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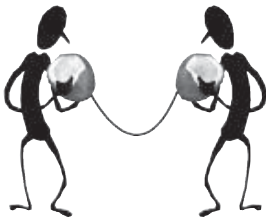
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Editorial: Community Spirit, Keys Disease and the Musicians Relief Fund - How you can help

The Coconut Telegraph is grateful to all the generous businesses that donate to local benefits, the people who volunteer to help out and the ones who show their support by being there. Please see our thank-you on page 9 and be sure to support the businesses who help us all.

As of press time we do not have a dollar amount total from the Musicians Relief Fund Benefit and Book Signing, as many people have not yet picked up their silent auction items. However, much more money will be needed to fund this cause. See the ad on page 9 if you would like to contribute. We are planning a concert at the Elks in the near future, and we are looking for ways to keep the funds coming in.

Here is where you can help. Perhaps you would like to hold a benefit at your venue? Hold a yard sale. Have a bake sale. Use your imagination.

Definition of a musician:
One who drives a \$500 car
100 miles with \$5,000 worth of equipment to play a \$50 gig.

Part of my job is to go and photograph these hard-working artists at their gigs. Rarely are they working under perfect conditions. The sun is in their eyes, they are drenched with sweat from the heat, they have a major headache or a cold coming on. They cover themselves with bug spray or are fresh meat for mosquitoes. If the

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Musicians Relief Fund. If you have a particular skill call us and volunteer to help.

What do you call a musician without a girlfriend? Homeless.

We had someone come to the last benefit and sit down and berate us for 20 minutes because I had set up a Facebook event and had somehow listed it as private so others could not invite more people. Sorry, I'm not that computer savvy. A simple phone call could have solved that problem and helped us out. I have had a extremely painful torn sacroiliac tendon and I'm wearing a back brace that slows me down but I still managed to get it done. They say "no good deed goes unpunished," and ain't it the truth?

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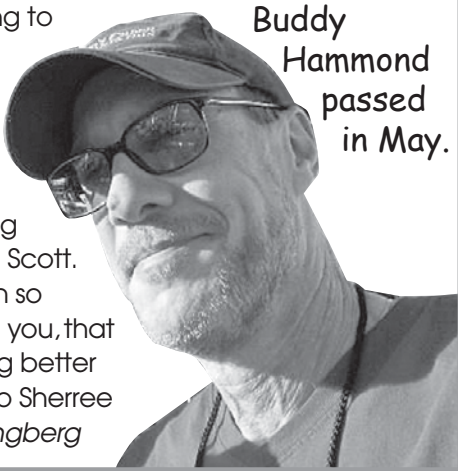
Edward Hoff, just 13 years old in April, caught his first sailfish on May 14, northeast of the Islamorada hump on a skirted ballyhoo. After the picture was taken, he released the sail and watched as it swam away.

Also on May 14th, Edward caught two triple tails under a milk crate found due east about 15 miles from the Islamorada Hump, using a light spinning reel and skip jack chunks.



Heaven just gained one hell of a guitar player.

"I sat at the OV Jam recently listening to the great players and I felt blessed and sad at once. Hearing about Buddy hit me hard. He and Sherree were some of the first folks we met when we moved here 19 years ago. Buddy played bass for Big Dick and she worked at Lorelei with Scott. We are so fortunate to live here with so much amazing talent. But I'm telling you, that band up in the sky just keeps getting better and better. RIP Buddy and peace to Sherree and the family." --Suzi Price Youngberg



Buddy Hammond passed in May.



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May

Do you know Bobbe Brown?

—by Rob LeBrun

Robert "Bobbe" Brown, one of three musically gifted brothers, moved to Key West in 1985, after a chance meeting and hiring by the owner of Sloppy Joe's in an



Bobbe plays at Mickey Gilley's club in Pasadena, Texas. The bar was made famous by the movie "Urban Cowboy."



Bobbe (R) with Mickey Gilley (center).

airport bar. For most, this would be their "big break" but Bobbe had already played in Mickey Gilley's band, played with BB King, Charlie Daniels, Vince Gill, Marshall Tucker, and Bonnie Raitt.

In 1981, Bobbe won a Country Music Award, an Academy of Country Music Award, and even a Grammy for his song "Orange Blossom Special" which was on the second "Urban Cowboy" movie album.

Bobbe left Texas in 1985 with his cowboy hat and boots, guitar in hand, and started the longest string of employment in Key West history. For 10 years, Bobbe played Sloppy Joe's every afternoon, 7 days a week, and when he wasn't playing nights at Margaritaville or the Green Parrot, he was

drinking with his buddies Mel Fisher and Captain Tony Terracino at PT's.

One evening he played his blues version of Margaritaville for Jimmy Buffett himself. Jimmy liked the version so much, that he brought Bobbe to his recording studio to get it on tape.

After 10 years of partying like a rock star, and managing to stay out of serious trouble, Bobbe packed up and headed north... and he calls the Upper Keys his home now.

Miscellaneous Fun Facts:

Bobbe says that Billy Gibbons (guitarist for ZZ Top) is the most well-rounded guitar player he has ever seen, and the two have been friends for over 30 years.

Bobbe would have loved to open a concert for Prince, because he was one of the best guitarists in the world.

And Bobbe would love to go on tour with Katy Perry, because "she's hot."

Bobbe enjoys playing rock and roll, and describes his music sound as "rockin blues with a country feel." When he has a free night, he enjoys eating at Waffle House in Key Largo, because everything is "scattered, smothered and covered."



Bobbe Brown, recently, at Gilbert's.

You can hear Bobbe play at Gilberts Resort, Snooks, Island Grille, Skippers Dockside and Ocean Reef every week. There isn't a song that he doesn't know....try asking him.

Say hello to him on a break, and he will gladly share a wild story from his past with you. He has enough stories to fill a 200-page novel, which is a fun project he hopes to do someday.

Bobbe Brown is a gem of a musician, a rare find in any location, and we are happy to have him call the Keys his home.



Bobbe often plays sunset at Snooks.

Upper Keys Homeless Prevention Program



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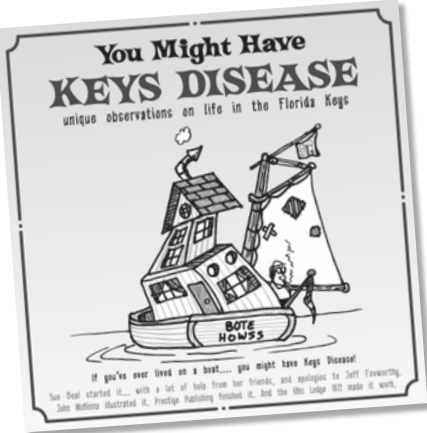
This event gave rise to the notion that, in addition to good fellowship, the Jolly Corks needed a more noble purpose in order to endure, and serving not only their own in need, but others as well, would be appropriate. Two months later, on February 16, 1868, with a statement of serious purpose, an impressive set of rituals, a symbol of strength and majesty and such other elaborate trappings that might be expected of a group of actors and musicians, the new fraternal order was launched.

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Keys Disease

Some think it means you're an alcoholic, some think it means you have no work ethic, and it definitely means you have no money... but it also means you appreciate what a weird and wonderful lifestyle we have in this unique island community! May you get a least a little Keys Disease and inoculate yourself!!



Scott Youngberg



Sweetwater Band



Pat & Ray Eubanks



Beth Dunlap & Iris Rodriguez



The Stingrays



Kevin Hurley



Teresa McKinna, Kathy Miller, Sue Beal



Sharon Archer, Denise Malefy, Bill Andersen & Sue Beal, photo by Patrick Foley



Judge Reagan Ptomey, Judge candidate Sharon Hamilton, and Susie Ptomey

"You Might Have KEYS DISEASE" Book Signing and Benefit for the Musician's Relief Fund was May 23rd at Gilbert's Resort

First and foremost, thank you to the musicians: Scott Youngberg, Kevin Hurley, Sweetwater, The Stingrays, and The Usual Suspects. The music was outstanding!

Special thanks to Gilbert's for hosting, especially GM Rob LeBrun. And thanks for funding the first printing of the book!



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Thanks go to these people for cash donations: Rori Scheffler, Jimmy Hawkins, Elizabeth Henderson & Karen Beal

Thank you to Patrick Foley of Foley Communications for outstanding advance PR for the event, and to Sun 103 Radio, The Reporter, and The Weekly for coverage.

Thanks to the Elk's Lodge, especially Pat & Ray Eubanks, for their help with raffles and funds handling.

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Celebration of Life for Jimmy Nelson

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What do your fingerprints say about you ?




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CURVES

People with a curved pattern fingerprint tend to be energetic and confident. Curves can be very stubborn and once they make up their mind to do something it can be very hard to change it. Curve fingerprint people are pragmatic, courageous, and reliable. Their unwavering loyalty to their beliefs and friendships cannot be underestimated. Curves may not like change but can adapt well. To a Curve, laziness is not an option as it is the first step towards a downward spiral of depression.




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This 32-page book was created in the spirit of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys.

Written by Sue Beal with a little help from her friends, it was illustrated by the late John McKinna, a syndicated cartoonist.

The book was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

Gilberts Resort funded the printing of the first edition, so all proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented, world-class musicians. Even as our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net for when disaster strikes and they cannot work.

Our musicians are the first to sign up to make a community fundraiser or benefit a success.

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R.I.P. Wade Mackay

Wade Findlay Mackay passed away peacefully on May 3, 2016 in Naples, FL. Wade was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 17, 1959 to John Edward and Carolyn Wade Mackay. He grew up attending Lakeside Elementary and East Grand Rapids High School, where he excelled as an athlete in baseball, basketball and football. He was forever proud of being a member of the 1976 EGR High School State Championship Football Team.

After graduation in 1977, Wade attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. He later transferred to the University of Wyoming and eventually to Arizona State University on an athletic scholarship, competing in the javelin with the track and field team. Wade graduated from ASU with a Business Degree in 1982 and soon returned to Grand Rapids to start his longtime business, Sunrise Sports, which specialized in embroidering and silk screening for sports teams and numerous local corporations.

Wade was an avid runner and enjoyed competing in events and marathons, and ran in both the Boston and Chicago Marathons. Wade also competed in numerous triathlons as well as playing tennis, golf, basketball, softball, skiing, hunting and his favorite passion, fishing. He loved the outdoors and was always on the go pursuing a daily outdoor activity and enjoying life to its fullest.



In 1995, shortly after his father's passing, while fishing with friends in Florida, Wade purchased his boat rental business, Reef Rentals, at the Ocean Reef Club. After moving to Florida, Wade also earned his real estate license and was affiliated with Swenson & Ecuyer Realty. He often said "it takes three jobs to live in paradise."

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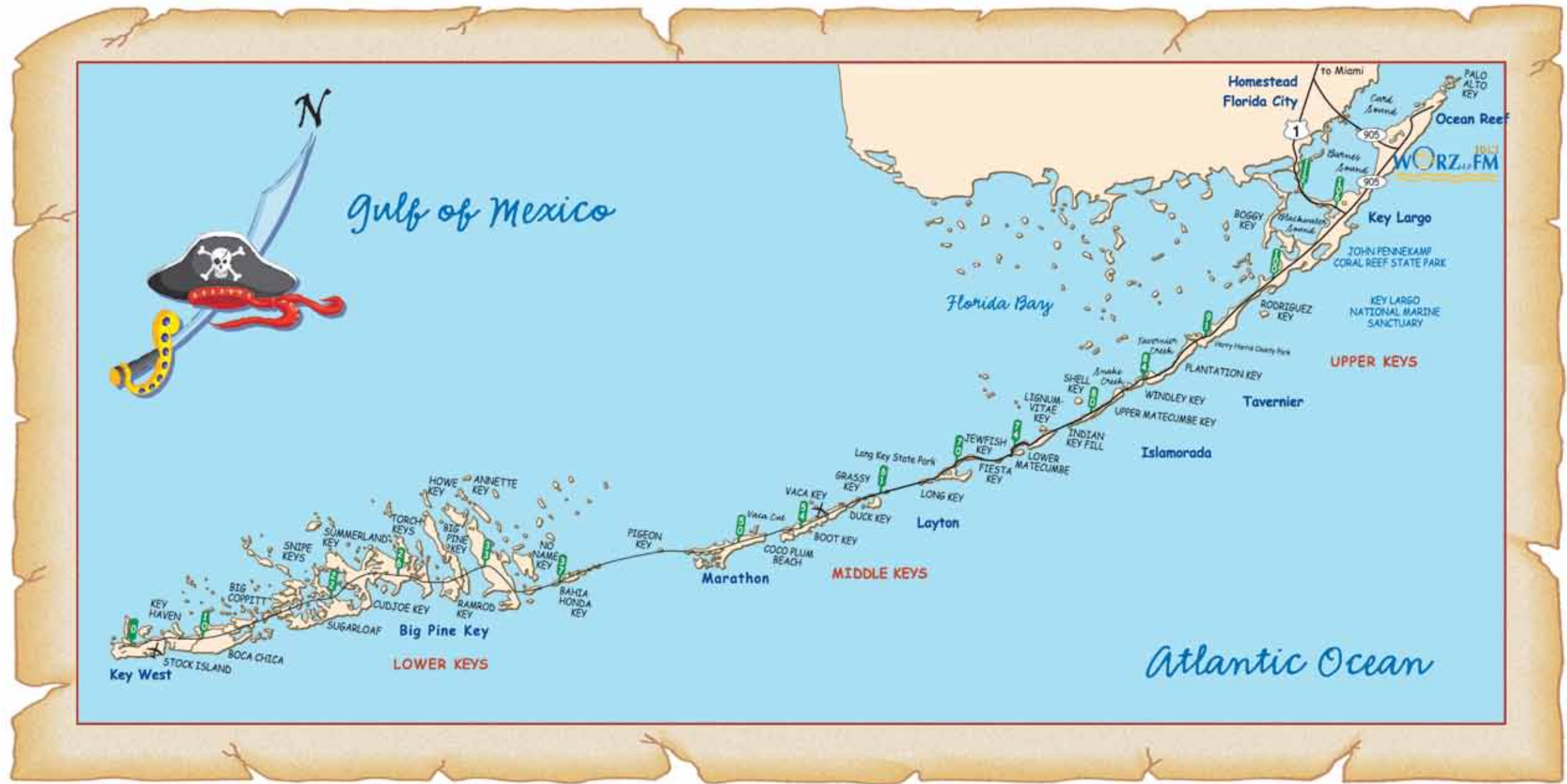
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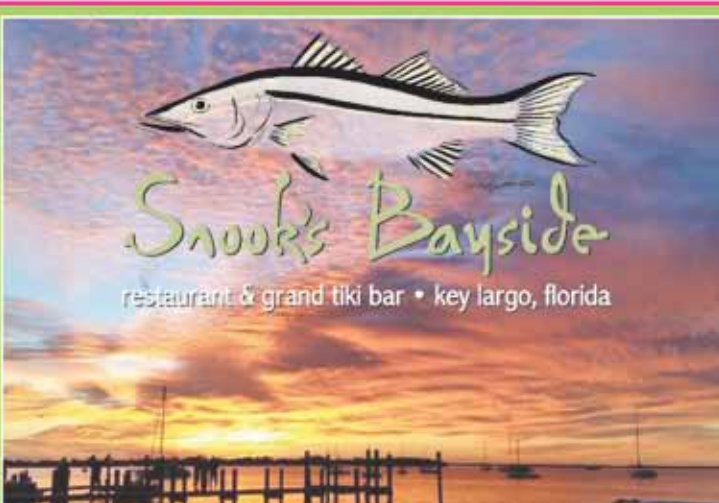
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Marie and friend at the Big Chill.



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Alan Truesdell, and Bill Hobe from WAIL in Key West hang out at the OV party.



Tim Charron, Nicole Nolan and friends at the Big Chill.



Congratulations Sgt. Jason Madnick, (with Sheriff Rick Ramsey). Thank you for your 25 years of service to Monroe County.



Sun 103 radio host Joey Naples and Cinnamon Edgar ham it up at the OV.



Pam Johnson and Bill Andersen at the Keys Disease Fundraiser.



Gilbert's Tiki Bar bartenders Amber (left) and Kim find the Keys Disease book hilarious. Photo by Patrick Foley.



The always lovely Elizabeth Henderson at the OV's 20th Anniversary.



Christie, Dave and a friend at the Big Chill.



"Atom" the world's fastest painter, creates a 4-minute masterpiece during a band break at Gilbert's.



Gene Huey, a Miami resident frequent Key Largo visitor, practices at Kiffney's firing range. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Pam of the Sweetwater Band performs at the Keys Disease book signing. Photo by Patrick Foley.



Elvis at the Elks... Tim Shepherd does a great job! Photo Ruth Huenniger.

The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczeni

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



My husband is in charge of the grill. I absolutely love his hamburgers. The last time he prepared the burgers we had two left, so I put them in the freezer. When we pulled them out I had suggested doing a mock Salisbury Steak. What we put together was delicious and so easy. It is a great meal for boaters. Enjoy!

GALLEY SALISBURY STEAKS

1 pound ground beef
1 egg
To prepare the burgers, mix in egg, salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste. Then form into patties.

For the sauce-
2 tablespoons butter
1 medium to large onion, sliced
8 ounce mushrooms, sliced
1 can of Golden Mushroom soup
½ cup red wine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Using a large skillet, cook the hamburgers until brown on both sides, turning once. Remove the burgers and set aside. Clean the pan of excess grease. Add the butter to the pan and sauté the mushrooms until they just start to soften. Set aside the mushrooms and saute the onions until soft. Add the can of soup, wine, and Worcestershire to the pan, return the mushrooms and mix thoroughly. Bring to a bubble and reduce the heat to simmer. Place the burgers back into the sauce, cover and cook for 10 to 15 minutes. Can be served alone or over noodles.



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"Rescue of Rocky"

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I jump, fully clothed, into the water, I don't think, I don't feel the cold water or the fact that my flip flops are not a good substitute for fins. I'm trying to save a life.

I'm thankful I swim 3 or 4 times a week, I am petrified by the sight in front of me, there he is frantically trying to find something to cling to and get his little butt out of the water.

I think he knows there are a multitude of creatures, either real or imagined, lurking beneath the surface of the dark water. I'm trying to keep my eyes on him as I swim faster; the distance is not that great, maybe half a football field.

I too worry about swimming here in the lagoon, I

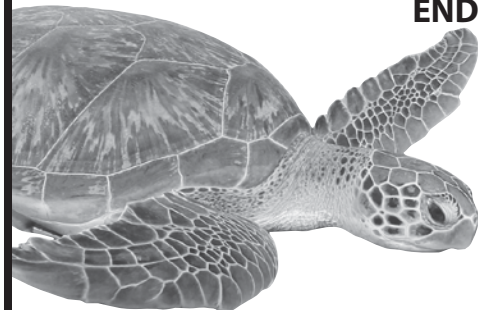
always swim with a mask. I'd rather see what's coming at me. Then I can decide to swim or try at walking on water, depending on the size and appetite of the thing chasing me.

Just as I approach a small houseboat I see him swim (if you can call his awkward gyrations swimming) around to the back of the houseboat.

I finally get there and he is sitting on top of a small white buoy looking at me scared and pissed off.

I look back at him and say, oh Rocky I'm so sorry. I take my little yellow cockatiel off the buoy and set him on my head and begin the long swim back to my dock.





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Featured Artist of The Month: Laura Dreaver at Key Largo Conch House

Sunset weddings on the beach are a common sight in Key Largo, growing every year with the rise in popularity of destination weddings. No one knows this better than local business owner and Keys resident of 20 years, Laura Dreaver.

Laura owns and operates the Key Largo Conch House, with her husband Ted Dreaver and their daughter Stephanie. Laura and Ted started the Conch House in 2004 with their two sons, and it quickly became a premier restaurant for Key Largo.

But that was just the beginning! Laura's passion was weddings, and for the last eight years she has been growing her catering service, Key Largo Conch House Tropical Weddings.

Laura laughs as she recalls how nervous she was with the first few small weddings (less than 20 people) that were held at the Conch House. Now she dances like a conductor orchestrating a great symphony, guiding the staff and the settings, catering multiple huge weddings on the same day at various private venues.



With the mobile kitchen that rivals that of her own restaurant and a staff that is larger by half, Laura Dreaver is the Upper Keys name for catering.

Laura attributes her success to the support of her family, her team, hard work, and a desire to help people. She looks forward to growing the business and helping the betrothed of the future create memories to last a lifetime.

Special congratulations to Laura for the birth of her granddaughter Iris Olivia, born May 24.

If you have a wedding or other special event you would like to plan for in the future, please contact Laura at info@keylargoconchhouse.com



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A young Navy Pilot was severely injured while ejecting from his A-4 Skyhawk after engine failure during a catapult shot from the aircraft carrier. Due to the heroics of a rescue helicopter crew and the ship's hospital staff, the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear.

Since he was physically impaired, he did not remain on flight status but he stayed in the Navy and eventually became an Admiral. He was always sensitive about his appearance.

One day, the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Sergeant Major for his personal staff.

The first Master Chief had a great interview. At the end of it, the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" The Master Chief answered, "Why, yes, Admiral. I couldn't help but notice that you're missing your starboard ear, and I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side." The Admiral got angry at this lack of tact, and threw him out of his office.

The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well, yes, Sir. You seem to be short one ear." The Admiral threw him out, as well.

The third interview was with the Marine Sergeant Major. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead and asked the same question, "Do you notice anything different about me?"

To his surprise, the Sergeant Major said, "Yes, Sir. You wear contact lenses."

The Admiral was impressed, and thought to himself, 'What an incredibly tactful Marine.'

"And how would you know that?," the Admiral asked. The Sergeant Major replied, "Well, Sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one f----n' ear."

Thank you Trader Dick!

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Overheard on an Airplane

A Mormon was seated next to an Irishman on a Flight from London. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken.

The Irishman asked for a whiskey, which was promptly brought and placed before him.

The flight attendant then asked the Mormon if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips."

The Irishman handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me, too. I didn't know we had a choice."



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"Well, Peter, you'd better tell you wife to lay off the vinegar douche... you've got a picked pecker!"

Sometimes I turn to God;
sometimes I turn to Vodka.
Either way I am being
guided by a spirit.



Scientists says the world is made up of Protons, Neutrons and Electrons. They forgot to mention Morons.

IN THE NEWS...

Back on January 9th, a group of Wadesboro, North Carolina bikers were riding east on Hwy.74 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Pee Dee River Bridge. So they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby... whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?" She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," George also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either, so he asked "Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe...why don't you give ole George here your best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that... and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another, even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

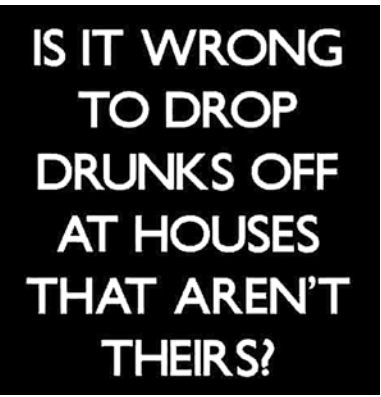
"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

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Husband's Text Message To Wife:

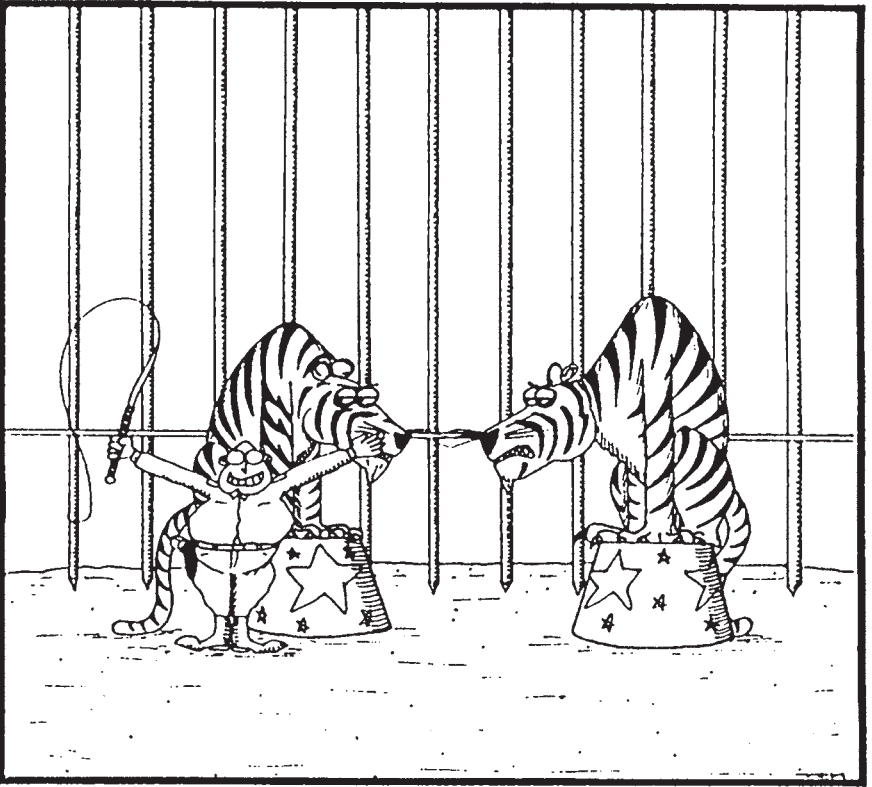
"Honey, I got hit by a car outside the office. Karen brought me to the hospital and the doctors are presently doing tests and taking X-rays. Suffered a severe blow to my head but it might not have any lasting effects. A severe laceration to my back required 49 stitches to close, and I have three broken ribs, a broken arm and compound fracture of the left leg. Amputation of the foot is a possibility. Love you..."

Wife's response:

"And just WHO in the hell is Karen???"

Thank you Thad Bowling!

Left Field by J.S. McKinna



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The Beatleman playing at the Pilot House.



Sundowners stage during Music Fest: Megan Conner and Pete Stewart, photo Rob Mitchell.



Alter Ego at Pilot House.



Jimmy Stowe performs at Gilbert's, while a young fan dances to the music.



Steve Webb playing at Marker 88, photo by Melissa Crase.



Jasmin of the Red Elvises gets a little help during her drum solo from the rest of the band. Igor and the Red Elvises perform several times a year in the Upper Keys, exclusively at Gilbert's.



Igor of the Red Elvises shows off for the crowd at Gilbert's, photo by Rob LeBrun.



Mac Arnold's Cornbread and Blues at Bayside Grille.



Patrick Farinas of The Flyers plays some Jimi Hendrix with his teeth at Gilbert's.



Sweetwater Band makes sweet music at Gilbert's. Photo by Patrick Foley.



Rising local country star Ricky Valido played Country Night at Gilbert's. Photo by Rob LeBrun.

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Starting A Group Fellowship With A Purpose

Starting a group with like-minded people can help you feel grounded and connected to what matters in your life.

Human beings, by their very nature, love to gather. Yet as much as we crave community, the rigors of real life frequently interfere with our efforts to come together with likeminded individuals. For this reason, fellowship is crucial to humanity's wellbeing now more than ever.

Most towns and cities play host to a variety of small groups that allow people to congregate purposefully, but that does not mean we should not consider founding our own. When people with similar interests, ideals, or aspirations come together as a group, a community is built that provides a new dimensionality to our earthly experiences.

The formation of a group is like an invitation welcoming all those desiring companionship and camaraderie into a circle of support. You may feel driven to found a group for women, healers, knitters, readers, writers, or political activists.

Rules need only be a part of your communal experience if you find that level of organization appealing, and it matters little whether your group is large, goal-oriented, or structured.

When you have a firm vision of the group you wish to bring into being, hang posters, reach out to acquaintances, and get in touch with similar groups to attract participants.

Groups of likeminded individuals are to some extent inherently exclusionary, being that they serve as a supportive environment in which people who have something in common can gather. Yet such groups can also transcend the boundaries that might otherwise keep people apart.

The group you create will likely attract people from many different ethnic, cultural, and spiritual backgrounds, and if you make these individuals feel equally welcome, your group will grow and thrive as a result.

Try to ward off any discouragement you feel when those intrigued by your group's purpose are not ready to contribute actively. They are likely waiting to see how it evolves and whether you are truly committed to serving as its heart and soul.

If the group you have founded is a positive influence in the life of even a single individual, it is well worth it. Your intention to bring people together will be the seed that develops into a source of nurturance and community that stays true to its purpose long after its initial inception.

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Adolphe Sax

When he was 2 years old, he fell out of a second story window and fractured his skull

When he was 6 years old, he mistakenly drank boric acid.

When he was 9 years old, he fell over a small cliff and broke his leg.

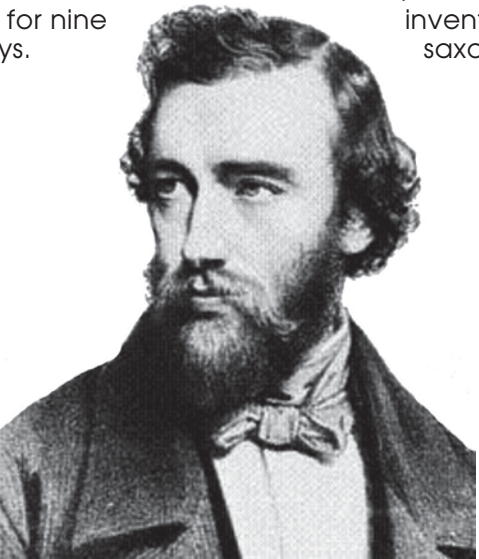
When he was 11 years old, he contracted measles and was in a coma for nine days.

When he was 14 years old, he broke his arm when he caught it in a carriage door.

When he was 19 years old, he was struck on the head by a falling brick.

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When he was 29 years old, Adolphe Sax invented the saxophone.



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19 Father's Day MR NICE GUY 1-6 (STAFF FAVORITE)	20 HAPPY HOUR 4-7PM MON-FRI \$2 BUD LIGHT & MILLER LITE DRAFTS, 1/2 OFF WELL DRINKS, \$2.30 FIREBALL	21 KEVIN HURLEY 5-9	22 BOBBE BROWN 5-9	23 DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9	24 BOBBE BROWN 12-4 RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99 BAGATRICKS 7-11	25 CUTLER STEW 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm THE FLYERS 7-11
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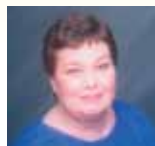
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