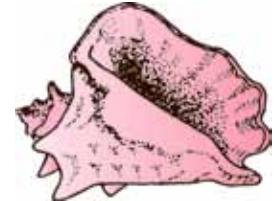


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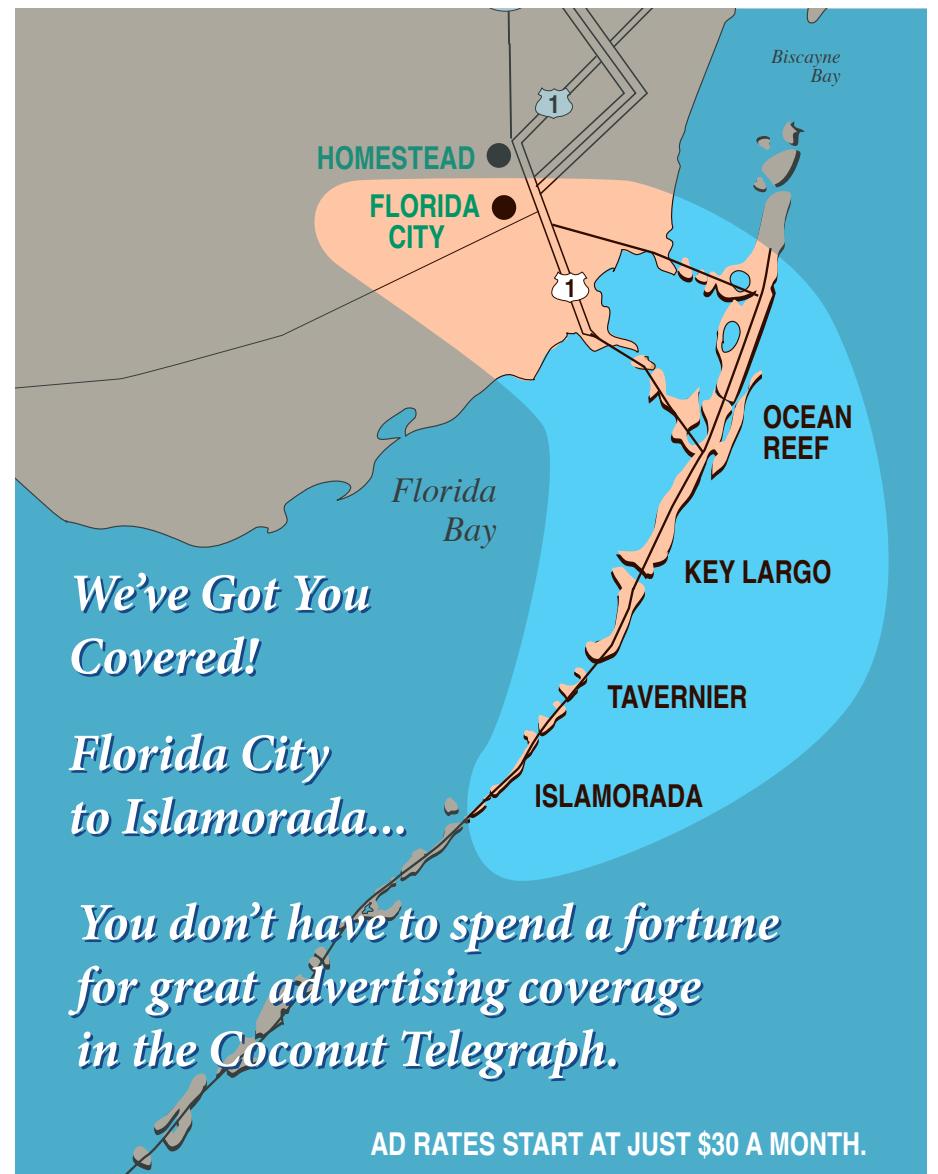
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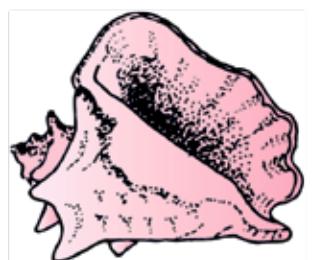


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Harsh Realities — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

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

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

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

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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.

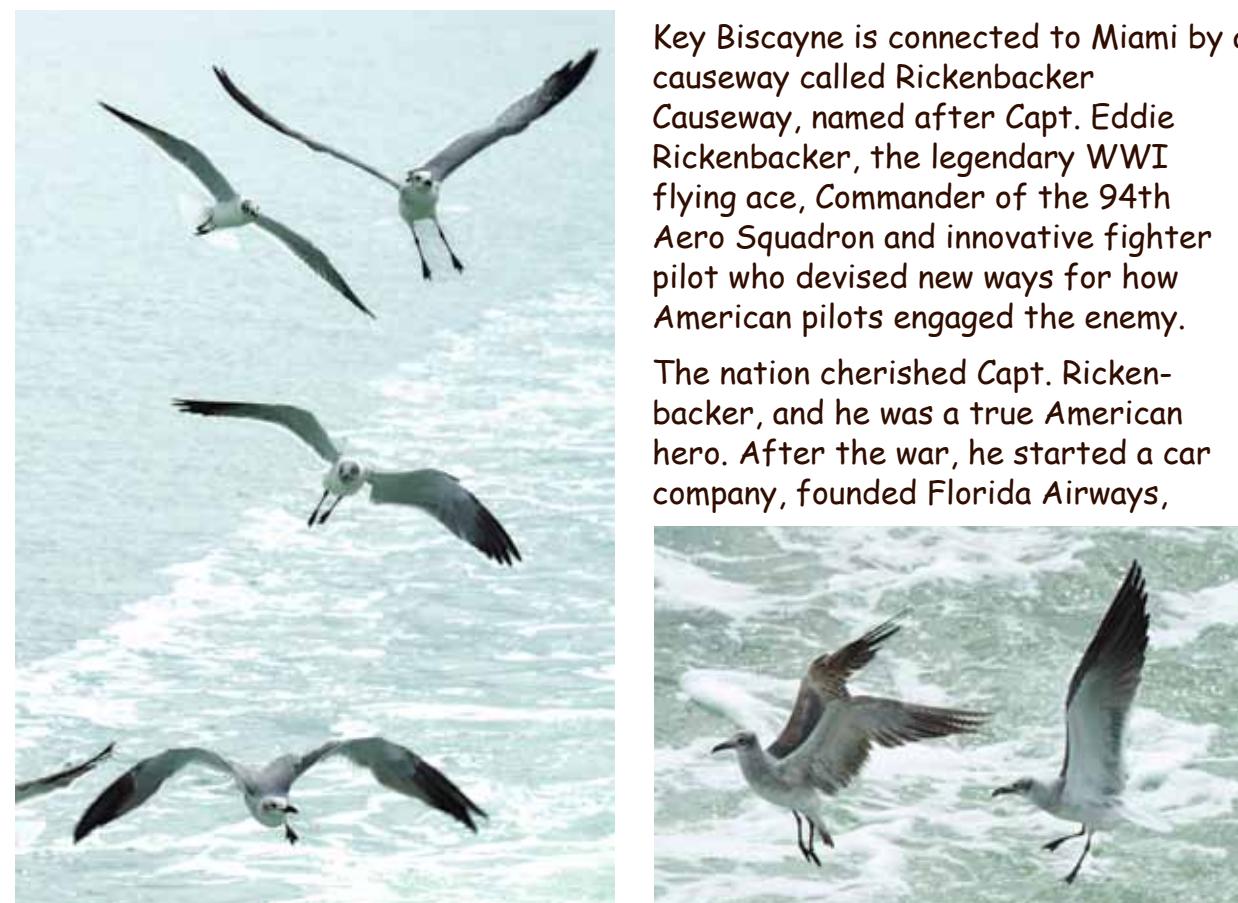


Grateful for Gulls

by Carol Ellis

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



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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.

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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.

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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 Makar 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 hairstyles, 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."



Shear Paradise owners, Lisa Wetzel and Buff Midling have been business partners in one way or another for 37 years and know how to make a business work in the Keys.

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.



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



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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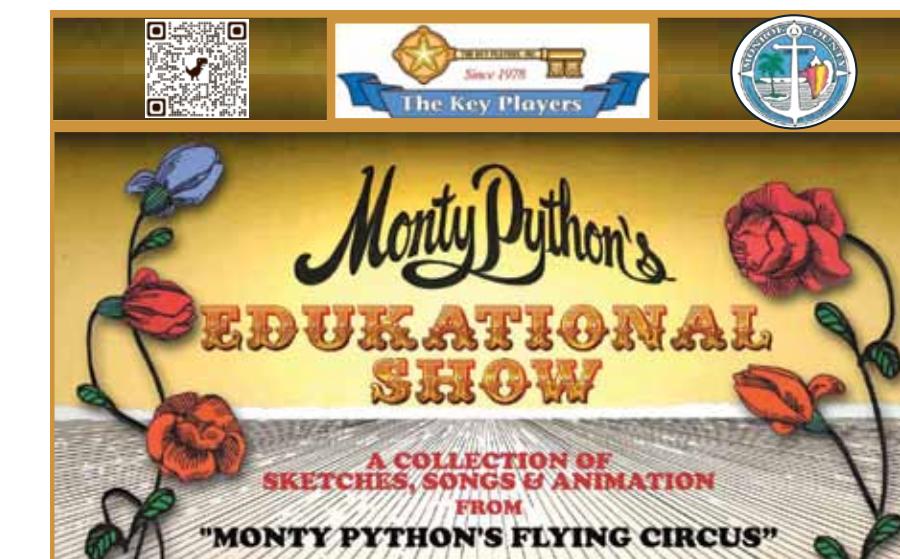
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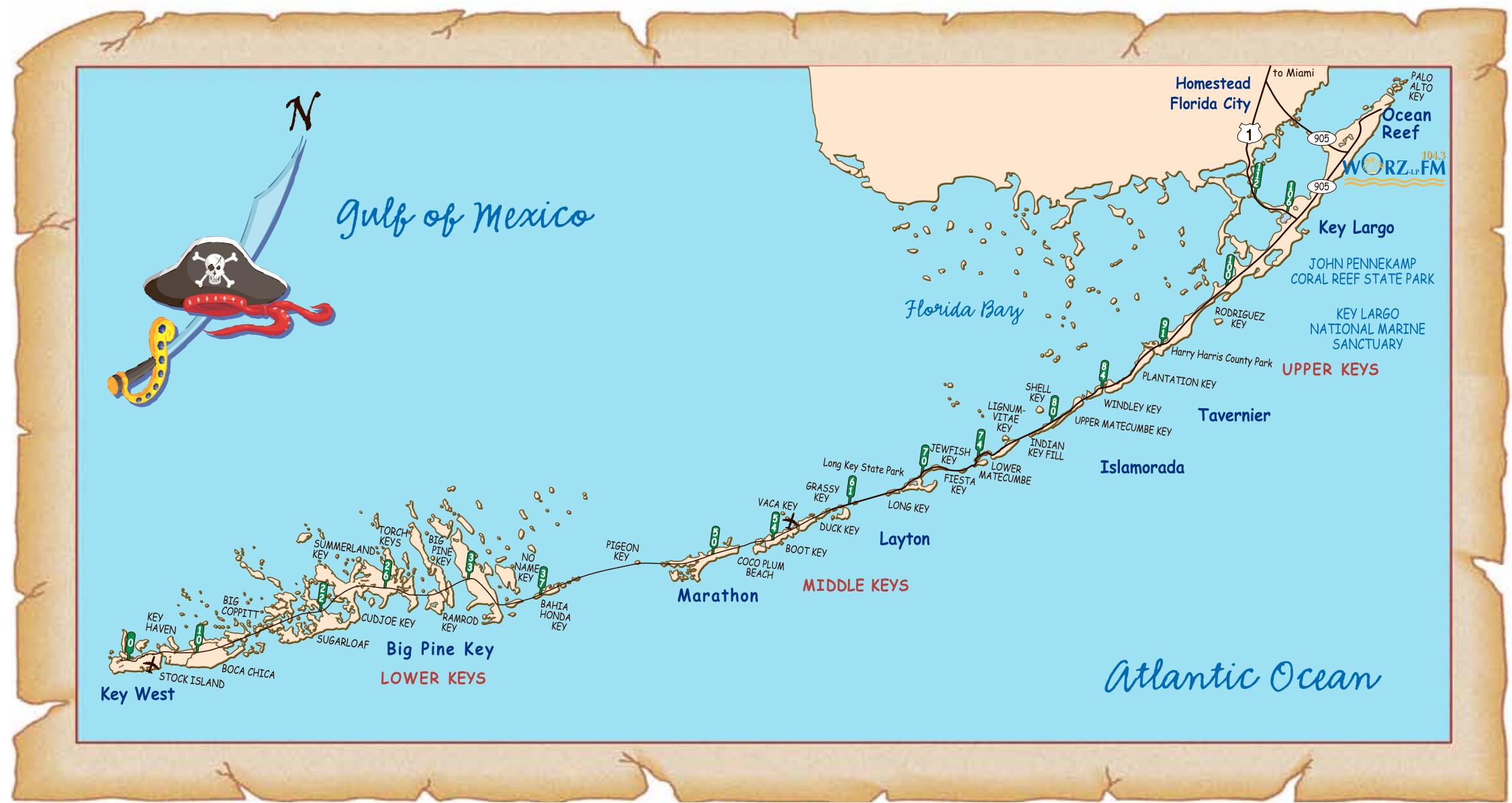
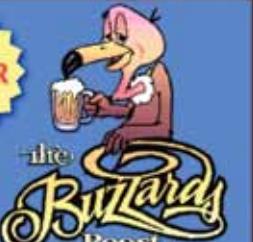
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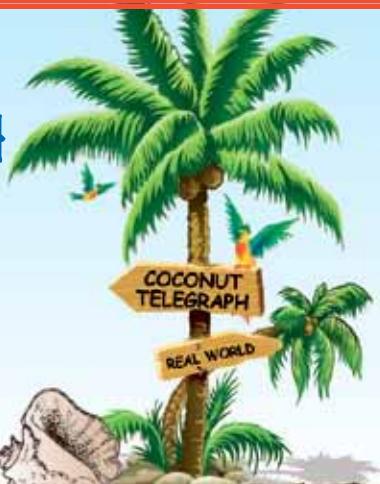
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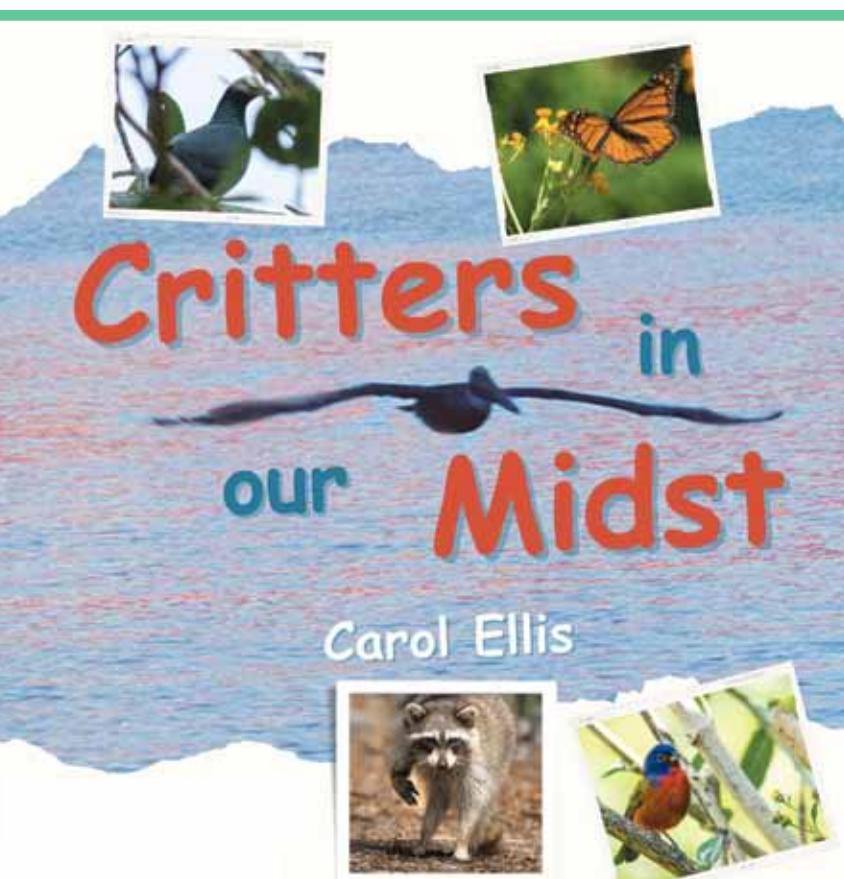
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January Events & Programs at Key Largo Branch Library

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.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

January 2, 6-7pm
Concert - Bing Futch
With Appalachian dulcimer, Native American flute, ukulele, 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 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 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 17, 9:30-10:30am
In House Book Club
Recursion by Blake Crouch
See Jan. 15 for description.

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

January 20, 3:30pm
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January 23, 2-5pm
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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)
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January 30, 4-5:30pm
Gaming Groupies
See Jan. 9 for description.

HOURS:
9-6 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat
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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.



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Sit + Sew
Fri. 9:30am - 1pm.
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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 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.

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.

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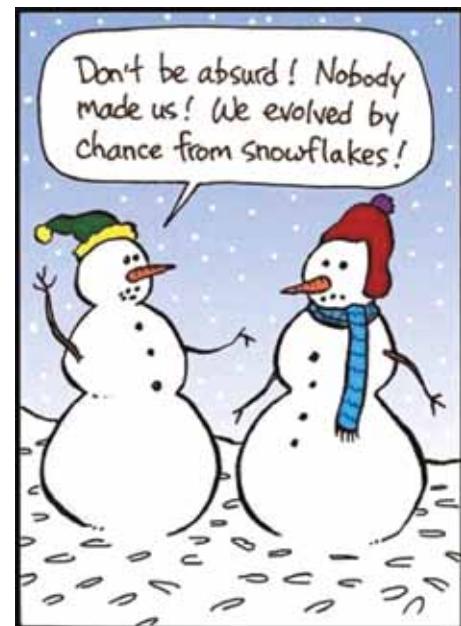


Did you know that if you rest one of your testicles on the top of an empty beer bottle and hold a flame at the base, eventually the testicle will be sucked inside?

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



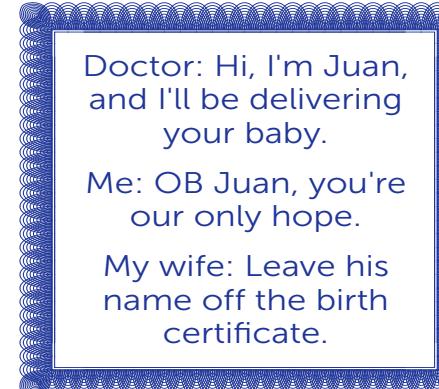
I need to get in shape. If I were murdered right now, my chalk outline would be a circle.



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."



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.

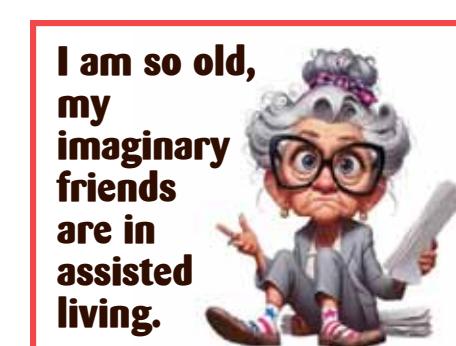
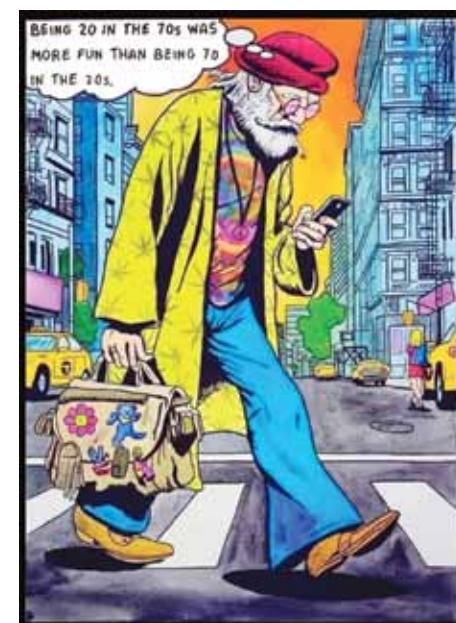
"After eighteen months of therapy, I can pronounce you finally and completely cured of your kleptomania. You'll never be trapped by the desire to steal again."

"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."

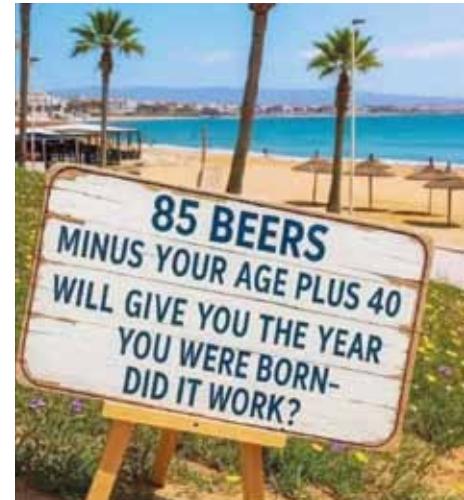
"Oh, Doctor, what can I do to thank you?"

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



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.



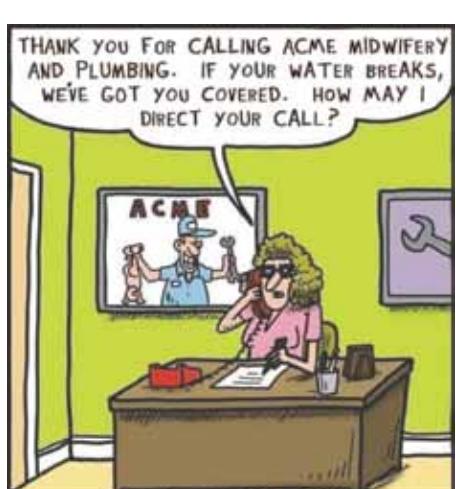
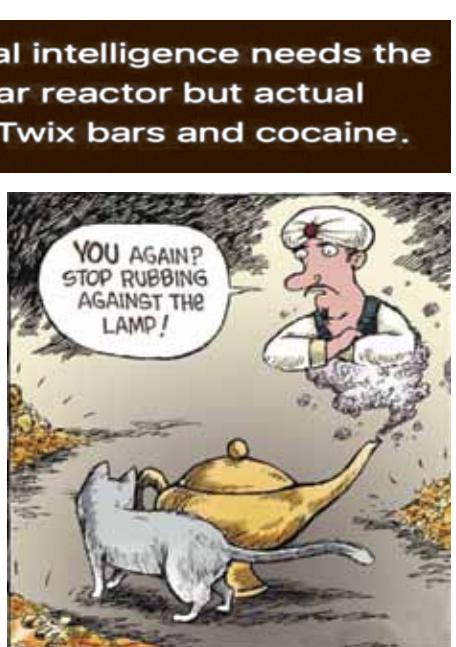
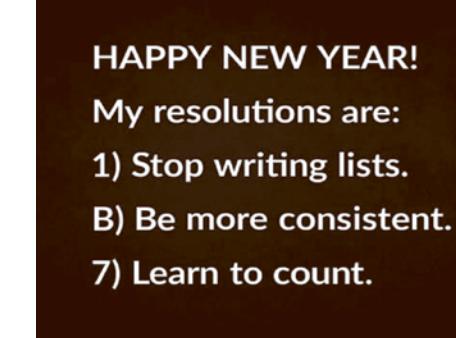
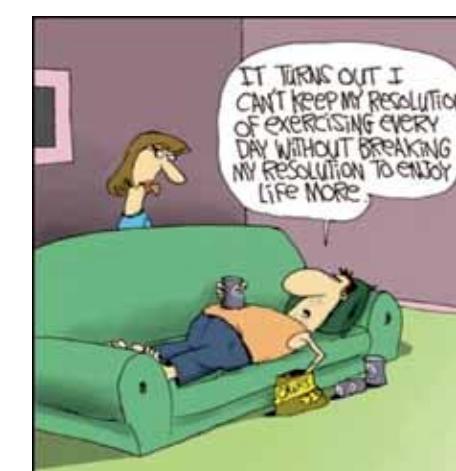
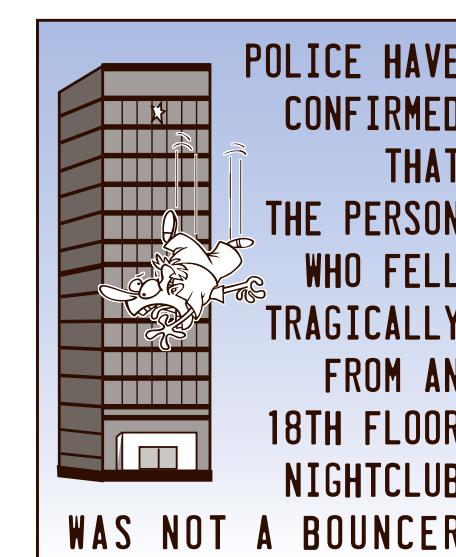
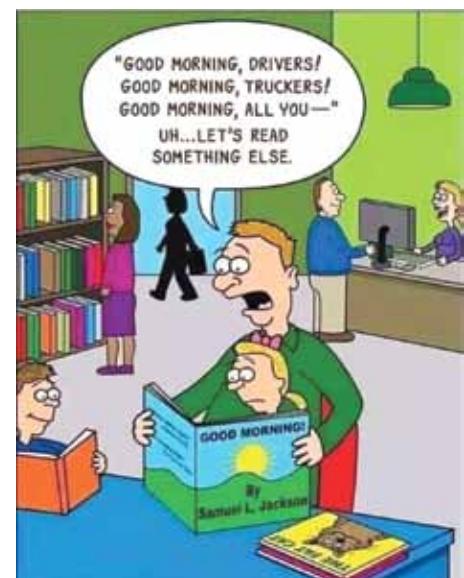
An middle aged lady was having her portrait painted.

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."

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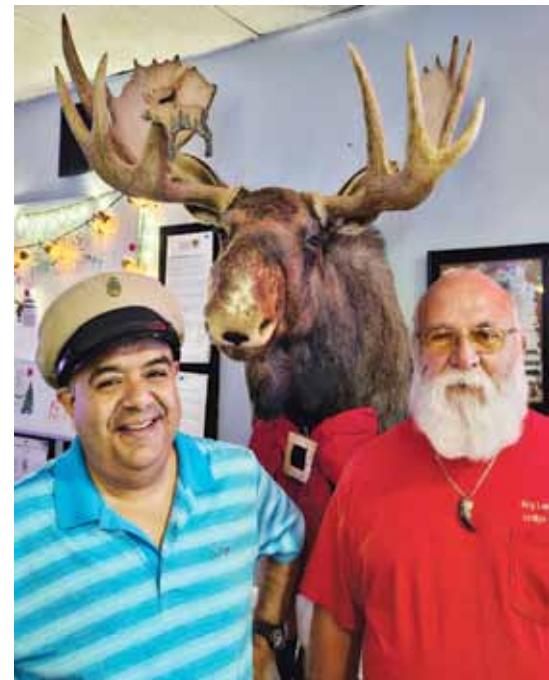
62nd Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

(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.

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

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a calm body of water. The sky is filled with warm, orange, and yellow hues, transitioning into darker blues and purples at the top. A silhouetted line of trees or a distant shoreline is visible across the water. Superimposed on the right side of the image is a detailed illustration of a mermaid with long, wavy blonde hair and a green, textured tail. She is sitting on a rock or ledge, looking towards the left. To the left of the mermaid, the text for the restaurant is displayed. The overall composition is a promotional banner for a restaurant.

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Plus a great selection of low-priced munchies!

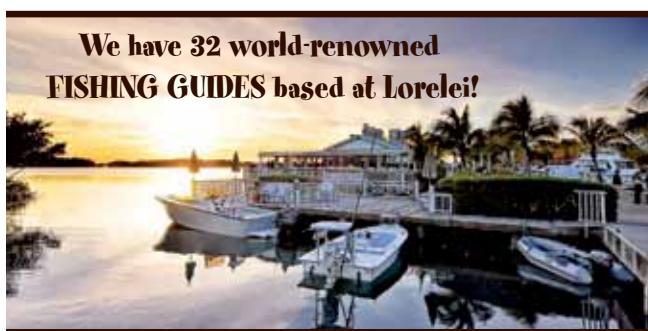
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Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.
Enjoy lunch or dinner on the beach.



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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	
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	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	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
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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
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