

LOR-E-LEI

Restaurant & Cabana Bar

Look for the Mermaid at MM 82 Islamorada

Open 7 Days A Week

Breakfast 7 am - 10:30 am

Lunch from 11 am

Dinner from 4 pm

Live Music Every Night

WATERFRONT DINING

Fresh Seafood

Local Specialties

We'll Cook Your Catch

Fishing Guides Available

Amazing Sunsets

Pet Friendly

FREE WIFI PROPERTY WIDE • LOCALS' FAVORITE • LIVE MUSIC NIGHTLY!

Breakfast On The Bay

Daily Happy Hour
4-6 pm

\$4 Well Drinks

\$1 off Bottle Beers

\$1 off House Wines

\$3 Domestic Drafts

\$4 Craft Drafts

COCONUT TELEGRAPH CLASSIFIED ADS

BUYING

Buyers agent is buying Vintage Costume Jewelry
Call & leave msg.
305-304-2837

VESSEL SAFETY

The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month. Public welcome. 305-998-8400

GET CLASSIFIED

\$10 per col.inch per month!
Bold Listing \$12./inch per mo.
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE
Classified Display Space \$15/inch.
Drop off your ad and payment at
The UPS STORE
101425 Overseas Hwy., by Publix at Tradewinds
Questions? Call 305-304-2837.

CLUBS

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.
KeysOrchidClub@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.

Another Day of L.O.P.E. —

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I had to stand and shout obscenities for a few minutes. I had hit maximum rage/frustration/absurdity. How could such simple tasks morph into a torture test of my patience and sanity? What grand design or karmic oddity could possibly have arranged this perfect storm of negative circumstances? I would normally pay the people with the tools for the job but in an effort to save money...

It's not only me that is bedeviled by the "more complicated than it has to be" thing. Technology is great when it works but cars, guitar effects and kitchen appliances shouldn't come with an app. Next thing you know, you will have to have a subscription to use your windshield wipers or flush the toilet!

If you don't have any signal or "bars" and/or WiFi then the app is useless. And it needs to know where the refrigerator is located on the planet in order for the app to work. Most of it is just marketing hype with no real world value or practicality, just another way of collecting your information.

Off season is when everything breaks, needs maintenance and/or replacement because of the salty paradise that we live in. Nothing seems to break when I have money coming in, though.

I got a notice that my glasses prescription had expired- I figured as much because I was working on something and reached for

my glasses for better focus on the situation and discovered I was already wearing them.

Extra frustration, not being able to see regular print, forget about the fine print. That takes a whole process of finding where I left the magnifying glass with the bfl (bright f**king light), which first requires a trip to the store to buy the gd batteries or waiting for it to charge on the USB- that is if I can find the one that fits. Is it a USB A, B or C type? They all look alike until they're

under a microscope, except for the big one.

My phone is full of pictures of tiny objects and writing that I can "blow up" with my fingers, pretty handy but time consuming to get the exact shot that holds the answers that I seek. Odd pictures of things like the underside of the truck, a propane cylinder, the electrical panel in the RV... Anything I need to see.

I am grateful for the first 40 years of good vision but I am increasingly annoyed by the declining vision of the

subsequent years. The sun hurts my eyes now but my night vision requires the brightness of daylight to see what it is that I am looking at. What a drag. My dear, departed dad warned me about this.

It's amazing how much I tried to avoid acting like him only to find myself being just like him. Aging is its own torture test and another way of discovering what you're made of. My brief experience being dead gave me the insight to know that nothing here matters on the other side- no judgement, no pain, no memories of planet Earth at all. How could a soul be happy if they carried all the trauma of this place back with them?

If you don't like the program, change the channel. If you don't like the story, read a different book, but don't presume that yours is the only opinion that matters. A person who can't understand normal thinking insists that their delicate sensibilities and beliefs be taken into account by everyone else to avoid offending them. Don't be a person who can't understand normal thinking. Live and let live!

Peace,
Luke

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.

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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.

Lucy

Roxie

Mia

Jake

Karma

Oliver

Cate

Rocky

Carley

Ivan



Thanks to Dave White for replacing the front wheels on my cart. Just one of the many maintenance headaches of paradise • rust never rests. Bad place to have iron balls...

