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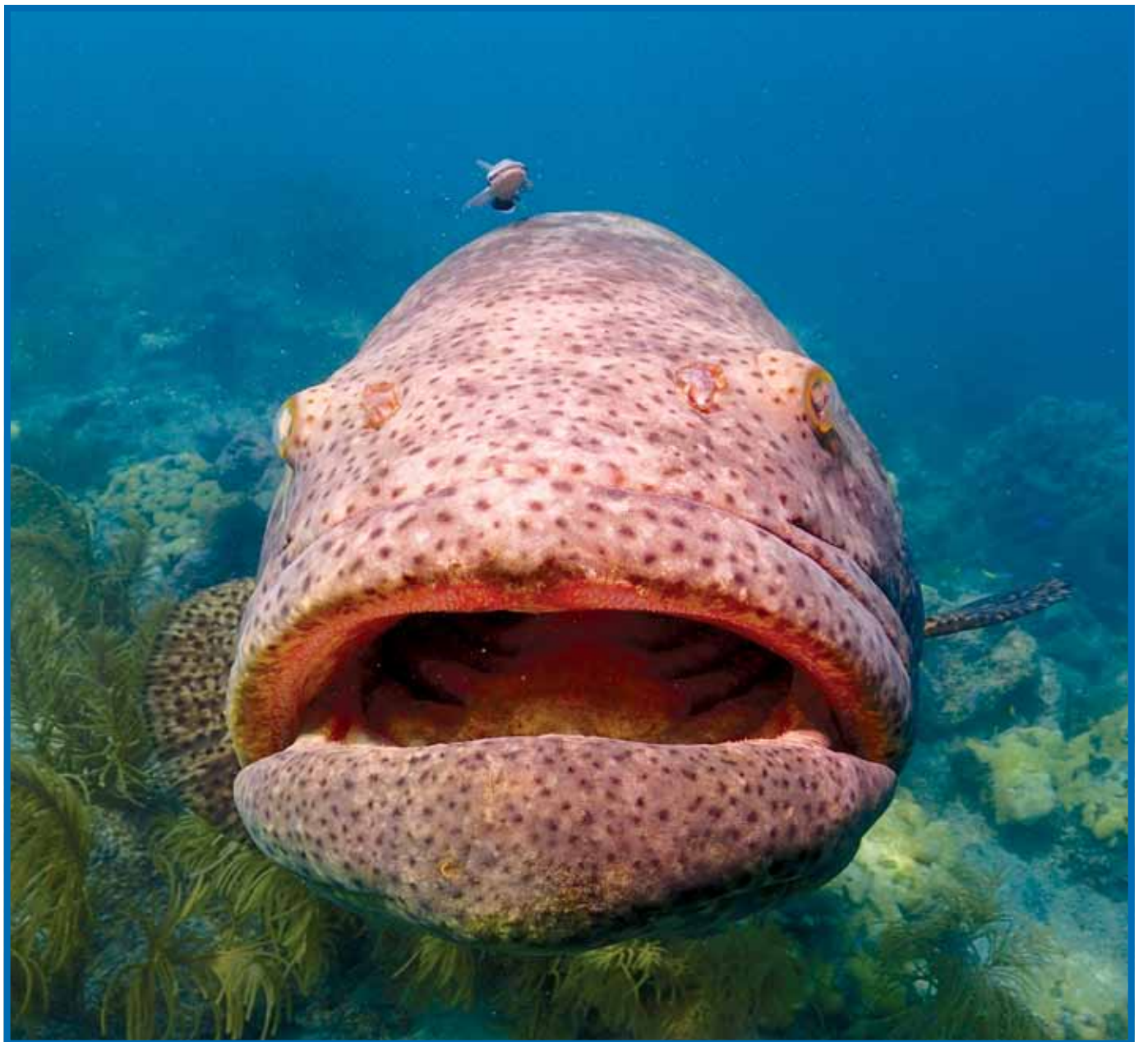
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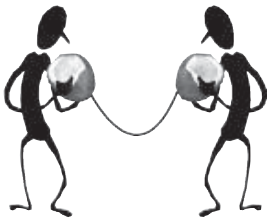
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Editorial: Big Fish in a Small Pond

This is the followup to "The Legend of the Key Largo Sea Monster" on page 7.

On June 29th, Captain Spencer Slate was scheduled to arrive with a crew of divers at 10 am to check the Rowell's Key Largo Park basin where County officials and I anxiously awaited.

After hours waiting in the hot sun, Slate and another diver arrived around 3:00 in the afternoon, and we watched their bubbles as they searched the underwater perimeter of the basin for about an hour.

They did not find any Go-liath Groupers in the basin and the county made the decision to reopen the park the next day to swimming.

I was concerned that they may not have had time to dive the depth of 40' to 60' and that the massive critters could be lurking in the murky depth. Having no diving experience, I decided to call some experienced divers and see what they thought.

I was able to reach Captain Jeremy Weeks at Sea Dwellers in Key Largo, who is quite familiar with the beasts. He explained that the giant fish were "docile and absolutely not a threat." Nothing to fear even if they are in there.


So, as for the Legend of the Key Largo Sea Monster? Come to think of it, the Loch Ness monster didn't have to be dangerous to be legendary.

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Getting Ready To Go On Vacation



What I Do

Pack my stuff

Pack kids' stuff

Make arrangements for pet care

Clean house because if we don't make it back I don't want the neighbors to know we're slobs

Envision every possible scenario (injury, illness) and pack accordingly

Use up all food in fridge

Pack maps, snacks and activities for the car trip

Call family to say goodbye


Ask neighbor to keep eye on our house and gather mail

What My Husband Does

Clips toenails

Finds a chore entirely unrelated to our trip, deeming it of the utmost importance and insists it must be completed before departure

Asks why I'm not ready yet



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Dr. Bartlett's careers have been varied, including a time as a graphic designer, technical writing for Dept. of Defense contractors and a pharmacy technician. She's bringing her pet family: Boone, her dog and two cats, Isabelle and Amelia.

Dr. Bartlett and her family raised horses and competed in hunter/jumper competitions. She holds multiple degrees including Bachelor degrees in English and Biology as well as a Master's in Aviation Technology. She acquired her DVM from Auburn University and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Dr. Sherwood Cooper also joins the UKVH staff with 29 years of veterinary medical and surgical experience. Dr. Cooper has successfully owned veterinary hospitals in Florida and West Virginia. He brings experience and a deep interest in complementary and alternative medicine, Oriental, herbal and Ayurvedic therapies. Dr. Cooper also has a special interest in digital ultrasound and radiographic diagnostic imaging.

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She was in a coma for 3 months, suffered head and brain injuries, broke her right arm and leg, and had her spleen removed.

After many months in the hospital and rehab center she is home now, continuing her physical and speech therapy.

On July 23, 2016, a benefit is planned to help Karol and her family. It will be at the Elks Lodge in Tavernier from 5-9 pm. The theme is "Christmas in July." A turkey dinner will be served for \$15. Please call 305-619-2259 for reservations. (See page 8 for more details.)

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Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's butt and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard.

Gerald J. Frushon, aka "Jerry Springer"



Jerry, shown here with his sister Pat, passed away at the age of 67 on June 25, 2016, at Plantation Key Nursing Home. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, at age 19 he joined the Marine Corps, serving 2 years in Vietnam and receiving 3 medals. In retirement he moved to Key Largo and lived with his sister, Patricia Kulesa, and his niece, Lisa, for 16 years. He is preceded in death by his wife Helen Noto, his mother, Cynthia Suwalski, father Anthony Frushon, brother Joe Frushon, brother-in-law Lenny Kulesa, and nephew Tony "Punky" Frushon. He was a wonderful man with a heart of gold and a great sense of humor; he always made life full of fun. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

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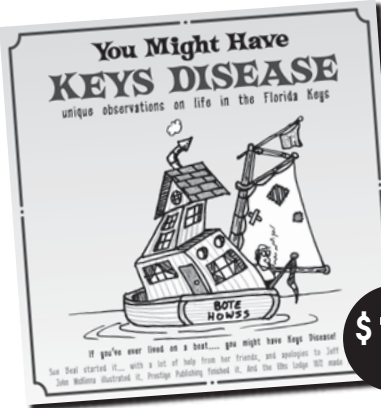
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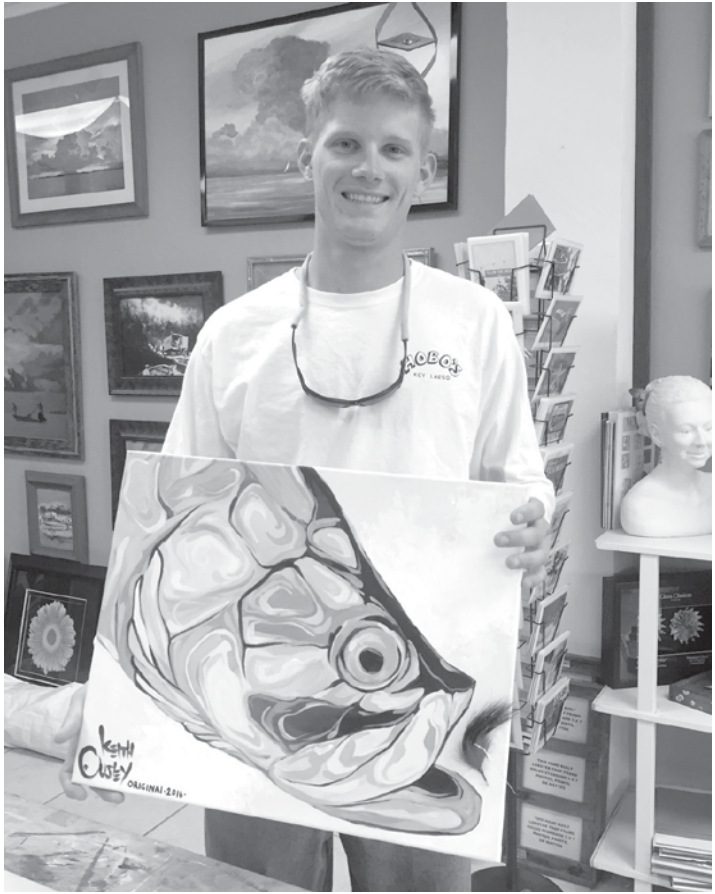
You may recognize him from Key Largo Publix in the meat department as Keith the butcher. Or off the clock, he's known as "Keef Paints," the marine artist. As far back as he can remember he's always had a pencil in hand. Over all of his other toys, his favorites were always pencils and sketch pads. He says, "It was my way of letting my imagination run loose and spill out onto the paper to create whatever I wanted, no rules, anything was possible if I could draw it, it was real."

Keith's art lessons began at a very young age, every Sunday sitting between his grandparents in the back pew of church. He scribbled away during the Sunday service on the back of the bulletin with whatever crayons and markers he had stuffed into his pockets that morning. Monster trucks, speedboats, sharks, whatever he could dream of. He filled Sunday's church bulletins with his "masterpieces." That was the only art school he has ever been to.

Now that Keith is 25 years old, not much has changed. He's traded in crayons and church bulletins for paintbrushes and canvas.

To this day he still scribbles drawings on the back of church bulletins during Sunday service!

Keith states, "My goal as an artist is to expand my body of work towards marine conservation. I believe in using my talents for what I love most and protecting the delicate ecosystem of the Florida Keys. If you agree with me and enjoy my artwork please come see it on display in the month of July at The Art Box."



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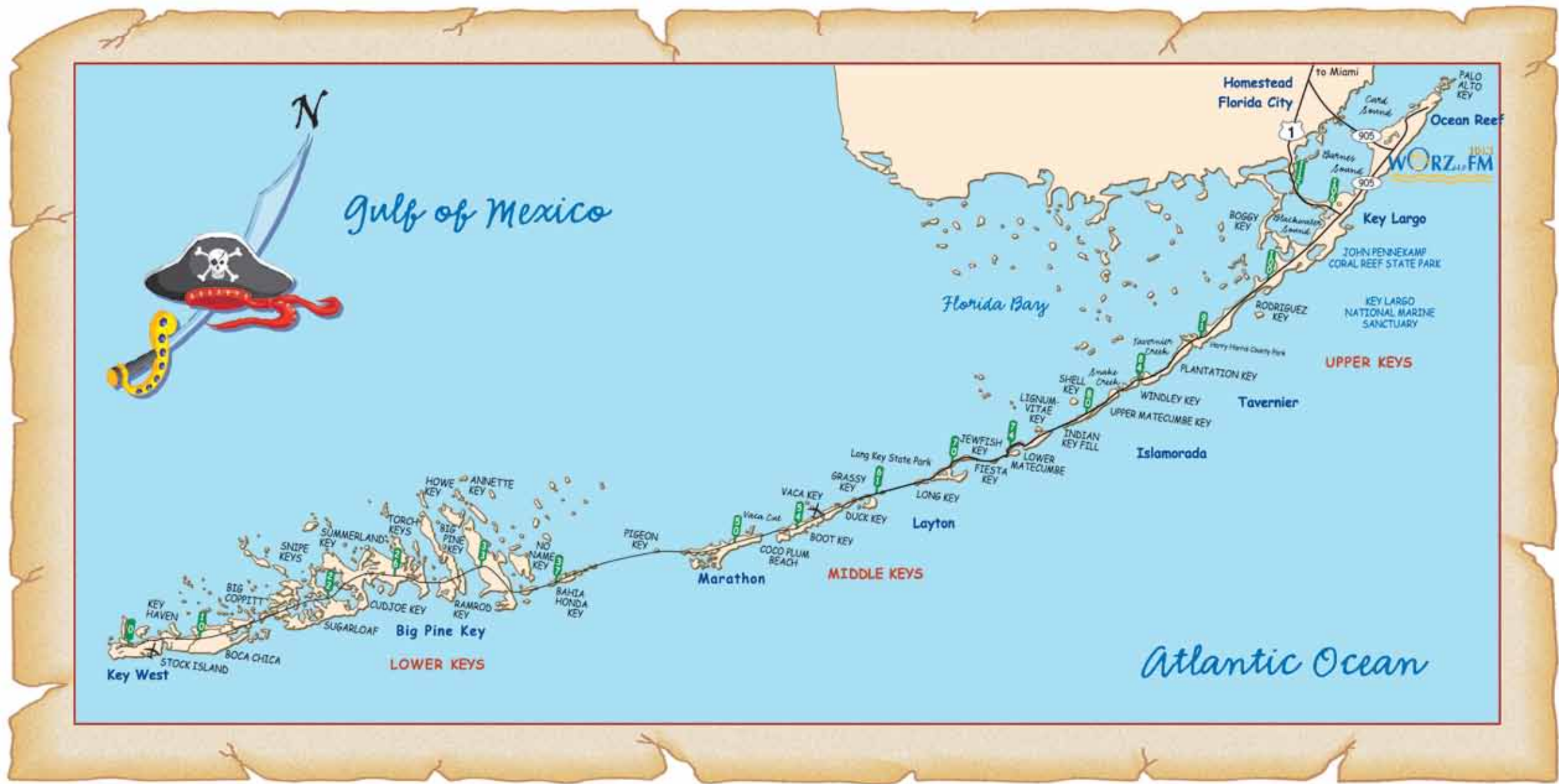
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# The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenski

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



July is the time of the year to celebrate our country's birthday with picnics, family gatherings, and friends. The most enjoyable way is to ask everyone to contribute their favorite dish. One of my favorites is an easy-to-prepare dessert that is so tasty! So enjoy!

## CHOCOLATE TRIFLE CAKE

- 1 box dark chocolate cake mix
- 1 box of chocolate pudding mix (not instant)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup dark rum
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds
- whipped cream

Prepare the cake according to directions on the box, then cool.

As the cake is baking, cook the chocolate pudding following the instructions on the box. When all is cool, cut the cake into 1/2 inch slices. Line a 2 quart bowl with 1/2 of the cake slices then sprinkle with 1/2 of the rum. Spoon on top 1/2 of the cherry pie filling followed by 1/2 of the chocolate pudding.

Repeat the process with the cake, rum, cherry pie filling, and the pudding. Cover and chill.

Serve with the whipped cream and the toasted almonds on top.



# Entertainer of the Month: Sweetwater at Snook's Bayside - Quench Your Thirst!

The definition of Sweetwater is fresh water. It is a fresh, new, soothing sound in the Keys that you can drink in and still not get enough of.

Since forming Sweetwater over two years ago, the members have kept to their original desire to create a unique sound. What you hear and see is the accomplishment of that dedication. Accolades from establishments and audiences alike use terms such as 'refreshing' and 'different.' Each member contributes his or her talent to enrich the blend.

Sweetwater doesn't have a rigid set list while performing. They have an ability to feel the mood of the audience, regardless of the venue, and respond with a mixture of songs and melodies appropriate for that moment.

The band has a strong sense of community. They, along with many other talented local musicians, have donated their time and talent to local causes and benefits to help Keys families, friends and musicians in need.

Sweetwater plays every week at venues throughout the Keys and South Florida; recently performing for the Homestead Center for the Arts. You can catch them every Sunday afternoon at Snooks Bayside Restaurant and Grand Tiki in Key Largo.

Sweetwater plugs in acoustic strings to deliver that "back porch" feel with clarity. You'll hear Piedmont-style country, blues, folk, ragtime and swing. Their aim is to create a comfortable, fun atmosphere with a strong nod towards humor. You'll hear a variety of instruments and see them too because they don't use tracks. (Don't know how and don't want to learn!)

Sweetwater's original music has received high scoring with multi-state competitions, and they hard developing new material without overlooking the standards we all love.



PATRICK KNOTTS' varied finger-style rhythms help promote the unique imagery in his originals and lends itself to the various string instruments he now incorporates in this approach. You will hear the big sound of his Martin guitar, the sweet notes of his mandolin and the slide of his dobro. It's been said that songwriting is 90% inspiration. With songs featuring fish rescue, suit-wearing feral wolf-men, and cheap cigars with mango wine, what does that say about this guy? He has several full length recordings to his credit, and his songs consistently receive high scores in national songwriting competitions. Patrick is also invited each year to present workshops at one of the country's largest traditional music festivals.

Although a Michigan native, Patrick says he's a Key Largo resident by choice. "You have to remember your frozen roots, still stuck in the ground in cold country. Just write a tune about it."



PAM OSTERMAN has been involved with the arts most of her life. An accomplished artist, she also acted in and directed several theatre productions in Cape Coral, Florida. After relocating to Key Largo, she turned this creative energy back toward music. Selling her piano, she picked up a guitar. What began as playing and singing with "the guys" at neighborhood parties has blossomed into her current position as female vocalist, guitarist and booking agent for Sweetwater.

Pam's vocals deliver a unique style and tone; smoky with an occasional sultry flair. Playing her antique washboard, she adds some old time percussion to the Sweetwater sound and has recently added playing her ukulele. She'll be the one that's barefoot.



BILL WISSINGER started singing and playing guitar at an early age. After deciding six strings were too complex, he switched to double bass. A short stint as a music major convinced him that a regular paycheck (and food other than Ramen noodles) weren't such a bad idea after all. Bill and his big, blonde upright bass provide the solid foundation on which Sweetwater builds its melody lines.



STEVE DUNLAP has always loved music for as long as he can remember. Hitting things that made noise always made perfect sense, even if his teachers and parents didn't think so. After many painful years of attempting to learn guitar, he discovered where his heart was. Steve is the percussionist for Sweetwater.

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"Chain Reaction" the amazing Journey tribute band, will return to Gilbert's on July 23rd. They have recently added some Styx songs to their impressive arsenal.



Harry Byron of the Rogue Theory Band plays The Devil Went Down To Gilbert's. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



The Beatleman at the Big Chill.



Sweetwater, our July Entertainer of the Month, live at Gilbert's.

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The newest member of the band "Push" stole the hearts of the ladies at Gilbert's. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Ariel, lead singer of Spank The Band, belts out some Janis Joplin.



## I spy with my little eye... An alligator foot in the dashboard!

Officers Luis Merizio and Casey Schroer stopped a truck to check for their day-use pass in a Wildlife Management Area when they noticed something unusual. Scattered throughout the cab of the truck were alligator parts... including the alligator foot in the dashboard of the truck! The driver told officers that the parts were from an alligator he hunted a few years ago, but our officers could smell that the alligator had been taken recently. After reading him his rights, the man confessed to killing the alligator just a few days ago without a permit, and he was cited for the violation. If you want to hunt alligators, do it legally: <http://bit.ly/1Ok86dI>

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## Rest in peace, Steve Stewart!

The Upper Keys lost another good friend with the passing of Steve Stewart in June. He was a multi-talented man. We saw him onstage for Key Players, singing and playing guitar here and there, doing Tai Chi, and contributing to the Mac club. We will remember Steve for being a nice, gentle soul with a wonderful smile.



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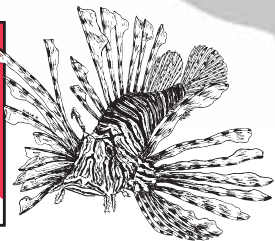
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Rare photo (magnified 100x) of a Florida No-See-Um.



Donald Duck and Daisy Duck were spending the night together in a hotel room and Donald wanted to do some 'horizontal dancing' with Daisy.

The first thing Daisy asked was, "Do you have a condom?"

Donald frowned and said, "No."

Daisy told Donald that if he didn't get a condom, they could not do the 'wild thing'.

"Maybe they sell them at the front desk," she suggested.

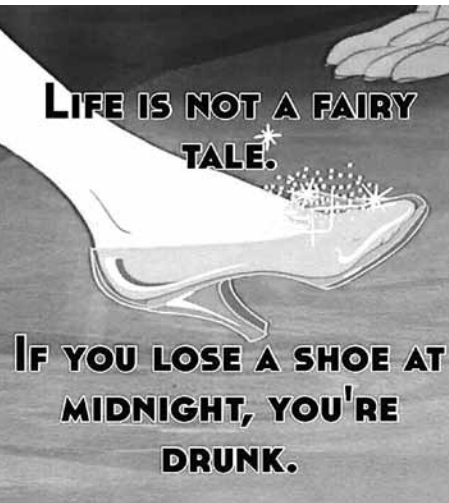
So Donald went down to the lobby and asked the hotel clerk if they had condoms.

"Yes, we do," the clerk said, and pulled a box out from under the counter and gave it to Donald.

The clerk asked, "Would you like me to put them on your bill?"

"Thit no!" Donald quacked, "I'll thuffocate!"

Thank you Trader Dick!



Madge figured if her upper arm was gonna flap, she might as well make patriotic use of it.

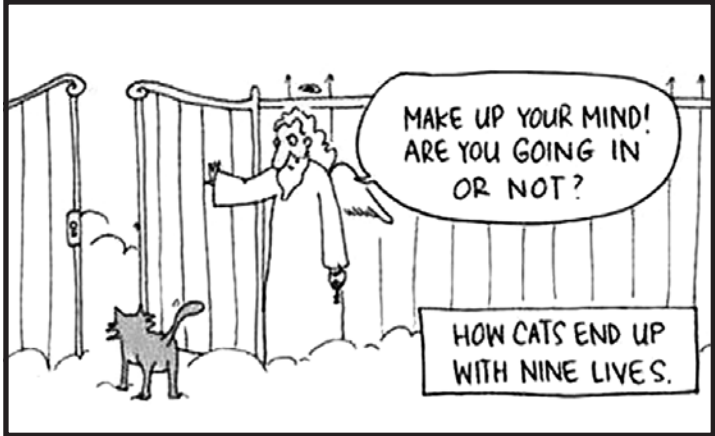


And this is why I am no longer allowed to recycle.



"No need to set out traps, I'm leaving. You don't have Wi-Fi in this dump."

There's no better sunscreen than sitting in a bar.



## The Birthday Girl

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like as a gift. "I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, with popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed, exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.

"I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!!"

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

### WARNING

There is an email going around offering processed pork, gelatin and salt in a can.

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When the fish you caught is from Miami-Dade County.

They say that sex is the best form of exercise. Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but 2 minutes and 15 seconds once every 3 months ain't going to shift a beer belly.

## Two Brothers and a Funeral

Two fellows grew up in the mountains, and when they were in their twenties, one of them went up North to seek his fortune. The other one stayed home to look after the farm and their parents. The one up North became a salesman, soon was sales manager, and then vice president and president of the company. Before long, his business was bought out by a big company, and he became president of the parent company.

One day he got a call from his brother on the farm, who said, "Daddy died, and the funeral is Friday."

He said, "Oh, my goodness. I have to leave Thursday for a big merger meeting in Japan. I can't come, but I want you to give Daddy the best funeral you can, and send the bill to me. It's the least I can do."

Well, the brother did, and in a few weeks, the successful brother received a bill for \$6,000, which he paid. The following month, a bill for \$500 came. Thinking they had forgotten something, he paid it. The next month, another bill for \$500 came, and he paid that one, too. When another \$500 bill arrived the third month, he called his brother and asked if why he was getting these bills.

"Oh, yes," the brother said, "I think I know. See, when we got Daddy all dressed up in his old serge suit in that new casket with that polished wood and satin lining, he just didn't look right, and since you said you wanted the best, we rented him a tuxedo."

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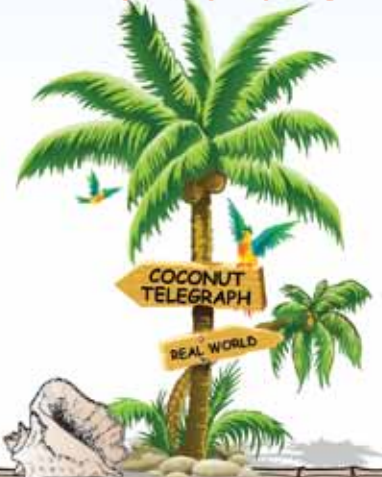
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# Conch Characters



Laura Dreaver and daughter Stephanie of the Conch House catering an event. Photo: Greg Poland.



The Pride parade in Key West on June 12 had special significance given the tragedy earlier in the day. The motto of the day was Key West stands with Orlando. State Attorney Catherine Vogel and supporters in the parade.



American Legion Auxiliary Past President Alice King welcomes new Auxiliary President Jan Gould.



Sunday Funday the Gilbert's way! Photo: Rob LeBrun



From Boys Scouts, to fire fighters to several branches of the armed forces, Memorial Day was a day to remember the sacrifices made for us. Photo: Dave Purdo



Memorial Day services held at the Hurricane Monument on Labor Day by the Matecumbe Historical Trust. Islamorada Mayor Deb Gillis is front and center. Photo: Dave Purdo



Great crowd at the Monument on Memorial Day honoring those who have fallen defending our country. Photo: Dave Purdo



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There is an airplane fuselage, various small fishing boats, a very large wooden cabin cruiser in the back of the lagoon, various cars, and a once-beautiful wooden sloop right under the bow of my "She Breeze."

In the winter (which consists of maybe 5 days), the water in the lagoon is so clear you can make out most of the wrecks from the deck of a boat. I cannot remember how the idea of a creature lashed to the deck of the sloop came

about, but it did. My dear friend and artistic landlubber neighbor Lonnie, found the feet, hands, and face mask complete with blue piercing eyes on some obscure internet site.

The creature's torso was concrete, his legs and arms were pool noodles, and all of this was shoved into an old wet suit. His hands and feet were attached to the wet-suit; the mask was on one of those styrofoam wig holders.

By the time we finished assembling our monster he was over six feet tall. So the question was: how do we get him over to the lagoon and not let the neighbors on the dock and in the neighborhood see what we're up to? It would just be too hard to explain if we were spotted! Oh, the insanity of us bored baby boomers!

Lonnie just happened to have a wheelbarrow; we put the creature in and covered him with a blanket. Of course his hands and feet were hanging out over the sides. (Can you hear the theme song from Mission Impossible in the background?) We sure could!

We waited till the dark of night, of course, in our black ninja costumes. I was



scoping out the road as Lonnie was rapidly wheeling the heavy load down the road towards my dock. I made sure everybody's lights were off on the dock, as we wheeled him to a good launching place. We had chain across his torso - bandolier style - figuring we needed the extra weight. Quietly, we lifted him into the water with a line tied to him so we could come back in the daytime and set him on the sloop.

This is when the trouble and the cursing began. The creature was not cooperating, he wouldn't sink, sh --, sh --, sh - -!!!! We were scrambling, looking for anything heavy. "Somebody could be missing an anchor tomorrow." (Oops, did I say that out loud?)

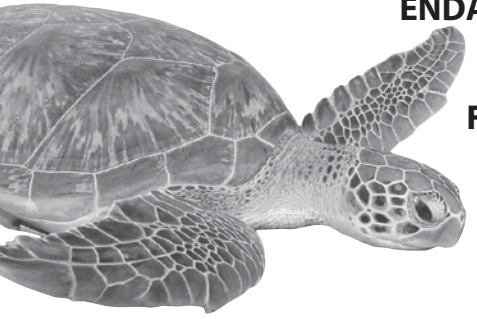
I found a couple cinder blocks in the mangroves, and once we attached all the

extras our creature slowly started to sink. We tied him off to the dock, sneaked back across the street, and mixed a stiff drink or two.

The next day we casually donned our dive gear and jumped in. It all went smoothly as we attached our creation to the deck of the sloop.

Many a person has had a giggle out of our midnight madness, conducted many years ago. When the water was clear you could see his blue eyes from the deck of my boat. Alas, in the intervening years, the sloop has disintegrated around the creature and only on close inspection can you see one of his large hands sticking up and waving!





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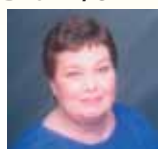
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