

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

Breakfast On The Bay

Fresh Seafood

Local Specialties

We'll Cook Your Catch

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Daily Happy Hour

4-6 pm

\$4 Well Drinks

\$1 off Bottle Beers

\$1 off House Wines

\$3 Domestic Drafts

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Carol Ellis

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Not Knowing Is Okay

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Sometimes, we may find ourselves wishing we knew what our lives were going to look like, or what gifts and challenges were going to be presented to us in the coming months or years. We may want to know if the relationship we're in now will go the distance or if our goals will be realized. Perhaps we feel like we need help making a decision and want to know which choice will work out best. We may consult psychics, tarot cards, our dreams, and many other sources in the hopes of finding out what the future holds. Usually, at most, we may catch glimpses. And even though we think we'd like to know the whole story in all its details, the truth is that we would probably be overwhelmed and exhausted if we knew everything that is going to happen to us.

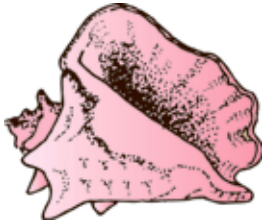
Just consider your life as you've lived it up to this point. If you're like most of us, you've probably done and faced much more than you ever could have imagined. If someone had told you as a child of all the jobs and relationships you would experience, along with each

one's inherent ups and downs, you'd have become overwhelmed. With your head full of information about the future, you would have had a very hard time experiencing your life in the present moment, which is where everything actually happens.

In many ways, not knowing what the future has in store brings out in us the qualities we need to grow. For example, it would have been difficult to commit yourself to certain people or projects if you knew they wouldn't ultimately work out. Yet, it was because of your commitment to see them through that you experienced the lessons necessary to become your best self. Looking back on your life, you would likely be hard-pressed to say that anything in your past shouldn't have happened. In fact, your most challenging experiences with their inevitable lessons may have ultimately brought you the greatest rewards. Not knowing the future keeps us just where we need to be — fully committed and in the present moment.

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Conch Characters





Leslie Patterson won the member plant at the Florida Keys Orchid Club in September.



Key Largo Fire Rescue Chief Jeff Morse met with the Upper Keys League of Women Voters to provide an update on all of the positive changes at the Fire-Rescue Department. (L-R) KLFR Chaplin Evelyn Hardee, Chief Morse, Karen Beal, Connie Miller, Joyce Peckman, Ginette Hughes.



Congratulations to Jayden Henderson and Katie Rose McKibbin who eloped to Picnic Island (off Key West). Jaden is the son of Angela Boehm and Dale Henderson of Key Largo.

Around Town

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.



Jasper



Lucy



Chance



Stella



Cookie



Vera



Natasha



Violet



Ophelia



Vinnie