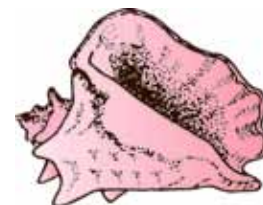


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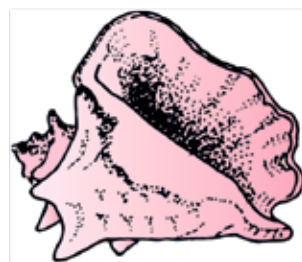
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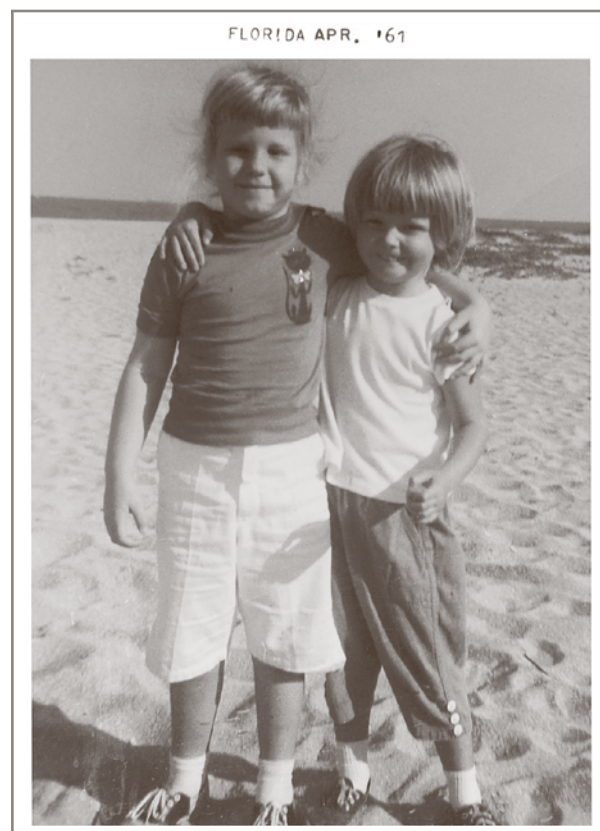
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Sargassum by Carol Ellis

Wading birds flock to the seaweed, which is full of life.

My childhood memories are full of sunny summer days at Ft. Lauderdale beach. I can still see the mounds of seaweed that had to be stepped over to get to the ocean, and feel the tickle of floating seaweed rubbing against my skin as I swam in the surf. It was fun to shake out the clusters of seaweed and see the small crabs and shrimp fall from its cover. There were other things contained in the seaweed such as black tar and the stinging Portuguese man o' war that had to be watched out for.



Carol on beach with Sargassum in background 1961; BFF Jennifer is on the right.

At the end of May this year, while seated at the ocean's edge, those memories came rushing back to me, with a nostalgic filter of course. As a fresh batch of seaweed floated by, I admired how its light brown color was set off by the aqua of the sea and was amused by the exposed coral rocks that seemingly wore seaweed toupees, from fresh weed deposited by the high tide.

Reality check! A Miami news station had a feature about the FIFA world cup visitors who were turned off by our smelly beaches and weed-filled waters. Not what they expected, especially after coming from across country or from Europe. The scourge of summer, from the viewpoint of South Florida resort managers, who have to field complaints about the stinky mess from June until September.

Floating mats of fresh seaweed eventually end up onshore and become a hazard that attracts flying insects and carries contaminants and bacteria. Parents worry when their child has to wade through the junk in order to

paddle board, kayak or launch a Hobie Cat. People with respiratory problems are at risk from the release of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia.

Seaweed, also known as Sargassum, is a brown microalgae that never touches the sea floor, but instead drifts on the surface of the ocean. Its name Sargassum originates from the Portuguese word sargaço, a type of grape or also a wild vine that grows in willow thickets. The tiny balls that keep the weed afloat look like grapes. Christopher Columbus encountered a thick mat of weed while sailing in the Atlantic near the Bermuda Triangle, and with light winds prevailing, he feared getting stuck in it. Columbus had encountered the Sargasso Sea, an area that cannot be found on any map, but is defined by the convergence of four major Atlantic currents: the Gulf Stream, the North Atlantic Current, the Canary Current and the North Atlantic Equatorial Current.



Seaweed, also known as Sargassum. Its tiny balls keep the weed afloat.

The Florida Keys are one stop along the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt which spans 5,000 miles from coastal West Africa to South America. Winds and currents act like a conveyor belt that distributes the seaweed into the Atlantic and Caribbean Sea, and a loop current carries the seaweed around the coast of Florida into the Gulf of America.

NOAA designates sargassum as essential fish habitat, for species including gray triggerfish, amberjacks

Sargassum... CONTINUED - Photos by Carol Ellis



Sargassum so thick the black birds could walk on top of it.

and mahi mahi. In the open ocean, seaweed provides food or shelter for fish, crustaceans, turtles and seabirds. When the weed hits the coastal flats, the wading birds flock to its floating mass, which is fresh and full of life. I netted a bucket of fresh weed and shook it until the critters contained within it fell out. There were shrimp and crabs galore. I marveled as the crabs would approach the shrimp and start pinching. The shrimp were translucent mini-me versions of jumbo shrimp.

Harvesting of sargassum is prohibited in U.S. federal waters (between 3 miles to 200 miles from shore.) Sargassum is not protected in Florida; as long as it has washed ashore naturally you can pick it up with your hands or with hand tools. In State waters, up to 100 pounds of sargassum can be removed from canals or nearshore waters with a recreational fishing license. A commercial saltwater products license



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is needed to remove more than 100 pounds, according to the FWC.

Once near shore the weed makes its way into man-made canals and marinas and gets stuck. Keys boaters curse the seaweed as it fouls their props and canals get clogged with the weed. The trapped weed sinks, making the canal brown, due to the decaying weed, which depletes the oxygen in the water, resulting in fish kills.

In Ft. Lauderdale small barges would run up and



A Great White Heron waiting for low tide when the cove will be shallow enough to wade in. There will be plenty of crabs, shrimp, and small fish to be had in the Sargassum accumulated below.

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



down the canals scooping up the seaweed with a fork. Removal is a futile process, since the seaweed floats in every day. Bubblers at the entrance to a canal may help keep it out.

Seaweed has the potential for use as fertilizer; it contains nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) the same ingredients found in fertilizer, plus micro-nutrients. Since there is arsenic in seaweed, it might be best utilized on ornamental plants and palms, not food crops.



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Good Health Clinic Welcomes Dr. Tom Morrison to Lead Next Era of Accessible Healthcare in the Keys

Good Health Clinic (GHC) is proud to announce that Dr. Thomas "Dr. Tom" Morrison will join the organization as Medical Director. A longtime supporter of the clinic and a deeply engaged member of the Florida Keys community, Dr. Morrison brings decades of clinical experience and a shared commitment to ensuring access to care for uninsured and financially vulnerable residents throughout the Keys.



Dr. Tom Morrison

Dr. Morrison has been connected to GHC for many years, supporting its mission through patient referrals, philanthropy, and community engagement. He is a past participant in the clinic's signature Kahuna Challenge fundraiser (crowned Big Kahuna in 2019). His longstanding involvement reflects a deep alignment with the clinic's belief that healthcare should be accessible, compassionate, and rooted in community.

In addition to his role at GHC, Dr. Tom operates his private practice, Doc on the Rock, where he focuses on patient-centered, affordable care. He was recognized as the **Best Upper Keys Doctor** in Keys Weekly's 2025 Best of the Upper Keys, further underscoring the trust and respect he has earned throughout the region. His clinical background spans general surgery, emergency medicine, and primary care-experience, positioning him well to lead in a setting that serves patients with complex and often unmet needs.

"I'm honored to join the Good Health Clinic team and contribute to the important

work being done by this organization," said Dr. Morrison. "Accessible healthcare remains out of reach for too many hardworking individuals and families in our community. I look forward to working alongside the clinic's dedicated staff, volunteer providers, community partners, and supporters to make sure care is there when people need it most."

Dr. Morrison succeeds Dr. Steven Lawyer, who has served as Medical Director since 2019. During his tenure, Dr. Lawyer played an instrumental role in strengthening the clinic's medical services and expanding the scope of care available to patients. His clinical expertise and thoughtful, comprehensive approach to patient care have left a lasting impact on the organization and the community it serves.

"At a time when more local residents are struggling to afford basic living expenses—including healthcare—Good Health Clinic is seeing growing need, even as public funding for essential services has

About Good Health Clinic

Good Health Clinic provides comprehensive, no-cost health-care services to uninsured, low-income adult and child residents of the Florida Keys. Each year, the organization serves between 700 and 1,000 patients through clinics in Tavernier and Marathon and a network of more than 100 volunteer medical providers, facilities, and community partners. For more than 20 years, the clinic has ensured access to primary care, medications, diagnostics, specialty services, and critical medical procedures—helping patients return to health, stability, and daily life.

Good Health Clinic offices are located at 91555 Overseas Hwy., Suite 2, Tavernier, and 5600 Overseas Hwy., Marathon. The Tavernier office is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm, and the Marathon office is open Tuesdays, 9 am to 4:30 pm.

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Alliance unites Megawattage's large-scale commercial fleet — with units from 20 kW to 2 megawatts — and Islamorada Power's service network in the Keys, broadening reliable power coverage across the region as Megawattage builds a regional platform.



Megawattage LLC, a leading commercial generator maintenance, repair, and rental company in South Florida, today announced a strategic partnership with Islamorada Power, a leading commercial and residential generator service provider in the Florida Keys. The alliance brings together complementary power services capabilities for projects of every size — from standby units to industrial-scale systems of up to 2 megawatts — across Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Collier and Monroe counties.

"This partnership is about giving customers across South Florida and the Keys one reliable source for backup power — no matter the size of the job," said David Welch of Megawattage. "Islamorada Power has built an outstanding reputation in the Keys, and combining their strength with our large-scale commercial capabilities lets both companies excel at their core competencies. We see this as the foundation of a regional platform, and the first of several strategic moves as we continue to expand our footprint and capabilities."

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A cornerstone of the partnership is Megawattage's large-capacity commercial fleet. The company provides and services generators ranging from 20 kW to 2 megawatts (2,000 kW), supporting some of the most demanding power requirements in the market — including hospitals and health-care facilities, data centers, cold storage, luxury condominiums, manufacturing, water treatment, and government operations. As a licensed electrical contractor delivering turnkey solutions, Megawattage manages every stage of a project: sizing, delivery, installation, fueling, maintenance, load bank testing, and 24/7 emergency deployment.

With hurricane season underway, the expanded alliance strengthens both companies' ability to keep critical facilities and homes powered when it matters most, backed by Megawattage's hurricane-season reservation program and round-the-clock support, 365 days a year.

A Platform for Regional Growth

The partnership reflects Megawattage's broader strategy of building a super-regional power-services platform through partnerships with best-in-class local operators. The company intends to continue growing its capabilities and geographic reach inorganically through acquisitions and welcomes conversations with established generator and power-services businesses across Florida that share its commitment to reliability and customer service.

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Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Megawattage LLC is a leading commercial generator rental, maintenance and repair company in South Florida, specializing in diesel and industrial generator rental and emergency power solutions. A licensed electrical contractor, Megawattage offers rental generators from 20 kW to 2 megawatts, preventative maintenance, emergency repair, new installs, load bank testing, fuel delivery and polishing, and 24/7 disaster-relief deployment for businesses across Miami, Fort Lauderdale and the greater South Florida region — spanning Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Collier and Monroe counties. Its blue-chip client base includes major universities, hospitals, telecom infrastructure, luxury condominiums, government entities and local municipalities, cold storage facilities, and mission-critical industrial operations across the continental U.S. and beyond.

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Artist of the Month: Picture Perfect, Keys-Style: Annette Nina

by Karen Beal

Annette Nina was raised in Miami and relocated to the Florida Keys in the early '90s. Her artistic journey began when she received a pocket camera at eleven years old. Bet you remember those: point, shoot, wind... then wait a week to get the photos. She experimented with the creative process for years, then enrolled in college level art and photography classes at Miami Dade Community College and F.I.U.

A member of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI), Nina knew her own art expression would be capturing life on film. She enters many of the seasonal shows, often winning ribbons and accolades. Community exhibits feature her work, and her photo entry was chosen to represent the Keys in a state-wide calendar competition. Her unique perspective and humor are often illustrated in her work.

Nina was a film photographer for many years, but losing access to a darkroom for developing and printing pushed her towards digital photogra-



Ibis Itch captures a white ibis standing on dark asphalt, calmly preening its feathers. The contrast between the bird's soft white plumage and pink legs against the rough, textured surface highlights a quiet moment of natural grace. (Photo credit: Mary Bonde)



"Stock Island Rain" "A heavy morning rain passed quickly. From inside our boat docked at the marina, I was able to take advantage of the light on the raindrops on our windshield."



One of the images in her "Modern History of the Florida Keys" series. Anthony's was the first in the series that she captured at a time that the property was under heated debate for a proposed gas station. The working title for this image is "98200".



"Simply Lignumvitae" A macro image of a Lignumvitae.



"Orchids and Iron" A studio set-up using lights to illuminate the cluster of orchids against a vintage black iron.

phy. "While I enjoyed the anticipation of developing a roll of film and then seeing the fruits of my labor," she states, "digital offers immediacy. I am just glad that I was of a time to experience both forms of capture."

In addition to street photography, Nina includes numerous genres, including botanical, portraits, abstraction, and recently, wildlife. "I feel comfortable not being pigeonholed into one genre and instead like to think that I am always

looking for that slice of everyday life that makes for a great image."

"I have been living full-time in the Florida Keys for 30 years. Back then I would jokingly comment, "Now that we are living in paradise, where do we go when we retire? ... the answer has always been "Oh, yeah...we are already here."

Nina's work can be viewed in the Tassel Building in Tavernier and at Our Place in Paradise. For more information: anni18032@aol.com.



"He's not with Me" Photographed during a morning outing at Robbie's; "A little bit of comedy in my art is always welcome." This image is in the 'Beautiful Islamorada' exhibit on display in the community room at Founder's Park through November.



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The Good Health Clinic — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

The Good Health Clinic has been my primary health advocate for a number of years now. I am one of the pathetically uninsured that exist in the upper Keys. They help fill the cracks of an imperfect system.

They have come to my rescue when I was unable to work. They connected me with MCVI (Miami Cardiovascular Institute) who performed two ablation procedures on me. And it's much more than just the procedures. It's all the echocardiograms, blood work ups, MRIs and what not as well, pre-and post operation.

They also helped set me up with the super expensive blood thinners; they were able to figure out the paperwork to get the medicine through the drug company's "broke mothertruckers outreach program." There's a nicer name for it than that but I can't come up with it right now...

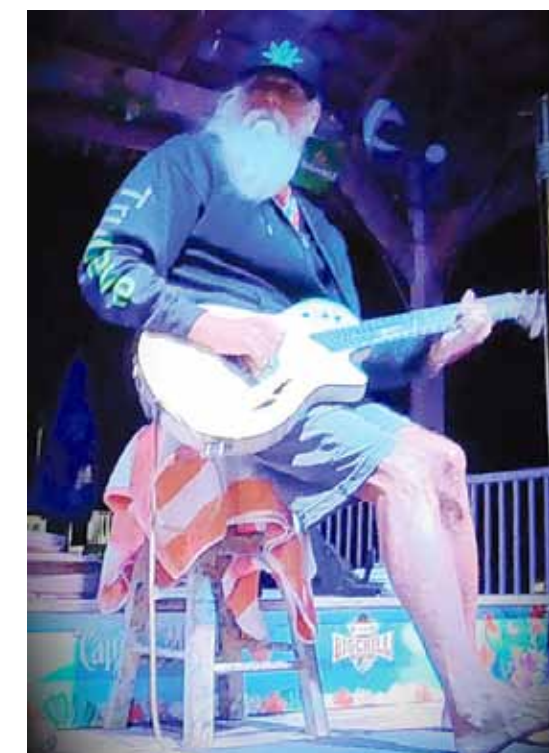
Luckily for me, the community stepped up and helped me through that downtime because I was unable to work. And in this world, all we have are each other. I was a recipient a few years back of some of the monies raised at the Witches Ride event held up here in Key Largo.

Over all the years of humping gear, load ins and load outs, motorcycle and car crashes; my back just ain't what it used to be. For me, it's almost as bad as having a music stand (iPad) on stage to sit down and play (unless you're performing classical music which is a completely different beast than what I do).

At any rate, that's exactly the predicament I

found myself in. It hurt too bad to stand and I had gone through all the other options. There is no masking that kind of pain with opioids, at least not without copious amounts of cocaine and alcohol. I don't condone it but I understand it. Anything to keep the machine working until you die early.

The Good Health Clinic took care of my back. They hooked me up with the same people that treat the Miami Heat. Unfortunately for me, they discovered arthritis as the major source of anguish. They did a shot in my spine which has helped for about two years now although I'm probably due for another one.



Then, at my age, it was time to see a plumbing specialist, a.k.a. Urologist, just for a checkup. I went to this doctor up in Miami, and he was more interested in solving my erectile dysfunction, issues and stuff. I was like, "OK, I'm getting stiff in all the wrong places these days anyhow."

He described to me his idea of solving the problem

which was to put an inflatable sack in my penis; it's not really inflatable, that's kind of a misnomer- it's a pump up pecker, but you're pumping fluid, not air. So it's not like a balloon. But it is these two bags that they install by cutting open the shaft, measure this material out, and then fit it in there, then they stitch it back together.

They install this little pump thing in your nut sack like a third testicle (ET- the extra testicle), and that's what you squeeze on to fill up the sacks whenever you want a boner... about six months recovery time after this procedure is done.

When they were evaluating my manhood, they being the doctor and his nurse, said words nobody else has ever said about my junk ever before. I've heard that it's cute, that it's nice, but never big, large or grande. That was my first clue.

After he determined I would be a perfect candidate, she insisted on giving me a penis pump because if you don't use it, you lose it and the penis shrinks with age and lack of use. Before you have boner surgery,

you want it to be as stretched out as it can be. So, evidently pumping it up with a vacuum thing is good for maintaining size and circulation.

They were doing such a hard sell on me that I had to bring my wife with me to the second consultation. She told them that under no circumstances was she interested in me chasing her around the

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house with a pump-up pecker nor was she going to turn me loose on an unsuspecting public... besides that, I don't have the money to chase the young hotties around.

Maybe it wasn't exactly six months, but it might as well have been six years, because once they said, cut your penis open, I was like, "um, no, that's all right, man."

I couldn't have stood it, I would have to be off work completely for at least six weeks, and couldn't have the dog sitting on my lap and stuff. Oh, my God, the baby grrr would not take that well at all.

But the point is, is if I would have chosen that option, the Good Health Clinic would have done that because sexual activity is critical to one's mental health. Well, at least it is to most people, anyway, I think. Or maybe it's just me.

Please support the Good Health Clinic because they really do fill a critical role in the community's health. For over 20 years the Good Health Clinic has served as a healthcare home for financially struggling, uninsured residents of the Florida Keys.

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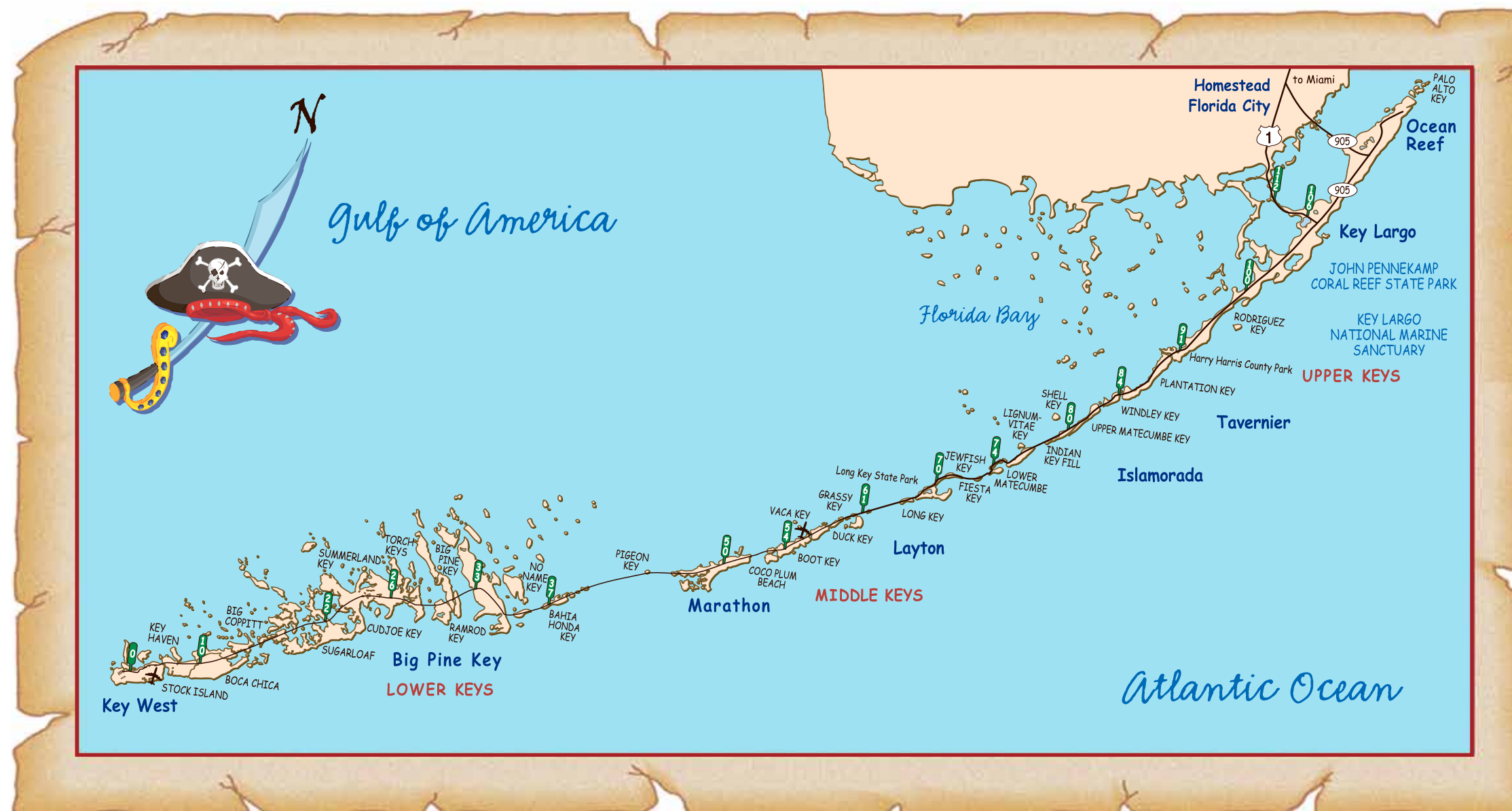
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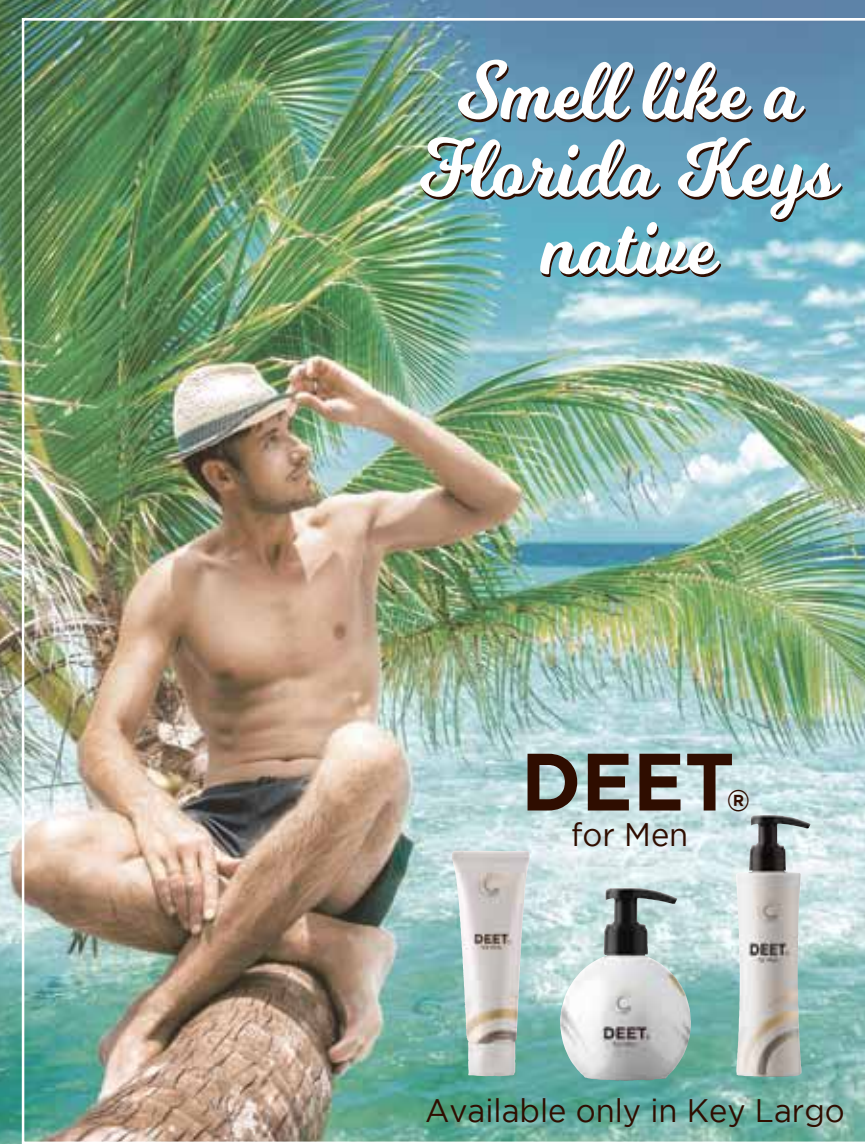
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Prescribed Pressure Opens At History Of Diving Museum

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With a gala ribbon cutting ceremony, the History of Diving Museum (HDM) in Islamorada recently opened a new exhibit aptly named Prescribed Pressure. The subtitle is Explore the Incredible World of Undersea Medicine. The theme underscores importance of diving safety through the years of Divers Alert Network (DAN). The presentation traces undersea medicine from its origins as a fast phone advisory system to a network of hyperbaric physicians and dedicated recompression chambers that serve diver emergency needs worldwide.

"You don't want to call us," Dr. Matias Nochetto joked as he began his DAN presentation. "When need arises, then we are available every day and every hour of any day to help, to offer advice in the event of a diving or travel emergency," he added.

The program was part of an exhibit that called attention to the history and progress of diving medicine that had its origins in military applications adapted and directed to recreational diving. Dr. Sally Bauer MD, founder of HDM along with her late husband Dr. Joe Bauer MD, was present to enjoy the fellowship at a reception to launch the exhibit.

Hal Burton of Key Largo spent three days creating a beer tap using a reproduction Mark V hard hat diving helmet. The tap offered two types of beer, Partial Pressure Pale and Dr. Bauer's Brew. Bob Murray, an HDM board member, was on hand to serve up fine wines. HDM Program Director Julia

Sokolow and HDM staff set out a delicious array of food.

With it all was emphasis on the importance of diving medicine, its evolution and development to ensure readily available and immediate help in an emergency. DAN has operators on duty in the US during usual business hours with satellite offices in New Zealand and South Africa to handle calls that come in when the Durham, NC office is closed.

The program was attended by world-acclaimed underwater photographer Stephen Frink, publisher of DAN's Alert Diver Magazine and DAN President and CEO Cliff Richardson. Dr. Nochetto serves as DAN's Executive Vice President and Director of Global Medical Affairs. The launch with historic and contemporary exhibits, including a portable one-place recompression chamber, underscores the importance of diver safety and treatment methods.

Dr. Nochetto indicated that there are only two recompression chambers in the world that are independent and serve diver needs exclusively. Most chambers worldwide are associated with hospitals and treat burn victims, persons with carbon monoxide poisoning, gangrene, wounds that won't heal, skin grafts, radiation injuries and other applications.

Hyperbaric (Hyper from the Greek word higher and Baros the word for weight or pressure) describes the treatment of accident or injury with 100% oxygen under pressure. The pressure causes oxygen to dissolve into blood and body fluid. The pressured oxygen gets to otherwise-oxygen-deprived



Exhibit ribbon cutting Dr. Bauer, Stephen Frink, DAN President Cliff Richardson, Dr. Nochetto & Julis Sokolow, HDM Program Director

tissues to promote healing. In the case of diver decompression accidents where nitrogen gas in the breathing mixture has not been adequately released and the diver suffers the 'bends,' or decompression sickness, this hyper-oxygenation under pressure not only shrinks the nitrogen bubbles. 100% oxygen serves to saturate tissues and affected areas of the body that have been deprived of oxygen. Nitrogen comprises about 78% and oxygen 21% of the air we breathe. Oxygen is used up by the body, nitrogen remains and when saturated in blood and tissues under pressure diving, it must be released safely. If it is not, it bubbles out of solution when pressure is removed as the diver surfaces. Think of a soda bubbling when the cap is removed; in soda the gas is carbon dioxide. For the diver the gas is nitrogen that causes issues.

"Florida has the most recompression chambers world wide," Dr. Nochetto said, answering a diver's question after the presentation. Certainly with Florida

and the Keys as epicenter of diving, statistically the need for emergency response is heightened.

"Not every doctor is a diver. We provide experts to consult with local doctors faced with patients in diving emergencies," Dr. Nochetto emphasized. "We do not treat patients nor offer them medical advice. In the United States every state licenses doctors. How can a doctor licensed in North Carolina treat a patient over the phone from California that is in a hospital in Indonesia suffering a diving accident? We take the call from the person, have protocols, give referrals to local chambers and talk to local doctors that care for their patient."

HDM's Prescribed Pressure exhibit remains at the museum through December 31, 2026. Visitors can access HDM on line and find daily hours of operation. This partnership with DAN broadens public access to the history of diving medicine. It emphasizes the importance of diver safety and emergency response to diving accidents.

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July Events & Programs at Key Largo Branch Library

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Summer Reading 2026
America's Semi-quincentennial is HERE! Happy 250th!

What is a birthday celebration without family? There is more to come to engage all ages! watch keyslibraries.org, social media accounts for both Islamorada & Key Largo branch, and as always, ask us in person!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- July 1, 9am-12pm
1st Wednesday Plant Clinic
- July 1, 6-7:30pm
Magic: The Gathering (MTG)
New Adult & Teen Program
Join a staff-led tabletop card game where players act as wizards, or "Planeswalkers," casting spells on opponents. Cards and dice will be provided.
- July 8, 6-7:30pm
Jot It Down Journaling
Explore journaling. All ages. Supplies available.
- July 9, 2-4pm: Adult Craft
Shell painting!! Supplies provided. Register: bit.ly/keylargo-library-events
- July 11, 9:30am-1pm
Fl. Keys Quilters Meeting
- July 15, 6-7:30pm
Magic: The Gathering (MTG)
- July 18, 9:30am: Book Club
Come on in and pick up this month's book & discuss.
- July 20, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Legal Services from Miami
- July 22, 6-7:30pm
Jot It Down Journaling
- July 29, 6-7:30pm
Magic: The Gathering (MTG)

Weekly Movie Celebrating Summer Reading

- Saturday, July 11 - 11:30am
Anne (New York)
- Saturday, July 18 - 11:30am
Twilight (Washington)
- Saturday, July 25 - 11:30am
Sand Lot (California)
- Friday, July 31 - 2pm
Lilo & Stitch (Hawaii)

There is a Kids or Family Activity at the Library.
Monday thru Friday at 4pm

- MONDAY**
- July 6
Tinkercad & 3D Printing
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 - July 13
Anti-Bored Games
Games that you can play when you are BORED. Or ideas to make your own games.
 - July 20
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 - July 27
Cardboard Creation
Ages 6-12, Supplies provided
- TUESDAY**
- July 7 - LEGO Club:
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 - July 14
Keepsake Crafts
Crafts to keep or share! Ages 6-12, Supplies provided
 - July 21 -LEGO Club:
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 - July 28
** 3pm (NOT 4pm) **
Beakers & Bugs
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 - July 28
SLIME Society
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- WEDNESDAY**
- July 1
** 10:30am NOT 4pm **
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- THURSDAY**
- July 2
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 - July 9 - T(w)een Collab
Collab with Tweens & Teens.
 - July 16
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 - July 23
** 3:30pm (NOT 4pm) **
Mosquito Control with Craft
We'll be talking with the FL Keys Mosquito Control. Plus a craft with supplies provided.
 - July 30
Librarians Be Crazy!
Stop in and see what the librarians have dreamed up!
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- FRIDAY**
- July 10 - Luck or Logic
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Ages 6-12
 - July 17
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SATURDAYS Story Time, 10:30am

STORY TIME! Saturday Story Time is a family event!

TUESDAYS Story Time, 10:30am
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WEDNESDAYS, 10:30am Moms Connect
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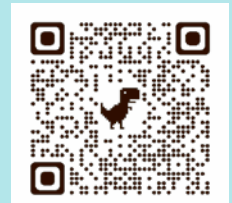
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I went to a mixed religious convention today...

The Christian priest held my hand and said, "By the will of Jesus Christ, you will walk today."

I smiled, "I'm not paralyzed."

Then the Rabbi took my hand and said, "By the will of God Almighty, you will walk today."

Again, I said, "I'm fine, really."

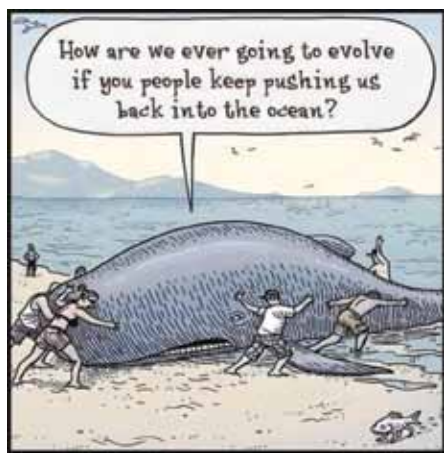
Then the Buddhist monk said, "By the will of Buddha, you will walk today."

I rolled my eyes.

After the service... I went outside and saw my car had been stolen.



Once you are able to find humor in any situation, you've either reached enlightenment or you're just a little unhinged.



If you put dry teabags in shoes they absorb the odor. So your shoes smell good but the tea tastes so bad it's almost not worth it



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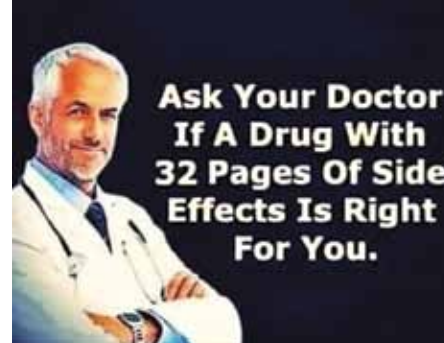
My wife, Judy, had been after me for weeks to varnish the wooden toilet seat. finally got around to doing it one afternoon while she was out. After finishing, I left to run an errand before she got home.

A little later, Judy came in, got undressed to take a shower, and before stepping in, sat down on the toilet. A second later, she discovered the problem: the not-quite-dry varnish had glued her firmly to the seat.

I got home just in time to hear her yelling for help. We pushed, we pulled... nothing. She was stuck solid. At last, in desperation, I unbolted the entire toilet seat. Judy wrapped herself in a sheet, seat still attached, and I drove her to the emergency room.

The doctor got her positioned so he could examine the situation (just imagine the scene...). Trying to ease the embarrassment, Judy said, "Well, Doc, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before." The doctor smiled and said:

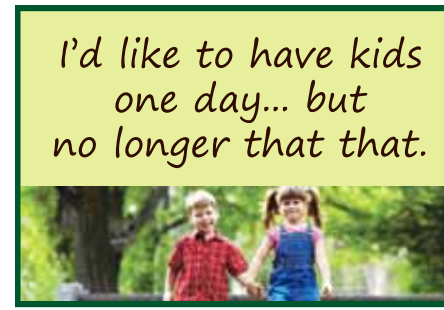
"Actually, ma'am... I've seen plenty of them. I've just never seen one mounted and framed."



Stop naming hospitals after dead people, give us some hope. Like, where's the Keith Richards Memorial Hospital?



"I like your name" Thank you, it was a birthday present



Dave and Pete were a couple of drinking buddies who worked as aircraft engineers in New York.

One day, the airport was fogged in, and they were stuck in the hangar with nothing to do.

Dave said, "Man, I wish we had something to drink!"

Pete replied, "Me too. You know, I've heard you can drink jet fuel and get a buzz. Wanna try it?"

So, they pour a couple of glasses of high-octane goodness... and get completely smashed.

The next morning, Dave wakes up and feels surprisingly amazing — no hangover, no side effects, nothing!

Then the phone rings. It's Pete.

Pete: "Hey man, how do you feel this morning?"

Dave: "I feel great! How about you?"

Pete: "Same! That jet fuel is brilliant stuff — no hangover at all! We should do this more often."

Dave: "Absolutely. Best idea ever."

Pete: "Yeah... but just one thing..."

Dave: "What's that?"

Pete: "Have you farted yet?"

Dave: "No, why?"

Pete: "DON'T. I'm in Canada."

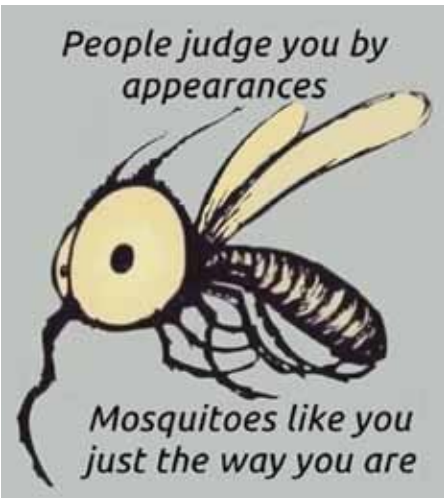
You've seen the ancient Japanese fish rubbings... GYOTAKU.



The newest art trend is cat rubbings... CATOTAKU.



I was telling my sister that I've been going to the gym recently and my nephew said "you should go inside when you get there" and I don't think I'll ever recover from that.



Two friends who worked together at a Kmart in Kentucky were talking during their break. One exclaims to the other that they just got in a shipment of a new jelly. The second friend gets all excited and picks up a loaf of bread and starts looking for the jelly to spread it on the bread to try it.

After searching through out all the jars of jelly she couldn't find this new jelly. She asked her friend where is this new Kentucky jelly? The friend bowls over laughing and when she finally regains her composure she explains, "It's not Kentucky jelly it's KY jelly."

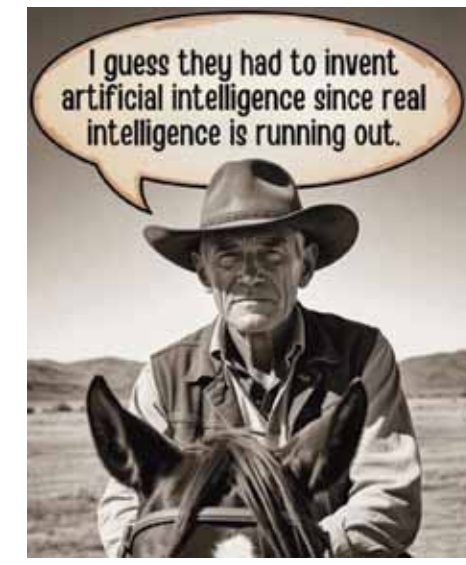
Special thanks to Harold Pinder



I just learned there's a little island near Italy with 5 million Sicillian people. That's officially the largest number I've ever heard in my life.



I Realized I Have A Road Rage Problem When My Kid Started Yelling: "Pick A Lane Asshole!" While In My Grocery Cart



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