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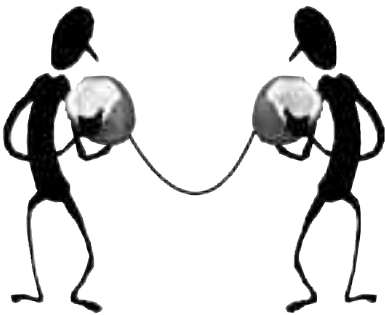
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The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) wants to trap feral cats and send them to the Humane Society where they will be put to death. There are several good organizations in the Keys that have been trapping the cats and spaying and neutering them thus reducing the cat population. I myself even did a fundraiser for "Helping Homeless Cats in the Upper Keys" in 2008. In the 20 years I have lived here I have noticed a huge decrease in the feral cat population because of these successful programs.

Now the FWS is saying that we need to drastically reduce the already reduced cat population because the cats are a threat to certain local endangered wildlife species. I guess they didn't learn anything from their previous failure in 2007 where the FWS entered into a \$50,000 trap and kill contract in the Keys which resulted in only

13 trapped cats of which at least 5 of them were owned. That is \$3,846.15 per dead cat! All this to save some rats and birds.

Well, I have a solution... My cat Suki that I got from the Humane Society at mile marker 106 likes to present me with "gifts" of birds and lizards. On more than one occasion, the cat came tearing into the living room with a bird in its mouth resulting in a fine-feathered mess and a freaked out pet owner. My seriously sensible daughter offered a solution "put a bell on the cats collar," she said.

Duh! Why didn't I think of that? It worked like a charm. The bell gives the rats and birds a warning that cat is coming and lets them save themselves. So, all the FWS has to do is purchase a bunch of cat collars with bells on them and dress the feral cats in them.

However, it is a different thing when

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- You realize one day that the urine stains on your carpet actually form the letters N-E-E-D C-A-T-N-I-P!
- Your stereo and flat screen TV are missing, and in the corner you find a pawn ticket and 2 kilos of catnip.

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Lieutenant Alvarez has worked for the Sheriff's Office since 1986, beginning her career as a Communications Officer. She went to serve as Patrol, Intelligence Officer, and Commander of Special Operations leading to her current position in the Upper Keys.

Alvarez grew up in the Florida Keys and looks forward to networking with the community and citizens of Monroe County. The Key Largo Rotary is honored to have Alvarez as their newest Rotarian. The Club meets Wednesdays for breakfast at Coconuts at 7:30 a.m. Information about the Key Largo Rotary Club can be found at www.keylargorotary.org.

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Celebrity Sighting at Big Chill



From left: Unknown tourist, Big Chill General Manager Nicko Christidis, Actor/Artist Gene Hackman, Big Chill Owner Larry Calvano, and Football Legend Jimmy Johnson.



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Five Essentials of Music Career Success

Written by Peter Spellman
Courtesy of Dave Feder

Music is too big a world for a one-size-fits-all model of music career success. Musicians' career paths are as unique as their individual fingerprints. Nevertheless, there are a few guidelines that I believe apply to anyone trying to make a living career out of their love of music. Here are five:

1. Hone your talent and realize there is a place for you. Not everyone is a Quincy Jones, a Beatles, or a Bruce Springsteen, but if an artist like Tom Waits is a vocalist, then there is definitely room for you too. Do the work necessary to excel in your niche, whether it's writing a chart, engineering a session, providing backup vocals, or teaching kids the basics of music.

Your goal, to use marketing lingo, is to "position" yourself in your market as the go-to person for that particular skill or talent. Don't worry too much about industry rejection. Every record label in Britain initially passed on the Beatles and The Rolling Stones. The key is believing in yourself and persevering beyond others' opinions (even those of "the industry").

2. Connect with as many people as you can because relationships drive music careers more than

anything else, even talent. Music is a "who-you-know/who-knows-you" kind of business. The quality and quantity of your relationships will be the primary engines of your progress. Try developing creative projects with fellow-musicians. Perhaps you can combine your live show with two other acts and present the package to a local promoter. There is strength in numbers. Finding the right combinations takes experimentation.

If you're interested in working in the business side of music, then interning at a music company is the best way to both learn how the biz works and connect with those who can help move your career forward.

3. Accept the new powers in your corner and take responsibility for creating your own success. The last twenty years has given you the means to both produce and distribute your own music on a global scale. New models of business are emerging in the world of music. A "record deal" is not necessarily the goal any longer. The Internet has clearly become your "open mic" to the world, and desktop technologies provide you with ways to have the look, reach and efficiency of larger companies. Dare to be different.

Remember, new power also means new responsibilities. Global reach means a potentially far-flung audience. You need to be ready for the incoming messages and questions from this new market. Have you created the best business structures to hold and express your work? Are you setting up effective systems to communicate with your audience? It's up to you to create your own success and not merely rely on a record company or agent to do the work of making you visible in the marketplace.

4. Understand that every business is becoming a "music business" and so musical opportunities are multiplying. It took a coffee company and a computer manufacturer to teach the music industry how to sell music in the digital age. Non-music businesses everywhere are seeking creative ways to add music-related services to their mix. This means that you needn't be dependent on the traditional "music industrial complex" for music career success.

Think of companies you already resonate with and try brainstorming ways you can link up. Start on a local scale. It might be a gift shop, bookstore or arts organization. It may even evolve into a full-fledged

sponsorship for a tour or recording project. Find ways to add value to what these businesses are doing with what you have to offer. Forging creative alliances is key to building a multi-dimensional music career.

5. Prepare to be versatile and to wear several hats initially, until your "brand" is established. Most musicians I know have had to cobble together several revenue streams in the early stages of their careers in order to make enough money to support themselves. Many have also had to take on a non-music "lifeline careers" just to make ends meet, pay down debt, or supplement what they earn from music.

I tell musicians to not so much look for "a job," but to seek out the work that needs to be done. It might be arranging a song, playing a wedding gig, helping organize a concert series, doing a jingle session, offering private music instruction, or writing a review of your favorite band's new CD. Eventually, all the different experiences merge together into the roaring river that will be your music career. At that point you'll be visible, in demand and able to name your price. And that's career success.



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The two continue to be the best team of bartenders in the Keys. When Bush left the Pilot House to work at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill he brought in Geffrard to work part-time. "After the earthquake in Haiti Geffrard didn't hear from his family for over a week, but he kept right on working. He works seven days a week now and still continues to send his family money," says Bush.

Geffrard 's co-worker at the Pilot House now is Ed Carboni and he tells us, "D.J. is one of the best bartenders I've ever worked with. The customers love him so much that they scream his name and applaud when he starts his shift."

"D.J. is so fast that your drink is on the bar before you are able to sit down," says Larry Calvano, owner of the Big Chill. "And it is a pleasure having him part of our team."

Shirlee Alcock, the manager of the Pilot House also sings his praises saying, "I am so proud of D.J. He has worked so hard to get where he's at. He is fast, honest, dependable and a really nice person."

I couldn't have said it any better myself Shirlee. When I asked Geffrard what he likes to do in his spare time he said he really likes soccer but what is spare time when you work seven days a week?

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The Murder of Ed Bozarth By J. Harold Lowry

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J. Harold Lowry is using first hand accounts, actual emails and even the actual postings and messages from Facebook explore the trail

from Miami, Tampa, and the backwaters of the Florida Keys.

This is a book where you will smell the shrimp beginning to boil. It takes you into the Keys life only the locals see. If you want to see the side of the Keys hidden and overlooked by the tourists then this book is a must read.

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Learn more about J. Harold Lowry at www.jharoldlowry.com

Mr. Lowry also writes a Legal Blog for the average person at www.circumstantial-evidence.com

When life gives you lemons make lemonade!

Krista raises funds for Japan disaster relief.



Krista Stanford, age 7, recently opened a lemonade stand for disaster relief in Japan. She raised \$110 for the Red Cross in one day.

Her motto: When life gives you lemons make lemonade! In the reflection in the background is her proud mom, Tammy Patten.

Our Publisher, Denise, bought the Lemonade Stand kit for Krista, thinking it would be fun for the neighborhood kids.

Krista took it upon herself to have the stand at her parents office Key Largo Realty on a Sunday during the flea market and to donate all the money to the Red Cross for Japan. Krista just turned 7 years old! Her parents Chris Stanford and Tammy Patten are active in the community with the VFW and American Legion and Krista loves to help whenever she can too.

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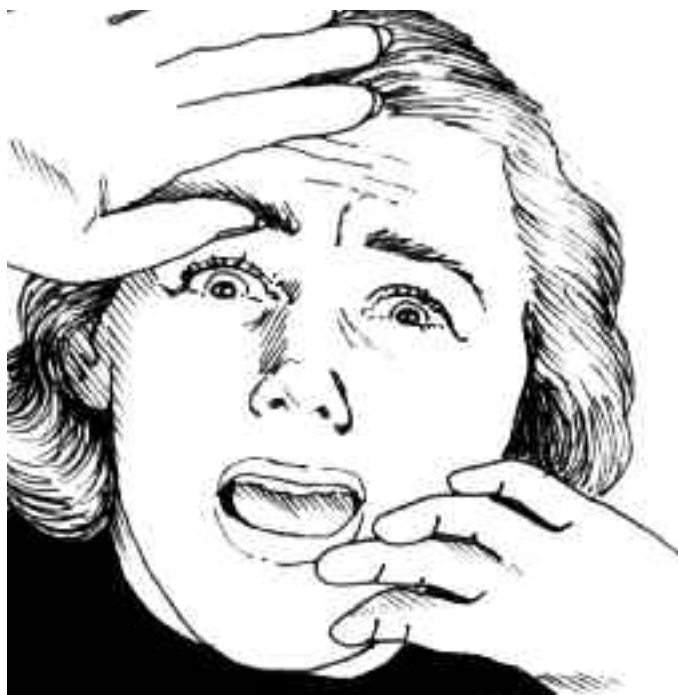
We avoid the truth because it scares us, or makes us angry, or makes us feel like we don't know what to do.

Most of us have had the experience of being in possession of a piece of truth that we were afraid to share because we knew it would not be well received. There are also instances in which we ourselves have been unable to handle some truth confronting us. This might be a small truth, such as not wanting to see that our car needs repairs because we don't want to pay for them, or a large truth, such as not fully accepting that someone close to us is pushing us away. Usually the truth is evident, and we can see it if we choose, but we have elaborate ways of hiding the truth from ourselves, no matter how apparent it is.

For the most part, we avoid the truth because it scares us, or makes us angry, or makes us feel like we don't know what to do. We often create our lives based on a particular


understanding, and if that understanding turns out to be fully or even partially incorrect, we may feel that our whole sense of reality is being threatened. It takes a strong person to face the truth in circumstances like these, and many of us run for cover instead. Nevertheless, we can only avoid the truth for so long before it begins to make itself known in ever more forceful ways.

Ultimately, there is no way to avoid the truth, no matter how painful it is, so the sooner we let down our defenses, the better. When we know the truth and accept that we may have to adjust our lives to accommodate, we are in alignment with reality. At the same time, we can be patient with people around us who have a hard time seeing the truth, because we know how painful it can be. Whatever the truth is, we make a sincere effort not to close our eyes to it, but instead to be grateful that we have access to it.



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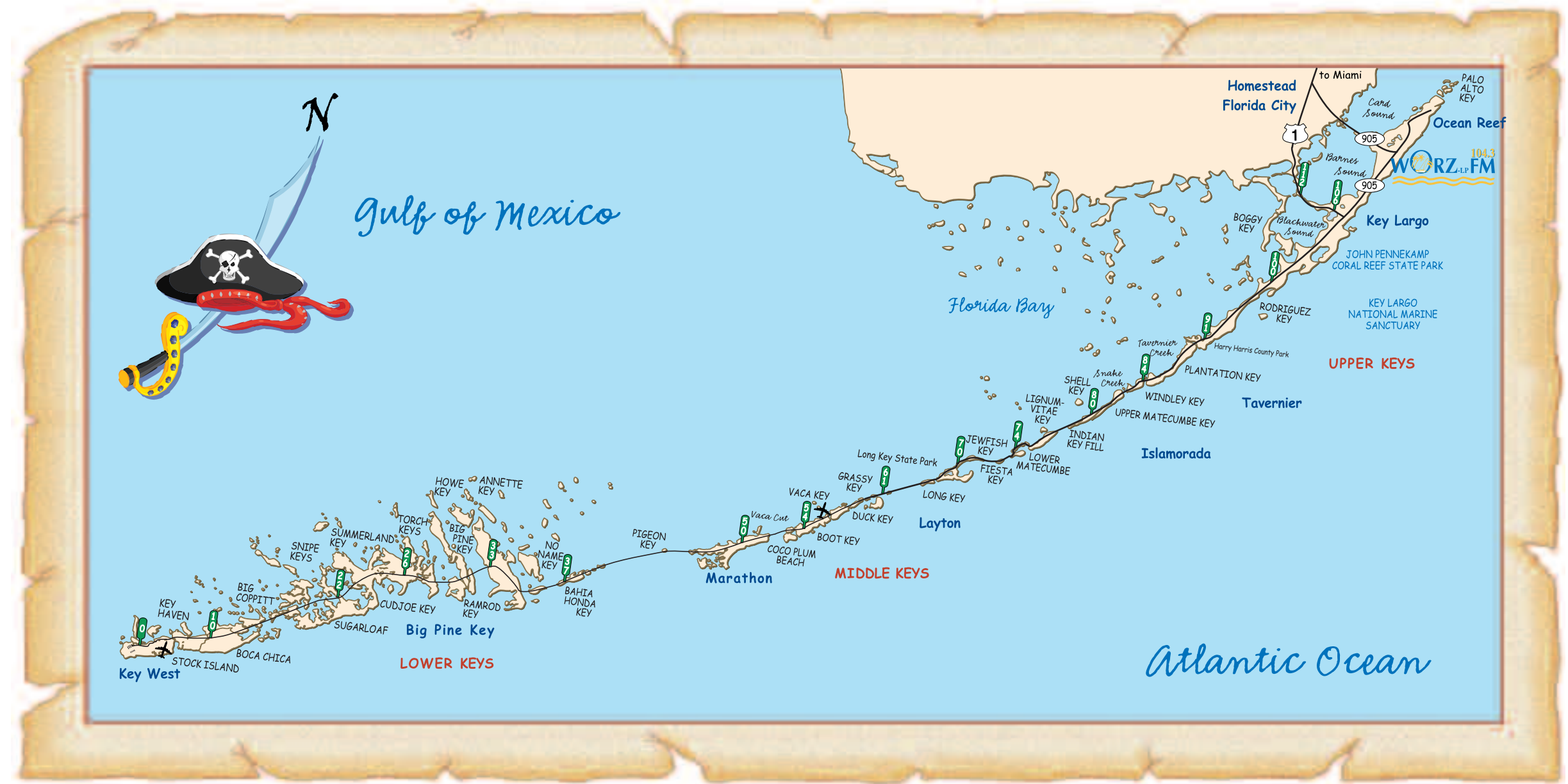
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UNMENTIONABLES is produced by Nancy Wells and co-directed by Kathy Miller and Nancy Siljander. See lingerie fly through the air and pea-pod wine flow as this production plays at the Lion's Club in Key Largo at MM 99.6, behind TIB Bank, beginning April 13, 15, 16 and 20, 22, 23 and 27, 29, 30th. Doors open at 7PM with an 8PM curtain call. Advance tickets are sold for \$12 at Tropical Arts & Crafts (MM101.4 ocean), The UPS Store (MM99.6 ocean) and PostNet Store (MM88 ocean). Tickets sold at the door are \$14. Come share the fun!

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Spring has Sprung for Keys Songbirds!

The Ring-Necked Dove pictured here heralds the arrival of baby songbird season in the Florida Keys. Currently being rehabilitated at the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center's Wildlife Hospital with the help of an adult foster mother, the young bird is one of a trio of doves rescued recently in the Upper Keys, each under different circumstances.

"Sometimes youngsters are brought in for good reasons," cautions Lela Larned, FKWBC's director. "But just as often, young birds are 'kidnapped' by well-meaning folks who are trying to help, but don't quite understand how to decide if a young bird truly is in trouble."

Unless a bird is obviously injured, it's best to watch from an indoor vantage point for a while to see what is going on.

for birds as small as hummingbirds through birds as large as ospreys. Gradually youngsters begin to gain strength, first perching on branches close to the ground and then taking short flights but the flightless period can last for 10-14 days, leaving the youngsters extremely vulnerable to predators. Some species of songbirds, especially insectivores, need feeding every few minutes from visiting parents. Other species, especially seed-eaters such as doves, are only fed every few hours and are left unattended.

When Baby Birds Need Help:

- Birds that have had direct contact with a pet, obvious injuries such as broken bones or open wounds, have suffered a long fall onto a hard surface, feel cold to the touch, or are un-feathered and found on the ground need help from FKWBC's Hospital immediately. Even the smallest bite puncture from a cat or a dog will spark an infection in young birds that is impossible to survive without oral antibiotics. Every minute counts in saving these babies' lives. Simply place the injured bird in a

covered box with tissues or paper towels and call **FKWBC's wildlife help hotline: 852-4486**. Food and water should not be offered as they can be very harmful initially; keeping the animal warm, dark, and quiet is most important.



Photo by Nancy Pindru, FKWBC clinic volunteer

How You Can Help:

- If you have a cat-free yard, help host bird families by hanging birdhouses, keeping bird-bathes supplied with fresh clean water, and maintaining shrubs, trees, and ground cover as hiding spots for young families.
- Keep baskets with handles handy. Young birds on the ground or fallen nests can be protected from predators and neighborhood pets if placed inside a shallow basket and hung in a nearby tree. Parents will tend to the youngsters once they adjust to the novelty of the basket. Birds are safest up high.
- FKWBC often is able to re-unite healed youngsters with parents and restore makeshift nests. Resist the urge to try and raise young

birds yourself. Lessons including migration, birdsong, nest-building, and foraging are best taught by bird parents.

Common Myth:

- It is not true that a mother bird will reject a youngster if touched by a human. Instead, human touch can mark the bird with a scent that aids bird predators such as raccoons, snakes, and opossums to locate and raid nests and babies.
- Keeping close tabs on pets during nesting season will save lives. Many of our native songbirds are declining at rates of 4% per year due to habitat loss and predation. Please help songbirds in your own backyard!

What to Watch For:

- Almost all young birds go through a fledgling period, when they have hopped out of the nest but their wings, feathers, and flight skills are not quite developed yet. Though they might appear alone, the patient observer will discover parent birds are close by, swooping down to check on youngsters a few times an hour. This un-flighted period holds true

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Ending a Friendship

Not All Friends are Good Friends

A friendship that serves to support, encourage and entertain is a good relationship but not all friends are good friends. Review some of the following types of friends and take a moment to evaluate some of your friendships.

The Emotional Vampire

This is the friend who seems to suck the life out of you. Whether you realize exactly how they do it or not, they seem to leave you feeling exhausted. These types of people tend to constantly be surrounded with some sort of drama and they drag you right down in to it. Do you really want to hear about their sorry

relationship every time you see them? Life is rarely pleasant, and they have continuous problems they need to complain about. You might talk to this person about their effect on you, but you'll soon realize these people rarely change. Friendship is about giving and taking, and if this friend is only taking, you deserve better.

The One-Upper/Snob

When you're sharing an experience that's important to you, this person interrupts with a story or experience that's just a little better than yours. Their stories will always be more - more pleasant, more exciting, more dreadful, or

more dramatic. If your friend doesn't know how to listen and validate you, it's time to start questioning how much they truly care about you. They should realize that what you have to say should be equally valued. This person's rudeness can also run off your good friends.

The Big Three: Lying, Cheating, or Stealing

Everyone makes mistakes, but after you give this friend multiple chances, it may be time to end the friendship. A friend who constantly lies or steals from you is not showing you the respect that friends should show one another. There is no value in this

person or your friendship.

The Harvey Two-Face

The friend who says one thing and does something else. Or the friend who is nice to your face and then talks badly about you behind your back. Do they make fun of your clothes? Weight? Hair? Their actions tend to be more severe than the typical casual gossip common among friends. This type of bad friend's actions are purposeful, hurtful, and continue regardless of your objections.

The Reputation Squasher

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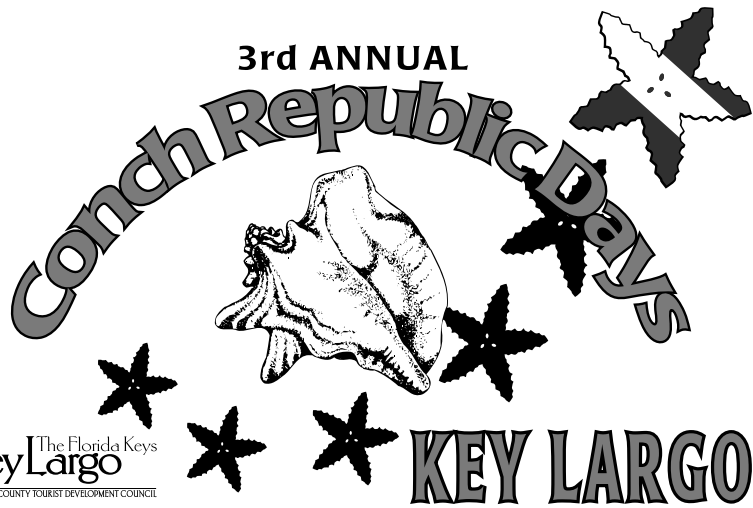
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Cunning Linguist: A cunning linguist is a person who is a shrewd speaker of multiple languages. This is not to be confused with a person who is a shrewd giver of multiple organisms.

Angina: A condition characterized by suffocating, painful spasms (such as a heart attack) is known as angina. So remember, if the doctor tells you that your wife has "acute angina," he is not talking about her hoo-hoo; he is simply warning you about a serious medical condition.

Masticate: When we eat, we masticate, or chew. If someone calls you an "excessive masticator," it means you eat too much. It doesn't mean he's been peeking in your bedroom window.

Thespian: A thespian is an actor, not a chick who digs chicks; unless, of course, that actor is Jody Foster, who also happens to be a chick who digs chicks.

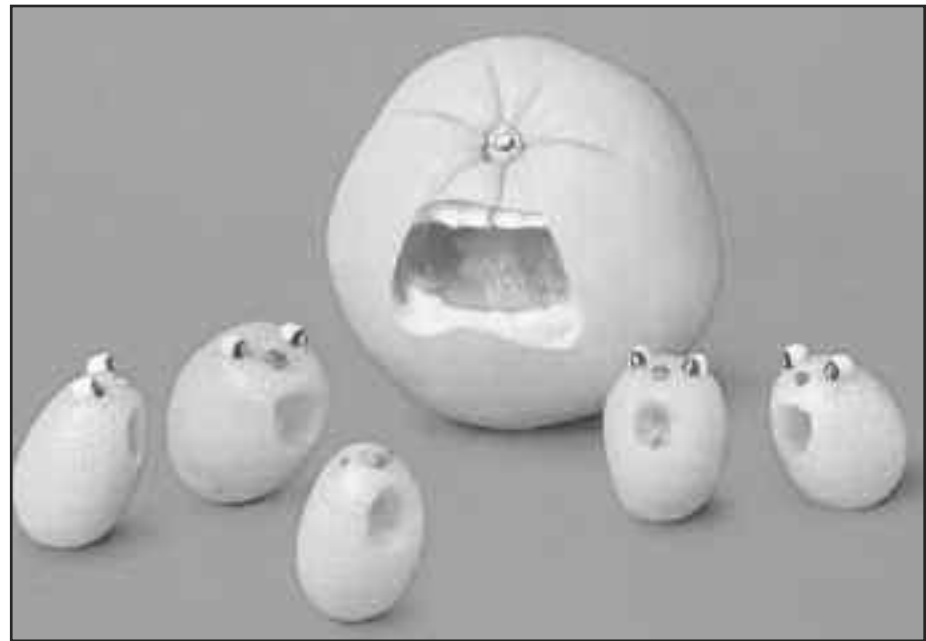
Volvo: A warning to all men: It is important to know that if a woman offers to give you a ride in her Volvo, she is talking about her car! A mistake like that could get you five-to-ten.

Uranus: One of the planets that revolve around the sun is called Uranus, which is not the same thing as that area of your body where the sun don't shine.

Rectify: You may think that rectify is a word that relates to that area down under, but it isn't. It means to fix or correct, as in: "Fernando's hemorrhoids became so inflamed that he had to have surgery in that area down under in order to rectify the situation."

Cumquat: A cumquat is a fruit that resembles a small orange. It is not something to do when you squat.

Ramrod: A ramrod is also referred to as a "packing stick" which was used with muzzle-loading weapons to push the bullet up against the gunpowder in the 19th century. Unfortunately it is not a well endowed energetic man. If it was there would be more women living on Ramrod Key.



What To Do At The Funeral Of Someone You Dislike

- Tell the widow you're sure you saw him move.
- Go to the funeral dressed as the deceased, and call the widow a fraud.
- Bring a dog to the funeral and have him play dead.
- Sign the deceased's name in the guest register.
- Bring a shovel to the church.
- Ask the widow if you think it would do any good to shake him.
- Put waxed lips on the body.
- Ask the widow how long she's been sure he's dead.
- Tell the widow a lot of his favorite TV shows were cancelled anyway.
- Put a bumper sticker on the hearse that says, "I'd rather be breathing!"
- Ask the widow how long it will be before she starts dating.
- Tell the deceased's mother that you never expected them to go in this order.
- Hide behind the casket and talk to the mourners as they kneel in front of the body.
- Send the widow a singing telegram from the deceased.
- Ask the widow if you can take a finger.
- Tell the widow in a loud stage whisper, "I'll bet this is costing you a pretty penny."
- Tell the widow that the body doesn't look comfortable.
- Ask the widow if she's aware of any job openings.
- Tell the widow you think he'd look better on his side.
- Tell the widow you suspect foul play.
- Entertain the guests with a hand-puppet replica of the deceased.
- Put a lit cigarette in the deceased's mouth.
- Put a pair of shoes under the coffin.
- Wear a "Grateful Dead" t-shirt to the wake.

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Ending a Friendship

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a screen door in a hurricane.
Soon you notice that people
around you are beginning to
treat you disrespectfully.

It could be that this person is always sloppy drunk. You know that your standards are different but do others? People will naturally associate you with who you are with.

The Addict

Drugs, alcohol, gambling, sex - whatever the addiction, the addict will eventually take so much that it's just not worth being friends anymore. You can only be expected to support the addict for so long. Nothing is more important to an addict than their drug of choice.

The User

This person tends to always be friends with people who have something they need or like to use - a car, video games, a couch to sleep on, movies, food, etc. The test of this friendship is to start saying no. If the person still wants to spend time with you, then they are there for you. If you start cutting them off from your stuff and they start hanging out less this could be a good sign they are just using you.

The Abuser
Friends should support, encourage, and love you. Yes, friends can challenge you to be a better person or make changes in your life, but this can be done in a loving and supportive way. The abuser tends to put you down, hurt you, and keep you down. The abusive friend will somehow convince you that you need them, despite how much they hurt you. It will be incredibly difficult to cut this friend from your life, as they will make it an effort to make your life miserable in the process. In the end, you'll realize how much better you are without the abuser in your life.

This list is not intended to tell you when to end friendships. Instead, use this list as a starting point for evaluating questionable friendships in your life. If your friends tend to take more than they give, don't be afraid to confront them about your concerns. Friends should be able to have open two-way communication. If things don't start to change consider the benefits of cutting that friend out of your life and moving on.





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