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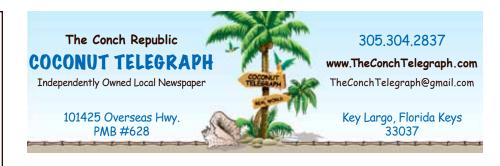
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EDITORIAL - Helping Local Veterans

If you want to help real Veterans in the Upper Keys donate your money to the Islamorada American Legion Post 145, PO Box 947, Islamorada, Fl 33036. They have been advocating for Veterans since 1919.



Left: Robin Frick and the Alligator Alcatraz sign. This photo caused a lot of strife on the Internet. Uninformed people complained Alligator Alcatraz is a concentration camp! It is simply a holding point to organize illegal immigrants prior to repatriating them to their home countries. For those of you who are angry about that, what do you think would happen to you if you entered a foreign country illegally? If it were legal would you open your home to an undocumented criminal? Pay all their expenses? If you have a better plan please inform your Congressman.

Captain Robin Frick is from Australia and has been a US resident since 1987 and a citizen for 6 years. She was amazed at how fast the Alligator Alcatraz sign appeared in Florida City but shocked by so many negative comments.

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Reproductively Bored - A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

There is nothing to do. I mean, I've got plenty I should do but it's not what I feel like doing. I just don't know what it is that I feel like doing... I think this is how people catch venereal diseases or get something stuck in their rectum, maybe injuring genitalia in an attempt to alleviate the intense, late night boredom.

No one ever wants to admit how the object was actually voluntarily introduced into the rectum. Most people like to say they sat on something by mistake, or they lost their balance and fell into said object that lubricated itself before entering unexpectedly.

Ancient man was too busy surviving to be bored enough to stick things in their ass. They barely had time to learn how to jerk off before they were dead of some kind of disease or eaten by another creature. Boredom probably started after the wheel was invented. The wheel gave people the ability to work faster which created extra time. And you have to have extra time to become bored.

Teenagers in the modern era, besides having all the outdoor activities, have all the electronic activities as well and yet, they're still bored. As a young male, I learned very quickly that you could only stroke it so much before it became raw and once it was raw, it was no fun at all. The first life lesson in too much of a good thing.

Fireworks were illegal in Florida when I was growing up so twice a year when we went back to West Virginia to visit family, dad would stop along the way, so my brothers could buy fireworks. Being 10 years

younger than them, I was not allowed to participate in the purchase especially in front of my mother.

Once we got home and mom wasn't around, my brothers set up all my little, plastic green army menand equipment in a complete the battle scene... They would meticulously place fire crackers strung together by a fuse underneath and around the the battle zone...

A few years later, I was in charge of setting up the combat scene... I had discovered M-80s, smoke bombs, as well as the usual little ladyfingers and hellcats firecrackers. I was 12 years old and all of my toys were previously blown up, so I convinced the little girl across the street to let me use her Barbies for the reenactment.

I wired up Barbie's
Dream House and RV with
the ordinance that I had and
let's just say the beating
was worth it. Watching Ken's
head blow off was was more
exciting than the nipple-less
boobs on Barbie for me.

I had found a discarded nudy magazine earlier that year and knew what Barbie should've had going on. The neighbor girl enjoyed watch-



ing it go off also. We were having fun all the way up until her father came out and had a shit hemorrhage at the destruction of her hand-medown Barbie collection.

I had to mow their yard for free the next summer.

I've always been a victim of late-night boredom. I was born in the middle of the night and I've always been a night owl. My mother would get pissed and say, "Quit ratting around in my kitchen," when she would hear me in there at night. I learned to be quiet if I wanted to get away with shit at a early age.

Nothing in town was open past midnight. As a kid I couldn't go to the bars yet, so me and the only other guy in my neighborhood that was my age would walk around all night bullshitting about the programming we were receiving. We weren't aware that we were being groomed at the time but that's all school and church was/is, indoctrination into society.

But mostly we talked about chicks and the lack of attention we received from the opposite sex as overly horny, pre-teenaged boys. All revved up and nowhere to go. It's an awkward age, between junior high and high school. The roller rink years. And we thought we had shit to worry about then... Which toothpaste to use, ultra bright or close up? Wanted to make sure we had the freshest breath possible in case we got to make out with the chicks. Gee! Your hair smells terrific!

Time seemed to move so slow back then, everything was so boring and long especially marine science and the last five minutes of the



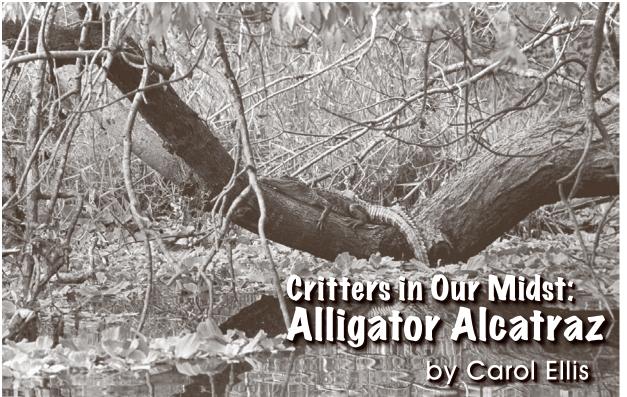
church service on Sunday, right before lunch time.

Have you ever eaten because you were not so much hungry as bored? I'll go to the refrigerator 20 times a night, open the door and mindlessly stare at the contents, maybe take a look in the freezer, then close the door, walk away and do it again five minutes later. In the back of my mind I know not to eat late at night because it is fattening.

I can still hear my mother hollering at me to stay out of the fridge. It's something I've done my entire life, now I have a wife who yells at me to stay out of the fridge.

"You're letting all the GD cold air out," my dad would holler at me when he would catch me, although I learned the habit from him.

All the TV stations would go off the air at midnight and we didn't have cable or satellite. The stereo receiver I had in my bedroom didn't receive as many stations as the radio in the car. I would sit in the car in the driveway, slowly twisting the radio dial up and down, in search of something cool to listen to like "The Dr. Demento Show" and "The King Biscuit Flour Hour." Did you know there was a song about making love in a Subaru? At least I wasn't out there jerking off in the middle of the night in the driveway. That's the reason they tell you that Jesus is always watching, just like Santa.



An alligator resting on a large limb is unfazed by our presence.

Alligator Alcatraz has been in the news since June 2025, when an immigration detention facility intended for the worst of the worst was slated to be built on an improved site inside Big Cypress National Preserve. Big Cypress has been occupied by the Micosukee Indian tribe since the 1840s, because an impenetrable wilderness kept them from being captured in the Indian Wars in Florida.

The site formerly known as Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport was constructed in the early 1970s for commercial and military use, and as a place to land the space shuttle.



Generations of Floridians grew up swimming, fishing and even baptizing thei young in these headwaters of the Everglades.

Environmental concerns in the late 1970s/early 1980s halted further development.

Alligator Alcatraz is a catchy name designed to garner attention to the problem of the bad hombres already here, process them for deportation and to act as a deterrent for future illegals. As a native Floridian, I consider the entire media campaign ridiculous. The folks who created the narrative of man-eating pythons and alligators in Florida do not realize that there are cities and towns here, full of regular folks who treasure the Everglades. Generations of Floridians grew up taking airboat rides down the ditch, swamp buggy treks through the cypress forest and slogging on foot through the river of grass.

The original settlers lived off the the land. On fertile farmland they planted orange trees and pineapples. On grassy ridges they raised cattle and they fished in the lakes, rivers and ocean. They ate swamp cabbage, a delicacy known as hearts of palm, made from the core of young saw palmetto, Florida's state tree. Frogs legs are Everglades fare... tastes like chicken. They made gopher stew. For the Florida neophyte, that's not stew made by a "go-fer," a low wage undocumented worker.

Alligator Alcatraz is a media concoction reported by those who live in canyons

made of concrete, lined by tall buildings that scrape the sky. Their roads are like tunnels in the form of a rat maze. The only wildlife they know are street rats and park pigeons. Though these reporters may have visited Florida, they probably only made it to the Alligator Farm to watch gators in pens jump out of muddy water to snatch a dead chicken on a stick. They leave Florida with a live alligator souvenir, who after a small starring role in the third-grader's report about what I did this summer, ends up being flushed down the toilet to appear later in a sewer near you.

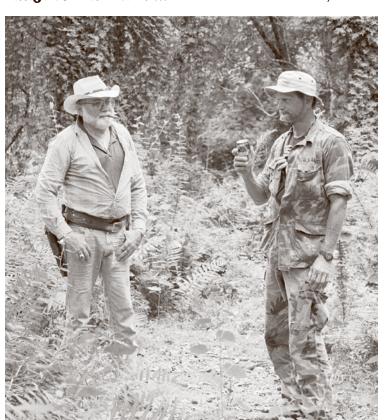
The new detention facility is close-by the gallery of nature photographer Clyde Butcher, whose black and white photographs bring the wild lands of the Everglades to life. He spent his life photographing with a large format film camera, wading waist deep in the alligator's swamp in order to give the viewer an intimate perspective of a pristine environment worthy of preservation. As far as I can tell, despite photographing in alligator infested waters, Butcher still has all his limbs intact.

Florida is made up of lots of swamp. In predevelopment time Florida was 50% wetland - approx. 20.3 million acres. Now there are only about one-half of the original wetlands remaining.



An ancient oak tree serves as waypoint along Fisheating Creek.

Alligator Alcatraz... CONTINUED - Photos by Carol Ellis





The swamp guide had more alligator teeth around his neck than actual teeth in his mouth.

My friend Bill Hutto and the local guide contemplating the first cold one of the day.

Wildlife need wild lands was the callout for land acquisition, and the State of Florida legislature enacted Preservation 2000 & Forever Florida to help do just that.

In 1999 I took multiple trips to the headwaters of the Everglades to document the State of Florida's \$43 million purchase of Fisheating Creek, the State's most pristine wilderness site and unspoiled lands near Lake Okeechobee. Historically the early settlers relied on Florida's web of creeks and waterways as their primary mode of passage through impenetrable swamp. The purchase of this 52-mile western tributary of Lake Okeechobee returned the land from private

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
April 5, 2000

Dear Carol:

Your great framed photo of "Fisheating Creek" was delivered recently to my office. On behalf of the State of Florida, thank you for sharing the beauty of the Creek and it's surroundings with us. I am proud to have played a part in preserving this natural treasure for the citizens of Florida.

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Governor Jeb Bush recognized Carol for her efforts.

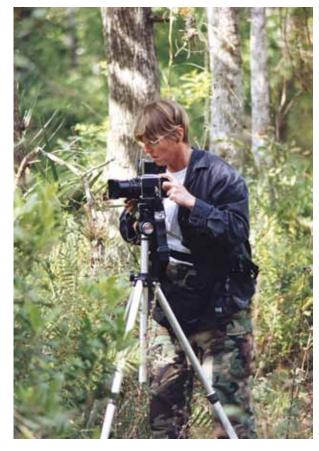
ownership back to the people of the State of Florida.

I traveled Fisheating Creek aboard a jon boat with some well-armed locals and a guide who had more alligator teeth around his neck than actual teeth in his mouth. Sentinel oaks and limbs of ancient trees reaching out over the water were the guideposts along the way. As we traveled to remote areas, touched only by Mother Nature, the cameras' wide angle lens took in the beautiful view, as with open arms, offered a wide embrace for a perfect ecosystem. Back on shore I sampled wild boar stew from the guides' crusty crock-pot. He lived off

the land and provided food for the local women, children and for those who could not provide for themselves.

The residents of Alligator Alcatraz probably possess more skills to deal with the wildlife in Florida than the media gives them credit for. Show me a Honduran man with a machete, and I will show you a survivor.

There is no place like the Everglades. I



CAROL ELLIS photographing at Fisheating Creek, documenting the moment in 1999 when the land was returned to the people of the State of Florida.

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.

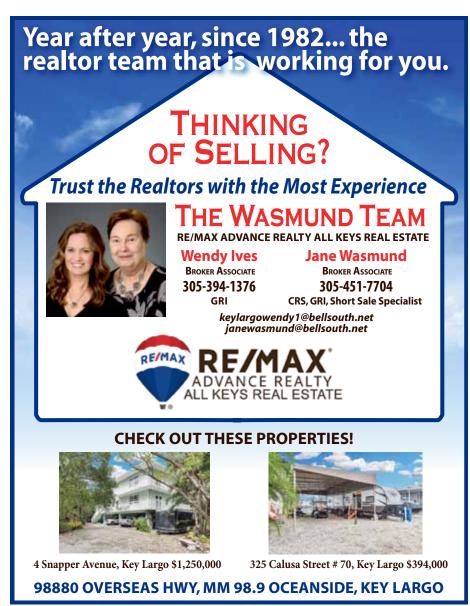
appreciate my Florida roots, and I never want to be planted in a concrete jungle. The beauty and the balance between the water and the air and the natural feel of what was... and is left of our environment in Florida is worth saving.

Repatriate the inmates and when the job is done, restore this scarred land to nature.



A baby gator hidden in the swampy waters







National Night Out - Community at its Best by Karen Beal





Each August the Monroe County Sheriffs Office offers an informative and fun gathering which is part of National Night Out. This year's event will be Tuesday, August 5th -5:30 to 7:30pm - at the Key Largo Community Park (mile marker 99.5 Oceanside).

It is truly a community and family event with many of your neighbors stopping by. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be grilling and there are picnic tables on site. Stroll around and meet the people who serve us in the many facets of law enforcement as well as our emergency responders.

Fish & Wildlife officers will be there to answer questions and offer information on fishing rules. Most notably, the Key Largo Fire Rescue and Key Largo-EMS will have the big trucks shined up for tours and the crew ready for demonstrations. Community groups will be setting up tables and offering swag and information on services: the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Wesley House, Westcare



Guidance Center and Head Start are only a few setting up booths, it is a great way to find out what this wonderful community has to offer.

National Night Out promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our island a safer, more caring place to live. Each area of the Keys will host an event for their own community. In total, millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states.









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Protect Center Launches Limited-Edition "Fill the Tank" Merchandise to Fuel Dolphin Hospital Construction

The Protect Center's Fill the Tank campaign is a summerlong community effort to raise the remaining funds needed to complete its new Dolphin ICU Tank, a lifesaving facility designed to rescue and rehabilitate sick or injured dolphins and whales in the Florida Keys.

Limited-edition tank tops. t-shirts, and tote bags are now available for purchase at The Protect Center in Islamorada, at The Connect Center (31 Corrine Place) in Key Largo, and online at connecttoprotect.org/tank. Sales from these items are fully earmarked for the \$56,000 effort, with sights set on completing the full campaign by September 1, when the Protect Center hopes to have the new tank "filled."

The campaign goal represents a dollar for each of the 56,000 gallons that the new rehabilitation tank will hold. At 40-feet in diameter and 6 feet tall, the pool will have the capacity to support multiple dolphins - or even small whales - as they recover and prepare for release back into Florida Keys waters.

But Nancy Cooper, President of the non-profit organization that holds the license to respond to whales and dolphins in the Florida Keys states: "We never know when a dolphin will strand or become orphaned - and we can't afford for the tank not to be completed and filled. This isn't just a campaign; it's nity." a race against time. And now, our community can help simply by wearing their support."

While most of the tank's funding is already secured, the final phase of construction hangs in the balance. Delays could have life-ordeath consequences for a marine mammal in need of care. Cooper notes that the project — now more than two years in the making — has weathered struggles, yet the team has remained focused on one vision: being ready when the next dolphin needs

"You often hear the phrase 'it takes a village,' and when it comes to building this dolphin hospital, that couldn't be more true. It's going to take all of us - a community united — to bring this across the finish line." says Art Cooper, the head responder

and dolphin aficionado. Cooper has been rescuing whales & dolphins in the Florida Keys for over 30 years. "This campaign is about readiness. resilience, and the power of commu-

The new merchandise features bold, fun designs that bring awareness to the Protect Center's purpose. In the

first week of the campaign, were sold - filling the tank over 2,000 gallons! Now, Cooper says the race is on to meet the Labor Day deadline and not stall construction.

The Fill the Tank campaign culminates in a Labor Day weekend celebration on September 1. To celebrate, a "Labor [day] of Love!" celebration is planned, an open-house-style event that will feature facility tours, food, museum admission, a ribbon cutting, and what Cooper hints will be "a whale of an announcement." With strong momentum and commu-

over 60 tanks, tees, and totes nity support, the team hopes

to announce that the tank is fully funded - and full of salt water - by the time the first quests arrive.

The limited-edition tank tops, shirts, and bags are available while supplies last. Those wishing to support the campaign without purchasing can make direct contributions at connecttoprotect.org/tank.

About The Protect Center:

The Protect Center is located

at 82748 Overseas Highway

in Islamorada and is open to the public seven days a week from 10am - 5pm. The Protect Center will be, at it's core, a federally licensed whale and dolphin hospital offering short and long term rehabilitative care to sick, injured, and orphaned dolphins and small whales Beyond acting as a hospital, The Protect Center is home to the "Exploratorium" a 2,000 sq.ft. interactive museum space featuring aguariums, wildlife, and exhibits and the Pearse Education Lab, a dedicated classroom space for school groups, seminars, meetings, and special events. Additionally, the Protect Center offers auests a sustainable aift shop for ocean-themed souvenirs and eco-friendly gifts.







Merchandise sales are now open as Protect Center races toward the September 1st goal

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- Hands-on skill stations including knot tying, casting, dehooking, bait rigging, spin casting, and more

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On Friday and Sunday, participants can join optional inshore or offshore charter fishing trips or fish from



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Ladies on Sea Horse with Capt. Rick Rodriguez celebrate their catch including two sailfish releases. Donna Jocelyn, Miami, FL (Top Offshore with a 35.5 lb. cobia); LaChelle Reese, Orlando, FL; Kim Royal, Orlando, FL (Top Offshore Release); Cathy Brewer, Key Largo, FL, Ilja Chapman, Key Largo. FL and Karen Rodman, Miami, FL. It was Ilja's first time fishing offshore.



Donna Jocelyn, Miami, FL wins Top Offshore with a 35.5 lb. cobia caught on Sea Horse with Capt. Rick Rodriguez.



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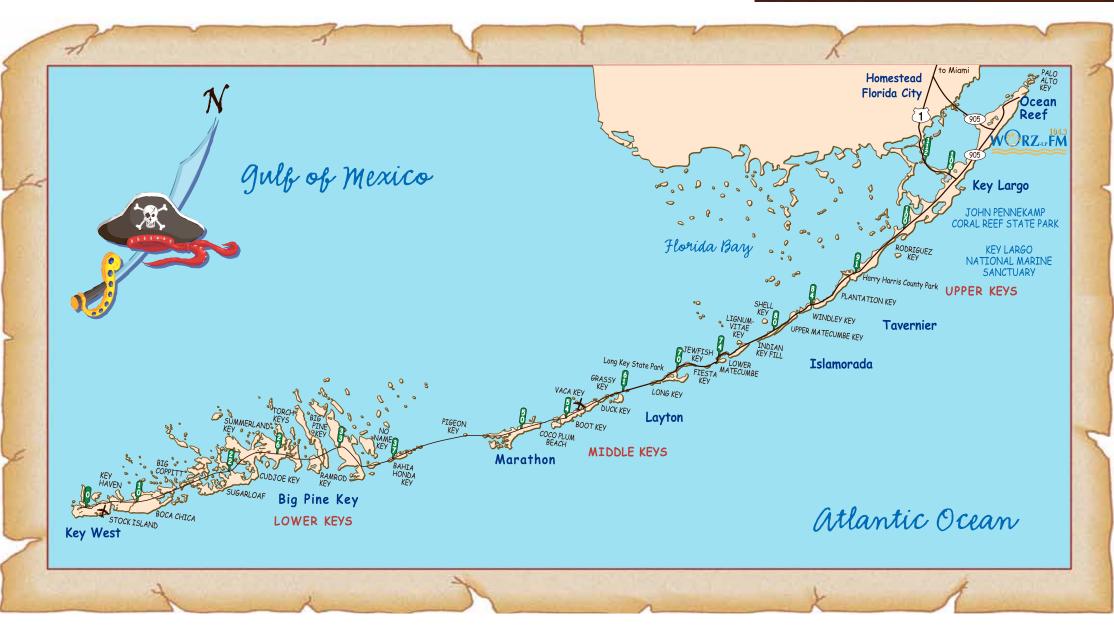
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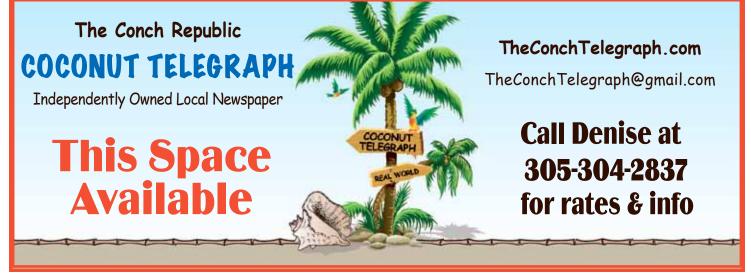
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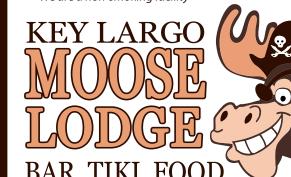
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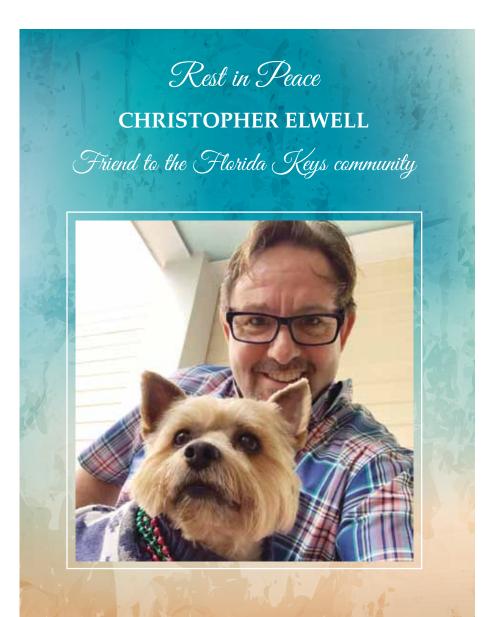
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- 9. If you take memos, you now expedite inter-office communication.
- 8. You might type letters, but now you facilitate company communication with national and international clients.
- 7. When you file, you manage 2. You buy gifts when boss and organize data for efficient retrieval of corporate so you facilitate crisis managerecords.
- 6. You unjam the copy machines, so you now maintain high-tech equipment vital to day-to-day opera-

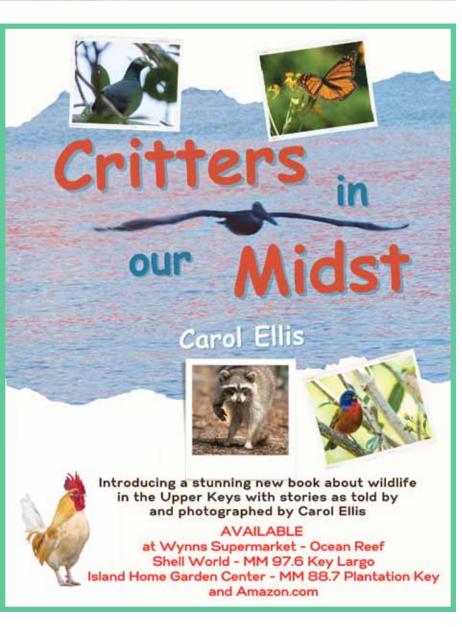
- 5. Instead of "answer the phone," you manage communication between staff and customers.
- 4. You listen to office gossip and complaints. So you act as a corporate arbitrator and manage conflict between administrators and staff.
- 3. If you order office supplies, you now manage inventory of critical corporate resources.
- realizes they need something, ment at the executive level.
- 1. When you get little respect in the corporate environment, you work well under pressure and excel as a team



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- I. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
- 2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
- 3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
- 4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up.
 - 5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
 - 6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
 - 7. Once back home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.



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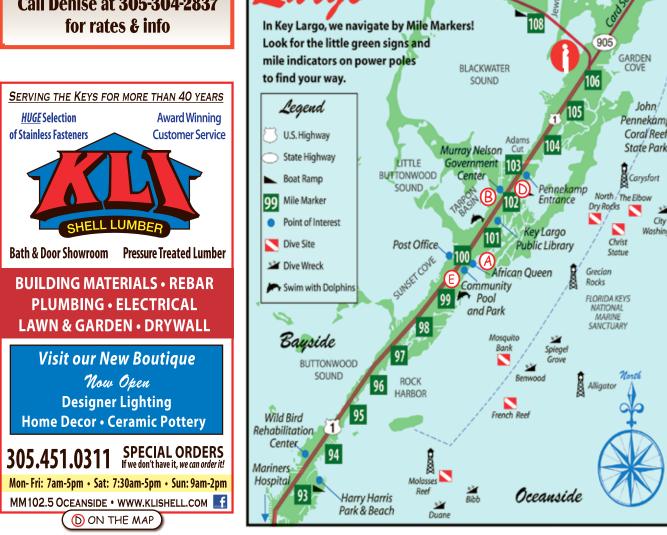






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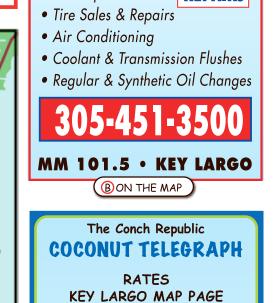
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August Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

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

KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY . TRADEWINDS CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE

August Adult Craft:

starting July 31.

August 19, 4pm

August 21, 4pm

Teen Collab is here!

Challenge: Zipline. For Ages

Kickoff project: Make your own

keychains, pens, and backpack

charms! All supplies provided.

Looking for a chill spot to

craft, study, or hang with

friends while getting stuff

done? Join us for Teen Collab -

a monthly creative hangout just

for teens the third Thursday

MagneTurtle Adventures Dive

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and learn how they find their

way around earth's oceans. All

supplies provided. Ages 6-11.

of every month at 4pm.

August 26, 4pm

6-11. All supplies provided.

LEGO Club:

Faux Stained Glass. Supplies

will be provided. Registration

required at KeysLibraries.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 5, 4pm LEGO Club:

Challenge: Lighthouse. For Ages 6-11. All supplies pro-



August 6, 9am-12pm 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic: Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to answer your gardening/ landscape queries.



August 8, 2:30pm Back to School Blowout with Mr. J Jams. For Ages 6-11.

August 12, 4pm STEM Lab:

Participate in STEM activities that embrace the worlds of physics and robotics and more. All supplies provided. Ages

COME TAKE A CLASS!

The Key Largo Library has a variety of offerings, ranging from Book Club and Arts & Crafts for adults to LEGOS and STEM programs. Scan the code to see the complete schedule.



WEEKLY EVENTS August 14, 2-4pm

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



Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds. 1pm Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy by AHEC.



Tech Tutor Weds, 1-4pm, Bring your device and guestions for 1-on-1 help.

SBDC Weds., 2-5pm. (except Aug 27) The Small Business Development Center at FIU offers no-cost consulting at the Library, Wednesdays except the 4th Wednesday. Reserve: bbarnes@fiu.edu

Sit + Sew Fri. 9:30am - 1pm. Bring your current project and meet new friends.



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Salary based on experience/skills. Benefits include fully paid retirement program, paid holidays and annual leave; health insurance.

Apply at 105951 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, MM106 or call (305) 451-0088, ask for Marsha, the Shelter Director.

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Pets and Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is "getting real" in August and September. You know the drill. There are dozens of articles to help YOU prepare. How about your best buddy?

Make a Plan

A good plan reduces stress during an emergency, for your and your pet. (We are going to assume you would leave your spouse behind before you would leave your pet.)

Some DO AHEAD items:

You might have to evacuate: Most shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Research online where you can take your pets before a storm is headed your way.

If you can't manage: Enlist neighbors, friends or relatives to care for/evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

Microchip: Check that your address and phone are current. Include contact information for someone outside of the storm area. Take a photo of your pet and you with your phone. It will help

identify for a search and prove ownership should your buddy take off.

Crate: Long before a storm, have a traveling bag or sturdy carrier for each

Pet Emergency Kit

Bottom-line basics for survival: food and water. Create several manageable, water-tight containers/jugs, if you are sheltering in place you can use them and if you need to evacuate you can pack/access smaller items more easily.

Food: Keep a two-week or more supply of food in airtight containers. Break it down, a 20 pound bag of kibble is not airtight nor waterproof. Pets get fussy about food and this is no time to experiment with a new brand.

Water: You need a water bowl and several gallons of water.

Medicine: Get an airtight container and pack all of the medicine your pet takes on a regular basis. Wouldn't hurt to add a list of those meds and copies of your pet's registration information and other relevant documents (or take a photo on your phone) for future refer-

First aid kit: A typical first aid kit could be handy. Pack pet shampoo, in case your pet needs some cleaning up. Check with your vet about meds like Pepto Bismal or Benadryl.

Dress for the occasion: Collar with ID tag worn at all times and a harness or leash. Write your phone number on your pet's belly with permanent marker. Pets get spooked and run away easily.

Sanitation: Plan for litter needs over an extended time (again, waterproof packages are better) and a (travel) litter box for cats. Stockpile newspapers for dogs. Paper towels, trash bags and household bleach will come in handy.

<u>Last but not least:</u> Put favorite toys, treats or a couple of your worn but not washed T-shirts in your kit. Familiar items can reduce stress for your pet.

Leaving Home

Don't let evacuation day be the first time your pet is put in its transport carrier. Leave the open carrier in places your pet is comfortable. Feed them treats near or inside the carrier. Place a familiar blanket or shirt inside.

As you stop during travel, don't open any vehicle door while there is an unsecured pet inside. If they escape, they may run away.

Whether you stay or evacuate, your dog or cat needs to be included in your emergency plan.

FEMA has more suggestions on how to prepare with your pets in mind.



Coco'Nut' Funnies



A woman who is 3 months pregnant falls into a deep coma. 6 months later, she awakes and asks the doctor about her baby.

Doctor: You had twins, a boy and a girl, and they are both fine. Luckily, your brother named them for you.

Woman: Oh no, not my brother! He's an idiot! What did he name the girl?

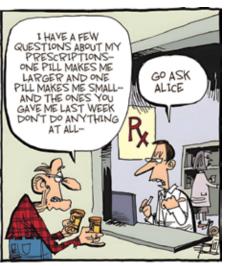
Doctor: Denise.

Woman: Well it isn't so bad, and what did he call the boy?

Doctor: Denephew.

MY GRANDMA **REACHED 100** YESTERDAY. THAT IS THE **LAST TIME I RIDE** WITH HER MHEN SHE IS LATE FOR BINGO.



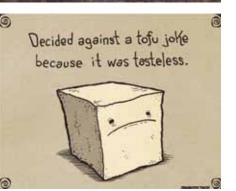


The day they handed out patience, I left because it was taking too long.

I kid you not! There used to be a phone number you could call, just to find out what time it was!



Don't give up on your anything you want.



A real smart TV would increase the volume when you start eating chips.





Human: we have a color named after you! Salmon: really? is it silvery blue like my outsides?

Human: no, uh-

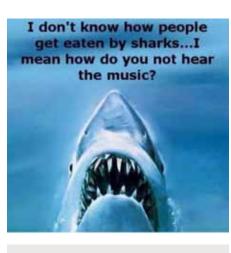
Salmon: wait why is it pink?

Salmon: WHY IS IT PINK

dreams. If cauliflower can be pizza and zucchini can be noodles, you too can be





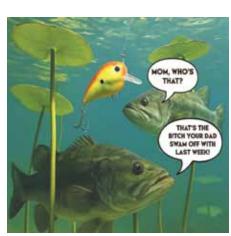


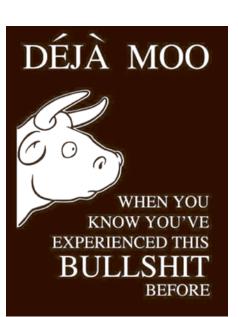
When I asked God to make me a good parent, he probably thought I said parrot because all I do is repeat myself.

If you ever think mythology is boring... just remember that Cerberus, the hellhound and guard dog of the Underworld, comes from the root Indo-European word kerberos, which evolved into the Greek word kerberos, which got changed to cerberus when it went from Greek to Latin. Kerberos means "spotted."

That's right. Hades, Lord of the dead, literally named his pet dog

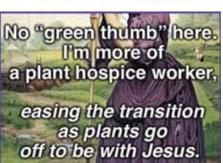








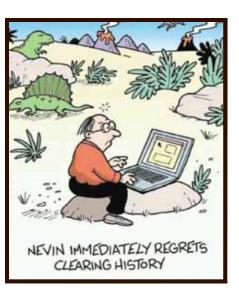
ARE THE MOSQUITOES THAT BAD?







8 billion people on earth and somehow I'm the best driver



Life is surreal for French speakers right now because in French, "ChatGBT" sounds exactly like "cat, I farted" (chat, j'ai pété). Everywhere, on TV, in the news, people going "cat, I farted" over and over with a straight face. Is cat I farted going to steal your job? How are schools dealing with cat I farted? Lawyer caught using cat, I farted, It's incredible.

One time I got sick and landed in hospital.

There was this one nurse that just drove me crazy. Every time she came in, she would talk to me like I was a little child. She would say in a patronizing tone of voice, "And how are we doing this morning?" Or "Are we ready for a bath?" Or "Are we hungry?"

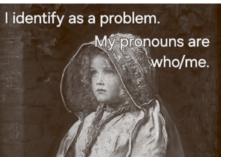
I had had enough of this particular nurse. One day at breakfast, I took the apple juice off the tray and put it in my bedside stand. Later I was given a urine sample bottle to fill for testing. So you know where the juice went!

The nurse came in a while later, picked up the urine sample bottle, looked at it and said, "Mv. mv, it seems we are a little cloudy today."

At this, I snatched the bottle out of her hand, popped off the top, and gulped it down, saying, "Well, I'll run it through again. Maybe I can filter it better this

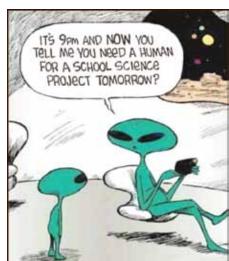
The nurse has been reassigned!

My weight loss goal is simple. I just want to lay on the beach without biologists pouring buckets of water over me





Do not mess with librarians. The inner for history's greatest works of literature and then just let total strangers borrow them willy-nilly is Jedi level stuff.



us could get the jar open."

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An 85-year-old man was request-

ed by his doctor for a sperm count

as part of his physical exam. The

"Take this jar home and bring

back a semen sample tomorrow."

The next day the 85-year-old man

and gave him the jar, which was as

reappeared at the doctor's office

clean and empty as on the previ-

ous day. The doctor asked, what

"Well, doc, it's like this... first

I tried with my right hand, but

hand, but still nothing. Then I

happened and the man explained.

nothing. Then I tried with my left

asked my wife for help. She tried

left, still nothing. She tried with

her mouth, first with the teeth

in, then with her teeth out, still

nothing. We even called up Janet,

too, first with both hands, then an

armpit, and she even tried squeez-

in' it between her knees, but still

nothing."

the lady next door and she tried

with her right hand, then with her

doctor gave the man a jar and said,

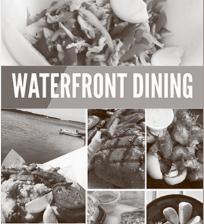






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Conch Characters / Around Town ———



A familiar Keys face was spotted at the Buzzard's Roost. Randy Wall was visiting town and met up with old friends to catch up since he moved to the central Florida coast. (L-R) Neil Boyce, Dr. Lu, Tom Kidd and Randy Wall.

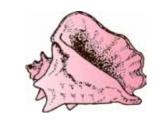


Florida Bay Forever visited the library to share its Solution Hole Adventure! - the hands-on program was a big hit with an awesome group of curious kids.



Live music with Tim Dressing and friends every Wednesday at the KL Moose.





Left: Jason entertains at the Moose Right: Dr. Lou and Jason play music in a Friday night at the Moose.



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.

















Robin and Kitty from the Eks in the 4th of July parade.



Part of the Summer Reading Program, the MCSO Animal Farm came to the KL Library to show off a variety of critters. Jeanne Selander, (Farmer Jeanne) brought a variety of mammals and reptiles to intrigue and educate a packed house of Upper Keys children and adults.



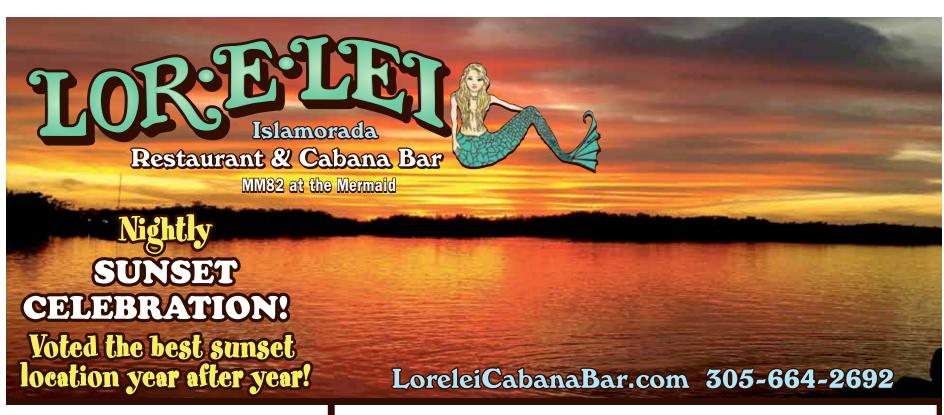
Congrats to Jill Paglia, who got the largest fish in Islamorada Fishing Club's Captains Cup Dolphin Tournament.











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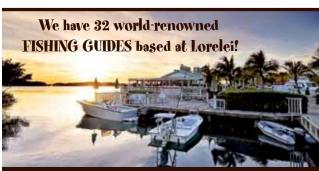
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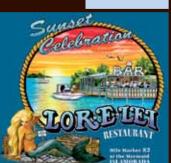






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