

The Conch Republic COCONUT TELEGRAPH

FREE
Dining • Shopping
Lodging • Humor
Entertainment



THE COCONUT TELEGRAPH IS PROUD TO BE THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE NORTHERNMOST TERRITORIES OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC

101425 Overseas Hwy. • PMB #628 • Key Largo, FL 33037 • 305-304-2837 • www.theconchtelegraph.com • January 2026



Attractions

Key Players Do Monty Python!
Grateful for Gulls by Carol Ellis
Luke Sommer Glenn Blog

What's Hot & What's Not

Artist of the Month:
Erica Makar at
Shear Paradise Salon
Lots Happening at Key Largo
Branch Library This Month!

Maps

Key Largo Locator Map Page
Getting from Here to There

All the Buzz

Coco-Nut Funnies
Business in the Keys
Adopt a Key Largo Shelter Pet
Conch Characters

Classifieds



Always obey posted speed limits in manatee zones, keep a lookout, and wear polarized sunglasses to reduce glare on the water. Have a designated spotter on board to help watch for manatees while you navigate.

*Serving our Florida Keys families for all your immediate and pre-need
cremation and funeral needs.*

ALLEN-BEYER
FUNERAL HOME

Locally Owned & Operated



305-451-1444 • MM 101.6 B/S • 101640 OVERSEAS HWY, KEY LARGO, FL 33037 • WWW.ALLENBEYER.COM

Coconut Telegraph

January 2026

Volume 21 Issue #233

Prestige Publishing, Inc

101425 Overseas Hwy.

PMB #628

Key Largo, FL 33037

Deadline

for the Coconut

Telegraph's

next issue is **Thursday,**

January 15, 2026

We now sell subscriptions!

See our ad on page 13

for details.

The Coconut Telegraph is

available free online:

theconchtelegraph.com.

For comments please visit

The Conch Telegraph on

Facebook.

Editor/Sales/Distribution

Denise Malefy

305-304-2837

(leave a message)

theconchtelegraph@gmail.com

CALL DENISE FOR

CURRENT ADVERTISING

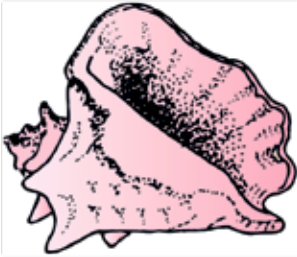
RATES AND AVAILABILITY

FOLLOW US ON

FACEBOOK AT

THE CONCH REPUBLIC

COCONUT TELEGRAPH



HOMESTEAD

FLORIDA CITY

OCEAN REEF

KEY LARGO

TAVERNIER

ISLAMORADA

Florida Bay

Biscayne Bay

We've Got You Covered!

Florida City to Islamorada...

You don't have to spend a fortune for great advertising coverage in the Coconut Telegraph.

AD RATES START AT JUST \$30 A MONTH.

The Conch Republic

COCONUT TELEGRAPH

Independently Owned Local Newspaper

305.304.2837

www.TheConchTelegraph.com

TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com

101425 Overseas Hwy.

PMB #628

Key Largo, Florida Keys

33037

COCONUT TELEGRAPH

KEY LARGO

Harsh Realities - Luke Sommer Glenn Blog

4

Critters: Grateful for Gulls by Carol Ellis

4-5

Obituary: Kyle "Tiny" Rathert

7

Artist of the Month: Erica Makar at Shear Paradise Salon

9

The Key Players Bring Classic Monty Python Comedy

11

Getting from Here to There - Keys Map Page

12-13

Key Largo Locator Map Page

16

Key Largo Branch Library Programs for this Month

17

Daily OM: Entering Into Partnership

18

Business in the Keys

19

Coco-Nut Funnies

20-21

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

22

Conch Characters / Around Town

23













Beginner Class

UKULELE

Tuesdays 2-3pm

January 6-13-20-27

at Key Largo Branch Library

in the Tradewinds Center, MM 101.5

Sign up before class to borrow one of seven library ukuleles by calling 305-451-2396 or bring your own instrument.

Classes are free and open to all.

More info on buying an instrument or the class in general: Keyslibukulele@gmail.com

Exercise your brain. Learn a new skill.

More than anything - you'll have FUN!

Harsh Realities — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I went to elementary school in Tight-ass-ville, Florida. The school I attended would've been an entirely white school pretty much except for they bussed the black kids from across town to attend. They'd closed all the black schools and they were now forced to leave their neighborhoods and schools, to come to school with us.

I imagine it might've been exciting for them except for the fact that there was a lot of haters that didn't want their white kids going to school with African-American kids. I was too young to understand what was going on, as were most of us kids.

The schools they came from were severely under funded. They were trying to catch up to a curriculum they had not been previously offered. Kids being kids, we didn't make it any easier for them. We teased them for being behind and not knowing what we thought were easy answers. We did not understand that they hadn't been given the same knowledge at their previous school.

I wasn't raised around haters. My mom was a teacher at the elementary school. My dad had fought the Nazis to make sure that we were all free and that's the way I understood it. I don't know what it would've been like to grow up around parents that used the N-word or inflammatory language about other races out of hatred and ignorance. I bought into the whole "treat other people as you want to be treated" thing.

The first time I heard somebody disparaging a person of color I was mortified. I thought to myself, "What fucking kind of nerve is that? I could never speak to somebody

like that."

I was embarrassed to be a white person in that moment. That was my neighbor, Mr. Johnson. The only reason the victim didn't fight back was because Mr. Johnson owned the house the victim's family lived in and Mr. Johnson was a shitty human being. He did things that were illegal and immoral. In his mind, slavery was still legal, just accomplished through the back door, a form of indentured servitude. "Got to keeps these n*****s in their place!" I heard the drunk bastard often slur.

We had a little black dog that he hated so bad that he would do donuts in his own front yard trying to run over our dog for being in his yard. There was a big German Shepherd that left giant stools in his yard and he wasn't sober enough to realize that our little dog couldn't possibly have left them.

He would be in a drunken rage, spewing and spitting cuss words, he ran over his mailbox several times, eventually smashing his green Chevy Nova into one of the citrus trees that surrounded his house... Then expected us to come over and fix his yard because it was our dog that provoked him.

He was lucky my dad didn't adjust his attitude but dad wouldn't beat up a defenseless old drunk. Instead he managed to calm the situation and the old drunk guy would say, "Alright Sam, I'll just have one of my n*****s take care of it," referring to fixing his yard. My dad would shake his head in disgust. Unacceptable behavior for someone claiming higher authority.

As I grew up, I realized that these kids in the tattered clothing were that way for a reason. They were poor. There

were poor white kids but these kids were a deeper poor.

A lot of them came to school wearing homemade clothes, with holes in their shoes. They didn't have fancy lunch boxes with cartoon characters and a thermos. For some, school lunch was the only meal available to them.

By the time I was in elementary school, the whole busing thing had become normalized. I think it had a positive effect on the majority of us who naturally intermingled as children should do. I couldn't imagine my high school without all of us. We had a state level champion football team. We would've never achieved those goals as segregated schools.

I guess what pisses me off the most, is that people are just people, no matter what. There is good and bad in every walk of life, stupidity and intelligence, saints and sinners... For one group to claim wisdom exclusively is uniquely human.

It's reflected in our religions, the saved and the doomed. The fact is that we are all inferior no matter how good we imagine ourselves to be. Logic and reason are not our strong point.

In my freshman English class, the teacher had us doing a spelling exercise that included the word Negro. . I had a smart ass comment after every word the teacher called out, an attempt at breaking the monotony of the third grade level words. It got a giggle out of the other kids.

When she called the word Negro, I said a protracted, "Fred," referring to my black teammate on the football team, who sat behind me. During the game the week before, his leg had gotten broken when he was

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



For more info: www.lukesommerglenn.com

shoved over top of me in a pile up and I heard his leg break. I had no idea that saying that would hurt his feelings to the point that he punched me square in the back as hard as he could for a guy with a broken leg.

The teacher came down on him, explaining to him that he was, in fact, by the dictionary, a Negro. Nothing I could say would ever restore the friendship that we had previously. The fact that I was in the wrong but he received the teacher's ire was something I wouldn't understand until later in life. It was no joke to him.

We only know the small world we come from, I didn't know that he and his family were victims of people like my neighbor, I wasn't aware that there was a whole world full of hate-minded people. People that spew venom and derision onto their fellow human being. Nothing aggravates me more than when people start looking at other people as less than human , as if somehow their pain and misery is meaningless.

I hope every hater gets reincarnated as the very object of their hate.

We could do better than this as a species, but for some reason, instead of seeing the creator in each other, we look for the weakness that gives us the edge over our brother.

I only know how to apologize now and I am truly sorry that I caused my friend pain. We should all be on the same team because after all, we're in the same race, the human race.

Disclaimer

The Coconut Telegraph © 2006-2026 is published monthly by Prestige Publishing, INC. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without written consent of the publisher. The Coconut Telegraph welcomes written articles, photos, and artwork of local interest to be used and/or edited at the discretion of the publisher. The Coconut Telegraph assumes in good faith that all editorial and advertising material submitted are the original property of the advertiser. The Coconut Telegraph may not be held responsible for errors, omissions, or for circumstances beyond our control that may affect the distribution schedule.

Note: We had to abridge this article for space. See Luke's online blog for the full story! www.lukesommerglenn.com



There is no such species as a “seagull.” These members of the gull and tern family are common near coastal beaches and waterways.

There's a bird that is everywhere, but is generally under appreciated... it's the seagull. This group of 47 species is one of the most recognizable, despite there being no such species as a “seagull.” These members of the gull and tern family are common near coastal beaches and waterways. If you mention “seagull” to a Keys resident who likes to fish, they'll tell you if you see a line of seaweed, with flocks of seagulls flying over it, chances are there will be mahi or tuna nearby.



These superb flyers managed to catch the cracker before it (or the bird) hit the water.

My photos of the Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) were taken from the stern of a sightseeing boat, while touring the wooden stilt houses of Stiltsville in Miami about a mile and a half offshore Key Biscayne. These birds are named for their calls that sound like a laugh. Gulls are opportune feeders, adept at fishing and scavenging. The passengers were throwing saltines into the air, to the gulls in our wake. These superb flyers managed to catch the cracker before it (or the bird) hit the water.

Key Biscayne is connected to Miami by a causeway called Rickenbacker Causeway, named after Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the legendary WWI flying ace, Commander of the 94th Aero Squadron and innovative fighter pilot who devised new ways for how American pilots engaged the enemy.

The nation cherished Capt. Rickenbacker, and he was a true American hero. After the war, he started a car company, founded Florida Airways,



purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from Carl Fisher, and founded a comic strip called *Ace Drummond*. Eddie's nickname after World War I was the 'Ace of Aces'.

But all those accomplishments pale in the eyes of Capt. Rickenbacker who was grateful for a seagull that saved his life and the lives of 6 other men who survived 21 days adrift at sea.

In October 1942, Eddie boarded a B-17 Bomber in Hawaii headed to see General Douglas MacArthur. Capt. Rickenbacker was a passenger and envoy on this secret military mission, when the plane had a navigation malfunction, got lost, ran out of fuel, and ditched in a remote part of the Central Pacific Ocean. The crew was adrift aboard three rubber life rafts; food and water ran out after three days.



Capt. Rickenbacker, too weak to stand after 21 days adrift in the Pacific, is lifted aboard the rescue plane.

On the eighth day of being lost, Rickenbacker fell asleep only to be awakened by the feel of a seagull that had landed on his head. He reached up, grabbed the bird's feet, wrung its neck, and it became dinner for the men. The intestines were used for bait and by using the bones as hooks, they were able to fish and survive for 13 more days. After 21 days and 400-500 miles floundering at sea the men were rescued. Capt. Rickenbacker had lost 40 pounds and was too weak to stand when he was lifted aboard the rescue plane.

He recovered and went on to achieve personal and financial success. But

Gulls... CONTINUED - *Photos by Carol Ellis*



My photos of the Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) were taken from the stern of a sightseeing boat, while touring the wooden stilt houses of Stiltsville in Miami about a mile and a half offshore Key Biscayne. The “Laughing Gull” is a year-round resident of South Florida.

despite all his accomplishments, and the accolades of a nation, Rickenbacker never forgot that incident, and chose to be grateful for that one bird... a seagull... who gave hope both physically and spiritually to the survivors.

For the remainder of his life (he lived to age 82), part of “Old Ed's” routine every Friday evening about sunset was to go to a South Florida pier with a bucket of shrimp to slowly and methodically feed the seagulls. He'd reflect on events of that fateful day a half decade earlier, and express gratitude to the bird who gave of itself without a struggle. He'd walk to the end of the pier alone, but soon would be surrounded by dozens of seagulls, screeching and squawking, flapping and fluttering and in a few short minutes the bucket was empty.



January 1935: Capt. Rickenbacker assisting Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, after completing her first extended flight aboard Eastern Airlines. He revolutionized air travel.

As the sun goes down, the old man whispers “thank you - thank you” to the gulls, as he lingers in thought, transported to another time and place, then turns and slowly walks home. To the unknowing, his actions would appear strange or unusual. You never know about the quiet old souls, and the great things they have done during their lifetime.

Miami was grateful for Capt. Rickenbacker. In 1935, Eastern Airlines was headquartered at Miami International Airport in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. Eastern Airlines was the first airline to operate without a subsidy from the Federal government. Rickenbacker revolutionized air travel.

On Nov. 9, 1947 the Miami Commission dedicated “Rickenbacker Causeway,” the road connecting Miami with Key Biscayne. Rickenbacker's good friend and Commissioner Charlie Crandon was instrumental in the acquisition and



The Rickenbacker Causeway, opened in 1947, made possible public access to Key Biscayne and Crandon Park, expanding Miami-Dade's parks and recreation opportunities.

CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida her entire life and Key Largo for 40 years.

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.



expansion of parks throughout Miami-Dade, including his namesake park (Crandon Park). The new causeway made public access possible.

Rickenbacker would feed the Laughing gulls on Key Biscayne Beach until his death in 1973. Guess he had the last laugh when his prayers were answered in 1942 when the seagull saved his life.



Year after year, since 1982... the realtor team that is working for you.

THINKING OF SELLING?

Trust the Realtors with the Most Experience



THE WASMUND TEAM
RE/MAX ADVANCE REALTY ALL KEYS REAL ESTATE

Wendy Ives
BROKER ASSOCIATE
305-394-1376
GRI

Jane Wasmund
BROKER ASSOCIATE
305-451-7704
CRS, GRI, Short Sale Specialist

keylargowendy1@bellsouth.net
janewasmund@bellsouth.net



RE/MAX
ADVANCE REALTY
ALL KEYS REAL ESTATE

CHECK OUT THESE PROPERTIES!




4 Snapper Avenue, Key Largo \$1,250,000



325 Calusa Street # 70, Key Largo \$394,000

98880 OVERSEAS HWY, MM 98.9 OCEANSIDE, KEY LARGO



Have you heard a conch shell sounding in the distance at sunset?

Would you like to learn how to coax the note with confidence?

Free!


Conch Shell Blowing Classes
(MULTIPLE CLASS DATES AVAILABLE)


Jan.13 • Feb.3 • Feb. 24 • Mar.10
3p.m.

at Key Largo Branch Library
in the Tradewinds Center, MM 101.5

Sign up at
• facebook.com/keylargolibrary
• or stop in at the library

Shells are provided and go home with participants.
Limited to 15 adults

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY




Paint with the Masters
FREE ADULT ART CLASS SERIES



January 10
1-4pm
Van Gogh style
Instructor:
Marcia Brito



January 17
1-4pm
Modigliani style
Instructor:
Gloria Avner



January 23
2-5pm
Monet style
Instructor
Gisela Llorens

CLASSES LIMITED TO 20 ADULT STUDENTS.
Sign up begins 2 weeks before class.
Call 305-451-2396

at Key Largo Branch Library
in the Tradewinds Center, MM 101.5

Sponsored by the Friends of the Key Largo Library

Kyle Christopher Rathert aka "Tiny"
July 8, 1981 - November 27, 2025



Survived by his parents, Bill and Cathy Rathert, and Eileen and Mark Froehlich; sisters Erin (Joel) Hartel, and Lindsay Moore; nieces and nephew.

Raised in Miami, Albuquerque, Raleigh, and finally Des Moines, Kyle graduated from Walnut Creek alternative high school there, and was the graduation speaker for his class. He attended the Culinary Institute of America in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Kyle traveled extensively, and as an adult lived in Minneapolis, Leonia, NJ (a suburb of NYC), Aspen, Portland, and the Florida Keys.

Passionate about art, music, nature, and food, Kyle used his creativity to connect and care for those he loved. These all came together during the years he was part of Camp WANT IT! at Burning Man.

Brilliant and funny and wild, he was larger than life in many ways. But the most important parts of him were also the quietest: seeing beauty everywhere. Loving ferociously, no matter how many times he'd been hurt. His sense of wonder, and curiosity, and joy.

Kyle was a light in the dark, even when the darkness was sometimes his own. He has watermarked us all, and remains deeply, profoundly loved.



Serving our Florida Keys families for all your immediate and pre-need cremation and funeral needs.

Call today or fill out the pre-need form on our website to set up a consultation with one of our caring and dedicated staff.

ALLEN-BEYER
FUNERAL HOME

Locally Owned & Operated



305-451-1444 • MM 101.6 B/S • 101640 OVERSEAS HWY, KEY LARGO, FL 33037 • WWW.ALLENBEYER.COM



Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament
Jan. 30-Feb. 1



Go for the Gold! Islamorada, FL Keys. Win trophies, a gold sailfish pendant and a crown! Meet the other anglers! Fish your own boat or reserve a charter slot when registering.

www.ladiesletsgofishing.com

Register in advance online



Ladies Let's Go Fishing!
www.ladiesletsgofishing.com

The Florida Keys & Key West
come as you are®
MONROE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

FREE Healthy Frozen Meals!

NOT A PATIENT? NO PROBLEM!
Open to ALL Florida Keys residents.

Pick-Up Locations & Times:
Marathon Office: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tavernier Office: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Take home up to 5 meals per family member
No paperwork required



Health Foundation of South Florida



S.O.S. Foundation



Good Health Clinic

The UPS Store

UPS, USPS, Shipping & Stamps

Personal & Business Mailbox Rental

Amazon & "Happy Returns"

Dropoff Center

Wide Format Printing & Copying

Notary & Fingerprinting

by appt. only M-F 10am-4pm

101425 Overseas Hwy

TRADEWINDS PLAZA

Key Largo, FL 33037

305.453.4877

fax: 305.453.4878

store4181@theupsstore.com

\$5 OFF ANY SERVICE

Excluding Notary & Fingerprinting

OPEN 6 DAYS: Monday-Friday 7:30am-6pm • Saturday 9am-2:30pm

SEX STUDY SHOWS SURPRISING RESULTS

The frequency of sexual activity of senior males depends on where they were born.

Statistics just released from Statistics Canada and the United Nations Board of Health team, revealing that: North American men between 60 and 80 years of age will, on average, have

sex two to three times per week, whereas Japanese men, in exactly the same age group, will have sex only once or twice per year, if they are lucky.

This has come as very disturbing news to both me and most of my friends, as none of us had any idea that we were Japanese.

Growing beautiful plants in our Keys environment!

at the Key Largo Civic Club mile marker 99

Speakers, raffles, sales...

Orchid, Fern & Bromeliad Society

Free and open to the public

KeysOrchidClub@gmail.com

Second Tuesday of each month.

6:00 p.m.

2026 Schedule

January 13	June 9
February 10	July 14
March 10	August 11
April 14	September 8
May 12	November 10



Artist of the Month: Erica Makar at Shear Paradise Hair Salon

by Karen Beal

After 40 years of being a hairdresser, you would think Erica Maker might be tired of it - but no! The newest addition to Shear Paradise salon is excited to bring her loyal customers to her new chair, and to meet

new faces that book at the popular Key Largo salon. Erica knew early on that she had a knack for styling hair. She moved here in 1975 as a youngster, thriving in the Upper Keys community. Every teenage girl loves to play with hair-styles, and her efforts with her friends had her thinking this would be her calling. She got right to

work earning her credentials, and has worked in a number of busy shops over the years. "The salons changed as people open and closed businesses over the years, but I always stayed busy working in the Key Largo area." Erica

reminisced. "Buff and Lisa have a great operation," Erica said. "I love meeting new people and trying different styles and using my skills in new ways. Shear Paradise draws a lot of customers and has such a good reputation, I'm happy to be working with the rest of the staff."



(L-R) Buff, Sammie, Lisa, Margie and Erica at Shear Paradise.

The salon, celebrating 20 years soon, is located in the Cedar Towers at 99353 Overseas Hwy, Oceanside. It offers facial waxing, highlights/ coloring and cuts, and lash and eyebrow tinting. They feature quality Redkin products.

Margie Hanson and Sammie Simon fill out the team of hairdressers. Midling stated, "Erica and I worked together decades ago. She has a great sense of style, and we are happy to have her join our crew."

Cuts, styling and color are skills well-used but Erica adds a quirky sense of humor and a caring personality, which will go a long way towards making her a popular addition to the salon. Call the salon at 305-451-7110 to book an appointment or ask questions.





It's Back!

Sunday Brunch

11 AM to 2 PM

Complimentary Glass of Champagne, Mimosa or Bloody Mary with each Entrée

Does your group need an air conditioned place for lunch or dinner?

Call us! We can accommodate groups of up to 75 people!

PILHOUSE

Locals Day Wednesday

12 Beers ON TAP

Full Wine SELECTION

KID & PET FRIENDLY!

MM 99.6 Oceanside

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

HAPPY HOUR - Daily 4:30-6:30 pm

LIVE MUSIC - Friday 5:30-8:30, Saturday 5-9

LOCALS DAY - Use your Pilot's License all day Wednesday for your discount and rewards



Fish Dip



Grouper Sandwich



P&E Shrimp



Stuffed Avocado



Tuna Nachos



Kung Pao Bowl

WEDNESDAY to SUNDAY

11:30 am to 9:00 pm

Pilot House Restaurant & Marina • 13 Seagate Blvd., Key Largo, FL 33037

(305) 451-3142 • info@pilothousemarina.com • https://www.pilothousemarina.com



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

ORIGINAL LOCAL
ARTWORK BY

Little Salt by Carol Ellis
PHOTOGRAPHY

305-451-7778

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.

Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND



SPF 50, long sleeve fishing performance shirt in aqua, limeade and white

SCAN CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO PURCHASE



Keys Death Cleaning Checklist



You've heard of the Swedish Death Cleaning where you simplify your belongings to make life easier for those left behind? Well, this is the Keys Death Cleaning Checklist. You might not be dying but you might be considering moving or downsizing... which is pretty much the same thing, but more expensive.

EXAMINE CLOTHING, SHOES & ACCESSORIES

This includes T-shirts that you got more than 25 years ago.

Fishing hats so sweat-stained even YOU think "Washing this again won't make it any better." We don't even want to consider what your friends think of it.

If you will never wear that Speedo again send it to MARC. If you have a XXXX wet suit that you hope you never need to wear again, donate it.

GO THROUGH FURNITURE & OTHER ITEMS

That lobster trap coffee table needs to move on.

The fishing reel that needed to be rebuilt and you haven't done it in 8 years -- you know the one.

Toss that super big spool of monofilament that you got back in 1980. If you load it on a reel, you know darn well it is going to snap.

Go through your piles of old photos. If they are real Keys pics and real old pics - offer them to the County Historian, Corey Malcom.

Conch shells cut for trumpeting should go to the youngest person in your family or neighborhood so that they can continue the sunset tradition.

Gather your login passwords for your Keys accounts and loyalty perks along with other digital cues that you can't remember now. You sure as hell aren't going to remember them a year from now.

If you have a will, make sure the following items are listed and assigned: your home, your fishing equipment, your boat, your Keys Cruiser, your crab traps, your Spanish wreck coin necklace, your most expensive fishing lures...

It's Kitten Season! Fix Those Felines!

Please help "fix" pet overpopulation by spaying and neutering your pets.



Open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm

Free spay and neuter clinics at Key Largo Animal Shelter, normally every 2 weeks.

This program is privately funded by Humane Animal Care Coalition for Upper Keys residents.

Please call the shelter for details and appointments.

Mile marker 106 Oceanside • phone 305-451-0088

The Key Players Bring Classic Monty Python Comedy to Key Largo!

The Key Players invite audiences in the Upper Keys to laugh, unwind, and forget the stresses of the day with **Monty Python's Edukational Show**, a fast-paced comedy packed with absurdity, wit, and classic British humor. This unique production is the only licensed show that brings iconic sketches from Monty Python's Flying Circus to the stage, delivering a nonstop series of clever, ridiculous, and laugh-out-loud moments.

Featuring beloved sketches such as **The Dead Parrot** and **The Spanish Inquisition**, plus musical numbers including "The Spam Song" and "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," the show combines sharp writing, physical comedy, and slapstick humor that has made Monty Python legendary. The cast spans an impressive age range from 17 to 70, reflecting the inclusive, community-driven spirit of The Key Players. While slightly irreverent, the humor is appropriate for most audiences and no more daring than what viewers see on television—perfect for anyone in need of a good laugh.

Tickets are available online at thekeyplayers.org, at the door, or in advance at Key Largo Chocolates & Ice Cream, Shear Paradise (Cedar Towers Plaza), and the PostNet Store. Adult tickets are \$20; advance tickets are \$15.



Jonathan Bogue and Gavin Milne fine-tune the Homicidal Barber scene... sharpening it to perfection.






The cast goes into orbit, spinning across the stage in "The Galaxy Song" with choreography direction by Moshe Morgan.



The cast perfects their silly walks as Caiti Currie and John Pettit attempt to remain perfectly serious.



If this looks rather silly, just wait—come and watch *Monty Python's Edukational show* and join us for the fun.



Monty Python's

EDUKATIONAL SHOW

A COLLECTION OF SKETCHES, SONGS & ANIMATION FROM "MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS"

Written by Monty Python
Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin
Monty Python's Edukational Show was adapted for Monty Python by Fred Stuart.

Performances at the Murray Nelson Cultural Center
102050 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo

THU JAN 29 7:30 PM	FRI JAN 30 7:30 PM	SAT JAN 31 7:30 PM	SUN FEB 1 2:00 PM
THU FEB 5 7:30 PM	FRI FEB 6 7:30 PM	SAT FEB 7 7:30 PM	

Adult tickets - \$20 (available online with above QR code or at the door)
Advance ticket sales - \$15 (available at ticket outlets listed below)
High school age and younger tickets - \$10 (only available at the door with proof of age)
Lobby Opens One Hour Before Curtain
Seating ½ Hour Before Curtain

Key Largo Chocolates & Ice Cream, MM 100.5	Shear Paradise Cedar Towers Plaza, MM 99.3	PostNet Store Plaza 88, MM 88
--	--	-------------------------------

<https://www.thekeyplayers.org>

Monty Python's Edukational Show is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com



We always have something "Elk-citing" going on!
(Members and Their Guests are Welcome)

Monday: Line Dancing Lessons 5 pm (\$5 cost)
Show Me the Money — Fun card game! 6:30 pm


Wednesday: Members Only—Queen of Hearts
Fun Starts at 6 pm • Drawings at 6:30 and 7:30 pm

Karaoke & Fish Dinner on Fridays!
Check out our Facebook page for details.

Sunday Bingo starts at 5 pm

Amazing Bayside Sunsets perfect for your special occasion.
Rental contact: Sherrill Tarbell at 315-244-1314 • fkelks1872@gmail.com

MM 92.6 Bayside • Tavernier • 305-852-1872
www.floridakeyselks1872.com



If you wake up late - don't worry about it!
WE HAVE BREAKFAST UNTIL 3PM DAILY

BLOODY MARYS
BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS \$15

HAPPY HOUR: 4-6 excluding Sundays

Eat in or take out - breakfast, lunch & dinner.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER
LOCALLY OWNED

99411 OVERSEAS HWY • FORMERLY DJ'S DINER **305-453-2660**



Come by Land or Sea • In the Garden Cove Marina
Enjoy Casual Waterfront Dining at its Finest!

Waterfront Dining • Indoors or Outdoors

FEATURING FRESH FLORIDA LOBSTER

- Fresh, Local Seafood
- Steaks & Ribs
- Conch Chowder & Key Lime Pie

305-453-3746 • buzzardsroostkeylargo.com
MM 106.5 Oceanside
21 Garden Cove Dr. • Key Largo

2014 Winner
Certificate of Excellence

Tiki Bar, Game Nights, Dinners & Fun!

WEEKLY EVENTS
Sundays 6pm
"Show Me the Moosebucks"

Mondays 6:30pm
Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm
"Show Me the Moosebucks"

Wednesdays 7pm
Live Music & Queen of Hearts

Thursdays 8pm
Karaoke with Jenny & Friends

Members & Guests Welcome
Hours 11am - 11pm

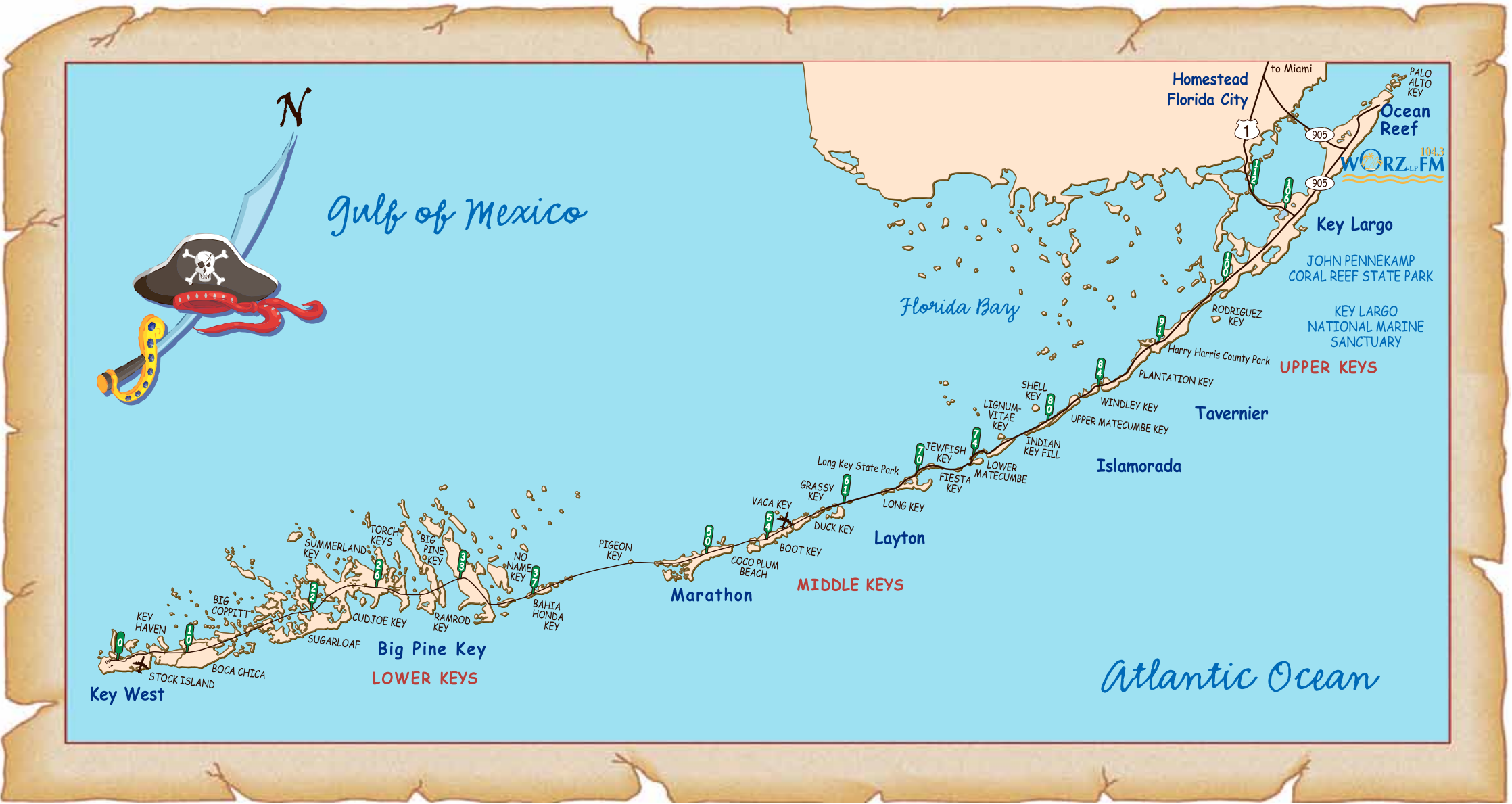
New Members Welcome!

Kitchen Open Daily for Lunch
Full Menu Sun-Thurs 4-9pm

Follow us on Facebook:
Key Largo One Moose Lodge

We are a non-smoking facility

KEY LARGO MOOSE LODGE #2287
BAR TIKI FOOD MOTEL
MM 98.8 www.BEAMOOSE.org 305-451-1333
mile marker 98.8 in the median





Come by Land or Sea • In the Garden Cove Marina
Enjoy Casual Waterfront Dining at its Finest!

Waterfront Dining • Indoors or Outdoors

FEATURING FRESH FLORIDA LOBSTER

- Fresh, Local Seafood
- Steaks & Ribs
- Conch Chowder & Key Lime Pie

305-453-3746 • buzzardsroostkeylargo.com
MM 106.5 Oceanside
21 Garden Cove Dr. • Key Largo


2014 Winner
Certificate of Excellence

The Conch Republic
COCONUT TELEGRAPH
Independently Owned Local Newspaper

This Space Available

Call Denise at 305-304-2837 for rates & info

TheConchTelegraph.com
TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com



SUBSCRIBE

New!



Subscribe to the Coconut Telegraph and get your paper by mail!

Just \$60 a year and it will include inserts from time to time on discounts, coupons, etc.

We accept cash, checks and PayPal. Just send your payment along with your mailing address, then sit back and enjoy the paper every month without having to go and find it.

PayPal to denisemalefyt@gmail.com or mail payment to Coconut Telegraph, 101425 Overseas Hwy, PMB 628, Key Largo FL 33037. Don't forget to include your mailing address!

Monroe County Public Library 's New App

Keys residents can now connect with their public library more easily with the new Monroe County Public Library app, available for Apple and Android devices.

"This app makes it even easier to get the most from your library card," said Director of Libraries Kimberly Matthews. "We're always looking for ways to empower patrons - and we remain committed to helping you get the information you need, whether that's in person, over the phone or online."

With the app, you can use your phone or tablet to manage your account, search the catalog, and reserve books. Just scan your library card, and you'll be connected. You can even use it to check out items at the library, at the desk or the self-checkout station. You can



also use it at the library's Lending Machines and Pickup Lockers.

And it has links that you love, including the events calendar, Kanopy (for video streaming), Libby (for eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines), plus other online resources, and more.

If you see a book you'd like to read, you can scan the ISBN code and find out right away if it's in the library collection.

To get the app, or find out more go to keyslibraries.org. If you have questions, call or stop by your local branch or contact us online at keyslibraries.org/contact-us.

NUM THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR



Mon. - Fri.
Lunch 11:30 - 3:00
Dinner 5:00 - 10:00

Sat. - Sun.
5:00 - 10:00

103200 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, MM103 Bayside
(305) 451-5955

SAVE TIME...
ORDER ONLINE!



www.numthaiandsushi.com

★ Deliveries Now Available for Online Orders ★

PIRATES COVE WATERSPORTS

ReefHouse Resort, 103800 Overseas Hwy.
www.pcwatersports.com

305-453-9881



Jetski & Boat Eco Tours
Sunset Cruises
Stand Up Paddleboards
Boat Rentals

KEYS ADVENTURES

Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill, 104000 Overseas Highway
www.keysadventureswatersports.com

305-731-9472



Critters in our Midst

Carol Ellis



Introducing a stunning new book about wildlife in the Upper Keys with stories as told by and photographed by Carol Ellis

AVAILABLE

at Wynns Supermarket - Ocean Reef
Shell World - MM 97.6 Key Largo

Island Home Garden Center - MM 88.7 Plantation Key
and Amazon.com

SWAP MEET

HOURS: 9AM - 2PM • MM 98.8 KEY LARGO

Saturdays & Sundays

Antiques
Jewelry
Dive Gear
Orchids
Fishing Gear
Holiday Items
and More



KEY LARGO
MOOSE LODGE #2287
BAR TIKI FOOD MOTEL
MM 98.8 www.BEAMOOSE.org 305-451-1333

For info call 305-451-1333

This Space Available



The Conch Republic
COCONUT TELEGRAPH
Call Denise at 305-304-2837
for rates & info

SERVING THE KEYS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS

HUGE Selection of Stainless Fasteners

Award Winning Customer Service



Bath & Door Showroom Pressure Treated Lumber

BUILDING MATERIALS • REBAR

PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL

LAWN & GARDEN • DRYWALL

Visit our New Boutique

Now Open

Designer Lighting

Home Decor • Ceramic Pottery

305.451.0311

SPECIAL ORDERS

If we don't have it, we can order it!

Mon-Fri: 7am-5pm • Sat: 7:30am-5pm • Sun: 9am-2pm

MM102.5 OCEANSIDE • WWW.KLISHELL.COM

ON THE MAP

Open Late!



SHARKBITE GRILL
KEY LARGO

522 Caribbean Drive • 305.453.1905

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Featuring Fresh Local Fish

Live Music

Happy Hour Every Day

Craft Beer

Sports Headquarters

Locals' Favorite!

On the Water

ON THE MAP

Key Largo

In Key Largo, we navigate by Mile Markers! Look for the little green signs and mile indicators on power poles to find your way.

Legend

U.S. Highway

State Highway

Boat Ramp

Mile Marker

Point of Interest

Dive Site

Dive Wreck

Swim with Dolphins



ON THE MAP

You Can Trust The Professionals at



WHEATON'S
SERVICE CENTER

Quality Service Since 1972

AMERICAN & FOREIGN CARS, TRUCKS

S.U.V.s, VANS, TRAILERS & R.V.s

Certified Mechanics

Exhaust Systems

Brakes

Tune-Ups

Tire Sales & Repairs

Air Conditioning

Coolant & Transmission Flushes

Regular & Synthetic Oil Changes

MINOR & MAJOR REPAIRS

305-451-3500

MM 101.5 • KEY LARGO

ON THE MAP

The Conch Republic

COCONUT TELEGRAPH

RATES

KEY LARGO MAP PAGE

Vertical:

2.5" wide x 4.5" tall

\$125 per month

Horizontal:


4.6" wide x 2.75" tall

\$150 per month

Bottom Banner:

9.75" wide x 2.75" tall

Call for Availability!



High Tide Restaurant



LOCALLY OWNED

305-453-2660

99411 OVERSEAS HWY • FORMERLY DJ'S DINER

WE HAVE BREAKFAST UNTIL 3PM DAILY

BLOODY MARYS

BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS \$15

HAPPY HOUR: 4-6 excluding Sundays

Eat in or take out - breakfast, lunch & dinner.

ON THE MAP

January Events & Programs at Key Largo Branch 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 SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE

HOURS:

9-6 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat

Closed January 1 and January 19.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 2, 6-7pm
Concert - Bing Futch
With Appalachian dulcimer, Native American flute, ukelele, and stomp-boxes, Bing Futch celebrates Americana music. From Roots rock & Blues to popular covers.

January 6, 3:30pm
LEGO Club:
Join in the LEGO Fun. Build your design. Ages 6-12, supplies provided.

January 6, 2-3pm
Ukulele Beginner Class
Learn a new-to-you skill to start off the year. Limited number of ukuleles available to borrow with your library card. (Reg. Req. bit.ly/keylargo-library-events.)

January 7, 9am-12pm
1st Wednesday Plant Clinic
Education points: Herbs

January 8, 2-4pm
Adult Craft
Sometime life is for the birds. Join us in framing a bird or two. Supplies provided. Register at bit.ly/keylargo-library-events

January 9, 4-5:30pm
Gaming Groupies
Level up your gaming skills and make memories that will last a lifetime; compete in thrilling tournaments. Ages 6-12, supplies provided.

January 10, 1-4pm
Art Series
(Class Regis. Req., 305-451-2396)
Van Gogh style by Marcia Brito

Bilingual Story Time
Come join in the fun at our NEW Bilingual Story Time! Families can enjoy lively tales, songs, and laughter in English and Spanish. All are welcome - Let's read and play together!

January 13, 3-4pm
Conch Shell Blowing
Have you heard the haunting clear sound of a conch shell sounding at sunset? Would you like to learn how to coax the note with confidence? (Reg. Req. at bit.ly/keylargo-library-events, limited to 15.)

January 14, 4pm
STEM Lab
We're hosting Florida Bay Forever, bringing an activity that links to the Florida Bay & Everglades. Ages 6-12, supplies provided.

January 15, 12:30-1:30pm
In House Book Club
Recursion by Blake Crouch
Amazon Best Book June 2019: "NYC detective sees a woman jump off a ledge because she's a victim of FMS - False Memory Syndrome- suddenly remembering a life she apparently lived instead of her "real" one. Motivated by his own past, he is determined to find out whether FMS is false or the gate to a new, better life."

January 15, 2-3pm
Ukulele Beginner Class
See Jan. 5 for description.

January 15, 4-5pm
Teen Collab
If you are between 12 & 18, join us each month for a unique activity. Supplies provided.

January 16, 3-4pm
Special Musical Guest
Sean Gaskell
A musical event for all ages. Features songs on the okra, a 21-stringed West African harp, an inspiring glimpse into history of a continent and a culture.

January 17, 9:30-10:30am
In House Book Club
Recursion by Blake Crouch
See Jan. 15 for description.

January 17, 1-4pm
Art Series
(Class Regis. Req., 305-451-2396)
Modigliani style by Gloria Avner

January 24, 1pm
Bilingual Story Time
Come join in the fun at our NEW Bilingual Story Time! Families can enjoy lively tales, songs, and laughter in English and Spanish. All are welcome - Let's read and play together!

January 20, 2-3pm
Ukulele Beginner Class
See Jan. 5 for description.

January 20, 3:30pm
LEGO Club:
Join in the LEGO Fun. Release your imagination with a build of your design. Ages 6-12, supplies provided.

January 23, 2-5pm
Art Series
(Class Regis. Req., 305-451-2396)
Monet style by Gisela Llorens

January 27, 2-3pm
Ukulele Beginner Classes
See Jan. 5 for description.

Jan. 28, 10:30am-12:30pm
Homeschool Meet Up
Bring a lunch. Be prepared to get messy. Come willing to share ideas and see how the Library can best serve your family!

January 28, 4pm
STEM Lab (STEM PIC)
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics has never been so fun! Ages 6-12, supplies provided.

January 30, 4-5:30pm
Gaming Groupies
See Jan. 9 for description.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Creative Mondays, 1-3pm
Creative Tuesdays has moved to MONDAYS! Bring in an art project or enjoy a mini-class to interact with other creative minds. All are welcome.

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.

SBDC Weds., 2-5pm.
(except Jan. 28) The Small Business Development Center at FIU will provide resources and one-on-one sessions on how to launch a businesses. Space is limited; register today!! <https://floridasbdc.org/find/fiu/>

Sit + Sew
Fri. 9:30am - 1pm.
Bring in a sewing or any fabric art project to Sit & Sew and work with a crafting community who understands fabric and yarn habits!

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.



KeysLibraries.org/events

Facebook.com/KeyLargoLibrary

Instagram.com/KeyLargoLibrary



A truck carrying thousands of copies of thesauruses overturned this morning. Onlookers were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, non-plussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed.

So Many Things to Ponder

Nobody is perfect. I am nobody; therefore I'm perfect.
If I save time, when do I get it back?
Take my advice, I don't use it anyway.
As I said before, I never repeat myself.
Sometimes I need what only you can provide: your absence.
A conscience does not prevent sin. It only prevents you from enjoying it!
Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected become the expected?
If it's true that we are here to help others, then, what exactly are the others here for?
How come abbreviated is such a long word?
Living on Earth may be expensive but it includes an annual free trip around the Sun.
Your future depends on your dreams. So go to sleep!
Alcohol kills slowly. So? Who's in a hurry?
Can you do anything that other people can't? Sure... I can read my handwriting.



Entering into Partnership

In partnership and relationship, we harness the power of union.

The purpose of partnership is to create something greater than we can create alone. Not because of any deficiency or incompleteness in us, but because each of us is unique, with our own talents and abilities, and in partnership we increase the efforts and talents available for creating something meaningful together. All partnerships, whether romantic, creative, or professionally-based, can be powerful relationships for personal growth. In partnership we harness the power of union.

It is important to choose our partnerships consciously. Sometimes forged quickly during times of need, we may find ourselves rushing into unions with perhaps not the clearest intentions. Partnerships created from those starting point might serve our immediate needs, but the repercussions of a union so quickly fostered without much thought can be difficult to recover from. Granted, there is something to learn from every relationship, but looking to another to fix or complete us can turn a

partnership into a dependent bond. If we can stay clear about what we want and what we need in a partnership, while staying grounded and remembering that we are our own source of happiness and fulfillment, we can create partnerships that support and enhance the best of who we are.

Everyone in our lives is a mirror reflecting back the parts we love and dislike about ourselves. If we have the courage to recognize our reflections in each other, we can grow through our partnerships. A partnership that offers both acceptance of who we are and an opportunity for personal transformation can be fertile ground for growing a healthy, lasting union. When we find this kind of partnership, we are more likely to want to keep it, invest in it, and nurture it.

Life is a collaborative effort. Much of what we do can be enhanced through partnership. Together we are stronger; our personal power is multiplied by two. Through partnership we experience the joys of working, living, and loving.

Reprinted from DailyOM - Inspirational thoughts for a happy, healthy and fulfilling day. Register for free at www.dailyom.com

BUSINESS IN THE KEYS

Advertise Here
\$30 per month
(4 MONTH MINIMUM, PAID IN ADVANCE)
Drop off check and biz card to
The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside
in the Tradewinds Plaza.

Al's Carpet 99264 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
(305) 451-4460
www.alscarpet.com
Home Decorating Center
Same Upper Keys Location Since 1976
Window Treatments & Plantation Shutters
HunterDouglas
Waterproof Vinyl Plank- Custom Area Rugs
MANNINGTON Beautiful floors for the real world!
COREtec ORIGINAL
MOHAWK Flooring
And Many more Brands in Our Showroom

We're excited to welcome
Erica Makar to the team!
Shear Paradise
Hair Salon

REDKEN
99353 OVERSEAS HWY • CEDAR TOWERS • KEY LARGO • 305-451-7110

Key Largo Civic Club
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes & Coffee
ONLY \$8.00!
1st Saturday of Every Month
Sept. - May
★★ 8-10 A.M. ★★
For more info Greg 917-862-3979

BULLFROG KARAOKE & DJ

FOR A HOPPIN GOOD TIME
call 305-849-2804
bullfrogking@gmail.com

Tim Dressing

MUSIC FOR ALL OCCASIONS
305.522.3982
www.timdressing.com

Quality Web design at affordable rates.
Upper Keys Web Design
Web Design
Website Renovations
E-Commerce
Maintenance
Omar Perez
info@upperkeys.net
305.453.4281
www.upperkeys.net

Inspirational Coach
Dr. Karen G
305-413-0963 call or text
Key Largo, Florida. 33037
Transforming your life by design, with discretion!
\$100 per session/sliding scale

Upper Keys Sons & Daughters Of Italy

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
Key Largo Civic Club, 209 Ocean Bay Drive
Special Games
Free Pizza
Great Prizes
Great Italian Food available
Doors open 6PM, Bingo @7PM
Must be 18 years of age to play
For more info: Greg 917-862-3979

HELP WANTED
Pilot House 13 Seagate Blvd.
Applications always accepted.
Apply in person.
Open Wednesday - Sunday.

KEY LARGO MOOSE LODGE
HELP WANTED
Part-time Bartenders and
Part-time Motel Housekeeper
INQUIRE in PERSON
MM 98.8 in the Median

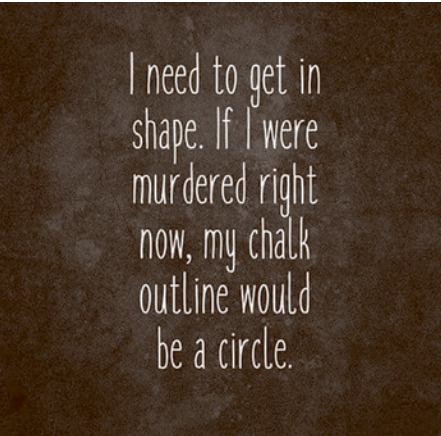
NUM THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR

LUNCH 11:30-3 (Mon.-Fri.)
DINNER 5-10 (Every Day)
\$1 Sushi all the time!
Special Dinner Menu starting at \$6.99 (5-7:30pm)
Lunch Specials from \$5.95
Private Room Available
Voted Best Asian Food 15 years in a row.
305-451-5955
numlargo@yahoo.com
103200 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, MM 103 Bayside

STAND OUT!
Color Business Card Ads!
\$50 per month
(4 MONTH MINIMUM, PAID IN ADVANCE)
Drop off check and biz card to
The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside
in the Tradewinds Plaza.

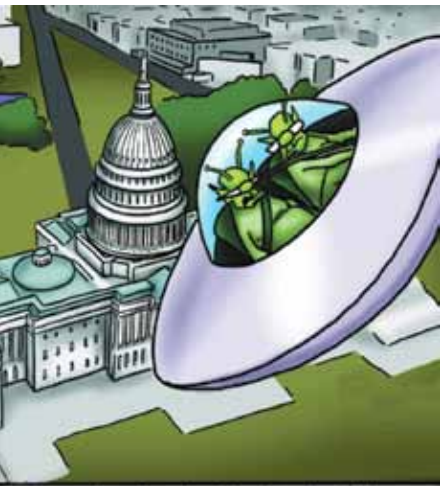
Help Wanted
Kitchen Assistant/Barback
Apply in person between 3 and 10 pm
at Elks Lodge MM 92.6 Tavernier.
See bartender for application.
\$15 per hour.

Coco'Nut' Funnies



Did you know that if you rest one of your testicles on the top of an empty beer bottle and hold a flame at the base, eventually the testicle will be sucked inside?

If you did know this, please can you let me know how to reverse it? It's urgent!



It's time to photoshop my life.

Touch up the edges, adjust the tones, blur out the background.

Focus on the good shit and crop out the assholes.



"My New Year's resolution is to lose thirty-eight thousand pounds."

Doctor: Hi, I'm Juan, and I'll be delivering your baby.

Me: OB Juan, you're our only hope.

My wife: Leave his name off the birth certificate.



Whenever I think about getting a lottery ticket, I think about my ex. And remember I don't know how to pick winners.

Great news, Mr. Bradley," the psychiatrist reported.

"After eighteen months of therapy, I can pronounce you finally and completely cured of your kleptomania. You'll never be trapped by the desire to steal again."

"Gee, that's great, Doc," the patient replied.

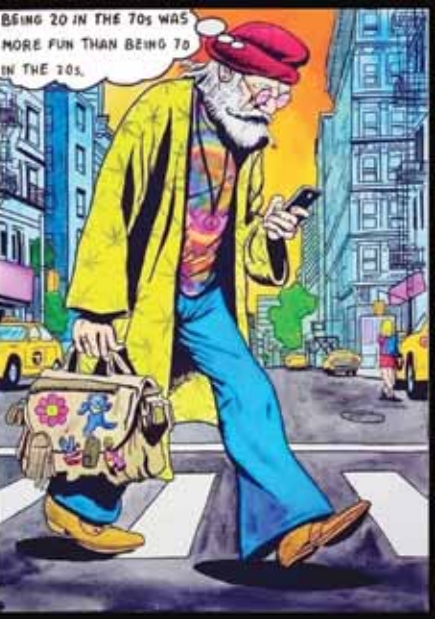
"And just to prove it, I want you to stop by the mall on the way home and walk the length of the stores. You'll see that you'll feel no temptation to shoplift whatsoever."

"Oh, Doctor, what can I do to thank you?"

"Well," suggested the psychiatrist, "if you DO have a relapse, I could use a new TV."



I asked my 6yo to hang up the phone & he said 'hang it where?'
I am ready for the old folks home.



The bartender storms in: "Hey! What's all the screaming about? You're scaring the customers!"

The drunk shouts: "I'm just sittin' here on the toilet, and every time I flush... something grabs me and squeezes the life outta my testicles!"

The bartender opens the stall door, takes one look, and says... "You idiot! You're sittin' on the mop bucket!"



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
My resolutions are:
1) Stop writing lists.
B) Be more consistent.
7) Learn to count.

I am so old, my imaginary friends are in assisted living.



WHAT A TIME TO BE ALIVE. IT'S LIKE THE COLLAPSE OF ROME, BUT WITH WIFI.



I DON'T GET NEARLY ENOUGH CREDIT FOR THE THINGS I MANAGE NOT TO SAY



Kinda crazy that artificial intelligence needs the entire output of a nuclear reactor but actual intelligence can run on Twix bars and cocaine.

"Booty" and "butt" mean the same. "Call" and "dial" mean the same.

But a "booty call" and a "butt dial"?

Yeah... not the same thing at all.



An middle aged lady was having her portrait painted.

She told the artist to paint her with a diamond necklace, diamond earrings, emerald bracelets, a ruby brooch, and a gold Rolex watch.

The confused artist said: "But you aren't wearing any of those things."

The lady replied: "I know. But if I die before my husband, I'm sure he'll remarry... and I want his new wife to go crazy searching for the jewelry."

Moral: Wives can be dangerous even after death.



Death flashed before my eyes



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

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

Breakfast On The Bay

Fresh Seafood

Local Specialties

We'll Cook Your Catch

Fishing Guides Available

Amazing Sunsets

Pet Friendly

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

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.

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.

Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.

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.



Archie



Stella



Spencer



Luna



Vinnie



Phoebe



Mia



Ginger



Domino



Dora

Conch Characters / Around Town



62nd Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

(L) Kalex took 1st place in the non-pro division.
(R) Killbox took 1st Place in the Pro division.
Above: Lfish took 2nd Place in the Pro division.
Photos by Filmjavier.



Tim Dressing (R) & Jorge Trevino (L), oftentimes seen and heard playing music at KL Moose.



Florida Keys Elks donated \$1,500 from a Gratitude Grant to Burton Memorial Food Pantry.



Greg cooking dinner at the Civic Club.

Cheeca Lodge and Spa All American Backcountry Tournament Winners



Grand Champions Team Brian McCullis, Capt. Eric Herstedt, and Paul McCullis.



Grand Champions Jack Given and Jason Rubenstein.



Runner up team US Army Capt. Kevin Decker, Capt. Mike Makowski, US Army Specialist Chad Gollither (Ref.)

LOR·E·LEI

Islamorada
Restaurant & Cabana Bar
MM82 at the Mermaid



**Nightly
SUNSET
CELEBRATION!**

**Voted the best sunset
location year after year!**

LoreleiCabanaBar.com 305-664-2692



Happy Hour 7 days • 4-6pm

- \$4 Well Drinks
- \$1 off Bottle Beers
- \$1 off House Wines
- \$3 Domestic Drafts
- \$4 Craft Drafts

Plus a great selection of low-priced munchies!

Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner • 7am-10pm
Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.
Enjoy lunch or dinner on the beach.



The Rockin' Magic of MICHAEL TRIXX
Most MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS • FRIDAYS at Sunset

This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$4 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am	LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!		1 Mark Edward Hill 12-3	2 Rob Garza 12-3	3 John Ciulla 12-3	
			Webb & Davidson 5-9	Jade Storm 5-9	Uncle Rico 5-9	
4 Micah 12-3	5 Carousers 5-9	6 Micah 5-9	7 Webb & Davidson 5-9	8 Webb & Davidson 5-9	9 Shindig 5-9	10 Abstract Radio 5-9
Webb & Davidson 5-9	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
11 Webb & Davidson 5-9	12 Carousers 5-9	13 Leah Sutter 5-9	14 Webb & Davidson 5-9	15 Webb & Davidson 5-9	16 Uncle Rico 5-9	17 Brothers of Others 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
18 Webb & Davidson 5-9	19 Carousers 5-9	20 Steve Venini 5-9	21 Webb & Davidson 5-9	22 Webb & Davidson 5-9	23 Beach Bandits 5-9	24 Abstract Radio 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
25 Webb & Davidson 5-9	26 Carousers 5-9	27 Micah 5-9	28 Webb & Davidson 5-9	29 Webb & Bellamy 5-9	30 Shindig 5-9	31 Brothers of Others 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	

