fishing guide and Betty Bauman. Setting this program



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Participants at Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Keys with FWC officers.



Ladies with amberjack: Lori Love, St. Augustine, FL; Melody Tuschel, Big Pine Key, FL; Felicia Alexander, Coral Springs, FL; Desaray Norris, Naples, FL and Shelley Hughes, North Ft. Myers, FL on *Sea Horse*.



Ladies with fish: Janet Steiner, Dede Shartran, Cindy Campbell, St. Augustine, FL; Cristiane Carvalho, Pinecrest, FL and Kathryn Feanny, Ft. Lauderdale, FL on *Big Dave*.

apart from typical fishing classes are the hands-on fishing activities taught by several guides for releasing, knot tying, dehooking, bait rigging, spin casting, cast netting and more until 4:30 pm. A second networking party will be held afterwards.

Featured on national network television and more, the series is supported by major partners, supporters and other contributors, which are listed on the website.

Online early registration rate is \$125 per person. Regular entry is \$145. VIP registration of \$180 offers special gifts and discounts. A women with teens discount is offered. Reservations made far in advance are recommended. The Elks Club is located at 92600 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070, MM 92 Bayside. Ladies may register a male guest or teens to include the family.



Remaining 2024 events:

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God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the archangel, found him, resting on the seventh. He inquired, "Where have you been?"

God smiled deeply and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael. Look what I've made. "Archangel Michael looked puzzled, and said, "What is it?"

"It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put life on it I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a place to test "Balance."

"Balance?" inquired Michael, "I'm still confused." God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth.

"For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while southern Europe is going to be poor. Over here I've placed a continent of white people, and over there is a continent of black people. Balance in all things."

God continued pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a land area and said, "What's that one?"

"That's Florida, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful trees and gardens, it's surrounded by water and days filled with sunshine. The people from Florida are going to be handsome, modest, intelligent and humorous and they are going to travel the world. They will be extremely sociable, hard-working, high achieving, carriers of peace and producers of good things."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration, and then asked, "Well, what about balance.? You said there would be 'balance.'"

God smiled an all-knowing smile, and said, "I will create Washington DC. Wait 'til you see the stupid idiots I'll put there!"



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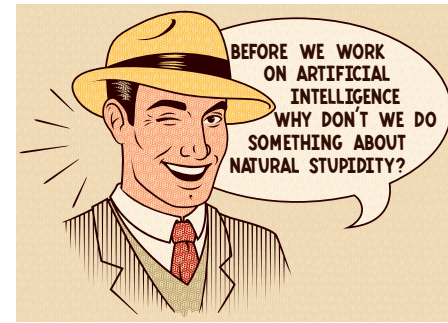


**Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!**



**I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra, when the guy on triangle disappeared**

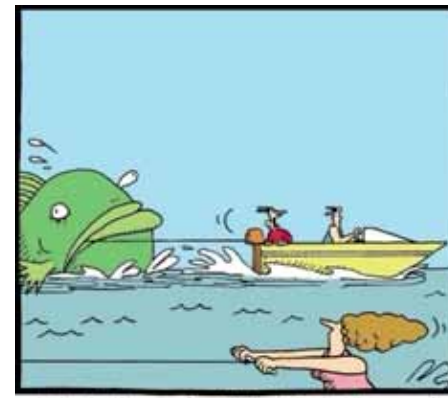
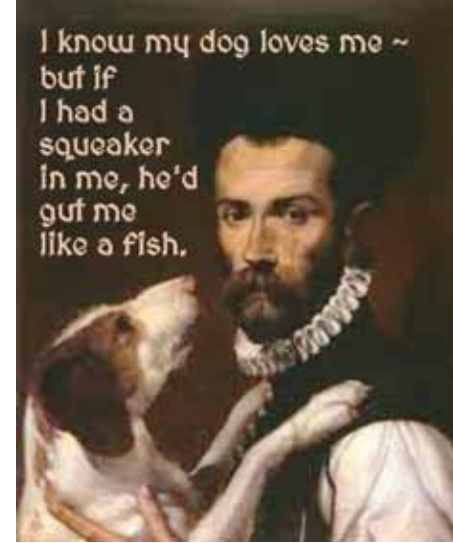
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**Friend: It was a salad bar.**



An old, blind Marine wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a shot of Jack Daniels. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, 'Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?'

The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, 'Before you tell that joke I think it is only fair, given that you are blind, that you should know five things:

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I'm a 6-foot tall, 175-pound blonde woman with a black belt in karate.

The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weight lifter.

The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler.

'Now, think about it seriously, do you still wanna tell that blonde joke?'

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Men all around the world, between 40 to 60 years, will on average have sex 2 to 3 times per week (and a small number a lot more).

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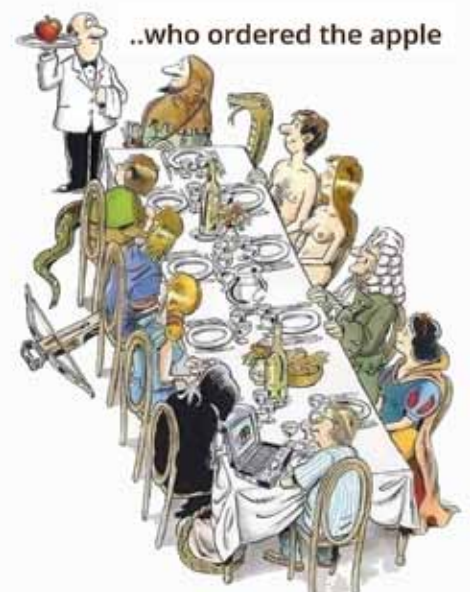
This has come as very upsetting news to most of my friends, as they had no idea they were Japanese!

**People act shocked when there is a shark sighting around here. Good rule of thumb for Florida. If you see water, taste it. If it's salty there are sharks in it... if not salty, there are alligators in it.**



**I FARTED AND 4 PEOPLE TURNED AROUND, I FELT LIKE I WAS ON THE VOICE!**

**Never make the same mistake twice. There are so many new ones. Why not try a different one each day.**



**I'm not slurring. I'm speaking in tequila.**

A man called the hotel manager. He said "Come up quickly, I fought with my wife and now she wants to throw herself out the window!"

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Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Key Largo Civic Club at 6:00pm.  
Open to the public.  
orchidclub@gmail.com

### THE KEY PLAYERS

Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes & audition for roles!  
thekeyplayers.org

### MUSICIANS

Amateur & seasoned musicians wanted!  
**Keys Community Concert Band** begins rehearsals in the fall.  
More info call 305-451-4530.

**Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.**

## Conch Characters / Around Town



Gorgeous view from Buzzard's Roost!



24th Annual Islamorada Fishing Club's Captains Cup Dolphin Tournament, "Salt Shaker" - 1st Place. Congrats!



Farewell to Susie Anderson! Following a long career with the Post Office as a carrier and union representative, she taught and championed the local ukulele players. Here she is in the middle between Janis Jipson and Jody Koblenzer, at a Sweet Peas performance. Susie has moved to New York state to be near daughter Christina and her new family.



Congratulations on your new addition, Siggie and Joan Scholz and, thank you for your continued support and love at the Upper Keys Humane Society.

## Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

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



Simone



Olive



Ryan



Fritz



Nellie



Julian



Finn



Ginger



Lucy



Figaro & Magic

## Holiday Inn Retirement Plan... Hear me out!

No nursing home for me.... I'll be checking into a Holiday Inn!

With the average cost for a nursing home care costing \$288.00 per day, there is a better way when we get old and too feeble.

I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn. For a combined long term stay discount and senior discount, it's \$99.23 per night.

Breakfast is included, and some have happy hours in the afternoon. Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap.

That leaves \$188.77 a day for lunch and dinner in any restaurant we want, or room service, laundry, gratuities and special TV movies.

Plus, they provide a spa, swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge and washer-dryer, etc.

\$5-worth of tips a day and you'll have the entire staff scrambling to help you.

They treat you like a customer, not a patient.

There's a bus stop out front, and seniors ride free. The handicap/seniors bus will also pick you up (if you fake a decent limp).

To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays.

For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there.

While you're at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building up.

It takes months to get into decent nursing homes. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today.

And you're not stuck in one place forever -- you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from

city to city.

Want to see Hawaii? They have Holiday Inns there too.

TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem.. They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience.

The Inn has a night security person and daily room service. The maid checks to see if you are ok. If not, they'll call an ambulance... Or the undertaker.

If you fall and break a hip Medicare will pay for the hip and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

And no worries about visits from family. They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grand-kid can use the pool.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Waterfront Dining!</i>	Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 7am-10pm			1 Webb & Davidson 6-10	2 Jade Storm 6-10	3 Uncle Rico 6-10
4 Davidson, Battle & Fear 6-10	5 Carousers 6-10	6 Dennis Holmes 6-10	7 Davidson & Holmes 6-10	8 Davidson & Bellamy 6-10	9 Brothers Of Others 6-10	10 Abstract Radio 6-10
11 Davidson & Kingsley 6-10	12 Carousers 6-10	13 Micah 6-10	14 Davidson & Holmes 6-10	15 Davidson, Kimball, Basin & Lozar 6-10	16 Ego Free 6-10	17 Spank The Band 6-10
18 Davidson, Battle & Fear 6-10	19 Carousers 6-10	20 Dennis Holmes 6-10	21 Davidson & Holmes 6-10	22 Davidson & Bellamy 6-10	23 Beach Bandits 6-10	24 The Regs 6-10
25 Davidson & Kingsley 6-10	26 Carousers 6-10	27 Steve Venini 6-10	28 Davidson & Holmes 6-10	29 Davidson & Bellamy 6-10	30 Brothers Of Others 6-10	31 Lime Rock 6-10

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