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Restaurant Reviews: Locals' Favorites

I love raw fish. Sushi. The Bagel Roll - salmon, cream cheese, scallions, and rice rolled in seaweed... delicious. Originally there were only two restaurants serving su-



Num Thai's storefront

Right after that, two new sushi restaurants opened in Key Largo, Sushi Saki, a restaurant chain from Mi-ami, and Key Thai. My friend and I made it a point to visit both new places and neither can begin to compare with Num Thai. We enjoyed the decor and our fantastic wait-ress Melissa at Sushi Sake in the Pink Plaza and the food was fair but the prices were high and portions smaller than what we are used to... and then my friend became ill after we left. At Key Thai in the Waldorf Plaza, our fish tasted like it was old and on the verge of going bad. Although we did not get sick, we are not going back there. Nothing beats Num Thai. They have been in business

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over 20 years and they live in Key Largo. When the radio station was awarding "Best of the Upper Keys" awards, they won every year in their category. Their menu is the largest and you will see many other restaurant owners din-



Blackwater Siren's Jessi & Chef Lolo

ing there too. Call in an order to go and it will be ready when you get there: 305-451-5955. The absolute best new restaurant in town is the Blackwater Siren, located on Yacht Club Drive just under the Jewfish Creek Bridge (next to the Anchorage) and across the water from Gil- bert's Resort. Stop in and meet the owners, Jessi and Chef Lolo. Enjoy cocktails in their screened in tiki bar, and watch the sunset over Blackwater Sound. In all my 27 years in the Keys I have never seen a new restaurant

get such rave reviews. The prices are very reasonable and the food is outstanding. One local said the prime rib they serve on Saturdays is the best he's had in his life! While dining or having cock- tails with friends, you can enjoy the best local enter- tainment around. At Blackwater Siren, locals get 20% off thru the month of May. See their ad on page 4, and for more details check out their Face- book page or call 305-780- 7382.

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Born on November 10, 1940, in Philadelphia, Scott graduated from Upper Darby H.S. and enlisted in the Navy in 1957. He served as an Electronics Technician in the Submarine Service (Diesel) attaining the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.



he retired in 1990. He received many achievement awards.

In 1990, Scott started his own business, BPA Berwick, specializing in hostage negotiations worldwide. One of Scott’s cases on which he worked later became the basis for the movie “Proof of

Life” with Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe.

In 1961 Scott transferred to the Naval Reserve Submarine Division while he attended Fairleigh Dickinson University in NJ, where he received his BA in Political Science in 1965. (In 2009, Scott received an Honorary Doctorate from the University for his distinguished career.)

Scott was appointed an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and attached to the Submarine Division in Washington, D.C. where he later attained the rank of Lieutenant JG. In 1967, he was assigned as a Foreign Service Officer for the CIA.

Scott became legendary in the annals of the CIA’s classified history as he was personally involved in challenging and thwarting the spread of Soviet and Cuban influence in the Caribbean, South and Central America as well as the Far East during the Cold War.

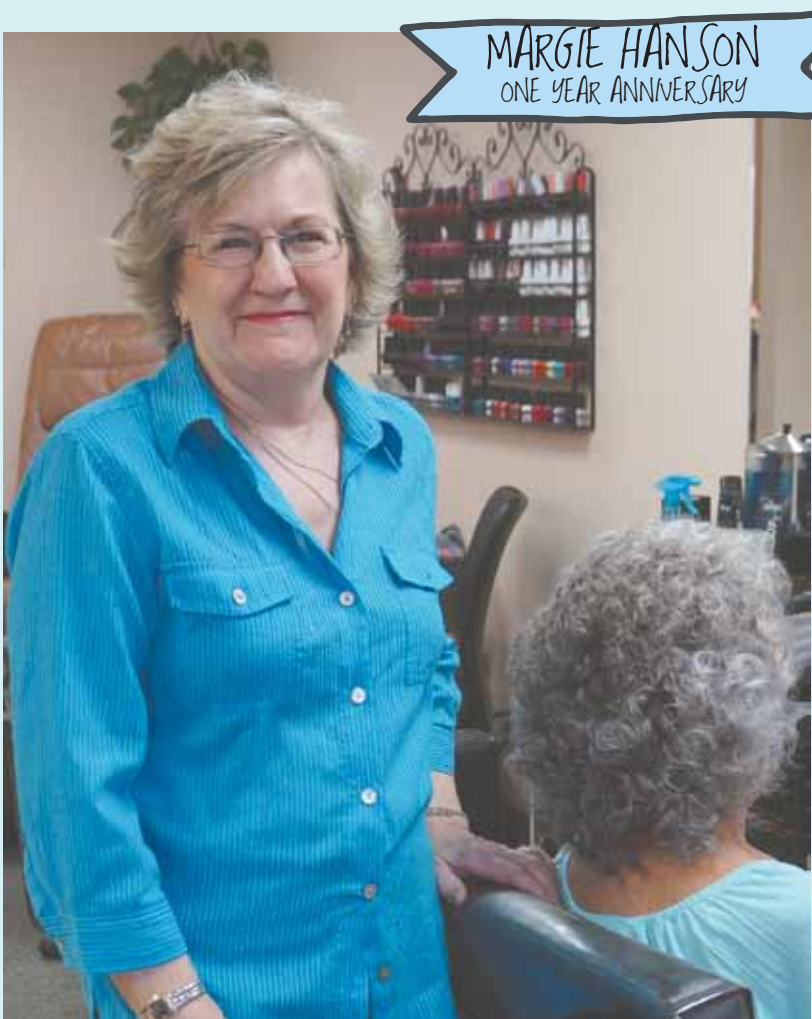
Scott attained the rank of SIS-2 (the military equivalent of an Army Major General) before

After 9/11, Scott was again sought for service by his country, personally involved in tracking and eliminating Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Philippine Islands. He also worked at Guantanamo Bay for several months obtaining information from the terrorists responsible for 9/11. In addition, he was part of a group of career CIA professionals training young officers in D.C. and Virginia.

In June of 1994, Scott married his current wife, Christie Jean “C.J.” Berwick, co-owner of The Fish House and The Fish House Encore restaurants in Key Largo.

Scott is survived by C.J., his wife, four children, two step-children, and seven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent in his memory to St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 509, Islamorada, FL, 33036, or Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch.



Congratulations to stylist Margie Hanson who is celebrating 1 year at Shear Paradise Salon in Key Largo. Margie was owner of Tiffany’s Salon for 29 years! (That beautiful head of hair in the chair is Gail Roberts.) Call and make an appointment with Margie 305-451-7110.

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The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their iguanas. After much prayer and consideration they determined the iguanas were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church the iguanas had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistery and let the iguanas drown themselves. The iguanas liked the slide and, unfortunately,

knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many iguanas showed up the following week.

The Methodists decided that they should not harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their iguanas and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the iguanas were back when the Baptists took down the water slide.

The Catholic Church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the iguanas and consecrated them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue, they took one iguana and circumcised him. They haven't seen an iguana since.

Thanks, Karen Beal.

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Sent in by Ted Ellis

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The Darwin Awards is the annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way.

Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip out a free soda .

This year's winner was a real rocket scientist... honest!

Read on... and remember that each and every one of these is a true story!

And the nominees were:

Semifinalist #1:

A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk, Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. The resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

Semifinalist #2:

Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

Semifinalist #3:

A 22-year-old Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together,



wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement.

Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground," Carmichael said Police say the apparent cause of death was 'major trauma.'

Semifinalist #4:

A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend - no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate - was hospitalized.

Semifinalist #5:

Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc.

After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of

the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter! Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away.

Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

Now, the winner of this year's Darwin Award (awarded, as always, posthumously):

The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene.

Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery. An amateur rocket scientist had somehow gotten hold of a JATO bottle (Jet Assisted Take Off, actually a solid fuel rocket) that is used to give heavy military transport planes an extra 'push' for taking off from short airfields. He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert and found a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the JATO unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed and fired off the JATO!

The facts as best as could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the JATO ignition at a distance of

approximately 3.0 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched and melted asphalt at that location.

The JATO, if operating properly, would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph and continuing at full power for an additional 20 -25 seconds.

The driver, and soon to be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F -14 jocks under full after-burners, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event.

However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 2.5 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied and completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires and leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles and impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock.

Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable. However, small fragments of bone, teeth and hair were extracted from the crater, and fingernail and bone shards were removed from a piece of debris believed to be a portion of the steering wheel.

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Ron Westerson, who was 84 years old, had served in the US Navy on a submarine. He loved his grandkids, and talked about them as he enjoyed his travels to numerous Key Largo bars and beachfronts to look at the sealife everyday. He’d have 2 beers at each place, while walking around the properties and looking at the water.

Ron also loved sitting under a tiki hut and solving a Rubik’s Cube everyday. “At Gilbert’s, we would mix it up for him every morning and he would sit and solve it before leaving,” said Rob.

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Mike Mitzner entertains at the VFW.



Stereo Underground at Marker 88. Photo by Elena Dimaggio.



Dale & Elizabeth Henderson, rockin' it together.



Luke Sommer Glenn at Bayside Grille.

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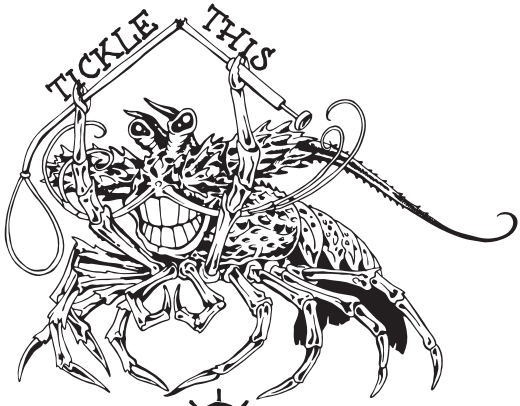
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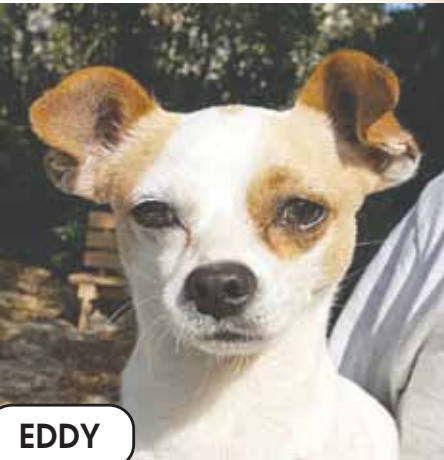
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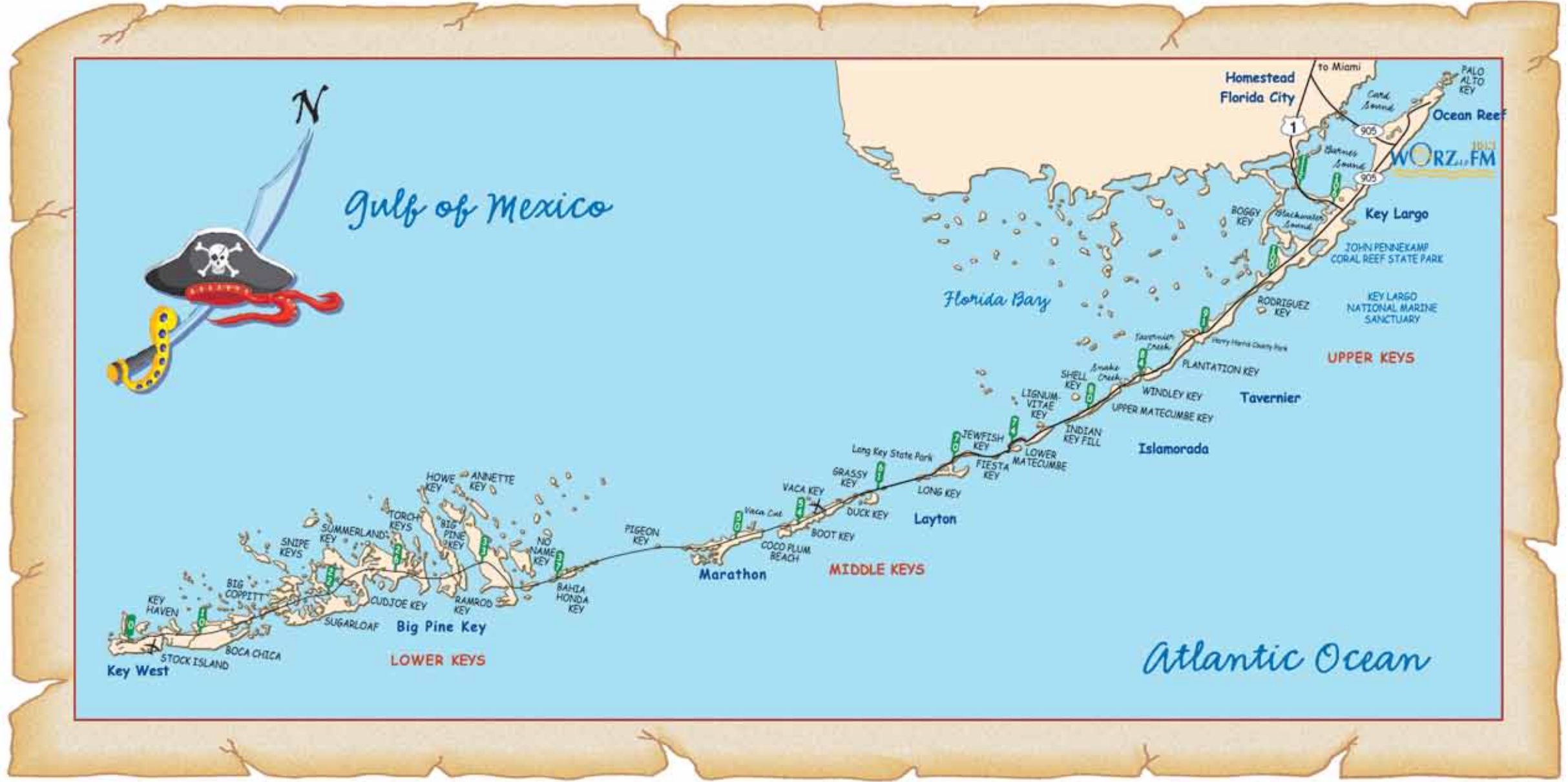
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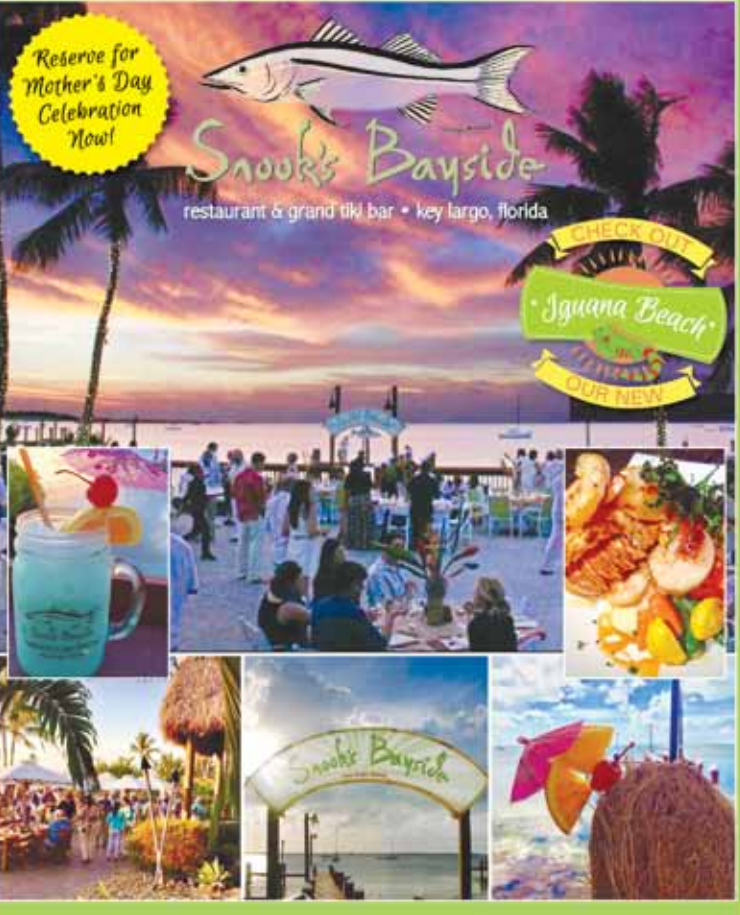
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Artist of the Month: Britney Parker



Britney Parker is this month's Art Box/Coconut Telegraph featured artist of the month.



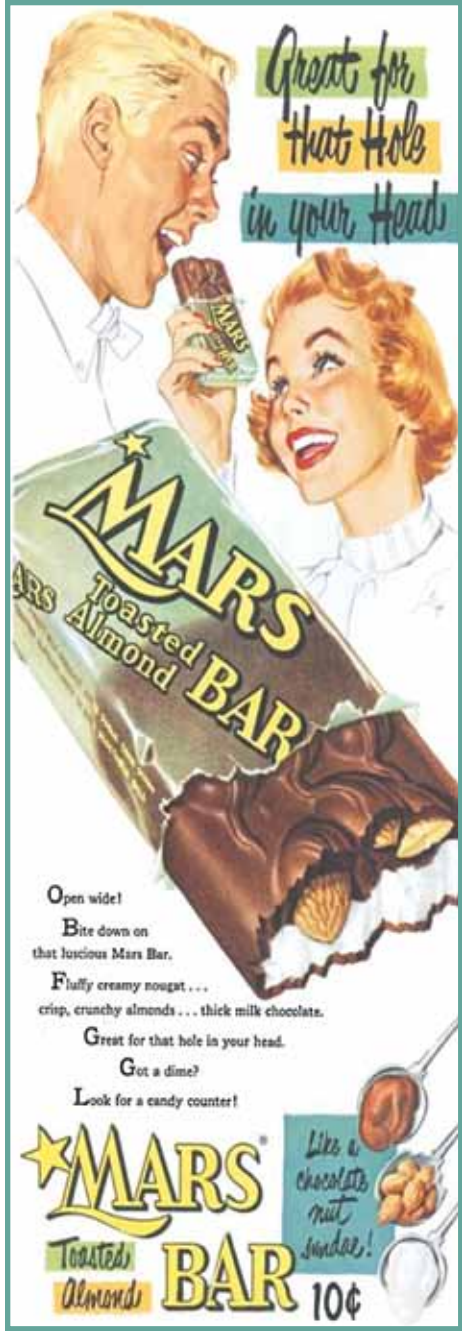
take additional classes in art, mainly working in 3-D and clay."

"After graduating I got my first job as a marine science educator at sea camp on Big Pine Key, then went on to Sanibel Island, where I worked as an educator at Sanibel Sea School. It was on Sanibel where I picked up the skill of jewelry making, inspired by the many unique and beautiful seashells I would find walking the beaches."

"In 2014 I moved back to the Keys, to Key Largo, where I currently work for Marine Lab. Since working here I've grown into quite the Keys girl with my 50-ton Captains License and my SCUBA Dive Master certifications. I am now an Outreach Coordinator for Marine Lab."

"I feel that I am settling into the island life, and have begun to focus my free time back into my art, working on paintings of sea creatures and expanding on my jewelry making collections."

If you would like to see more of Britney's work, it will be on display at The Art Box at mile marker 100 Bayside in Key Largo during May. She will also be featuring her work at the Morada Way Art Walk on the third Thursday of this month. Britney hopes to see you there!



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Entertainer of the Month - Koty James and the Keybillies

We are proud to have Koty James and the Keybillies as entertainers of the Month because they are the finest Country Bluegrass Band in the Upper Keys. Their style is a refreshing change from what we've been used to, as they can take any song and add their own personal bluegrass twist to it, making it their own. It is an intentional blend of Bluegrass and Outlaw Country Newgrass. They are always working on new songs,



KOTY



ALBERT



BILL

so you can never guess what they will play next.

The first time I heard them, I was enthralled and between songs yelled out to the lead singer "Who ARE you?" He replied back "It's me Koty. Denise, you've known me 10 years!" That is Koty James rhythm and lead vocalist of the band. I watched as he sang a song perfectly while smoking a cigarette. Unbelievable! It was just a few years ago that he was the Coconut Telegraph's Bartender of the Month when he was working at the Big Chill. Now he works full time for Key Largo Wastewater and plays Country Bluegrass like he invented it. His inspiration comes from local favorites Luke Sommer Glen, Alex Caldwell and Allan Truesdell.

Along with Koty are Albert Izquierdo and Bill Wissinger. Albert is originally from Miami, although he graduated from Coral Shores High School. He is an amazing lead guitarist. He says he really enjoys focusing on one person in the audience, playing to them and watching them as they appreciate to the music. I could listen to Albert all day long! Koty James says Albert is his best friend and, "he teaches me a lot about the guitar, and I am teaching him how to drink."

Bill Wissinger is from West Palm Beach. He moved here in 1999 and worked for a local cigar shop for 12 years. He wears a cowboy hat, carries a cigar and you can't miss his big huge bass, actually it is an upright 3/4 bass.

For the last 4 years Bill has devoted himself to his music full-time. He says that due to this, he has been able to reacquire himself with ramen noodles again, just like his old college days at UGA where he majored music.

Bill has been a big help with getting the Musicians Relief Fund off the ground and is a great asset to the community. You can find him playing at Snook's with Sweetwater, and in duos with Capt. Josh and Albert.

Most recently Koty James and the Keybillies have played at the Dolphin Rodeo, the VFW and the new, fabulous Blackwater Siren up by the Anchorage on Jewfish Creek. You can contact them on the web at KotyJamesandtheKeybillies.com.

Tom' Butler Makes His Last Curtain Call

Thomas John Butler, 74, of Key Largo, Florida passed away peacefully on April 15, 2017 in Naples, FL due to complications from Parkinson's Disease.

Born April 29, 1942 to Ed and Harriet Butler in Chicago, Tom served in the Army after high school, then earned degrees from Western Illinois University and The University of Georgia.

He married his college sweetheart, Kathy, in 1965, and quickly rose with Westinghouse, helming operations throughout Latin America. He retired in Miami as President of Latin American Operations. While in Brazil he took up theatre and performing arts in his spare time.

Settling in Key Largo, Tom produced, directed and starred in countless productions with The

Key Players. Widely recognized for his community service,

Tom was a man about town and avid sailor, serving two terms as Commodore of The Upper Keys Sailing Club,

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Kathy, his children Brian and Kellie and their spouses Dee and Niall, four grandchildren, and his siblings Linda and Jimmy.

A memorial service and celebration of Tom's life will be held at a date to be determined. Condolences may be sent c/o Terracina Grand, 6825 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL 34104.

Donations in Tom's name can be directed to The Key Players, The National Parkinson's Foundation, Michael J. Fox Foundation, and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



To help revive the economy, President Trump will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs. Older people are much easier to catch and most will not remember how to get back home. I started to cry when I thought of all my friends leaving. Then it dawned on me... oh, crap, I'll see you on the bus!

A funeral procession pulled into a Palm Memorial Cemetery in South Miami. Several carloads of family members followed a black truck towing a boat with the coffin in it.

A passer-by remarked, "That guy must have been a very avid fisherman."

"Oh, he still is," said one of the mourners. As a matter of fact, he's headed off to the ramp as soon as we bury his wife."



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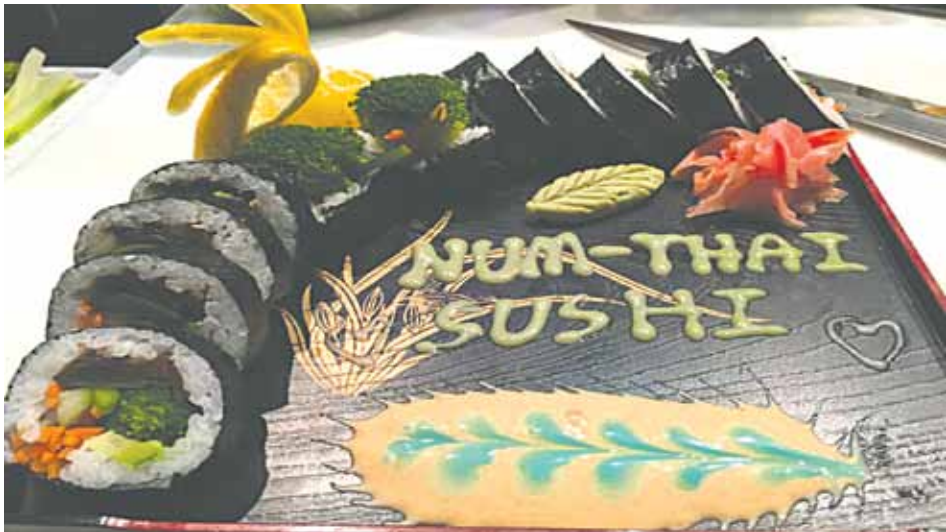
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Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Nancy to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums Ed became convinced that Nancy was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On their one-month anniversary, Ed took Nancy to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, “I guess you can tell I’m very much in love with you. I’d like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I ask you a life changing question, it’s only fair to warn you, I’m a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that’s going to be a problem for us, you’d better say so now!”

Nancy took a deep breath and responded, “Ed, that certainly won’t be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we’re being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I’ve been a hooker.”

Ed said, “You’re probably not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball.”



I wonder why we are so so obsessed with trying to find intelligent life on other planets, when we can’t even find intelligent life here?



An elderly Irish woman visited her doctor to ask his advice on reviving her husband's lagging libido.

"What about trying Viagra?" asked the doctor.

"Not a chance," she said... "He wont even take an aspirin."

"Not a problem," replied the doctor. "Give him an "Irish Viagra."

"What's this Irish Viagra?" she asked.

"You drop the Viagra tablet into his coffee. He won't even taste it. Give it a try and call me in a week to let me know how things went."

A week later she called the doctor, who asked her about the results.

"Oh, faith, bejaysus and begorrah!" she exclaimed.

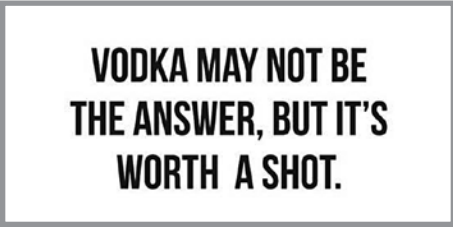
"T'was horrid! Just terrible, doctor!"

"Really? What happened?" asked the doctor.

"Well I, I did as you advised and slipped it into his coffee and the effect was immediate. He jumped straight up, with a twinkle in his eye! With one swoop of his arm, he sent cups and tablecloth flying, then ripped me clothes to tatters and took me then and there on the tabletop! T'was a nightmare, I tell you, an absolute nightmare!"

"Why so terrible?" asked the doctor, "Do you mean the sex wasn't good?"

"It was the best I've had in 25 years! But sure as I'm sittin' here, I'll never be able to show me face in Starbucks again!"



“A NIGHT OUT”
We were dressed and ready to go out for the night to a party.

We turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet and put the cat in the back yard. We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house. The cat that we put out in the back yard takes the opportunity to scoot back into the house via the front door.

We didn’t want the cat shut in the house, because she always tries to eat the bird. My wife goes out to the taxi while I went inside to get the cat.

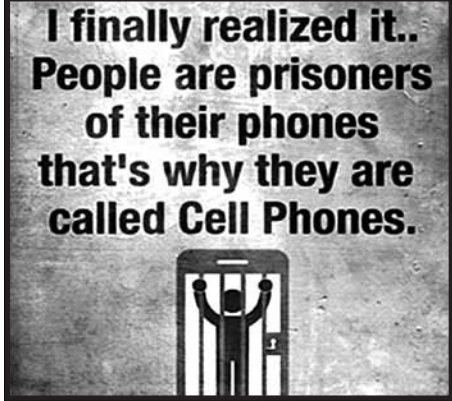
The cat runs upstairs, with me in hot pursuit.

Waiting in the cab, my wife doesn’t want the driver to know that the house will be empty for the night, so she explains to the taxi driver that I will be out soon, “He’s just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.”

A few minutes later, I get into the cab. “Sorry I took so long,” I said, as we drove away. “That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her ass downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!”

The cab driver hit a parked car.

MORAL: Make sure your stories match.



Two Irish nuns have just arrived in USA by boat, and one says to the other, “I hear that the people in this country actually eat dogs.”

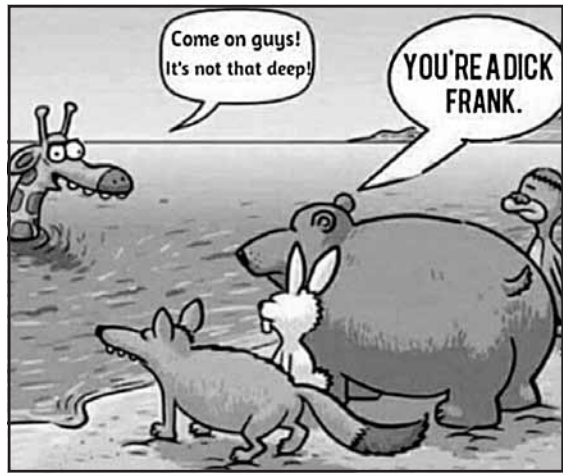
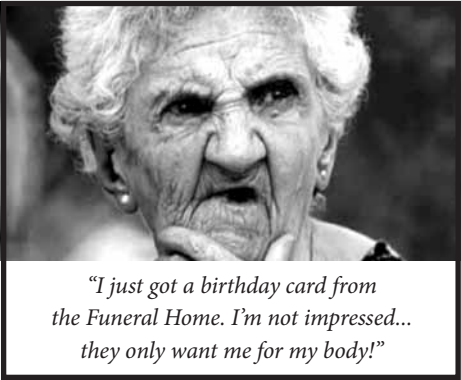
“Odd,” her companion replies, “but if we are going to live in America, we might as well do as the Americans do.”

As they sit, they hear a push cart vendor yelling, “Hot dogs, get your dogs here,” and they both walk towards the hot dog cart.

“Two dogs, please!” says one. The vendor is very pleased to oblige, wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over. Excited, the nuns hurry to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs.'

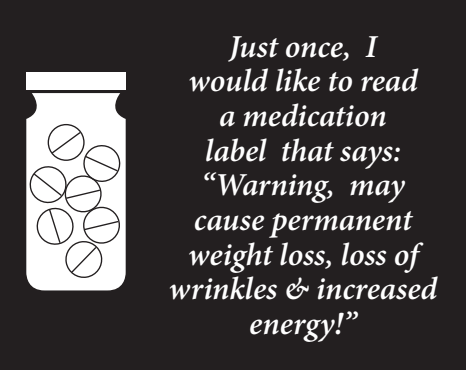
The mother superior is first to open hers. She begins to blush, and then, after staring at it for a moment, leans to the other nun and in a soft brogue whispers: “What part did you get?”

Thanks to Frank Patterson



I just found out that cock fighting is done with chickens... that’s 12 months of training completely wasted!!


My boss said "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have." Now I'm sitting in a disciplinary meeting dressed as Batman.



SO I WAS AT THE BAR LAST NIGHT AND THE WAITRESS SCREAMED... "ANYONE KNOW CPR?" I SAID "HELL. I KNOW THE ENTIRE ALPHABET." EVERYONE LAUGHED... WELL EVERYONE EXCEPT THIS ONE GUY.

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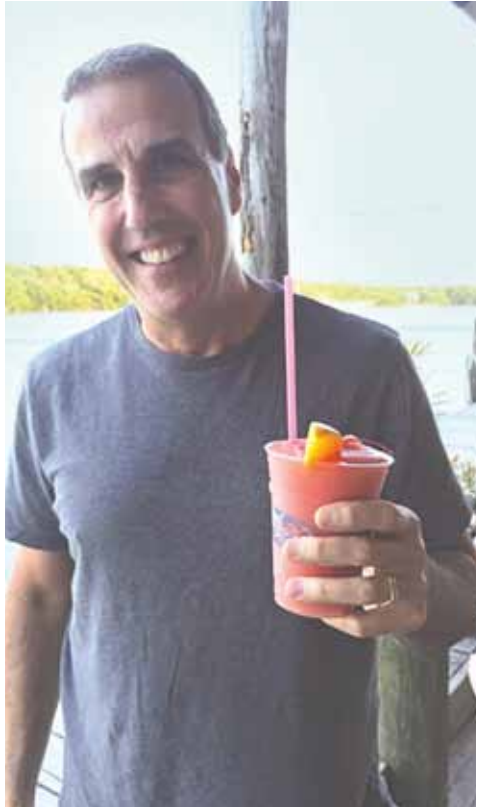
Jim Mazelin, bartender at Bluewater Siren.



Anastasia, visiting from TN, was spotted at Sundowners. A princess with attitude! Photo by Jacke Harder



Bill Hobie & Mel T from Sun 103 enjoy a moment with Luke Sommer Glenn and Alan Truesdale at the fundraising event for Joey Naples. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



CELEBRITY BOOBIE ALERT! Reality TV's "Judge Alex" Ferrer of Miami enjoys a "Boobie" while visiting Gilbert's.



Bartender Patty at Sharkeys.



Elks Exalted Ruler Ray Eubanks was presented the BPOE Distinguished Service Award by Judge Sharon Hamilton.



Doug of "MamaOcean" kayaks around Gilbert's Resort on Earth Day, looking for trash to pick up.

Asking for What You Want: Lessons from my dog, Max

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

My dog Max is a rescue. Max is a girl - her large size and boy name confuse people all the time. When I picked her up from the shelter, she was already a year old. Her given name was Maxie. It didn't seem fair to change her name but I was having a problem...

Every time I said her name Maxie, my mind completed the phrase Maxi Pad. I didn't want to think of feminine hygiene products every time I said her name. So, she became Max.

Max has loved me well and taught me many things. One of the best lessons she teaches is asking for what she wants. Max is incredibly persistent about what she wants. When she wants cuddles, she maneuvers herself into your personal

space until you comply. If she wants company, she follows. When she wants out, she stands at the door. When she is hungry, she leads you to her bowl. If she wants a treat, she leads you to the cookie jar.

Max doesn't worry that she may hurt my feelings or is being "needy" or a "burden." She just asks for what she wants.

She doesn't expect us to read her mind. Her feelings aren't easily hurt. She doesn't worry that we won't love her or that we will reject her. Even when she gets rejected, she keeps coming back! She doesn't get offended or judge mistakes. She doesn't care if I wear makeup or gain weight. Max's self-esteem is not affected by

day to day life. (Some dogs who have been abused may suffer from poor self-esteem, but not Max!).

Max doesn't question her purpose or try to be good enough. Max trusts her family and friends. She is weary of strangers and establishes trust over time. Max is sure that she is worthy of love and belonging. Very sure.

For us emotionally wrought humans, we could practice being like Max or (insert your pet here). If you wish you had more love, attention or self-worth; ask for what you want.

Practice believing in yourself. Live without abandon and know your worth. Know that you are loved and your purpose is as important as your that of your pet!



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The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenksi

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CHOCOLATE FUDGE AND ORANGE PIE

4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, cut into pieces
10 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 large eggs, plus
2 large egg yolks
1 3/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup orange juice (or you may use Grand Marnier)
2 tablespoons orange marmalade
One 9-inch frozen pie crust
Powdered sugar and whipped cream for serving

Defrost and prebake the pie crust according to the instructions on the package. Place aside. Meanwhile, melt the chocolate and butter in a sauce pan on low heat. Set aside. In a bowl, combine the eggs, yolks, sugar, salt, vanilla extract, and flour. Whisk to combine. Whisk in the orange juice, marmalade, and the chocolate mixture.

Pour into the pie crust and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 45 minutes. If the edges of the pie appear to darken too quickly, just cover with strips of foil. Cool completely.

Sprinkle on the powdered sugar and serve with a dollop of whipped cream.

We have been experiencing this year's spring. Though we have had some wind, it still is a nice time of year... before the heat of summer approaches. This is also the month that we celebrate Mother's Day, which is May 14th. Many moms are celebrated by a special brunch or dinner topped off with a tasty dessert. The pie recipe below is slightly different in that it combines chocolate with the taste of orange and is quite yummy. So prepare it for a special event or any night of the week. Enjoy!

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