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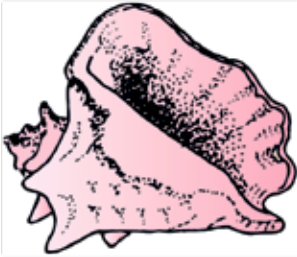
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Food trucks. It used to be there weren't any but now they are popping up all over in Key Largo. I don't like them because they are taking business away from our brick and mortar restaurants who are struggling to keep up with increased food costs and keeping staff employed. I know of several much-loved mom and pop restaurants that are up for sale or going out of business. The upper Keys is starting to look like a carnival. Can the Health Department keep up with this influx?

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## Box of Rocks — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I've done more stupid shit in the last three days... more like three weeks... actually it's been more like three months, made some genius effing moves and have cost myself more money than I could've ever anticipated. I guess it's a "stupid tax" in a way, paying for mistakes.

I think I've done my due diligence, research, hours of contemplating, taking notes and advice from my contemporaries and still manage to ram my head into the wall at full steam. Dad always said I was about as smart as a box of rocks.

My forte is getting caught in the money pit. Making what seems are logical choices at the time only to wind up in the end realizing I could've saved myself time and money had I not tried to save myself money.

That would be bad enough except for the fact that sometimes I'm too stupid to know that I'm doing it wrong until somebody comes along and points out the obvious. I'm really good at missing the obvious.

Like a lot of artistic types, I lack expertise or the discipline for fiduciary matters. It may not feel like work when you do something you love, but when you're a musician/moron, it also doesn't pay like work.

I find myself existing in a world where everything is spying on me, listening to everything I say, tracking everywhere I go... Targeted marketing is one word for it.

My Apple Watch thinks it knows my routine so well

that it tells me how long it's going to take to get to where it thinks I'm going when I get in the truck and start to go somewhere. And once I get there, it tells me how long it'll take to get back home.

I'm sure everyone has experienced talking about something and then getting ads for that thing in computer or phone. It's damn near impossible to live in the modern world without a credit card and a cell phone. Our whole lives are attached to our cell phone numbers almost as rigorous as our Social Security number. If you frequently change phone numbers nowadays, it confounds your entire existence.

What I don't understand is how many times does somebody need to steal my information? My information is already out there so the only thing I can do is try to protect myself from bad actors by having the credit lock and identity freezes turned on.

And why is my information worth more to everybody else than it is to me? I've had to unlock my credit several times while we prepare to relocate. Another odd sensation in the modern age is the feeling of being vulnerable when you unlock your credit. That was something I didn't even consider in my 20s, 30s and 40s, wasn't really until my 50s when identity theft became a thing.

I actually had a change of address that I did not apply for show up in my mailbox. I almost threw it away because it looked like

junk mail with all the advertising for moving supplies. I opened it up and realized somebody was trying to change my address to a Tampa address.

That was several years ago and I still haven't heard back from the postmaster inspector general's office as to whether or not they made an arrest. They wouldn't give me the address in Tampa for fear of the possibility I would seek revenge. That's what they said anyway.

My eyes suck pretty bad and it's hard for me to distinguish certain letters and numbers from each other especially in today's small print on everything. Can't read the back of a pill bottle for nothing. Fives and sixes look alike and that's

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with my good reading glasses on. Three and eight are easily confused with the astigmatism...

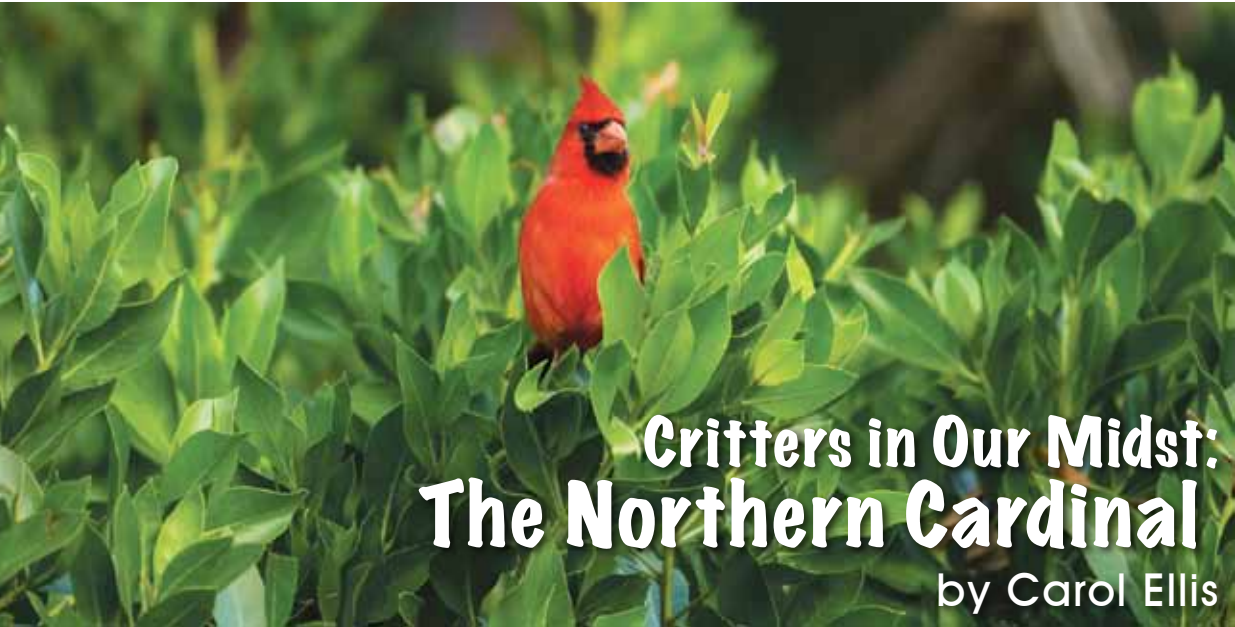
I order the wrong things or sizes because my brain misinterprets the information from my eyes. A beautiful woman gets mad at me for staring and I'm just trying to focus. The worse my eyes get, the better my imagination becomes. The older I get, the more younger women there are to look at, too.

Oh well, what can I do? Keep pulling the plow, that's all I know.



This is what happens when you mistake a five for a six. Notice the gap between the topper and the tailgate. Ordered it off the internet. Came from New Jersey on an 18 wheeler. I wrestled with it for six hours assembling it. Took four grown men to lift it onto the truck before I realized my mistake. Genius! I'm in negotiations for returning it or selling it, I'm not sure which will happen. If it goes like usual I will probably end up giving it away along with the \$\$\$\$ I paid for the damn thing. I got brains I ain't even used yet.





A bright red cardinal provides striking contrast from its vibrant green perch

The Northern cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) is a year-round resident in the Florida Keys. It is one of the most familiar birds, even to those who struggle to identify bird species. Even if you say, look at the “red bird” you are partially right, as the Northern cardinal is commonly known as red cardinal, common cardinal or simply cardinal.

In the year 1883 there was a community in North Key Largo called “Red Bird City,” named after the colorful birds. Though it cannot be



Cardinals prefer to feed early morning and late evening. Place food on a seed table near the cover of shrubbery in your backyard.

found on any maps, it was a few miles up CR-905 from the intersection of US-1 near the current Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park. The Pinder and Russell families had more than 300 acres there, and earned their living by farming and fishing, and by the vocation of catching and selling cardinals. They would capture the red birds, send them by boat to Key West, where they would be shipped to Cuba, where songbirds were in demand as caged pets.

Historically, cardinals ranged from the Gulf to New York, southern Ontario and Iowa. Partly due to the proliferation of bird feeders, their range has shifted north to Maine, to Minnesota and southwest to Texas, New Mexico, southern Arizona, southern California and south through Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala.

Red cardinals are here year round, but it is their nature to be elusive at times. Unlike the mockingbird and the blue jays who will let you pass within yards of them, the cardinal always has a watchful eye out for intruders, and flits away when approached.

European settlers arriving in our country were reminded of the Roman Catholic bishops by the bird's crest, resembling the bishops headgear and red color resembling the red vestments of the church. The unmistakable bright red plumage of the male cardinal is from their food. They eat seeds and grains, but they also eat insects and a variety of fruits. The female is duller, but also has a crest, and a pink bill.

### The Cardinal's Call

*When the cardinal sings its song  
I feel a tug at my heart  
A reminder of the love we shared  
Even though we are apart  
Its red feathers like a beacon  
Guiding me through the night  
A sign that you are with me still  
In spirit and in light*

Their coloration is not all that makes a cardinal a spiritual reference. These birds have often symbolized heavenly visitors, or even a sign from a deceased loved one. A friend of mine received a large sack of sunflower seeds from a friend in memory of her husbands passing. She thought it unusual since she doesn't feed the birds. Perhaps her friend should have included a note with the gift containing the cardinals favorite food explaining her symbolic intent: the appearance of a cardinal is meant to show us that we are not alone. There is the rhyme “Cardinals appear when Angels are near.”

Cardinals are private birds that prefer thick foliage with lots of trees and



An Audubon illustration depicting male and female cardinals.

### The Northern Cardinal... CONTINUED - Photos by Carol Ellis



Late summer, a male cardinal missing feathers during molting.



Cardinals are private birds that favor dense tangles of brush.

shrubs. In Spring and Summer they are extra protective of their nests, especially against intruders and other males. The blue jay is a major predator of cardinal chicks and eggs, as are squirrels, hawks, crows, owls, snakes, iguana and domestic cats. A word of caution: If you have bird feeders or spread seeds, avoid scattering near low



When cardinals appear to you, it usually means nothing but goodness for you and your beloved, with their lifelong partnership suggesting a strong, unwavering bond.

shrubs and anywhere else that predators may hide and attack from. If you have pets that go outdoors, keeps them away from cardinal nesting and feeding grounds.

Both male and female cardinals tend to the chicks in the nest, and pairs of cardinals form life-long bonds and remain together for consecutive breeding seasons. Cardinals are a symbol of devotion and loyalty.

On a recent photo assignment I was to capture the moment when a man proposed marriage to the love of his life. Awkward at best is how I describe my role as a paparazzi. So as I await, hiding in plain sight with my camera and long lens, I notice a red cardinal on a branch above the path leading to the beach where he would propose. Moments later the couple walked down that same path. What a positive sign, especially for a couple embarking on a lifelong partnership. She said yes! I love happy beginnings!

When it rains the birds remain hunkered under cover in dense brush, but as soon as it clears they venture out in search of food. At the first sign of good weather I put sunflower seeds on the seed table and soon the hungry cardinals reappear.

The return of the cardinal is a sign for new beginnings... and I'll embrace that thought every time.

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A female cardinal visits the seed table placed near shrubs and trees. Preferred feeding times are early morning and late in the day. She makes short work of a black sunflower seed with her strong, thick beak, which is perfect for large seeds.



The male cardinal is unmistakable for its bright red feathers and pointed crest on its head.



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# Gardening on a Coral Rock: The Garden Club of the Upper Keys

by Karen Beal

Anyone who has lived here a while enjoys connecting with the natural beauty of the Keys, and one of the best places to do that is at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, home of the Garden Club of the Upper Keys.

The club's roots go back to 1952, when a group of locals began meeting in private homes to share their passion for gardening. Numbers grew so quickly that just two years later, they split off into a separate Upper Keys chapter. In the early 1960s, a generous offer of land at the 94 mile marker byside, led to the establishment of the Francis Tracy Garden Center, a dedicated space for meetings, Master Gardener workshops, and exhibits that still serves our community.

The Garden Club is committed to the appreciation of tropical plants, education and conservation. Their regular meetings, open to the public, are on the third Tuesday, September through May, and feature speakers sharing their expertise on a wide variety of topics. Typically, the Master Gardeners offer a plant clinic 9-11am, social hour is 10-11a.m, and the speaker starts at 11am.

Other frequent club activities include Garden Get-togethers and Crafty Tuesdays. For details and membership information: [gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org).

The club will be hosting several events to fund their educational programs and maintain the building and property. The first event of the season will be Saturday, November 1st from 9am to 1pm when the membership will offer a huge Yard Sale full of deals on all the plant items you could want, plus much more.

Saturday, December 6th will be the epic Holiday Market where 40 vendors from South Florida meet up with local crafters to offer the answer to all your holiday shopping - and some self indulgence. If you don't believe it, just stop by!

Our island habitat offers some challenges and some blessings when it comes to gardening. There is no better way to learn about what to grow in the Keys than to talk to the members of the Garden Club of the Upper Keys at one of their gatherings.



The gardens themselves are a work of art, with members maintaining different sections, showcasing a variety of native and exotic plants that thrive in our unique climate.



The Holiday Market (coming on December 6th) brings vendors from South Florida to the Keys.



Encouraging love of gardens at an early age, the Garden Club supported Key Largo School and Ocean Studies Charter School during the Great South East Pollinator Count.



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"I suppose it is the hope of every man that he may have contributed something to the betterment of the world during his lifetime. Fortunately for me I have, more through luck than plan, changed the face of the earth in a way that is a great satisfaction to me. That I will be remembered for this, I doubt."

- Marvin D. Adams

by Karen Beal

In this 'hurry-up' age everyone looks for a shortcut to save time and travel. But, 100 years ago, life in Key Largo was unhurried and laid-back. Residents did their fishing and boating on the ocean or the bay, depending on where they lived. If they wanted to switch sides, it was a 60-mile round trip by water—a full day's journey to go around the island.

Not until the 1920s did anyone give serious thought to finding a shorter route by making a cut across Key Largo. When Marvin Dow Adams arrived in Miami in 1925, he didn't know that more than 30 years later he would become a 'hero' for his vision and persistence in finding a way to create this passage for boat traffic.

In the early '50s Adams and his wife owned 50 acres a half mile north of the 103

mile marker on Key Largo. It was the narrowest point on the island, half-a-mile wide and the highest elevation at 13 feet above sea level. As Adams dreamed of a 'cut' 80 feet wide and six feet deep across that tract, he didn't anticipate the extent of military and civil agency involvement in his project.

It took 18 months to get all the necessary county, state and federal permits after permission was granted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to cut through the fossilized coral rock. Approval for the bridge was obtained from federal and state road departments, and utility companies' cooperation was sought to minimize disruption of service during construction. The U.S. Navy built the bridge and moved the water pipeline.

The multitude of preliminary problems paled in comparison with

Adams' major concern of funding the actual cutting of the water passage. A sum of \$690,000 had been estimated for engineering fees, excavation and rock removal. It was at this point that Adams learned of a machine that cut coral rock "like it was cheese," developed by Mathew Bernard "Barney" Waldin, who agreed to trade his rock-cutting services for the crushed limestone. That left Adams with only \$7,500 in engineering costs.

The excavation began on the bayside where two parallel trenches were cut about 100 feet apart and 18 feet deep. Dynamite was placed in the center between the trenches and the fossilized coral was blasted and hauled away. This created an average depth of 30 feet below the waterline, with the area under the bridge only 12 feet deep, to provide a ledge for



Barney Waldin working on the "Key Largo Waterway" - 1956.  
Courtesy of Florida Keys History Museum

the span's support.

The Key Largo Waterway, known to locals as "the cut," was opened to boat traffic in 1958, although it took another five years to complete the bridge and utility lines. It was dedicated to Marvin D. Adams in May of 1976 by Mayor Harry Harris with a 20-minute ceremony alongside the highway.

The boaters in the Upper Keys probably take the Marvin D. Adams Waterway for granted, but if they feel impatient going five miles per hour through the cut, they might pause to consider how much longer that trip would be if Marvin D. Adams hadn't been so persistent.



Adam's Canal Cut, Key Largo, Florida. Paleoecology and morphometrics of the *Montastraea annularis* species complex, from University of Iowa Dept. of Geoscience.



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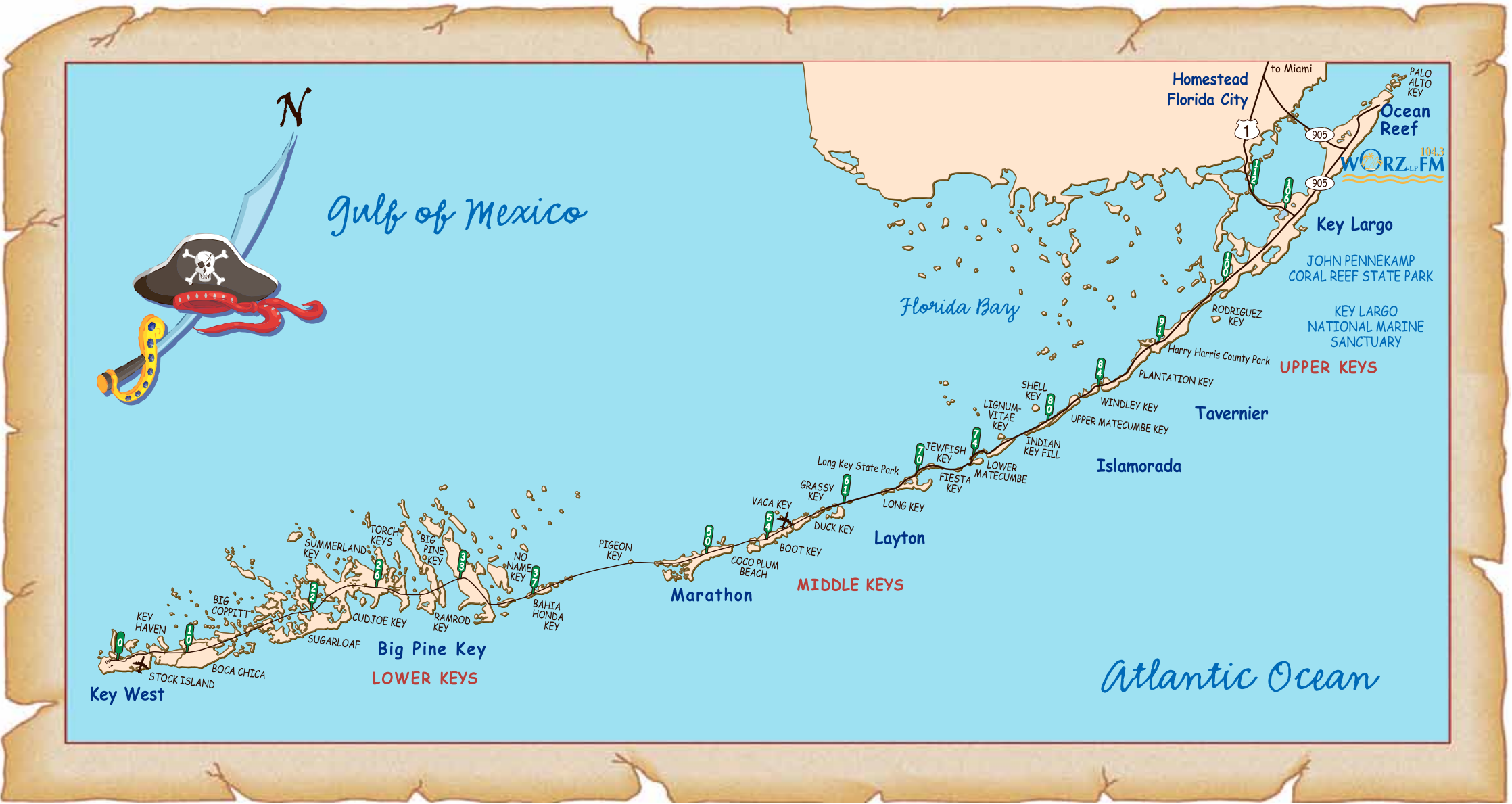
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Physical pain is not the only kind of pain that lets us know our attention is needed. Emotional pain provides us with valuable information about the state of our psyche, letting us know that we have been affected by something and that we would do well to focus our awareness inward. Just as we tend to a cut on our arm by cleaning and bandaging it, we treat a broken heart by

surrounding ourselves with love and support. In both cases, if we listen to our pain we will know what to do to heal ourselves.

It's natural to want to resist pain, but once we understand that it is here to give us valuable information, we can relax a bit more, and take a moment to listen before we reach for medication. Sometimes this is enough to noticeably reduce the pain, because its message has been heard. Perhaps we seek to medicate pain because we fear that if we don't, it will never go away. It can be empowering to realize that, at least some of the time, it is just a matter of listening and responding.

The next time you feel pain, either physical or emotional, you might want to try listening to your own intuition about how to relieve your pain. Maybe taking a few deep breaths will put an end to that headache. Perhaps writing in your journal about hurt feelings will ease your heart.

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**October Art Exhibit in the Community Room**

Anne Chambers' art work will be on display in the Community Room along with with husband Bruce Chambers' photography, a couples show! Anne, member of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles, will display a body of work including Acrylic, watercolors, Gansai Tambi watercolors, Batik, and mixed media pieces. The exhibit will be open to the public on October 7th.



**Welcome 3D-Printing to the Key Largo Library!!**

October 1st - October 25th, come in and select something from the designated designs.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**October 1, 9am-12pm**  
**1st Wednesday Plant Clinic**  
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**October 3, 6-7pm**  
**1st Friday Concert -**  
Amigos - Their music possesses an infectious beat with groove and soul making you want to join in the fun!

**October 4, 9:30am - 1pm**  
Florida Keys Quilter's Meeting

**October 7, 3:30-5:30pm**  
**LEGO Club:**  
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**October 9, 2-4pm**  
**Adult Craft**  
Create a bottle Scarecrow. Space is limited. Register Online at [bit.ly/keylargo-library-events](https://bit.ly/keylargo-library-events)

**October 8, 3:30-5:30pm**  
**STEM Lab**  
Participate in STEM activities. Supplies provided. Ages 8-11.

**October 10, 4-5:30pm**  
**Gaming Groupies**  
Level up your gaming skills and make memories that will last a lifetime! Connect with fellow gamers competing in thrilling tournaments. Non-stop action, mind-bending puzzles, and unforgettable multiplayer mayhem. Rec. Age: 6 - 12

**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.



**October 16, 4-5pm**  
**Teen Collab**  
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**October 21, 3:30-5:30pm**  
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**Oct. 22, 10:30am - 12:30pm**  
**Homeschool Meet Up**  
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**October 22, 3:30-5:30pm**  
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**October 23, 12:30-1:30pm**  
**Book Club:** Amalfi Curse by Sarah Penner - A nautical archaeologist and mysterious shipwrecks along the Amalfi Coast come together for a bewitching novel full of romance and the untamed magic of the sea.

**October 24, 4-5:30pm**  
**Gaming Groupies**  
See Oct. 10 for description.

**October 25, 9:30-10:30am**  
**Book Club:** Amalfi Curse by Sarah Penner

## 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**  
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**Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds. 1pm**  
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Misty looks puzzled. “I don’t... know,” she giggles.

The crowd chants, “Give her another chance! Give her another chance!”

“Alright, Misty — what is 64 divided by 8?”

Misty shrugs. “Ummm... no idea.”

The crowd goes wild again. “Give her another chance! Give her another chance!”

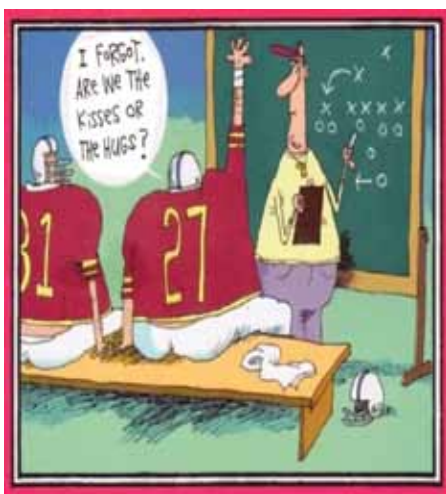
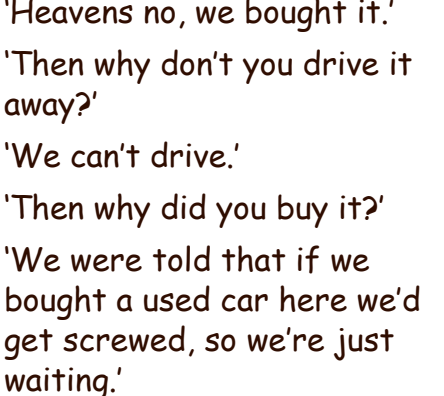
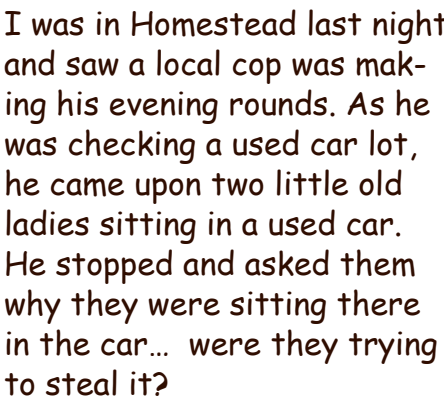
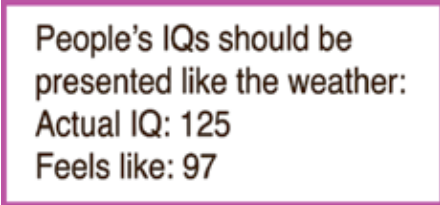
“Okay, Misty, one more chance... what is 2 + 2?”

Misty pauses, thinks hard, and says, “Umm... four?”

The entire crowd jumps up and screams... “Give her another chance! Give her another chance!”



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“I see,” commented the doctor calmly.

“That afternoon, I went to the bathroom again and, plink-plink-plink, there were nickles in the bowl,” the woman continued.

“That night,” she went on, “I went again, and plink-plink-plink, there were dimes. This morning, there were quarters!”

“You’ve got to tell me what’s wrong with me!” she implored. “I’m scared out of my wits!”

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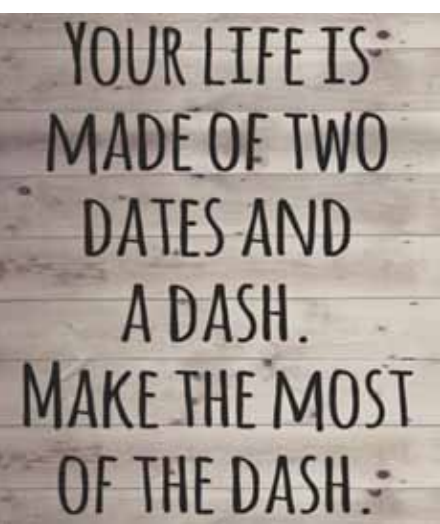


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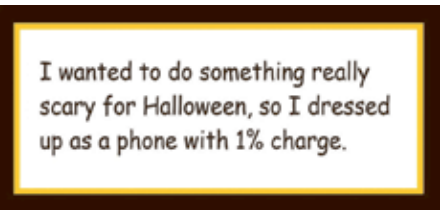
Again, a minute later, he hears, “You know, you don’t look a day over 30.”

Looks around again, no one but him and the bartender, so he asks, “Did you hear that?”

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Join us at Key Largo branch Library on Friday, October 3rd for the kickoff of this season's free Concert Series. The first concert is the Amigos, a Rock/Blues/Pop Band that originates from Key Largo. They have recently formed from the rhythm section of the Lower Mat Cats out of Islamorada. This fun-loving group performs with an energetic style striving to bring a smile to the listeners. Their music possesses an infectious beat with groove and soul making you want to join in the fun!

Located at Burton Memorial Church, God's Kitchen is open Thursdays, 5-6 pm. Volunteers cook and serve hot meals free to the community. The Food Pantry is open Thursdays 5-7pm. Volunteers do the unloading, shelving and general helping throughout the week. Taking a break - (L-R) Neil Boyce, Marylou Wilkinson Darlene Spohn, Jim Hiatt.



Want to help out? Email [Burtonmemorial@bellsouth.net](mailto:Burtonmemorial@bellsouth.net)

# Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet



Max



Mia



Paco



Zeus



Bandit



Angelina



Fred



Tiger



Simba & Nala



Jade

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.



Parade float of American Legion Post 145 featuring the motor vessel Off Key, Islamorada, ca. 1955. *Florida Keys History Center Collection.* Islamorada Legion still proud to be American.



Sue Finney and friends.

Cleaning up the ocean is something Pirates Cove cares deeply about. Every piece of debris they remove helps protect our reefs and marine life! Join them on their next Dive Against Debris and be part of the solution. [pcwatersports.com](http://pcwatersports.com) or call (305) 453-9881.



Deb Riolo won an arrangement made by Garden Club of the Upper Keys' member Pat Saunders who proves local plants can be used for lush arrangements.

Read all about the GCUK's upcoming events and activities on page 7.



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Waterfront Dining			1	2	3 Jade Storm 5-9	4 Uncle Rico 5-9
5 Webb & Davidson 5-9	6 Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner • 7am-10pm Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.	7	8	9	10 Brothers of Others 5-9	11 Abstract Radio 5-9
12 Webb & Davidson 5-9	13 Lunch & Dinner • on the deck or on the beach.	14	15	16	17 Carousers 5-9	18 Shindig 5-9
19 Webb & Davidson 5-9	20 Happy Hour 7 days • 4-6pm • Drink Specials and a variety of low-priced munchies	21	22	23	24 Beach Bandits 5-9	25 Abstract Radio 5-9
26 Webb & Davidson 5-9	27 Live Music and Waterfront Dining	28	29	30	31 Carousers 5-9	
"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am			 HAPPY Halloween 			



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