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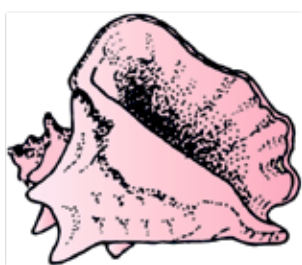
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The Dirt on Cannabis — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I should feel blessed and grateful that I have access to Medical Marijuana. It was a long fight just to be able to smoke "flower." I use quotes because that is a relatively new term on me used for bud. In 2017, then governor Rick Scott ignored the voters wishes and limited medical marijuana to vapes and concentrates only- NO BUD! More litigation was required before the state finally accepted the will of the people. And when I say it was a long fight, I joined the fight in the 80s, compassionate use was practically unheard of.

This is the reason I have never trusted the government. During the height of the war on drugs, I was made out to be a dangerous criminal, an enemy of the state; threatened with incarceration as well as extermination just because I found the marijuana helpful with my focus.

As a young man, my thoughts were scattered, and it was difficult to keep my mind on the task at hand. I was basically a good kid, and therefore wasn't deemed hyperactive or what they now call ADD among the other myriad names for the same affliction. I wasn't given amphetamines like the other kids that were more disruptive in class.

We were always told that marijuana was bad, real bad and that it would make your penis smaller. The DEA was headed by a guy that was titled the drug czar and they spread falsehoods and excuses why

potheads needed to be rounded up to keep the public safe. America needs enemies to keep the budget flowing.

The wife of a friend of mine once told me that I deserved to be killed for smoking marijuana, and that is how effective the brain-washing from the government was. She actually believed that I was going to go insane and murder her whole family because that's what the DEA said marijuana smokers would do. Those lies were also propagated in the churches and the DARE program, which was deemed a billion-dollar-plus failure.

It was really hard to get weed back in that time but you could get plenty of cocaine because that's what the government was selling. "Kill The Messenger" was a movie based on the true investigation by Gary Webb. Marijuana smokers were so much easier to bust and less dangerous.

Due to the scarcity of weed, my friends and I were forced to grow our own from whatever seeds we collected from where ever it came from. Mexico most likely, though we occasionally came across Jamaican and Colombian grass, according to what the "dude" said.

Most of the strains were prone to be hermaphrodites (both sexes) and self pollinated, making the buds or flowers produce a lot of seeds. Sinsemilla (seedless marijuana) was harder to grow but could be done. I knew how to tell the difference between male

and female plants shortly after the seeds germinated and produced their first leaves.

Removing the males allows the females to spend their energy developing sticky, resin-dense flowers instead of producing seeds. One male or hermaphrodite ruins an entire pot patch.

The small batches we grew was some of the best marijuana I've had the pleasure to consume. It had a smoother, longer lasting high than today's hit-hard-and-fade-fast pot. It was long, skinny-leafed sativas, except for the rare, fat, short leafed indica that somehow found its way to the neighborhood via a different neighborhood's importer, aka dude.

What made our pot superior to today's hydroponic, high THC, pre-sexed, 3 month start to finish grows? Dirt. Growing in a nutrient bath just doesn't provide all of the micro nutrients and minerals, the interaction between the microbes that make them absorbable by the plants roots.

There have been studies that confirm that plants



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communicate chemically with one another through the "wood wide web," mycelium, that plants use to share nutrients and water, among other conversations. A lonely plant doesn't produce as happy a buzz. Hydroponically grown plants roots never touch, never communicate, they aren't a part of the larger connection that makes up life on planet Earth. All life is connected to the Earth, Mother to us all.

Most of our plants were either stolen, found by police (who would pull the plant then leave their business card stuck in the chicken wire we used to keep the deer, rabbits and other critters from eating our plants, just in case we wanted to ask him how he liked it but we never called to ask) but we always managed to come up with a few pounds between us.

We didn't grow for profit, we grew out of want for something we couldn't find reliably otherwise. I was always proud of my weed and couldn't wait to share it with my friends. Watching somebody derive pleasure from your efforts is its own special reward. Like playing music for people.

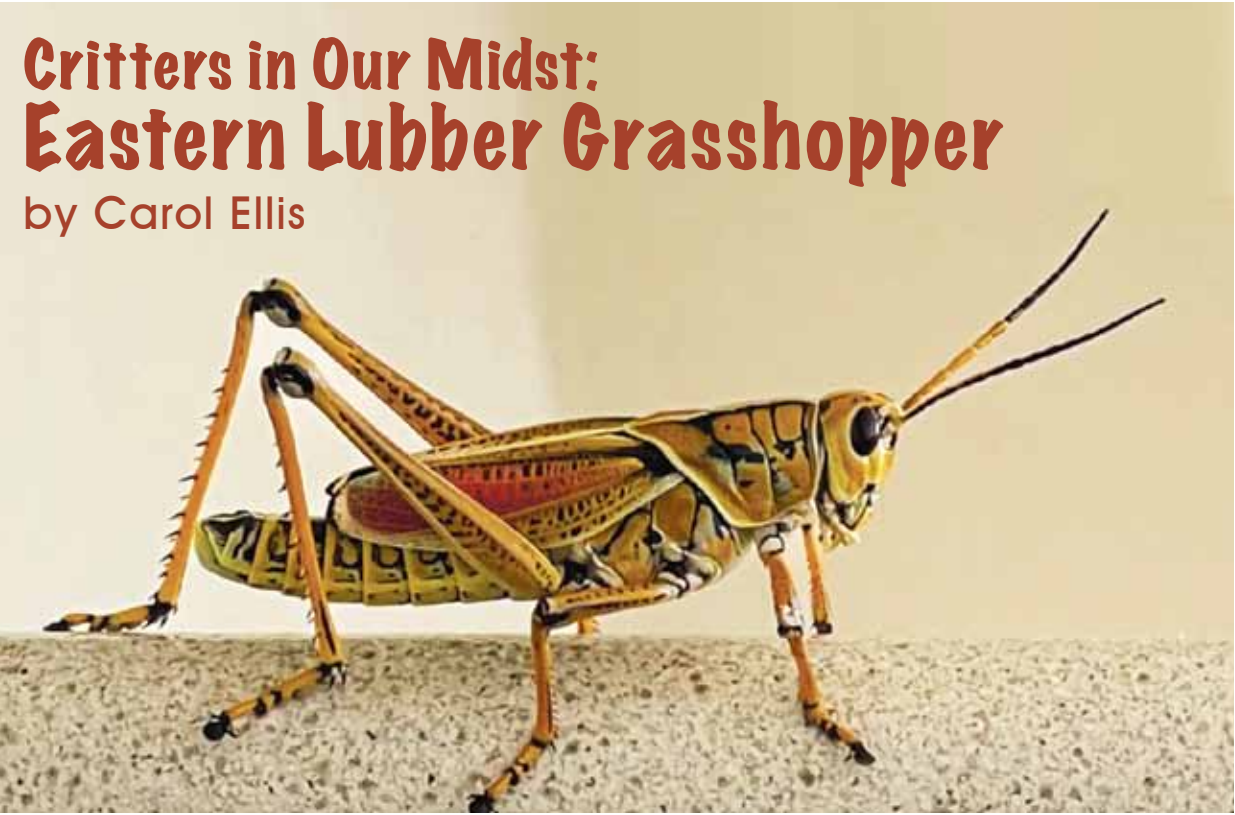
Lucky for me playing and singing has always been legal though I have gotten away with murdering a few songs over the years.



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Portrait of an adult Lubber Grasshopper. Photo by Linda Adams

Hey there fella... what's your name? You have big hind legs... shall I call you "Jumper?"

"No," the critter replies... "Those days are over for me. Oh to be a nymph again!"

Well how about "Chomper?" Your appetite for greenery is doing a number on my lily plants.

"Sorry 'bout that... a grasshoppers' gotta do what a grasshoppers' gotta do to survive."

Okay... well move along and we'll see you next year.

These beautiful, colorful creatures usually show up in my garden in the Spring. Their population is small, so I tolerate them; for the sake of a few chewed leaves, we can easily coexist.

Lubber grasshoppers (Romalea microptera) are native to Florida and the Southeastern U.S. including North and South Carolina, Georgia, and west through Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, to central Texas.

Adult Lubber grasshoppers are primarily yellow with orange and red markings. The juvenile nymph (immature) grasshoppers look totally different than the adults, and are almost completely black with a red stripe. Adults attain a large size, males measuring 1-1/2" - 2" in length and females often measuring 2" - 3-1/2".

Lubber is derived from an old English word which means lazy or clumsy. Juveniles are more nimble and will jump away if approached. The adult grasshopper is a very poor jumper, and is usually seen walking, or climbing to feed on foliage at the tips of branches. They have wings, but cannot fly. Since the adults basically sit on the leaf, even when approached, it is easy to lift them off the plant by pinching their two hind legs between your thumb and index finger. You can then relocate the critter to a place where it can do no further damage to your plants.



Lubber nymphs are usually very lethargic and easily handpicked. Their black coloration makes them look like a different species than the adult stage.

Unfortunately for the Lubber grasshopper, most people's first reaction when they see one is of terror. Jurassic monster!!! Dinosaur war!!! Exterminate it!!!

I can understand that grasshoppers are disliked by farmers because huge swarms can wipe out a farmer's crop. Farmers care more about feeding people than insects, so in this case it may be appropriate for the farmer to use chemicals to prevent crop loss and economic hardship.



Closeup view of the Adult Lubber Grasshopper head.

Grasshoppers have few natural enemies. Their bright colorful pattern is believed to be a warning to predators, that they are not palatable.

In the home landscape grasshoppers can be seen early in the morning and in late afternoon feeding in flower beds, defoliating amaryllis, crinum and other lilies, oleander, butterfly weed, canna, Mexican petunia and lantana. Their veggie garden preference includes lettuce, kale, peas, beans and cabbage. So I get it! So how can we be humane while dealing with these critters in trying to salvage our home garden? You can hand pick and relocate. Another more final solution is handpicking and placing in a bag to be then placed in the freezer.

Eastern Lubber Grasshopper... CONTINUED - *Photos by Carol Ellis except as noted.*



Caught in the act of chomping on lily foliage.

In general, these critters do not kill plants. What they chew on will return. For example, at a local nature park I frequent, I was shocked to see dozens of dead adult Lubber grasshoppers lying in the flower beds. This is a native, natural garden. It is non-manicured. So what harm is there to co-existing with a few grasshoppers? They are amazingly beautiful.

How could anyone kill such a beautiful species?



This grasshopper was exterminated while doing its thing in a natural park area. Why?



Pay attention young grasshopper. Act with knowledge and compassion. Though man is the king of the jungle and can do what he pleases, carefully consider the fate of the grasshopper in the home and natural landscape.

There is a reason for the grasshopper's existence, otherwise would it have been created?

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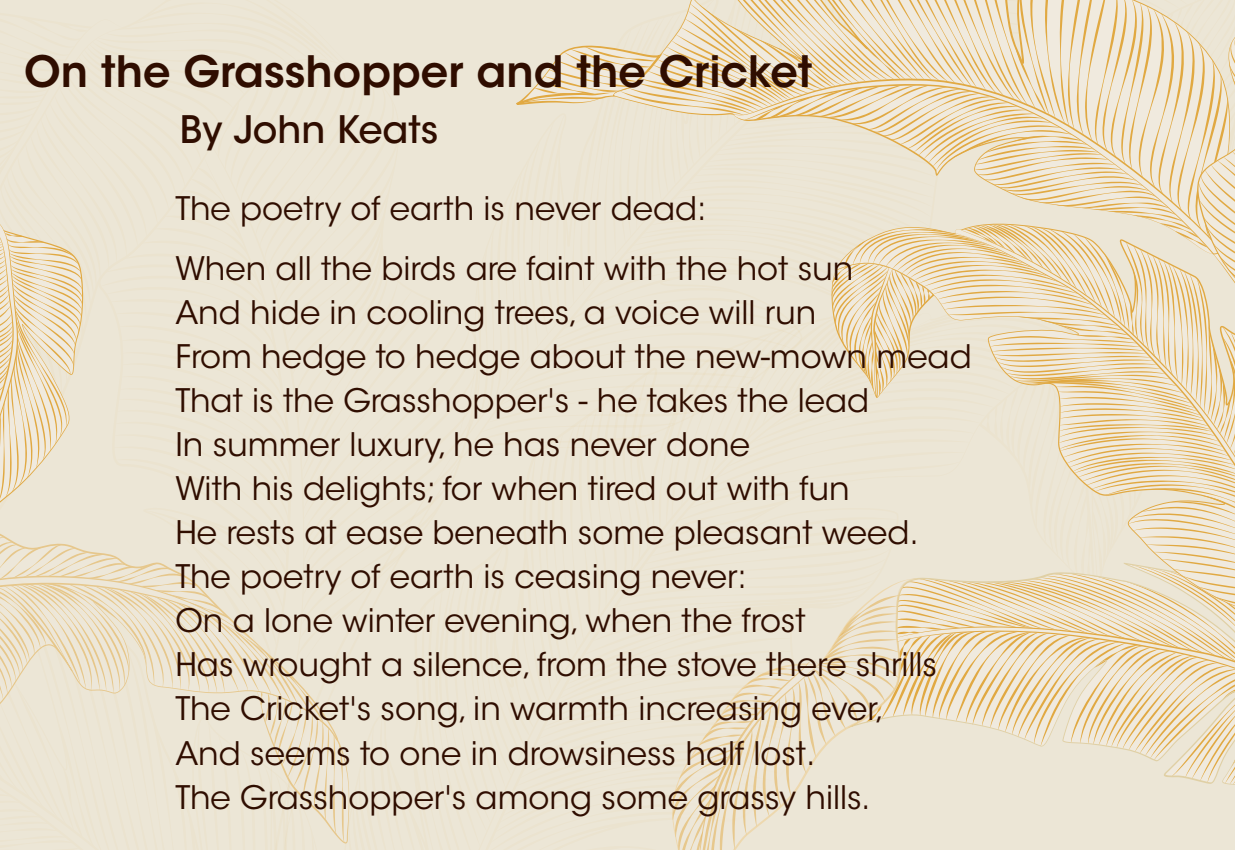
Adult Lubber Grasshopper.

On the Grasshopper and the Cricket

By John Keats

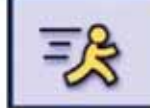
The poetry of earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead
That is the Grasshopper's - he takes the lead
In summer luxury, he has never done
With his delights; for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.
The poetry of earth is ceasing never:
On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.



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The decision was announced upon the realization that the last dial-up user, BobInPgh, was recently cremated along with all the 3x5 floppy discs found in his bottom desk drawer. The remains will be scattered on the Upper West Side of NYC where "You've Got Mail" was filmed.

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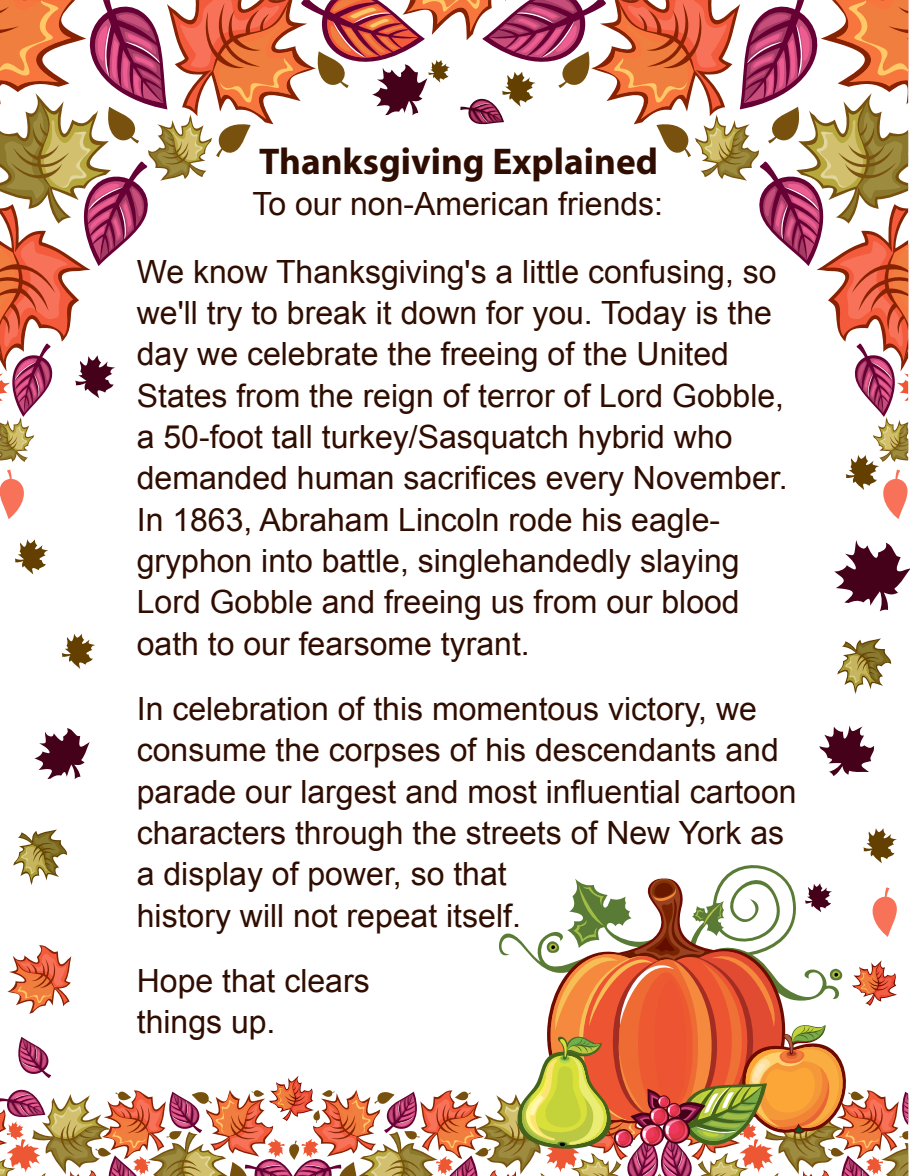
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Artist of the Month: Gisela Lorens Living the Colorful Life

by Karen Beal

A New Year's resolution in 2004 began an art journey for Gisela Llorens that changed her life. Dedicating more time and energy to something she loved but had neglected during child-rearing years and her career in bookkeeping - MAKE ART!

After trying several mediums and working on drawing skills, her love became soft pastels. These are sticks of luscious color pigments but more sensual and textured, layered and finessed to be as expressive as oil paints. "I liked the spontaneity, the color you put down is what you get and no waiting for drying and working directly with my hands was a plus." Llorens remembers.

But, as with most art, doing one thing only is not feeding the "creative monster." She is now working in acrylics which frees her in other ways. Mostly self-taught, she tries everything from portraits to landscapes.

While her home base is in Miami with fall spent in Denver, the Keys have been her winter destination for over a decade. She has been an active member in the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI) since 2015. "I love the art community I have through AGPI and our Plein Air Group. I like that the lifestyle and art scene are laid back."

Traditionally a representational artist, impressionistic moods have been weaving into her style. She can be found at the AGPI's plein air outings. The spontaneity of painting in a garden with changing light and other artists has allowed her to loosen her style.

She was commissioned to do some Van Gogh replicas last year and is working on another currently "Boy, have I learned about brushwork and impasto techniques by doing this!" she says.

Llorens shares her love of art in the community too. At the Key Largo Library she has taught a class in pastels and another in Gyotaku - the ancient Japanese art of fish rubbing. In January she will be teaching a class featuring the style of Monet at the library's Painting with the Masters series.

Creating, interacting with other artists and being inspired by the Keys has become a good life for Llorens. Her art is on display at the Key Largo Art Gallery. Art shows are plentiful during the winter months in the Upper Keys and Llorens enters many and often brings home a ribbon.



"Standing Alone" (soft pastel) won 2nd place Plein Air Category Juried Show AGPI 2023.



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"What a Character" (acrylic). Pet portraits can be done on commission.



"Francheska" a portrait (soft pastel). "Sometimes just an interesting expression, mannerism or the play of light sparks my curiosity and inspiration."



"Matilde the Manatee" (acrylic) inspired by the children's book "Snorkel McCorkle and the Lost Flipper." This piece will be entered into Dive Show: Stories from the Sea Exhibit at the History of Diving Museum starting January 2026.



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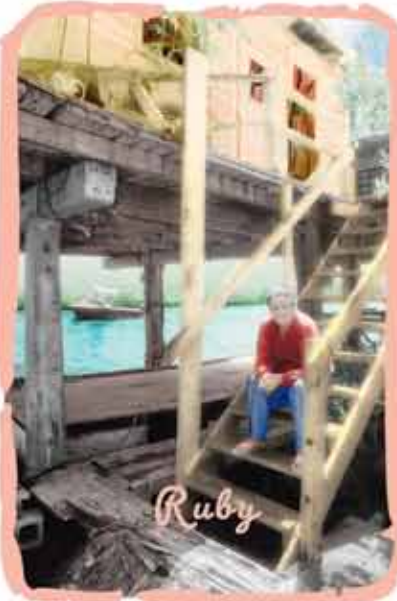
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Ruby Stern known as "Miss Ruby", was the matriarch of Downtown Card Sound. She was a familiar site to travelers across Card Sound bridge.

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On the shirt back is Carol's image of Ruby Stern, matriarch of Downtown Card Sound Road, a place that doesn't exist on any map... yet was home to a community of free spirits, fishermen and independent thinkers who took up residence there. Located on the west side of the road south of Alabama Jack's, and the toll booth, the shack was originally built by workers who constructed the toll bridge around 1968. In 1972 Ruby moved in and lived there for 27 years. She'd sit on the steps of her shack, with an old Colt 44 daring anyone to throw her off the land. She stayed. Not even the destructive forces of hurricane Andrew and the county's condemnation of the shack could send her from her spot on the bay on Card Sound. She moved to a trailer alongside and lived there until 1999 when she had to leave due to illness, and died at age 90.

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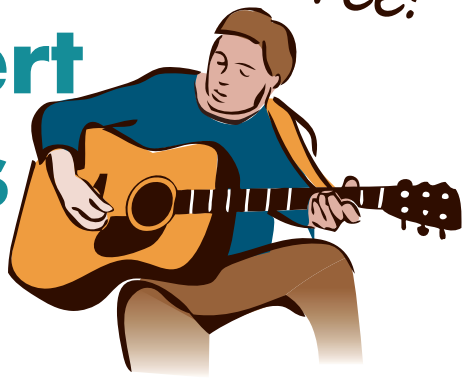


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Don't just look on the bright side. Be the bright side!

Every so often, try to get a tropical getaway.

Sometimes, it's best to keep your head down.

Life is tough. It's okay to get your nose bent out of shape once in a while.

Things don't always go as planned. Sometimes, you just have to wing it.

Don't just be a lawn ornament. Get out there and live!

Unearth the Past at Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park

Step off the Overseas Highway in Islamorada, and you'll find a place that holds a unique piece of Keys history, literally carved into the ground. Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park isn't your typical park with playgrounds and picnic tables. It's a magnificent and unusual park that was once a working quarry, and it offers a fascinating glimpse into the very foundation of the Florida Keys.

The park is open year-round and is a must-see for anyone with an interest in history, geology, or simply a desire to see something truly different. What you'll find here are massive, vertical walls of fossilized coral, cut clean by the giant saws of the quarrying operation that ran from the early 1900s to the 1960s. The coral, known as Key Largo Limestone, was used to build the Flagler railroad, a feat of engineering that connected the Florida Keys to the mainland. The park features a visitor center, a historic marker, and a short, easy walking trail that takes you through the stunning, man-made canyons.

This activity is perfect for history buffs, geology enthusiasts, and families looking for a low-key, educational adventure. The kids will be amazed by the towering walls of ancient coral, and everyone will appreciate the quiet beauty and historical significance of the site. It's a great way to escape the heat and learn something new without the crowds.

The very ground you stand on in the Keys is a fossilized coral reef, a testament to its ancient past. This park is the most accessible and striking example of this. It tells the story of the formation of the islands and the incredible ambition of Henry Flagler, whose railroad transformed the Keys forever. It's a tangible link to the past that helps you understand the present. While other places might have historical sites, only the Keys have one carved out of its own foundation. It's a unique and compelling stop that reminds you that every piece of this island chain has a story to tell.

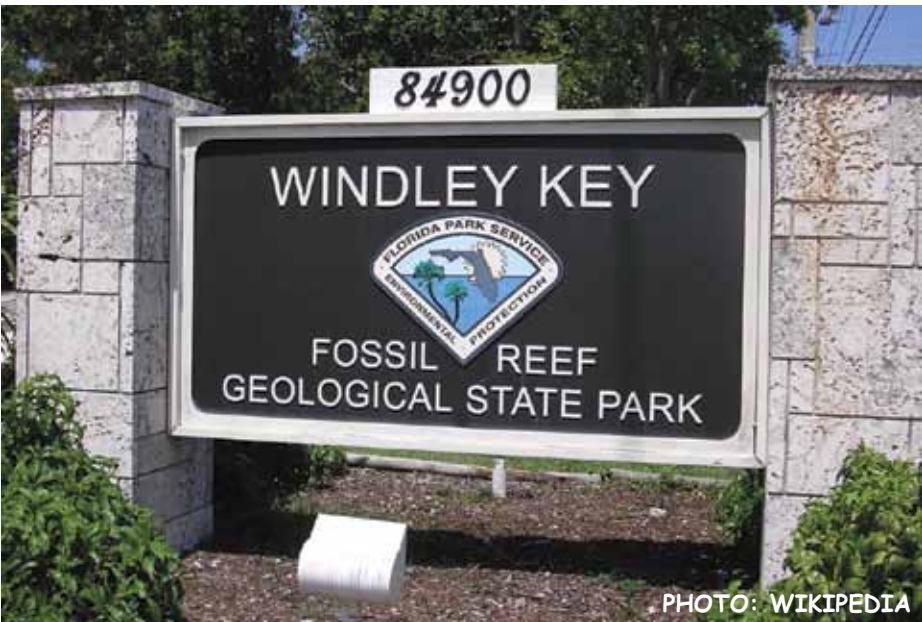


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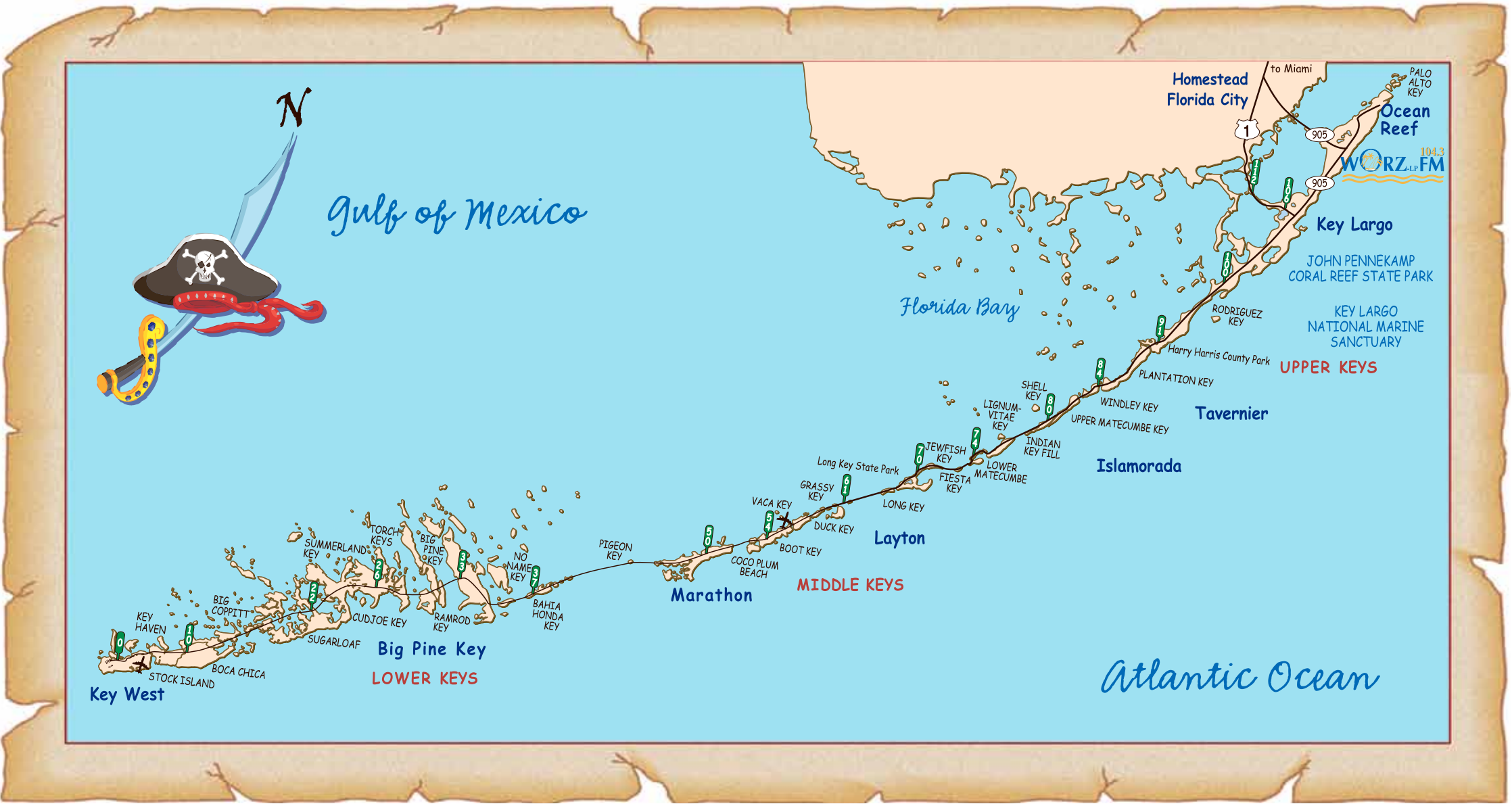
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Inherent Goodness

We need to encourage ourselves to look deeply into our lives to see the inherent goodness of everything.

Sometimes we find it difficult to see the good in people, places, or situations that aren't to our liking. We focus on the things we don't like in our lives as a way of fueling our efforts to create change. There is nothing inherently wrong with this, and it is one way we make progress. However, if we get too caught up in this way of looking at the world, we lose touch with our ability to sit back and simply say yes to everything on our plates, which is the true starting point for all successful activity.

Sometimes what we really need is to encourage ourselves to look deeply into all things in our lives to see the inherent goodness at the heart of everything.

At the core of this is the practice of unconditional acceptance, which can be scary because we feel as if we are being asked not to change the things we don't like. But when we think this way, we are still operating on the surface of our lives. In

order to feel the beauty and warmth of full acceptance, we have to be willing to sink deeper into the external manifestation of our lives. This deeper place of being is the origin of all lasting change, yet its paradox is that when we are in it, we often don't feel the need to change anything.

From this place, we experience the pure beauty of the process of being alive, and we see that all things change in their own time. We don't need to force anything. We can create the shift easily, our hands guided by an energy that resides at the very center of our hearts.

In our active, goal-oriented culture, we learn to distrust stillness and to engage in busywork. This can blind us to the good that lies at the heart of all things. But all we have to do to see again is stop for a moment, let go of preconceptions and agendas, and settle into the very center of our hearts, remembering that it is only from here that we can truly see.

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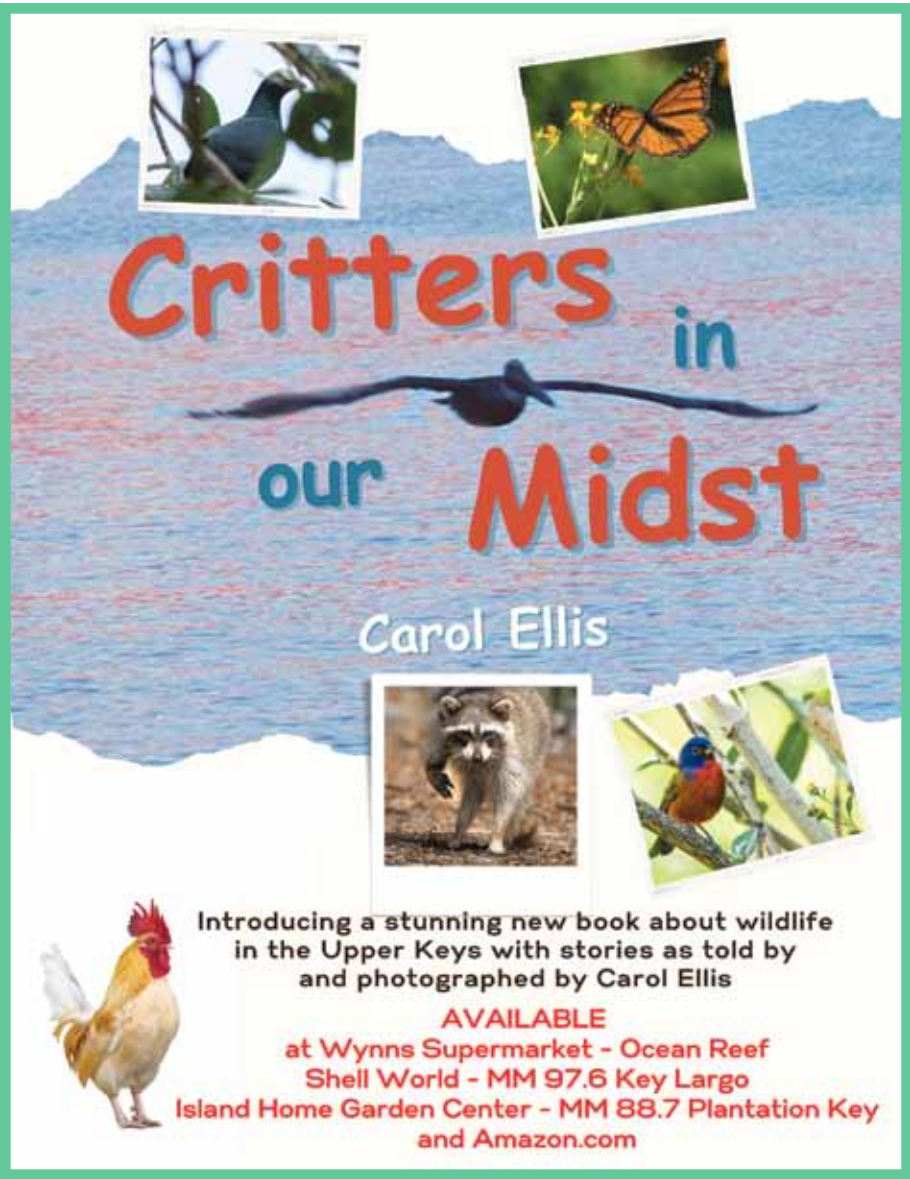


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10. Paramedics have to bring in the Jaws of Life to pry you out of the La-Z-Boy.
9. The "Gravy Boat" your wife set out was a real 12' boat!
8. You receive a Sumo Wrestler application in your e-mail.
7. Friday you set off three earthquake seismographs on your morning jog.
6. Pricking your finger for cholesterol screening only yielded gravy.
5. A guest quotes a Biblical passage from "The Feeding of the 5,000."
4. That rash on your stomach turns out to be steering wheel burn.
3. Representatives from the Butterball Hall of Fame called twice.
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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](https://keyslibraries.org) for books, streaming movies, ebooks, events and more.

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November Art Exhibit in the Community Room

Jeanne Brennan's art work will be on display in the Community Room all month. The exhibit will be open to the public.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 1, 9:30am - 1pm
Florida Keys Quilter's Meeting

November 5, 9am-12pm
1st Wednesday Plant Clinic
Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to answer your gardening/landscape queries.



November 7, 6-7pm
1st Friday Concert -
Jennings & Keller is an award-winning nationally touring duo based out of Florida. They offer up 21st Century Americana with influences in folk, jazz, and roots music. They fuse many musical elements into a unique eclectic style that is refreshingly diverse.

November 4, 4pm
LEGO Club:
Join in the LEGO Fun. Release your imagination with a build of your design. Ages 6 - 12, supplies provided.

November 7, 4-5:30pm
Gaming Groupies

Level up your gaming skills and make memories that will last a lifetime at the Key Largo Library! Connect with fellow gamers as you compete in thrilling tournaments. Join us for non-stop action, mind-bending puzzles, and unforgettable multiplayer mayhem. Recommended Age: 6 - 12.

November 12, 3:30-5:30pm
STEM Lab

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics has never been so fun! Ages 6 - 12. All supplies provided.



November 13, 2-4pm
Adult Craft

Using book folding join us to create a holiday tree. Space is limited. Register online at bit.ly/keylargo-library-events

November 18, 4pm
LEGO Club:
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HOURS:
Open 9 am
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Saturday Featured Movie:

Saturdays at 2:30pm stop by for a movie and discover what activities might accompany it!

November 1 - Wizard of OZ
November 8 - The Wiz
November 15 - Return to OZ
November 22 - Wicked



Nov. 19, 10:30am - 12:30pm
Homeschool Meet Up

Bring a lunch. Be prepared to get messy. And most importantly, come willing to share ideas and express how the Key Largo Library can best serve your family!

November 20, 12:30-1:30pm
In House Book Club

After OZ: A Novel by Gordon McAlpine
Gripping and emotionally riveting, this whimsical tale is an empowering and timely retelling of the The Wizard of OZ where one little girl is forced to face head-on the prejudice of the Midwest in the late 19th century.

November 20, 4-5pm
Teen Collab

If you are between 12 & 18, join us each month for a unique activity.

November 21, 4-5:30pm
Gaming Groupies
See November 7 for info.

November 22, 9:30-10:30am
In House Book Club
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See November 20th for info.

November 26, 3:30-5:30pm
STEM Lab

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Creative Mondays, 1-3pm
Creative Tuesdays has moved to MONDAYS! Bring in an art project and sit with friends while you work and interact with other creative minds.

Story Time

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



Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds. 1pm
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Sit + Sew

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FDOT will choose a section along US1 to arrange the rumble strips to play a Jimmy Buffett tune when you drive over them. The choice of tune will be on the next election ballot - so, we decide which song most illustrates the flavor of the Keys.

FDOT has passed a new requirement for drivers. After a mandatory 20-question test, taken on the FDOT app, each driver will be assigned a "wrap" for their vehicle designed to coordinate with the personality type of the car owner. Wraps will include, but not be limited to: Unicorn/Rainbow design, Angry Monster Face (on the hood), Sistine Chapel painting, Smiling Sloth, Sleek Cheetah/Cougar...

Cars will no longer be manufactured in black, silver, grey or bronze. All cars will be painted in bright colors that can be seen easily in traffic, identified by a witness and followed in a chase.

Headlights will have two settings: High Beam and On - there will be no Off choice.

US1 - See It All Highway - an elevated highway is planned for construction over the next 5 years. It will run from Homestead to Marathon. Construction will be coordinated with the upgrade of the Aqueduct pipeline to minimize traffic disturbance. The See It All Highway - some are dubbing it the Sea to Sky Way - will have on and exit ramps in Key Largo, and Islamorada, Tavernier has opted out on access. Once past Marathon, the See It All will rejoin US1 where it will continue to Key West. It is expected to shift heavy traffic to sunset hour and help congestion in the Upper Keys.

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A new guy in town walks into a bar and notices a large jar filled to the brim with \$10 bills. The man approaches the bartender and asks, “What’s up with the jar?”

“Well, you pay \$10, and if you pass three tests, then you get all the money.”

“What are the three tests?” asks the man

“Gotta pay first.”

So the guy gives him the \$10 bucks, and the bartender adds it to the jar.

“OK, here’s what you have to do. First, you have to drink that whole bottle of pepper tequila -- the WHOLE thing at once -- and you can’t make a face while doing it. Second, there’s a pit bull chained up out back with a sore tooth. You have to remove the tooth with your bare hands. Third, there is a 90-year-old woman upstairs who’s never had an orgasm in her life. You gotta make things right for her.”

“Well, I know I’ve paid my \$10 bucks,” says the man, “but I’m not an idiot. No wonder you’ve collected so much money -- that’s impossible!”

The new guy proceeds to drink several whiskeys, and eventually, he gets up his nerve.

“Wherez zat teeqeelah?” he slurs.

He grabs the bottle of pepper tequila with both hands and downs it, gulp by gulp. Tears are streaming down his cheeks, but he doesn’t make a face. Next, he staggers out back. Everyone in the bar hears a huge scuffle outside -- barking, yelping and growling, then silence.

Just when they think the man must be dead, he staggers back into the bar with his shirt ripped and gashes across his body.

“NOW,” he says, “wherez at ol’ lady with the sore tooth?”

Thanksgiving, 2020.

We were been told that only 6 people were allowed to meet for Thanksgiving Day, but 30 people for a funeral.

So, I announced that we would be holding a funeral for our pet turkey named “Butterball” that would pass away on November 26, 2020. Refreshments provided. In lieu of flowers, please bring a side dish.

How much does a pirate charge for ear piercing?

A buccaneer.

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Me: Congrats, when is the baby due?

Pregnant Librarian: Oh it's mine, I get to keep it!



A whatchamacallit in different languages:

- 7. Thingamajig (English)
- 6. Chingadera (Spanish)
- 5. Himstergims (Danish)
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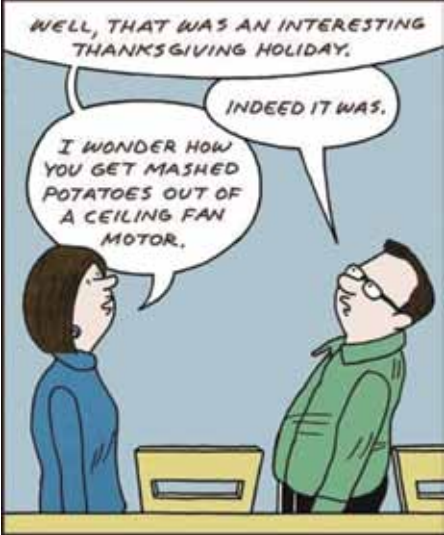


A guy gets pulled over for speeding and the officer said “What’s your name son?”

He replied, “D’d-d-dav-dav-david, sir.”

The Officer looked at him suspiciously and said, “Oh, do you have a stutter?”

The guy replied, “No sir, my dad has a stutter and the guy who filled out my birth certificate is an asshole.”



When you said “friends with benefits” I thought maybe you worked in the Publix deli or owned a key lime pie shop, so put your clothes back on.



I try to be a good person, but then someone pulls out in front of me doing ten below the speed limit and I gotta try again tomorrow.

I got a book titled, 'A Guide to Surgical Procedures'.

I opened it up and the appendix was missing.

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A young blonde bride calls her mother, sobbing uncontrollably.

“Mom, Robert doesn’t appreciate anything I do for him!”

Her mother tries to sooth her. “Now, sweetheart, I’m

sure it’s just a misunderstanding.”

“No, Mom, you don’t get it! I bought frozen turkey roll for Thanksgiving and he completely lost it over the price!”

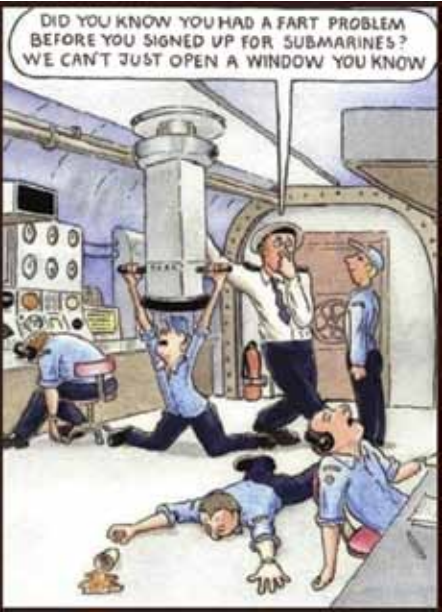
Her mother scoffs. “That cheap-skate! Those turkey rolls only cost a few bucks!”

“No mom, t wasn’t the price of the turkey... it was the airplane ticket.”

“Airplane ticket? Why on earth did you need a plane ticket?”

“Well, the instructions said, ‘Prepare from a frozen state’... so I flew to Alaska!”

Don't be part of the problem. Be the whole problem.



Today I'm wearing pink to raise awareness to those who don't separate reds from whites when washing



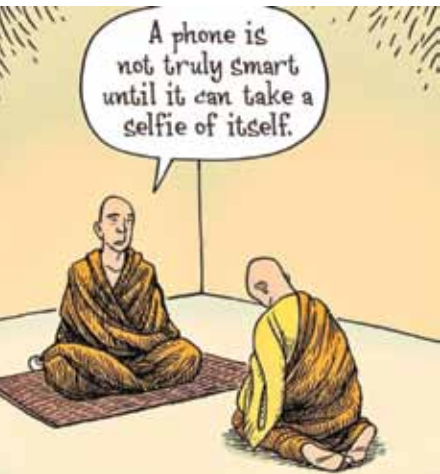
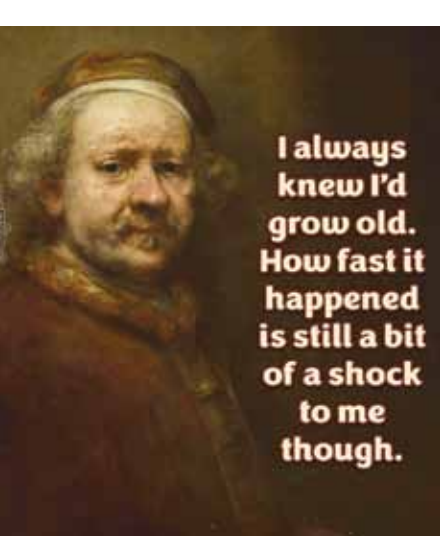
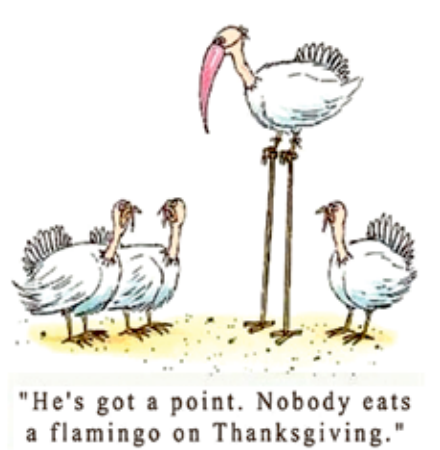
A woman is in bed with her lover, who also happens to be her husband’s best friend.

They make love for hours and, afterwards, while they’re just tying there, the phone rings. Since it’s the woman’s house, she picks up the receiver. The best friend listens, only hearing her side of the conversation:

“Hello? Oh, hi... I’m so glad that you called... Really? That’s wonderful.... Well, I’m happy to hear you’re having such a great time... Oh, that sounds terrific... Thanks. Okay. Bye bye.”

She hangs up the telephone and her lover asks, “Who was that?”

“Oh” she replies, “That was my husband telling me all about the wonderful time he’s having on his fishing trip with you.”



An elderly couple was flying to Hawaii for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Suddenly, over the public address system, the captain announces, “Ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives.”

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island.

An hour later, the husband turns to his wife and asks, “Honey, did we pay the car bill this month?”

“No, sweetheart,” she admits.

Still shaken from the crash landing, he then asks, “Did we pay our credit card bill yet?”

“Oh no! I’m sorry. I forgot to send the check,” she says.

“One last thing, did you remember to pay the medical bill for the hospital visit last month?” he asks.

“Oh, forgive me, sweetheart,” begged the wife. “I didn’t send that one, either.”

The husband grabs her and gives her the biggest hug in 50 years. She pulls away and asks him, “What was the hug for?”

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CLUBS

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KeysOrchidClub@gmail.com

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

THE KEY PLAYERS

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



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Lucy



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Gladys



Holly



Simone



Columbo



Cocoa



Cate

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Shipwrecks is a great place to escape the crowds and enjoy great food in an retro Keys-y atmosphere, dine inside or out on the deck.



Don from Key Breeze Engraving installs two names on the Life Time Members plaque at the Key Largo Library, honoring r Rebecca Beckham's parents, Thomas & MaryJane Kane, long time residents/library supporters.



< Elks bartender Kitty shares her drink with a friend at the KL Moose.



Even the President takes the time to paint. David Bader, President of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles, is looking forward to the beginning of the art season. You don't have to be a well-seasoned artist to join this friendly group. If you paint or draw, do photography or other art - check them out. There are classes and Plein Air sessions as well as a plethora of art shows and social events. Meetings are the first Wednesday (Nov-Mar) 10am-noon at the Tavernier Elks. AGPI.us for info. Photo: Louise Lindsay



1954
NO NAME KEY
County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy poses at the lodge.

Beloved Monroe County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy in 1954. Photos contributed.



Members of the Upper Keys Sailing Club gathered to commemorate the birthday of a founding member, Frieda (Fritz) Feldman, who turned 95 in late October. Frieda is with family in Upper New York but her fellow sailors could not miss out on sending wishes from the Keys.

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2 Webb & Davidson 5-9	3 Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner • 7am-10pm Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.	4	5	6	7 Jade Storm 5-9	8 Abstract Radio 5-9
9 Webb & Davidson 5-9	10 Lunch & Dinner • on the deck or on the beach.	11	12	13	14 Brothers of Others 5-9	15 Shindig 5-9
16 Webb & Davidson 5-9	17 Carousers 6-10	18 Leah Sutter 5-9	19 Webb & Davidson 5-9	20 Webb & Davidson 5-9	21 Uncle Rico 5-9	22 South 58 5-9
23 Webb & Davidson 5-9	24 Carousers 6-10	25 Micah 5-9	26 Webb & Davidson 5-9	27 Thanksgiving Webb & Davidson 5-9	28 Beach Bandits 5-9	29 Abstract Radio 5-9
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