

Headlines From The Year: 2059

Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest Country in the world, Mexifornia, formerly known as California.

White minorities still trying to have English recognized as the third language.

Spotted Owl plague threatens Northwestern United States crops and livestock.

Baby conceived naturally! Scientists stumped.

Couple petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage.

Iran still closed off; physicists estimate it will take at least 10 more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.

France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica. No other country comes forward to help the beleaguered nation!

Last Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2060.

Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.

85-year \$75.8 billion study: Diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.

Global cooling blamed for citrus crop failure for third consecutive year in Mexifornia and Floruba.

Abortion clinics now available in every high school in United States.

Senate still blocking drilling in ANWR even though gas is selling for 4532 pesos per liter and gas stations are only open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs.

Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.

Supreme Court rules: Any punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

A couple finally Has sexual harmony, They have simultaneous headaches.

Average height of NBA players is now nine feet seven inches with only 5 illegitimate children.

New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2060.

IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.

Florida voters still having trouble with voting machines.

Coconut Telegraph still thanking Doug Myers for this and other contributions.

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UPPER KEYS

Gilbert's Resort, MM 107.9 Key Largo 305-451-1133. Small sandy beach, pool, tiki bar and restaurant.

John Pennekamp State Park, MM 102.5 Key Largo 305-451-1621. Beach, aquarium, boat rentals, diving and snorkeling trips available.

Harry Harris Park and Beach, MM 92.5 Tavernier 305-852-7161. Sandy beach, bathrooms, picnic areas, fishing and swimming.

Islamorada Founder's Park, MM 86.5. Open to the public. Beach & amenities. Includes pool, dog park, restrooms, and picnic benches.

Library Park and Beach, MM 81.5 behind the Islamorada Public Library. Playground equipment, picnic benches and sandy beach.

Matecumbe Public Beach, MM 73.5 Islamorada. Large stretch of beach for shallow swimming. No restrooms.

Anne's Beach, MM 72.5 free. Oceanfront nature boardwalk, picnic tables and bathroom.

MIDDLE KEYS

Sombrero Beach, MM 50 Marathon 305-292-4650. This beachfront park is maintained by the city of Marathon. Covered picnic tables, playground, restrooms and protected cove for kids.

Little Duck Key Beach, MM 39 Marathon. Located just south of the 7 Mile Bridge. Restrooms and picnic areas.

LOWER KEYS

Bahia Honda State Park, MM 37 305-872-2353. Named one of the top 10 beaches in North America.

KEY WEST


Higgs Memorial Beach, Key West. Near the south end of White Street. A pier, swimming, and free tennis courts across the street.

C.B. Harvey Rest Beach Park (next to Higgs Beach). Beach is about 300 yards long and provides picnic areas.

Fort Zachary Taylor State Park, 305-292-6713 What the locals call "the best beach in Key West." Picnic or fish.

Smathers Beach, sandy beach, picnic, restroom, volleyball, and watersports.

South Beach, at the end of Duval Street. Beach, picnic tables & bathroom facilities.



The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenski

Sandi's recipes are featured monthly in the Coconut Telegraph. For previous issues go to <http://www.theconchtelegraph.com>.



Shrimp dishes are so popular that people flock to the Keys for them! Shrimp is a wonderful and versatile seafood item, prepared in so many different ways. One of my favorite shrimp dishes is coconut shrimp. This tasty dish is often served with a tangy sauce such as duck sauce or cayenne pepper sprinkled in an orange marmalade. This recipe is relatively easy to make and is great for boaters to prepare, as it is done on the stove top. Serve it as an appetizer or main dish. Enjoy!

COCONUT FRIED SHRIMP

24 large shrimp
2 beaten eggs (or 3, depending on the shrimp)
1 ½ teaspoons cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup flour
3 cups dried breadcrumbs
1 cup shredded sweet coconut
Vegetable oil (cover the bottom of the pan with about ½ inch)

Combine the eggs, cayenne pepper, and salt in a shallow dish. Place the flour in another dish. Then the breadcrumbs and coconut mixed together in a third dish.

Dredge the shrimp in the flour, shaking off any excess. Dip into the egg mixture then roll the shrimp in the breadcrumbs and coconut.

Heat the oil in a saute pan. Add the shrimp in batches as not to crowd the pan. Fry the shrimp for about 3 minutes, turn after browned and then brown the other side. Remove and place on a paper towel to absorb excess oil. Cover with foil to keep warm until all shrimp have been fried. Serve with a sauce.

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