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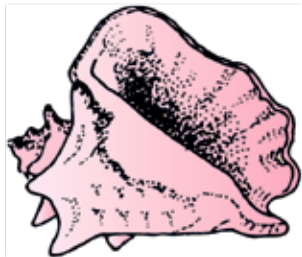
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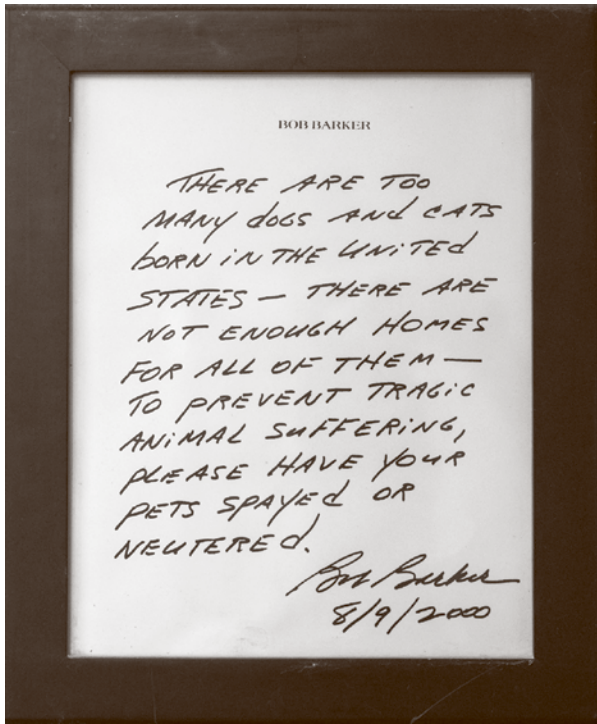
Talk about taking your job seriously. While writing this article about the feral cat situation in the Keys, I adopted a shelter kitten. Since my first little grey kitty, adopted in 1984, I have always had two cats. Unfortunately back then, as an inexperienced mom, I left out some yarn, the cat ate it, causing her death when its intestines became entangled. Why are there so many cute pictures of kittens with balls of yarn? My ensuing adopted cats: LC, Dolly, Ansie, and calicos Callie and Miely Bug thrived with lots of love and awareness of possible dangers lurking around the house. When Miely Bug passed of old age, I said she was my last, since Miely



The minute the foster kitty was in our home, we knew there was no going back. Nikita grew into the most perfect companion.

was the best. If you were to ask any cat that, they would reply "Yes, I am the best." About a year later, my heart having healed, my stance had changed to "I'm looking for a calico." In October 2025, I agreed to foster a 6-week-old kitten. It wasn't a calico but it was a survivor. It was one of two kittens that had been abandoned in the wild, not yet weaned and lacking skills for survival. When rescued, both kittens had wounds, and were in poor condition. One sibling eventually died. After weeks of medical care and bottle feeding, I received my foster kitten complete with missing fur and healing sores, but full of love. Immediately after bringing her home, my husband picked her up and kissed her. I knew there was no returning her. Over the weeks and months she grew into the most perfect companion, rarely leaving my husbands side. What makes people think that abandoning kittens in a box at a dumpster or by the side of the road is a good thing? But it happens too often. Cats are dumped by their owners when they are moving out of the Keys. In the last decade, our islands have become home to another non-native species courtesy of pet stores and snake owners, the Burmese python, an efficient predator of furry creatures such as possum, raccoon, woodrat and possibly cats and little white dogs.

Thankfully there are people who care, and they are making a difference. There are a number of options in the Upper Keys to address the feral cat problem. Feral cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, tested for feline AIDS and leukemia and then are hopefully adopted. ORCAT is Ocean Reef's Trap-Neuter-Release program that began in the 1980s when the Keys had a serious cat overpopulation problem.



In 2000, Bob Barker, TV personality on "The Price is Right" provided financial support to the Humane Animal Coalition at MM 106.



Nikita posing on a pedestal. If you ask any cat they will tell you they are the best.

Stray and Homeless Cats... CONTINUED - Photos by Carol Ellis



At the time there was an estimated 10,000 feral cats that had been abandoned or lost in the Keys. The Humane Coalition Shelter at mile marker 106 ocean side is the county facility. Marsha Garrettson who privatized the coalition in 1998 sums up her dedication by saying "I thought I could fix the problem." She realizes you can't fix the problem through adoption, you must focus on birth.

The industry of breeding, buying and selling is the core problem. All shelters are full as a result. There are no shortage of animals. If you closed every pet store, and shut down every breeder, there would still be cats and dogs needing homes. That's just the way it is. A cat can be nursing and still get pregnant and have another litter in just two months. A portion of society does not care. Owners with pets that get pregnant and produce more puppies or kittens, are not doing their job.

According to the website at humaneanimalcoalition.com: "By providing free spays and neuters to the citizen's animals living in our service area (MM 70 to MM 112) beginning July 2000 there is a direct effect in reducing the average number of animals coming into the Shelter each year from 1,642 to 241."

Another organization, The Upper Keys Humane Society (MM 101.6 oceanside), is also doing their part finding homes for abandoned animals. So far this year they have spayed and neutered 400+ animals. Their animals become socialized through their foster program and the Cat Cafe where kittens mingle with their visitors during visiting hours. Check ukhsociety.org for more info.

Cats do not belong in the wild. Domestic cats are efficient hunters, and their natural predatory instincts have negatively affected our resident and migratory songbird population. I love birds as much as I love my cats. So the cats stay in, and stay safe.

My new kitty... she is a calico. She'll be spayed by the time this story is published. Looking forward to having her inside our home.



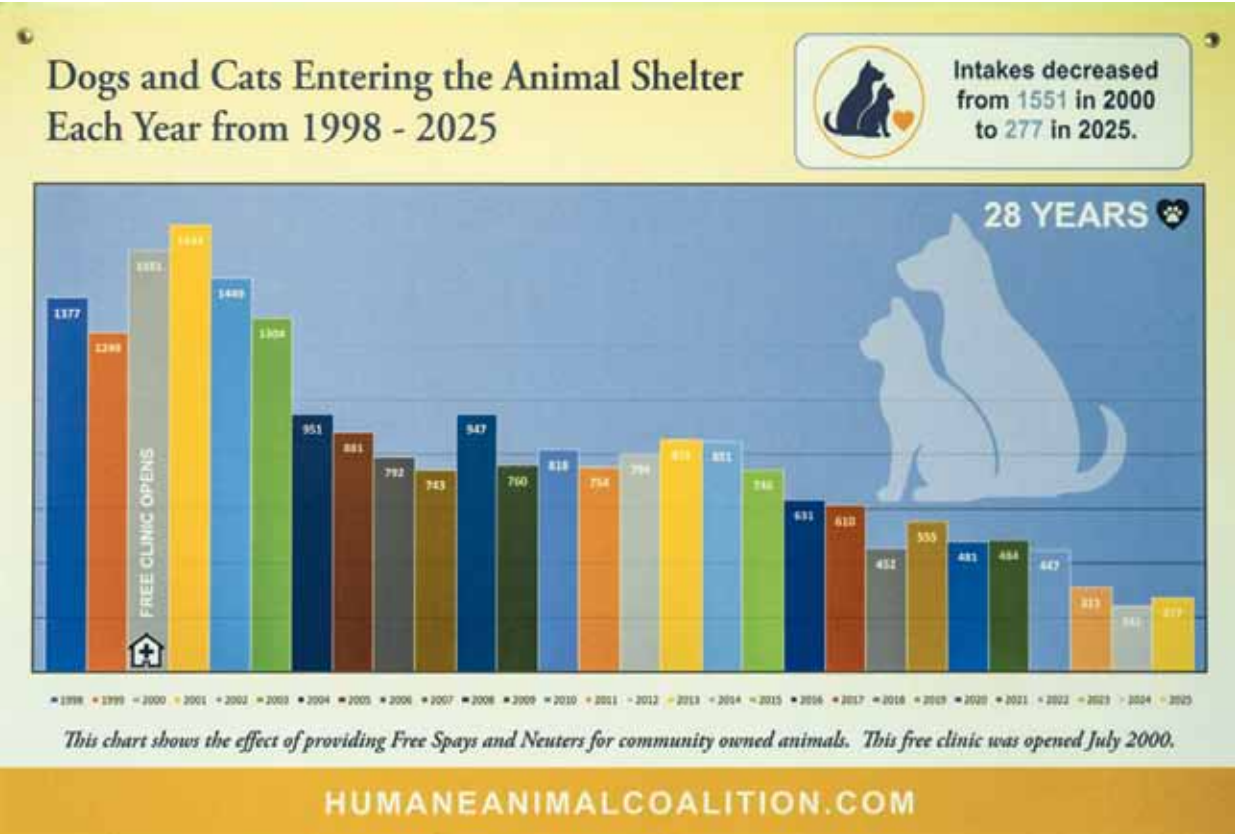
Medical Director Dr. Shirley Thomas, Manager Karla Perrine, President Vivianne Wicker standing outside UKHS at MM 101.6 oceanside.

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.



Anna Kent loving on a shelter cat at Upper Keys Humane Society. Socialization with humans is a key component of "finishing school" which ensures kitten adoption success.



Upper Keys History

Strange but true. An unusual mode of transportation in the late 1030s, unique to the North Key Largo "Florida Year Round Club," was the Auto gyro. The airship was apparently an early cross between an airplane and a helicopter. Unlike the Aerocar, (a large tram used to bring guests from Miami hotels to the



Photo: Florida Memory.com

Upper Keys resorts) only the wealthiest guests were delivered from Miami and other destinations via the Auto gyro. These guests no doubt enjoyed the status of arrival on the "high-tech" transport of the day. The arrival of the Auto gyro was the most talked about event of the era. (Research by Jerry Wilkinson)

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The primary cast and understudies pause for a photograph that reflects the introspection brought forth by the production.

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Evan Hansen is an anxious, isolated high-school student aching for understanding and belonging amid the chaos and cruelty of the social media age. His journey takes an unexpected turn when a letter he wrote as part of a assignment from his therapist, falls into the hands of a grieving couple whose son has taken his own life.

While *Dear Evan Hansen* is not the typical comedy audiences have come to expect from The Key Players, the

Board agreed with Michele Zofchak ("Ms. Z") that the show's message of being seen, understood and loved, even when someone may be struggling, is both timely and universal. Ms. Z describes the production as "funny, heartbreaking, hopeful," while creating an opportunity to begin conversations that may not always be easy to have.

That message is particularly meaningful today,

when so many young people are navigating loneliness, anxiety, social media and the pressures of simply trying to fit in. *Dear Evan Hansen* reminds us that sometimes, being seen and knowing that someone cares can make all the difference.

The Key Players' production opens September 25 and runs through October 4 at the Coral Shores Performing Arts Center.



Finn Bell and Garrett Gomila portray Evan. Seen here rehearsing "Waving through a Window". One of the multitude of moving musical moments.

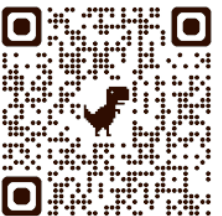


Finn Bell (Evan) and Caiti Currie (Heidi – his mom) in a moment of candor between scenes.



Rhonda Crutcher, Renee Gomila, Brittany Paloma and Brennan McMahon and Kaelyn McMahon practicing the harmonies for the shows incredible score.

Photos by Cindy Smith



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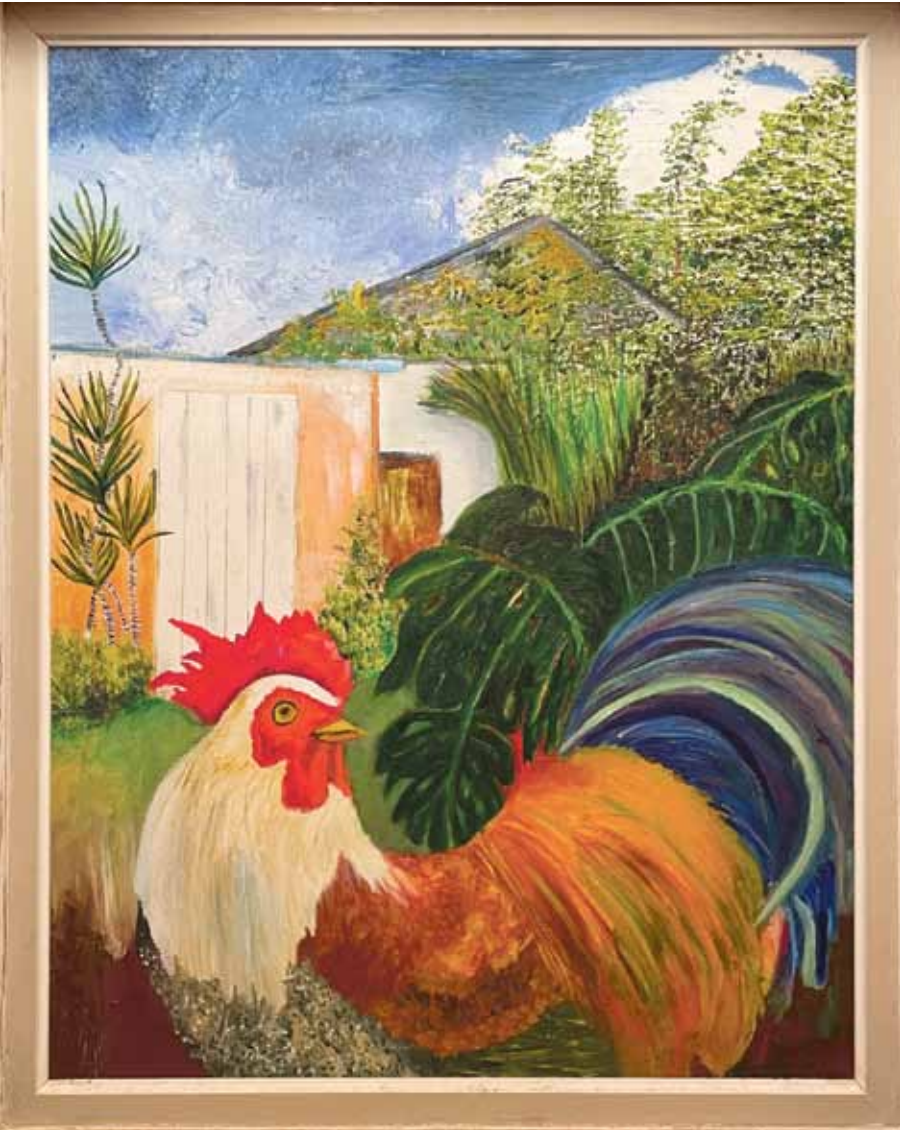
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"GOOD MORNING" rooster and Ellen Chokreff start the day off right.



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Artists of the Month: Ellen Chokreff & Mary Bonde

by Karen Beal

Perhaps it is the Art of Friendship that makes these two artists special. Ellen Chokreff and Mary Bonde have shared creative energy for decades. Now they are sharing space at the Key Largo Library to exhibit their artwork through the month of September.

While working in the Keys in the 90s, Ellen Chokreff was curious to try something new and took a few oil painting classes at the Florida Keys Community College. When she retired in 2014 that interest in art had time to blossom.

Chokreff shared, "I was encouraged by Gin Todd to join the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI) where I found great support. Now I paint with acrylics as well as oils and even alcohol paint. I enter exhibits every season." She organizes the art exhibit at the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce.

The exhibit illustrates the balance of their long friendship.

Sharing the space and honoring each other's creativity.

Artists Continued

Mary Bonde sings a familiar refrain - she came to the Keys to get away from the cold — Wisconsin cold! She arrived with a B.S. in Fine Art and in 2012 she joined AGPI. Her art has taken several awards in the Guild's judged shows. Her "Flock of Ibis" Is currently on display at the "Beautiful Islamorada" show at Founder's Park through November.

Bonde is the chairperson of the team that install the Mariner's Hospital Tassell Medical Arts Building Art Show, Did you know there is a cool art show on the second floor? Free to enjoy.

"I paint with acrylics and oil and use my own photography as inspiration for my paintings. Some photos have been published. I enjoy painting abstract and realistic styles." Bonde stated, "I've always been an artist."

Happy to try new art ideas, Bonde has earned commissions painting logos on stock cars, and has worked with disadvantaged teens on The Hubbard Street Mural in Chicago.



FROG WORLD. Oil on canvas.



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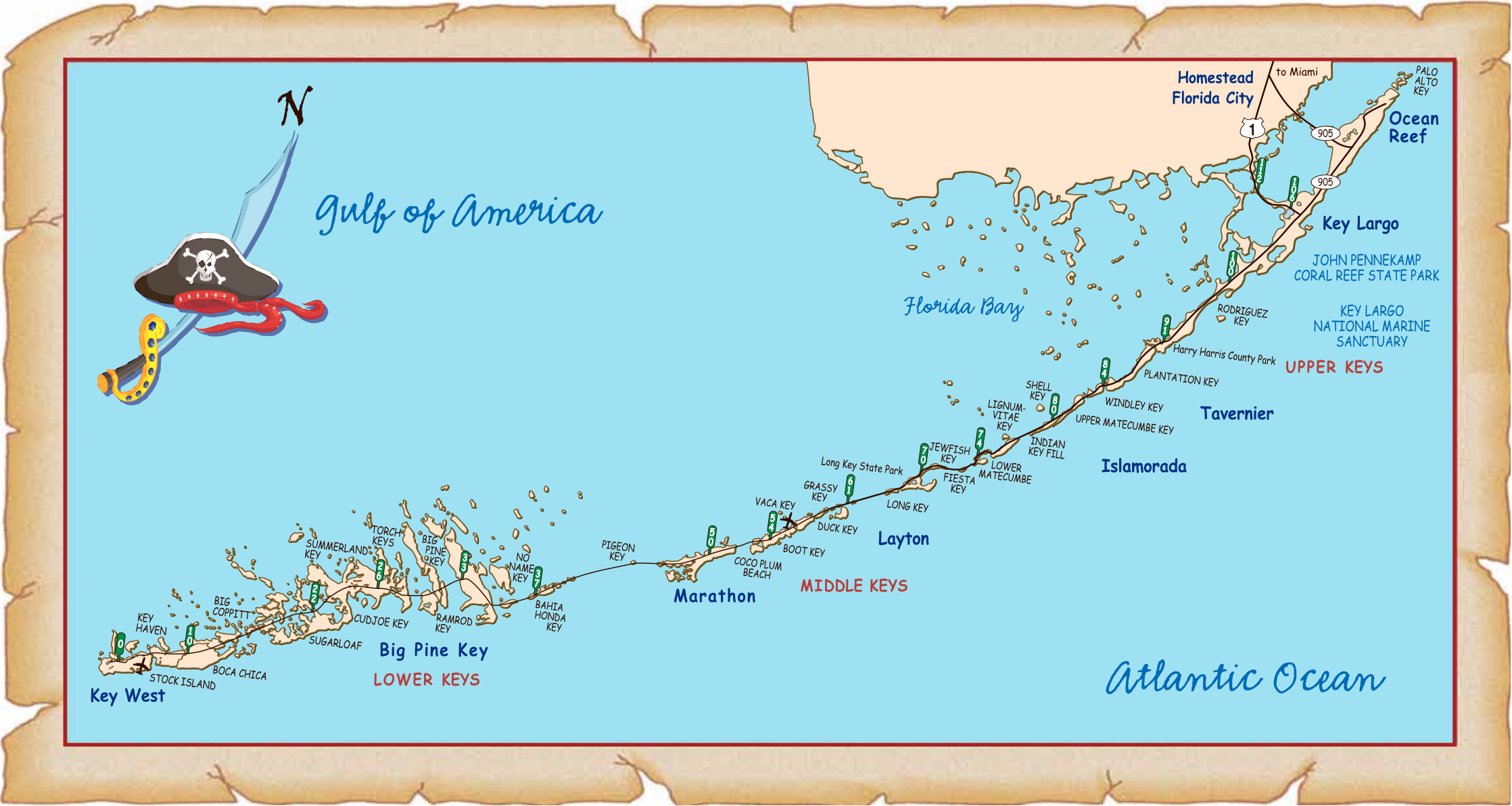
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Janice “JC” Dressing



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Janice Katherine "JC" Dressing, who peacefully passed away on July 31, 2026, at the age of 78 in Tavernier, Florida, surrounded by the love of her family. Janice was born on March 4, 1948, in Cuero, Texas, to Robert Caudle Jr. and Gertrude Henneke. As the daughter of an Army serviceman, she spent her childhood living in many places, including Turkey, Georgia, and Miami Springs, before eventually settling in the Florida Keys-a place she proudly called home for most of her life.

Anyone who knew Janice knew that she had one of the kindest and most selfless hearts imaginable. She always put the needs of others before her own and found joy in helping anyone who needed it. Her compassion extended not only to people but to every animal she encountered. Whether it was a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a stray animal, Janice's instinct was always to care, comfort, and give. Her generosity and unconditional love touched countless lives and will never be forgotten.

Janice spent many years working throughout the Florida Keys. One of her earliest jobs was at the iconic Caribbean Club in Key Largo. She also worked at the Chesapeake Resort as the head house-keeper, at Holiday Isle in the ship's store, and at the Filling Station. She also bartended at the OV, Smuggler's Cove, the Elks Lodge, and the Moose Lodge. Along the way, she made many lifelong friendships and became a familiar face in the community she loved.

She enjoyed making crafts, her many, many plants and spending time with her family, and creating special memories with her grandchildren. Her happiest moments were often the simplest ones-sharing laughter, lending a helping hand, or caring for the animals she loved so deeply.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Tim Dressing; her loving children, Dustin Anderson and Heather Mathias; her cherished grandchildren, Haylee, Sebastian, Brianna, Ashley, Caitlin, Dylan, and Cassidy; her beloved great-grandchildren, Ace and Roman; and her brother, Norman Caudle.

JC found the love of her life, Tim, in the Keys after hearing him play in a local bar. Their chance meeting became the beginning of a beautiful love story, one that filled her life with happiness, music, and unwavering companionship.

Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing that Janice is now at peace. Her legacy of kindness, compassion, generosity, and unconditional love will continue to live on through her family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known her. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.



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Sobriety Is Overrated -- A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Used to be I had so much work that I often played 10 gigs a week; now I'm lucky to work 4-5 nights a week.

Unfortunately, the arthritis and heart palpitations make it impossible for me to play much more than 3 hours or so, elfin' old wuss. I'm not grumpy, I'm aggravated.

I know what is just around the corner. The toilet roll is running low. One case of explosive diarrhea and its game over.

I've lived the kind of life that you can't retire from. There's only the end.

In the effort to prolong the struggle, I can't have a great burger, but I can have one that is great for what it is, like a bean burger. I tried the fake meat with the fat substitute- There is no way that stuff is any healthier for me than an actual cow.

That's alright. I'd rather buy another amp than get my teeth fixed. Fear of dentist notwithstanding, how much money do I want to put into this aging body? It's already costing me work. Good thing I'm not trying to sell it on the open market:

High mileage, balding, rotten toothed carcass with circulation issues. Nightly cramps and failing eyesight. Cataract starting to grow in

left eye. Penis unreliable and slow to urinate. Bad neck, shoulders and back. Pins and needles in the extremities. Brain fog and poor mouth filter. High everything that should be low and low everything that should be normal.

It wasn't so much lack of planning as believing the future was further away than it turned out to be. Like swimming out into the ocean until you are too exhausted to swim back to shore. It happens. Never think you're going to be that person...until it's too late.

I was always here for a good time not a long time. Age really affects the definition of what constitutes a good time. The long time is the big unknown until it isn't, whether the realization is gradual or all of a sudden.

My dad was a mortician, so I've always been aware of the destination, which probably had a lot to do with how I ended up being exactly where I am. That and a heavy dose of self-loathing and low self-esteem instilled by the southern Baptist.

Effing sobriety, man. Way overrated. There are multiple levels of inebriation but only one level across the sober line. Nothing exceeds like excess.

I played a gig at a former

motel and bar that had been turned into a rehab. I wasn't told that's what it was beforehand. I was the newest/youngest member of the band and was still WFO.

I had my weed and the big bottle of bourbon as per usual back in those days. It was an afternoon gig; a graduation party for the bass player's class. Turned out it counted toward his community service hours.

We set up our meager p.a. system, combo amps and drums and played to the most unhappy looking bunch of people ever. We were playing redneck bar music at them. Honky Tonk Blues takes on a new meaning at rehab graduation.

On the first break, I went out to my truck for a bowl and a shot. Some of the recent graduates followed me out and of course I helped lead them right back to where they had started from.

The small group sounded like kids at a high school dance, agreeing to keep it amongst themselves.

They made the mistake of following me back into the building and everyone looked at us with ill will. It didn't matter to me; I was used to being looked at like that for being hungover and reeking in church.

The next set, the four folks that had followed me out were having a noticeably improved experience at the rehab graduation ceremony.

The bass player chastised me for jeopardizing their situation but on the next break, the chick in charge, the

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.

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person everyone was concerned about maintaining their sobriety in front of, followed me out to the truck. She had a reputation for being a hard ass, didn't play no games type.

Everyone assumed she was going to bust me for having weed but instead she had the look of someone who had had it with all the 'get sober, be positive, life is great,' 12-step propaganda.

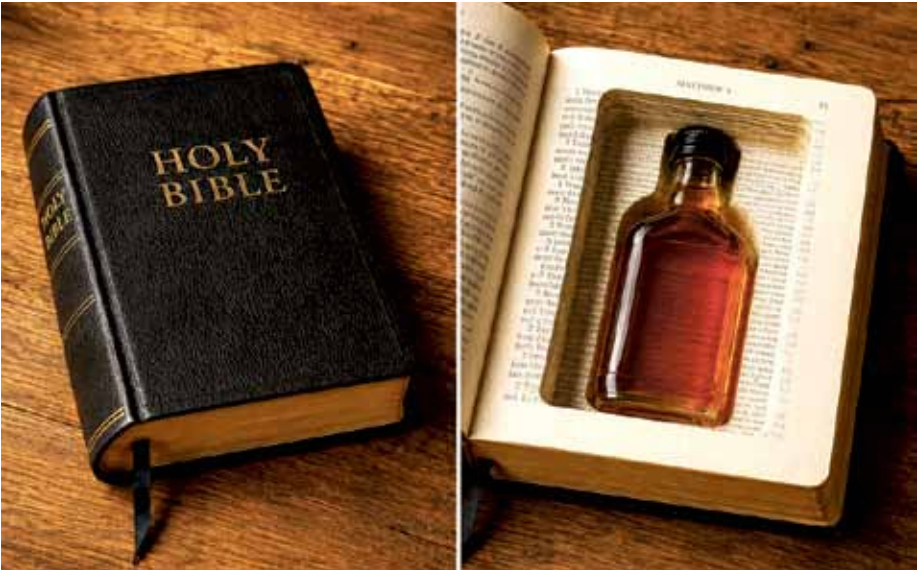
She happily took a healthy swig from my handle of bourbon. Just then, she caught the unmistakable sweet smell of MaryJane wafting from under the seat. She asked if she could have a puff and of course, I obliged.

Amazing how a few tokes and a belt of bourbon can temporarily improve a soul's outlook on the day as everything in life is temporary.

When we came back into the party, there was only the faint sound of background music. The chick in charge was smiling. I heard the entire room exhale all at once and the energy in the room shifted.

We played our next set, and everyone was dancing and having a good time. Which made me happy.

I guess if there is a moral to the story it would be, "Even morals have their limitations."



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September 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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September 2, 9am-12pm
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September 2, 6-7:30pm
Practiced Poetry
Come, explore and decompress through journaling. You might be surprised at how it could fit into your busy schedule. Supplies for in library use available. Introductory journals provided.

September 9, 10:30am
Homeschool Meet Up
Join in the fun and grow your community and connections.

September 9, 5:30-7:30pm
Magic the Gathering
Card game where players act as powerful wizards, or "Planes-walkers," casting spells to defeat their opponents. Cards and dice will be provided, but you are welcome to bring decks of your own!

September 10, 2-4pm
Adult Craft
Supplies provided. Register Online at bit.ly/keylargo-library-events

September 11
Gaming Groupies

Sept. 14, 9:30am-12:30pm
Legal Services from Miami

September 14, 1pm
Photo Clique
Photographers sharing their tips and tricks to edit photos.

September 16, 6-7:30pm
Practiced Poetry
See Sep. 2 for details.

September 23, 10:30am
Home School Meet Up
Join in the fun and grow your community and connections.

September is Library Card Sign Up Month
Come check us out and get your own library card.

There is a Kids or Family Activity at the Library.
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MONDAY
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September 21
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TUESDAY
September 1 & 18
LEGO Club
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September 8
Mad Scientist Laboratory
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WEDNESDAY
September 2, 16 & 30
STEM Lab
Join the fun of structured and unstructured STEM activities designed to inspire children to think creatively, collaborate and solve problems.

September 9 & 23
Kids Art Club
Join in artistic expression by releasing your creativity. Ages 6-12, supplies provided

THURSDAY
September 3 & 17
Makerspace
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September 10
Keepsake Crafts
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Librarians Go Crazy!!
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FRIDAY
September 4 & 18
Luck or Logic
Join in discovering if brain power and teamwork will outweigh good ol' fashion run of the mill luck! Ages 6-12

September 11 & 25
Gaming Groupies
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September 23, 5:30-7:30pm
Magic the Gathering
Card game where players act as powerful wizards, or "Planes-walkers," casting spells to defeat their opponents. Cards and dice will be provided, but you are welcome to bring decks of your own!

September 26, 9:30am
Book Club
Come on in and pick up this month's book. Join in the conversation!

September 30, 6-7:30pm
Practiced Poetry
See Sep. 2 for details.

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TUESDAYS
Story Time, 10:30am
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WEDNESDAYS, 10:30am
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THURSDAYS, Story Time, 10:30am
Join in stories & songs promoting literacy. Ages 0-5

FRIDAYS, Sit & Sew, 9:30am-1pm
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Saturday Movie Celebrating Summer Reading
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9 to 5
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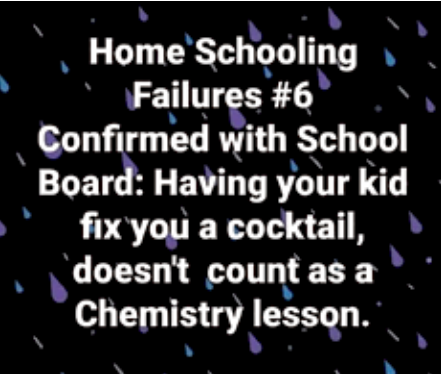
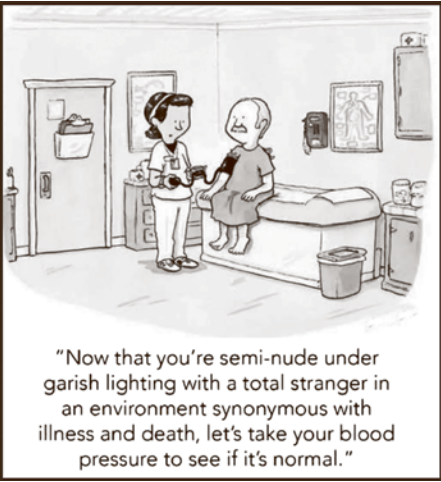


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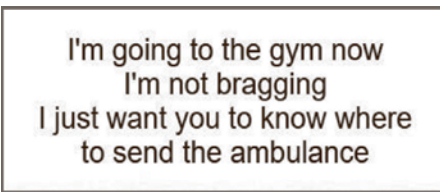
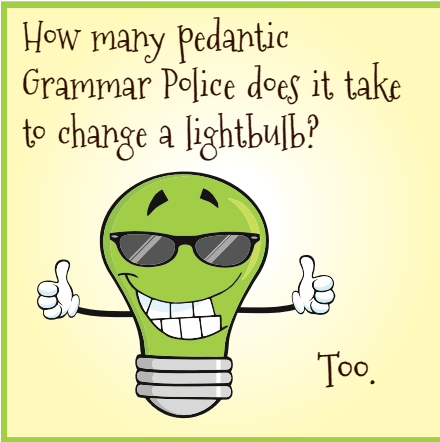
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We were partying with Keys top tier guests including judges, attorneys and cops when my husband started telling how he makes our famous smoked mullet dip. When he got to the part about cutting a protected tree for smoke wood, the room fell silent! I'm looking at my husband thinking: he's going to the pokey! Instead hubby said "Yall can't prosecute me. You ate all the evidence!"



A week after John bought a bull, he complained to his friend, "All that bull does is eat grass. Won't even look at a cow."

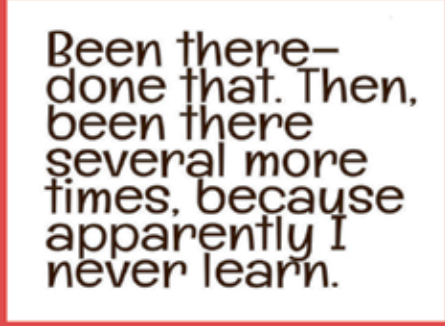
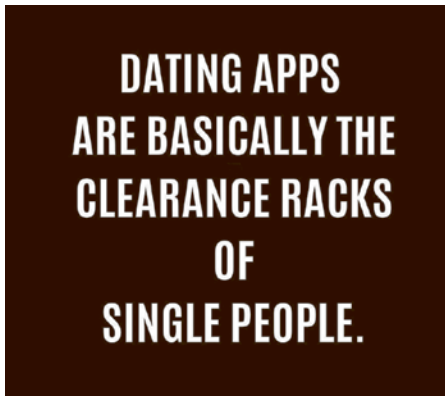
"Take him to the vet," his friend suggested.

A week later John reports back to his friend,

and he's much happier. "The vet gave him some pills, and the bull serviced all of my cows!" he told his pal. "Then he broke through the fence and bred with all my neighbor's cows! He's like a machine!"

"What kind of pills were they?" asked the friend.

"I don't know, but they've got a peppermint taste."

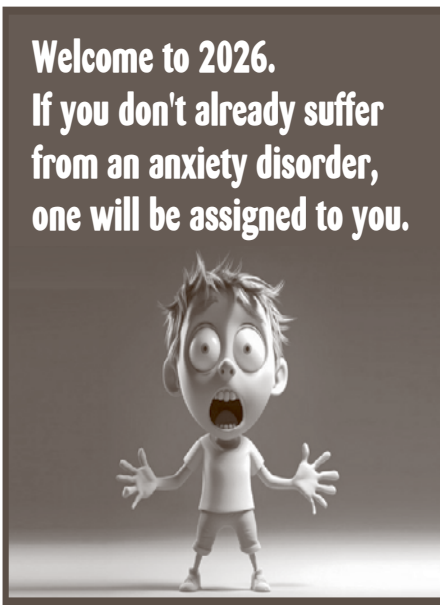
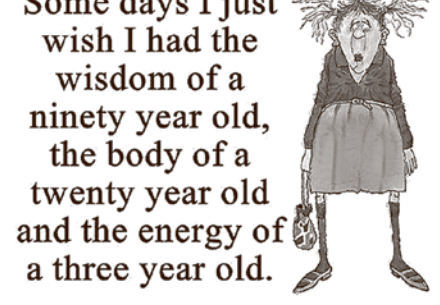
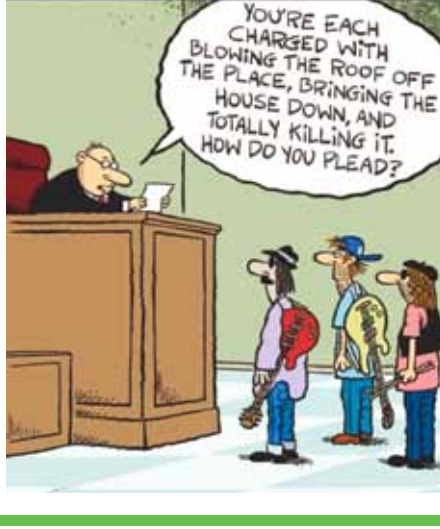


A teacher noticed that a little boy at the back of the class was squirming around, scratching his crotch, and not paying attention.

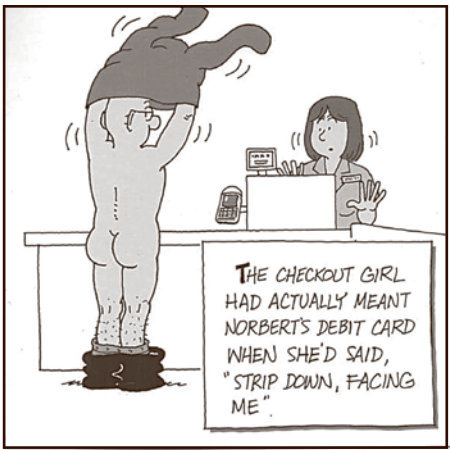
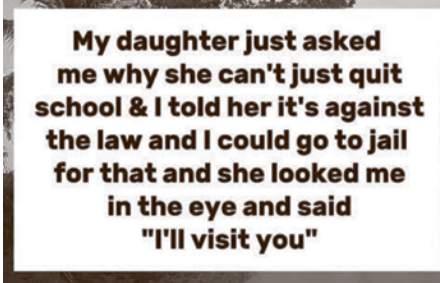
She went back to find out what was going on. He was quite embarrassed and whispered that he had just recently been circumcised and was quite itchy. The teacher told him to go down to the principal's office.

He was to telephone his mother and ask her what he should do about it. He did this and returned to class. Suddenly there was a commotion at the back of the room. She went back to investigate only to find him sitting at his desk with his penis hanging out.

"I thought I told you to call your Mum!" she said. "I did" he said, "and she told me that if I could stick it out until lunchtime, she'd come and pick me up from school"



A man is sitting at home alone when he hears a knock at the front door. He opens it to find two sheriff's deputies there. He asks if there is a problem. One of the deputies asks if he is married. The man replies, "Yes, I am." The deputy then asks if he could see a picture of the man's wife. The guy says, "Sure..." and gets a photo to show them. The deputy says, "I'm sorry, sir. But it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck." The guy replies, "I know, but she has a great personality and is an excellent cook."



A barber gave a haircut to a priest one day. When the priest tried to pay for the haircut, the barber refused, saying, "You do God's work." The next morning the barber found a dozen Bibles at the door to his shop. A policeman came to the barber for a haircut, and again the barber refused to accept his money. "You protect the public," he said. The next morning the barber found a dozen doughnuts at the door to his shop. A lawyer came to the barber for a haircut, and again the barber refused payment, saying, "You serve justice. The next morning, the barber found a dozen lawyers standing in line, waiting for a free haircut."

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Hairdresser Tina Pendergrass gave free haircuts to kids recently at the Key Largo Civic Club to benefit MARC.

The Key Largo School PTA and School Board member Sue Woltanski (left) gather before the start of school to organize and make plans for another successful year ahead.

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Phoebe



Milkshake



Derek



Clarise



Carly & Simon



Amber & Autumn



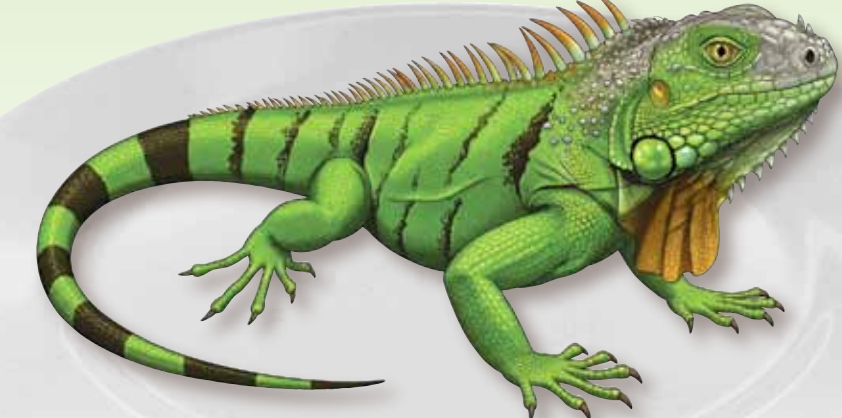
Misty & Midnight



Oliver

Top Ten Euphemisms for Iguana on Keys Menus...

10. Wingless Squab
9. Tastes-Like-Chicken
8. Local Catch Pot Pie
7. Tradewinds Stew
6. Catch of the Day Goulash
5. Long-tailed Teriyaki
4. Health Inspector's Surprise
3. Salmon Ella Aspic
2. Jumbo Jambalaya
1. Passion Fruit Crullers



September Book Sale

Friends of the Key Largo Library

The entire month of September will bring old favorites and new authors for a Friends (gently used) Book Sale. Reacquaint yourself with "old friends": Annie Wilkes, Clinton Tyree, Jason Bourne and others. Discover "new friends" who will entertain you. Coffee table volumes and large print... So many choices.

Take as many as you like for a price you can't resist.

Just "make a donation" to the Friends !

If you donate \$10 or more you get a free book bag along with your choice of books. The sale goes on through the month and new titles will appear on Wednesdays, so stop by weekly at the Key Largo Branch Library at Tradewinds Shopping Center to get fresh choices.

Friends of the Key Largo Library raises funds to supplement and support community programs at the library.



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This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PATRIOT DAY  WE WILL NEVER FORGET		1 <i>Live Music and Waterfront Dining</i>	2	3	4 Jade Storm 5:30-9:30	5 Uncle Rico 5:30-9:30
6 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	7 <i>Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 7am-10pm Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.</i>	8	9	10	11 Shin Dig 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	12 Abstract Radio 5:30-9:30
13 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	14	15 <i>Lunch & Dinner on the deck or on the beach.</i>	16	17	18 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	19 Special Guest 5:30-9:30
20 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	21 <i>Happy Hour 7 days • 4-6pm • Drink Specials and a variety of low-priced munchies</i>	22	23	24	25 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	26 Abstract Radio 5:30-9:30
27 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	28 <i>"Sunday School" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers Every Sunday 7-11 am</i>	29	30	31	Lorelei can host private parties, weddings and rehearsal dinners. See our website.	

