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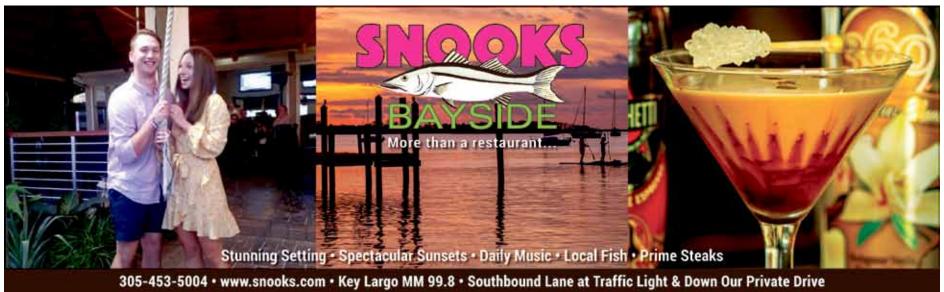
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Christ of the Abyss is following the guidelines! Sent in by Video Dave and found on Betsy Baste's Facebook page.



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Editorial - Big, Fat Online Issue

In 14 and a half years of publishing the Coconut Telegraph this is the first time ever that we have not had the paper printed and we sure hope it is the last time. We decided to publish this issue online only so we could give our loyal advertisers free ads to thank them. It gave us the opportunity to add pages!

Many of our advertisers have elected to stay open to serve their customers and many of their employees are working for tips only. Some businesses and their employees decided to close temporarily. Kathy Giles and her partners recently opened the High Tide Restaurant, right before the Corona hit the fan. She, like all other small business owners have that "deer in the headlights" look on their face trying to fathom the future. Still undeterred, Giles declared " If it's the last breath I take I will be here for take out orders and to support the community."

We salute all the folks that spent hours on sewing machines to make masks and give them out for free. I personally thank Marilee Free's mom and Christie Sheehan for mine. They are so much better than the scarf I was using. Scarves are hard to breathe in.. It felt like I was faithful readers that tell

going to face plant myself on the floor at Publix from lack of oxygen! Face masks are the new fashion and the Keysier the better.

A huge thank you to all

the locals who pooled their talents and gave out free meals. Maggie Mckeehan at the American Legion was one of the first. She has been handing out meals every Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 PM for those impacted by the virus and will continue for as long as needed. I salute Maggie as she has no ulterior motive and is not using her generosity to plug her business nor is she running for public office.

Florida Keys Farm will be giving out free food for 500 families on May 7th from 10 AM to 1 PM at the old Red Cross Building at MM 94 bayside. For more info call Candice 401-447-6787.

We are hoping for businesses to start opening to locals very soon.

Rodney Nelson, one of the greatest artists that ever lived, passed away in April. He and I collaborated on the Key Largo and Islamorada Treasure Maps. His friends and fans can pick up a free copy of the Key Largo map at the High Tide Restaurant MM 99.

We appreciate all of our



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Costa Morada: Maryanne Vondertann, Ft. Lauderdale; Mary Moll, Big Pine Key; Cindy Clegg, Islamorada; Dawna Young, Cape Coral; Betty Bauman, Ft. Lauderdale and Theresa Gaissert, Cape Coral.

Women, men and teens can learn and have an option to charter fish at the LLGF Screamin' Reels Tournament June 5 - 7, Islamorada, FL. The event kicks off with an educational presentation and appetizer contest at the Tavernier Elks Club.

Fishing is on Saturday and Sunday, followed by \$1200 in awards to be given on Sunday at Whale Harbor

Marina when the boats return. There will also be daily prizes on Saturday.

Guided charter fishing with equipment and license supplied should be booked early as charter boats fill quickly.

Registration of \$89 per adult angler early entry, \$99 regular, \$45 for teens includes about \$20 in gifts. Backup dates Aug. 14 - 16.

Contact: Go to ladiesletsgofishing.com, call (954) 475-9068; email info@ladiesletsgofishing.com, or facebook.com/ladiesletsgofishing.



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Rest in Peace, Rodney Nelson



Rodney Dale Nelson, 62, of Key Largo, passed away at his residence on April 9, 2020. He was born in Miami on November 25, 1957, to parents Harold and Myrna Nelson. Rodney had many titles: father, brother, uncle, friend, artist, but the one he loved most was Ampa. That is what his grandkids called him. They were the light of his life.

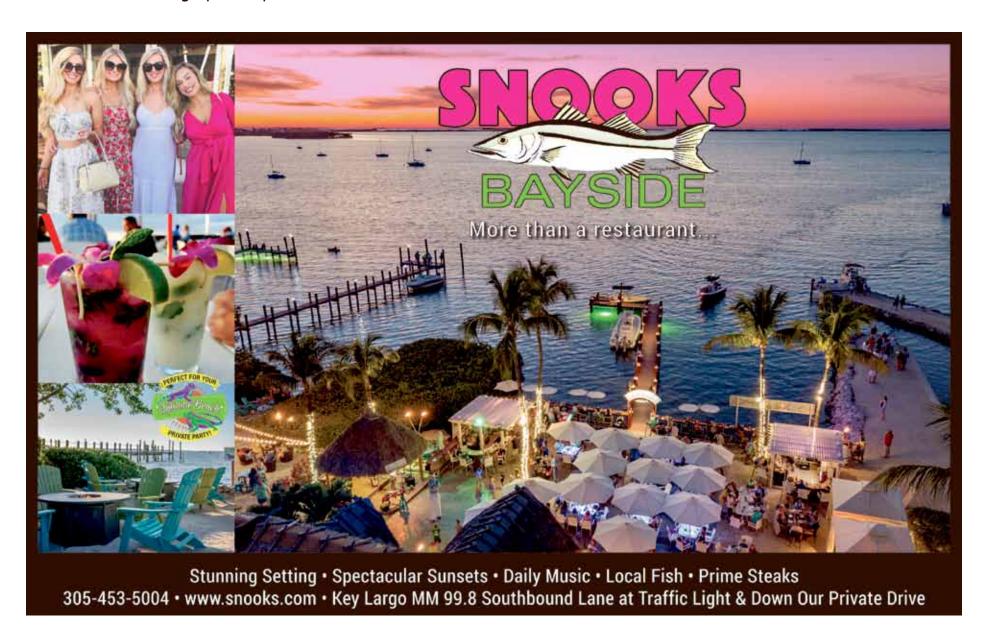
Nelson was a very talented artist, whether it was airbrushing, oil paints, or glass etching. A lot of his work can be seen in Ocean Reef and if you have ever eaten at Buzzard's Roost you have probably sat at a table he painted. You can see the mural he did behind the original Mrs. Mac's Kitchen, make sure you look for the hidden things in the sky and in the sea, as he was famous for this. He also painted small mural inside Num Thai.

Two of the most recent projects he completed were the Coconut Telegraph Treasure Maps for Key Largo and Islamorada, showing the many businesses and their cartoon-headed owners along the Overseas Highway. He was always willing to help with charity work and would at times go to the local school and do face painting for the kids. Rodney also painted a mural in a wing at the Childrens Hospital of Miami. His memory will live on in all his artwork throughout the Florida Keys.

Rodney is survived by his daughter Courtney Dale Nelson, sisters Tammy Brown and Judy Smith, and his grandchildren Gracelyn Adell Cummings, Logan Dale Cummings and Hailey Elizabeth Valentino, as well as a host other relatives and friends.

Due to social distancing and COVID-19, services are postponed until further notice. The family will post plans on his Facebook page. Please feel free to leave your memories and photos of Rodneys artwork on his Allen-Beyer tribute wall and his Facebook page.





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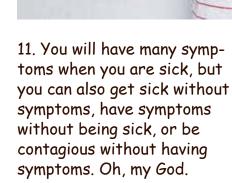
I tried smiling in all angles possible.

It is getting dire!



The Rules:

- 1. Basically, you can't leave the house for any reason, but if you have to, then you can
- 2. Masks are useless, but maybe you have to wear one, it can save you, it is useless, but maybe it is mandatory as well.
- 3. Stores are closed, except those that are open.
- 4. You should not go to hospitals unless you have to go there. Same applies to doctors, you should only go there in case of emergency, provided you are not too sick.
- 5. This virus is deadly but still not too scary, except that sometimes it actually leads to a global disaster.
- 6. Gloves won't help, but they can still help.
- 7. Everyone needs to stay HOME, but it's important to GO OUT.
- 8. There is no shortage of groceries in the supermarket, but there are many things missing when you go there in the evening, but not in the morning. Sometimes.
- 9. The virus has no effect on children except those it affects.
- 10. Animals are not affected, but there is still a cat that tested positive in Belgium in February when no one had been tested, plus a few tigers here and there...



- 12. In order not to get sick, you have to eat well and exercise, but eat whatever you have on hand and it's better not to go out, well, but no...
- 13. It's better to get some fresh air, but you get looked at very wrong when you get some fresh air, and most importantly, you don't go to parks or walk. But don't sit down, except that you can do that now if you are old, but not for too long or if you are pregnant (but not too old).
- 14. You can't go to retirement homes, but you have to take care of the elderly and bring food and medication.
- 15. If you are sick, you can't go out, but you can go to the pharmacy.

- 16. You can get restaurant food delivered to the house, which may have been prepared by people who didn't wear masks or gloves. But you have to have your groceries decontaminated out-
- 17. Every disturbing article or disturbing interview starts with " I don't want to trigger panic, but..."

side for 3 hours. Pizza too?

- 18. You can't see your older mother or grandmother, but you can take a taxi and meet an older taxi driver.
- 19. You can walk around with a friend but not with your family if they don't live under the same roof.
- 20. You are safe if you maintain the appropriate social distance, but you can't go out with friends or strangers at the safe social distance.
- 21. The virus remains active on different surfaces for two hours, no, four, no, six, no, we didn't say hours,

- maybe days? But it takes a damp environment. Oh wait, not necessarily.
- 22. The virus stays in the air - well no, or yes, maybe, especially in a closed room, in one hour a sick person can infect ten, so if it falls, all our children were already infected at school before it was closed. But remember, if you stay at the recommended social distance, however in certain circumstances you should maintain a greater distance, which, studies show, the virus can travel further, maybe.
- 23. We count the number of deaths but we don't know how many people are infected as we have only tested so far those who were "almost dead" to find out if that's what they will die of...
- 24. We have no treatment, except that there may be one that apparently is not dangerous unless you take too much (which is the case with all medications). Orange man bad, though.
- 25. We should stay locked up until the virus disappears, but it will only disappear if we achieve collective immunity, so when it circulates... but we must no longer be locked up for that?

AND JUST LIKE THAT: HAVING A MASK, RUBBER GLOVES, DUCT TAPE, PLASTIC SHEET-ING AND ROPE IN YOUR TRUNK IS OKAY. $6 \cdot \text{The Coconut Telegraph} \cdot \text{May 2020}$ May 2020 · The Coconut Telegraph · 7



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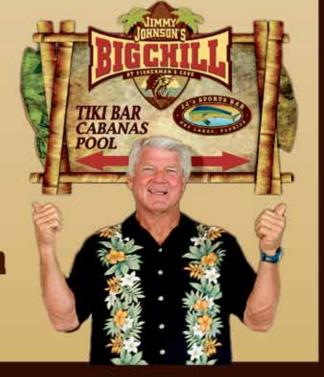
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Maria Falciano from Your CBD Store in Tavernier, making a masked delivery in the Upper Keys.

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some of the

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Biologist Conducting Key Deer Census



Big Pine Key and other Lower Keys residents may notice Key deer with blue markings as if someone spray painted the deer.

A biologist is conducting a census of the deer and is using blue paint to mark those deer that have been counted

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- **Church of the Nazarene**, Pantry, 3:30 pm 5:30 pm, 100390 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- **Harriett's Restaurant**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- **Key Lime Products**, Meals to Go, Noon 2:00 pm, 95231 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- Burton Memorial UM Church, Pantry, 9:00 am Noon, 93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier

<u>Tuesday</u>

- **Harriett's**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
- **Key Lime Products**, Meals to Go, Noon 2:00 pm, 95231 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
- **Burton Memorial UM Church**, Pantry, 5 7:00 pm, 93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
- **First Baptist Church of Islamorada**, Pantry & Meals to Go, 5-7 pm, 81201 Overseas Hwy

Wednesday

- **First Baptist Church of Key Largo**, Pantry, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm, 99001 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
- **Harriett's Restaurant**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 am 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
- **Key Lime Products**, Meals to Go, Noon 2:00 pm, 95231 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- Burton Memorial UM Church, Pantry, 9:00 am Noon, 93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
- American Legion (333), Meals to Go, 5:00 pm 6:00 pm, 2 Seagate Blvd., MM 99.6, Key Largo

<u>Thursday</u>

- **Harriett's Restaurant**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- **Key Lime Products**, Meals to Go, Noon 2:00 pm, 95231 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- Burton Memorial UM Church, Pantry & Meals to Go, 5-7 pm, 93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
- Islamorada Moose Lodge, Pantry, 10:00 am 1:00 pm, 81573 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada
 American Legion (333), Meals to Go, 5:00 pm 6:00 pm, 2 Seagate Blvd., MM 99.6, Key Largo

<u>Friday</u>

- **Harriett's Restaurant**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Highway, Key Largo
- **Key Lime Products**, Meals to Go, Noon 2:00 pm, 95231 Overseas Highway, Key Largo

Saturday

• **Harriett's Restaurant**, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 – 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Highway, Key Largo

Sunday

• Harriett's Restaurant, Breakfast to Go, 9:00 – 11:00 am, 95710 Overseas Highway, Key Largo

School District Meals

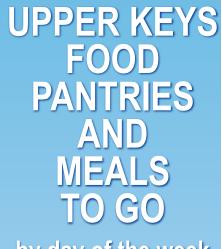
Monroe County School District

The school district is providing free "grab and go" lunches and breakfast for the next day. Meals are available to **all children 18 & younger**. Drive up service ONLY. Students DO NOT need to be present in-order for their parents or guardians to pick up meals. Service at **ALL LOCATIONS** will be from 11am to 12pm Monday through Friday. MCSD Mobile Meal Service is providing services at the following locations and arrival times:

Key Largo Meal Delivery:

- Samson Road/Hammock Trails 11:00 am 11:20 am
- Jenny/Janet 11:30 am 11:50 am

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by day of the week





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IMPORTANT: ECONOMIC STIMULUS CHECK

Q: What is an Economic Stimulus payment?

A: It is money that the federal government sends to taxpayers.

Q: Where will the government get this money? A: From taxpayers.

Q: So the government is giving

me back my own money? A: Only a smidgen of it.

Q: What is the purpose of this payment?

A: The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a high definition television set, a new iPad, or a new SUV, thus stimulating the economy.

Q: Isn't that stimulating the economy of China? A: Shut up.

Below is some helpful advice on how to best help the US. Economy with your stimulus

- * If you spend the stimulus money at Walmart the money will go to China or Sri Lanka.
- * if you spend it on gasoline, your money goes to the Arabs.
- * if you purchase a computer, it goes to India, Taiwan or China.
- * if you purchase fruits and vegetables, it will go to Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.
- * if you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea.
- * if you purchase useless stuff, it goes to Taiwan.
- * if you pay your credit card off, or buy stock, it will go to the management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

Instead keep the money in America by:

- (1) Spending it at a yard sale, or (2) Going to a ball game, or
- (3) Spending it on prostitutes, or
- (4) Beer, or (5) Tattoos.
- (These are the only businesses still operating in the US.)

CONCLUSION: Go to a ball game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a yard sale and drink beer all day.

No need to thank us, just glad to be of help.

The wildlife at **Pilot House** misses seeing your faces!









Why Using a Travel Agent is More Important Than Ever Before

COVID-19 has turned our world upside down as we know it, and soon we will be facing a new normal. After self-isolation is complete, people are going to want to escape their homes whether it is to the mall, a restaurant or on vacation. As you make your plans and start re-exploring your community and the world, I implore you to support small businesses such as boutiques, locally-owned restaurants and travel agents. Our livelihoods have been devastated and we need your support.

Yes, travel agents still exist and during this pandemic we have proven to be more valuable to travelers than ever before. There are countless stories of travel agents who have helped their of the logistics of your clients return home after being stranded. Travel agents who have lent an ear and empathy, calming those who are scared.

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Also, booking your vacation with a travel agency is supporting a small business. There is a light at the end of this tunnel, and you are going to want to go on vacation and live life to the fullest by checking items off your bucket list. When you do book with a travel agent, we are dedicated to making your vacation dreams become a reality and in turn, you are helping us make our business dreams come true.

So please remember to use a travel agent the next time you book a vacation — we promise, you won't regret it.



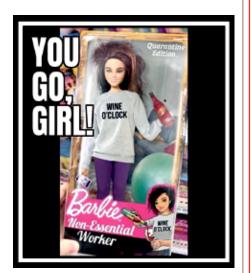


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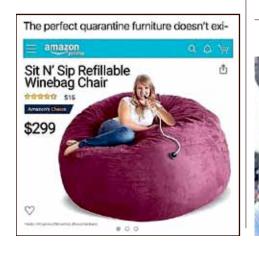
How We See Things Differently Now

IN THE PRODUCTS WE BUY

Hormel made their first that due to hoarding by nsumers, they are going to make a second batch.







IN OUR GROOMING

Ode to my Hairdresser

Wish I could come and sit in your chair; let you be the one who chops off my hair! But I must stay home, and you must stay there. I miss you a ton, and so does my hair!

~Joyce Geleynse

little and had underwear with the days of the week on them? Yah. Those would be helpful right

PRO TIP: If you wear your jeans 5 days in a row, they become all baggy and it looks like you're losing weight.

Having trouble forcing

yourself to stay home?

Shave your eyebrows off.

Did a load of pajamas so I would have clean work clothes this week.







IN BUSINESS









Conch Characters—



Captain Corey Bryan and Sheriff Ramsey protecting the entrance to the Keys.



Banner of appreciation spotted at Key Largo Post Office: "Thank you Postal Workers for being here for us."



Maggie at the American Legion.



Igor & Red Elvises played a special St. Patrick's day show at the Lorelei.



Hardworking Rodney helps keep the Lorelei looking spiffy.



Boat races at Gilbert's in March.



Dr. Susanna May is dedicated to beating back the coronavirus.



The Sunshine Band entertained on Easter from their garage.



Spotted at Winn Dixie Key Largo.



Your CBD's M Falciano shared a sunset at the condo beach they have been enjoying when not working.



Wyland cruised by The Lorelei to check out his paint job recently.



Sue Beal, Coconut Telegraph's layout artist, models her mask, made for her by friend Susie Anderson.

Lorelei: Ready for Your Return!



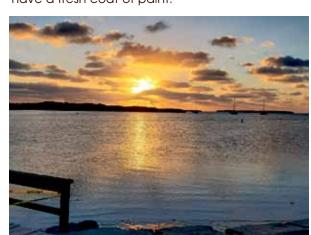
The Lorelei has gotten new equipment, cleaned existing equipment, and organized everything.... awaiting your return.



There is fresh paint behind the bar at the Lorelei.



All the bar stools and bar chairs at the Lorelei have a fresh coat of paint.



Lorelei sunsets - gorgeous as ever! (Rob LeBrun)

Wyland + Lorelei Mermaid = ICONIC

The iconic Lorelei mermaid at Mile Marker 82 has had a few different "looks" over the years. A handful of talented artists have painted and changed her, with each look being unique and great in its own way. On March 28th, world renowned artist Wyland stopped by and did a wonderful job on her.

A project of this scope and size would certainly take a lot of planning and maybe even a practice run or two. You can't just throw a ladder up there and start painting right?

Well, there is a reason Wyland is one of the most collected living artists in the world and he certainly didn't disappoint. While some of the Lorelei staff might have been a bit nervous (ahem) when Wyland grabbed a ladder and started painting, Wyland was not. After all, this guy has painted over 100 large murals all over the world (Check out his "Whaling Walls" online, or locally in Key West, Marathon and Key Largo) so a 30-foot mermaid should be easy right? Turns out, it was so easy for him, that it only took him 2 hours.

The Lorelei is working on creating a special hybrid Wyland Foundation & Lorelei t-shirt. This t-shirt will feature his mermaid, the Lorelei sunset celebration, and the Wyland Foundation. The Lorelei will donate 50% of the sale price of every shirt sold,





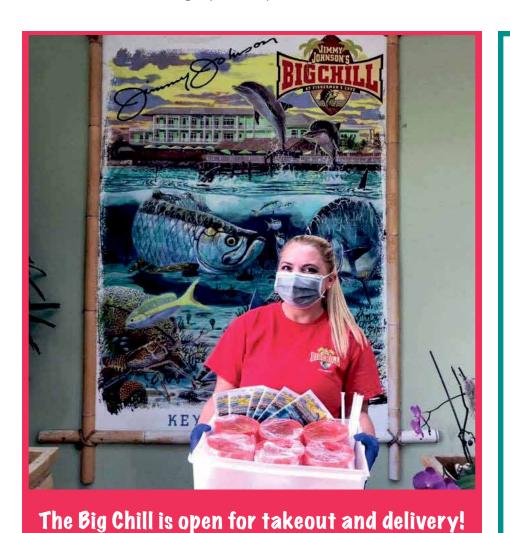
Before her makeover.



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Thanks, Wyland



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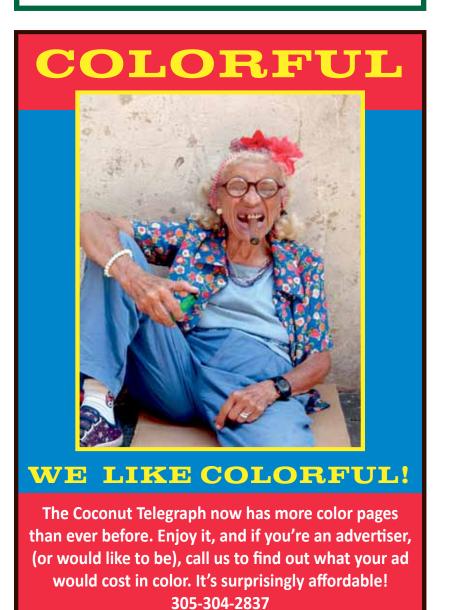


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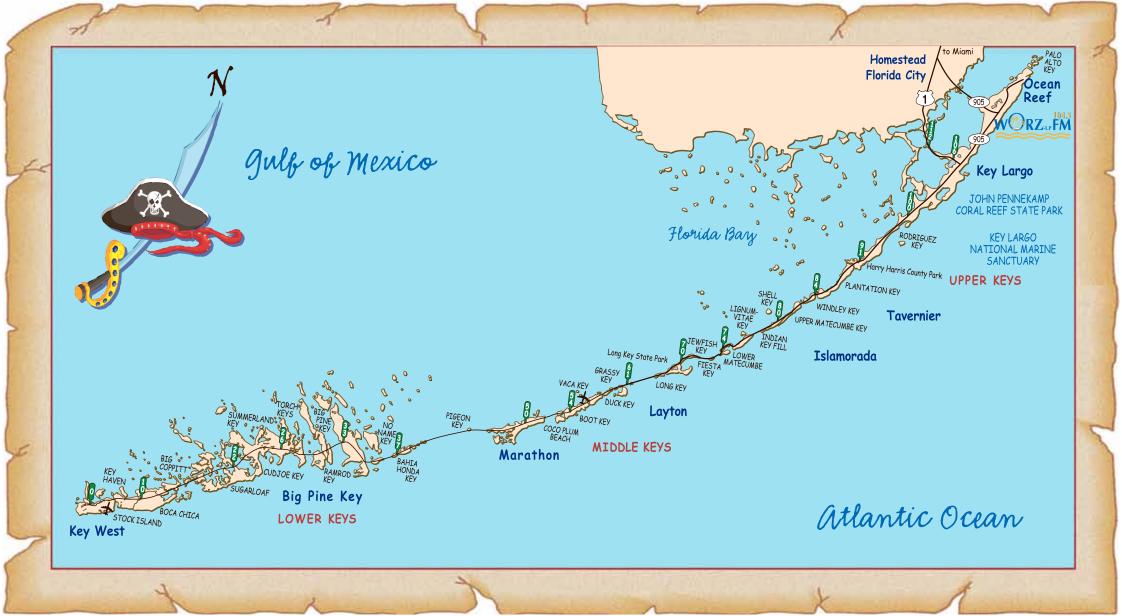
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We Mourn the Loss of Rodney Nelson



Rodney Nelson, our award-winning artist/cartoonist passed away in early April. We are so sad to lose him and his enormous talent, and we'll miss his offbeat sense of humor!

Rodney born in Miami and raised in the Florida Keys. After moving to Key Largo in 1970 he began exploring the ocean and back country in his grandfather's boat, where he discovered beauty everywhere he went. An avid fisherman, he was amazed at the

colors and patterns of the fish he caught. He was so inspired that he began to paint them. Nelson drew and painted his whole life.

For the past 40 years most of Rodney's work was airbrushing. Wall murals, vehicles of all kinds, boats, signs, wood, metal, etc. In 2017, his work won the esteemed 1st place booth contest at The Tropical Plant International Expo (TPIE) Plant Show in Miami. He was up against others who spent millions on their designs! He had a keen sense for capturing the essence of what his commissioned customers desired, and he always brought it to life.

Nelson's expert airbrushing has took him to Key West for many years, where he won 1st place airbrushing on nearly naked people for Fantasy Fest. He was comfortable painting just about anything!

Nelson also painted with a brush, whether it be on canvas, wood, wall murals or when he was just having fun with his grandkids. His grandkids were very important to him; he overcame substance abuse to stay healthy for them.

He was a whiz on the computer, designing logos, signs, business cards, vehicle wraps, banners, websites, t-shirts, and view-thru window screens. You may have seen the incredible Coconut Telegraph maps of Islamorada and Key Largo... caricature is another of his talents.

In the last few years, Rodney taught himself glass etching and became proficient at that too! He loved the challenge of something new and guarantees satisfaction.

Rodney, we already miss you!



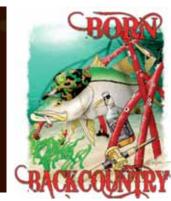
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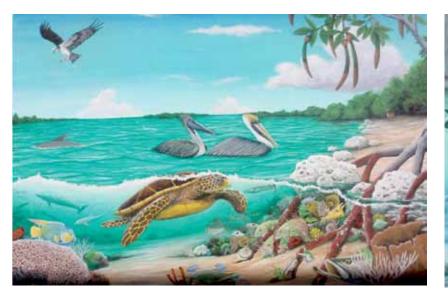




Three tee shirt designs



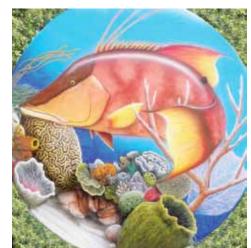






















The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski



My, what trying times. Since our beloved *Ursa Minor* is a boat and, according to the Monroe County Sheriffs Office, "not real property," we have not been able to enter the Keys for our usual bi-monthly visit to check on her and touch base with our many friends at Gilbert's. So, in a small way putting out this month's column is our way of visiting. Hope you find this dish enjoyable!

Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly. For previous issues go to the conchtele graph.com

CHICKEN-BLACK BEAN TOSTADAS

- 1 large chicken breast
- 1 cup coarse chopped onions
- 1 cup coarse chopped green peppers
- 1 cup fresh corn cut from the cob
- 1 10-oz can Rotel diced tomatoes (heat levels vary, choose carefully)
- 1 15-oz can black beans drained 6 tortillas of your choice, corn or flour
- 3 strips bacon
- 2 Tbls butter
- 1 Tbls garlic powder 1Tbls chilli or taco seasoning
- 1 tsp cumin
- 6 oz shredded cheese of your choice

In a sauté pan, melt the butter over medium high heat and add the onions and peppers. Stir until coated and cook until slightly tender. Add the corn and the Rotel (with liquid) and bring to a bubble. Add the beans, stir thoroughly and set aside. Cut the bacon strips crossways onto 1/2 inch pieces and cook until golden brown. Drain in a colander leaving a small amount of grease in the pan. Cut the chicken breast into 1/2 inch cubes and sauté in the bacon fat until cooked through. Toast the tortillas until crispy using a little butter for each one and place in an 11x 13 baking dish. They will overlap. Add the chicken and bacon to the bean mixture and heat back up until the liquid is steaming. Evenly spoon the mixture over the tortillas and spread the grated cheese over the whole dish. Place under the broiler until the cheese just melts and call everyone for dinner. A little hot sauce and sour cream makes a nice topping if you so desire. Enjoy!!

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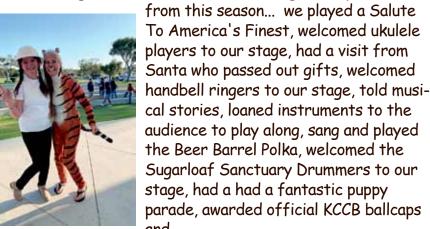
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Keys Community Concert Band Closes Out 2019-2020 Season

Thank you, concert-goers, for a wonderful 2019-2020 season! Although the March and April concerts were cancelled, the four concerts we did perform were outstanding Truly awesome conducting, fabulous music, and lively crowds made this a memorable season for the Florida Keys Community Concert Band.



While we are challenged by social distancing, and not able to rehearse together as a group, music is very much alive within our families, and we are eagerly anticipating the 2020-2021 season. Looking back at a few of the exciting accomplishments



shirts to lucky winners, had a visit from Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and watched a tiger fly across the stage. WHEW! All of this, while the finest concert band players of the Upper Keys never missed a



KCCB is busy planning now

for future concerts. If you would like more information, please visit our website at keyscommunityconcertband.org. For more pictures visit our facebook page, keyscommunityconcertband.

Admission to our concerts and membership in the band are ALWAYS free, but as a 501(c)(3) organization we do rely on donations from generous people like you. If you're able to make a donation to help keep us alive for another season, please go to: https://www.paypal.me/KeysCommunityBand or mail a check to Keys Community Concert Band at 326 Lance Lane, Key Largo, FL 33037. No amount is too small or too large; we greatly appreciate you and are very thankful to The Coconut Telegraph for giving us this unique opportunity.

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The Places We Go

Often it takes something major to wake us up, as we struggle to maintain an illusion of control.

In life, most of us want things to go to the places we have envisioned ourselves going. We have plans and visions, some of them divinely inspired, that we want to see through to completion. We want to be happy, successful, and healthy, all of which are perfectly natural and perfectly human.

So when life takes us to places we didn't consciously want to go, we often feel as if something has gone wrong, or we must have made a mistake somewhere along the line, or any number of other disheartening possibilities. This is just life's way of taking us to a place we need to go for reasons that go deeper than our own ability to reason. These hard knocks and trials are designed to shed light on our unconscious workings and deepen our experience of reality.

Often it takes something major to wake us up, to shake us loose from our ego's grip as it struggles to maintain an illusion of control. It is loss of control more than anything else that humbles us and enables us to see the big picture. It reminds us that the key to

the universe lies in what we do not know, and what we do know is a small fraction of the great mystery in which we live. This awareness softens and lightens us, as we release our resistance to what is.

Another gift gleaned from going to these seemingly undesirable places is that, in our response to difficulty, we can see all the patterns and unresolved emotional baggage that stand in the way of our unconditional joyfulness. Joy exists within us independently of whether things go our way or not. And when we don't feel it, we can trust that we will find it if we are willing to surrender to the situation, moving through it as we move through our difficult feelings.

We can take our inspiration from any fairy tale that finds its central character lost in a dark wood, frightened and alone. We know that the journey through the wood provides its own kind of beauty and richness. On the other side, we will emerge transformed, lighter and brighter, braver and more confident for having moved through that



healthy and fulfilling day. Register for free at www.dailyom.com

This is How it Works

It is a slow day in Key Largo and US1 is deserted. Times are tough, the virus has nearly everything shut down and everybody is in debt and living on credit.

Two Tallahassee government officials heading to Key West drive through town, stop at a small cafe - one dons his mask and goes in and lays a \$50 bill on the counter, saying he wants to take a look at the menu with his traveling companion then order take-out.

As soon as he walks out, the cook grabs the bill and runs up stairs to pay his debt to his boss who gave him an advance on his pay.

The boss takes the bill and runs down the road to pay his debt to Key Largo Fisheries.

Rick Hill takes the \$50 and heads off to pay his bill to the man who supplies them with fresh lemons.

G.I.

1 Sandbox

6 Crossroads

2 Man Overboard

5 Long Underwear

4 Read Between the Lines

3 I Understand

The guy at the fruit stand takes the \$50 and runs to pay his debt to Denny's Liguor store, who offered him last week's rum on credit.

The liquor store owner runs to the cafe and pays off the cook for last week's lunches.

The cook places the \$50 bill back on the counter so the guy from Tallahassee won't suspect anything.

At that moment the guy comes in from the pow-wow in the car and says "My friend is a vegan and I think we will just eat when we get in Key West." he picks up the \$50 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now out of debt and looking to the future with more optimism.

AND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS HOW A STIMULUS PACKAGE WORKS IN THE KEYS.

YOUSME

19 Backward Glance

20 Life After Death

21 Soldier Overseas

22 Space Program

18 He's Beside Himself 24 Just Between You and Me

23 See -thru Blouse

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PROGRAM

8 Tricycle

9 Upper Level

11 Neon Lights

10 3 Degrees Below 0

13 High Chair

15 Touchdown

16 6 feet Underground

17 Mind Over Matter

14 Paradise

CAN YOU INTERPRET THE FOLLOWING?

MAN

Meanwhile, at the Key Largo Animal Shelter...







Dara is feeding Tiny, our gentle giant.

Ilia feeding Zimba the orange cat; he will grab her hair if she's not quick enough to give him his meal!

Ilia feeding Loki, the grey and white cat.

As people are home with their pets at this stressful time, their pets may sense the stress from them. Providing a peaceful and stable environment, love and comfort will help. Give them more attention and time, including more dog walks!





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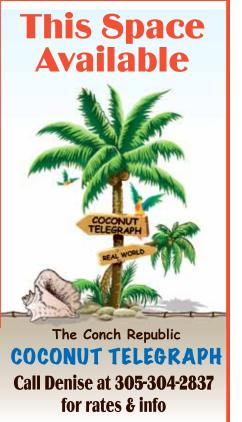
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WHAT I GET

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NO TOILET PAPER



IN THE FUTURE, MY
GRANDCHILDREN MAY ASK
ABOUT THE GLOBAL CRISIS
OF 2020 AND HOW THE
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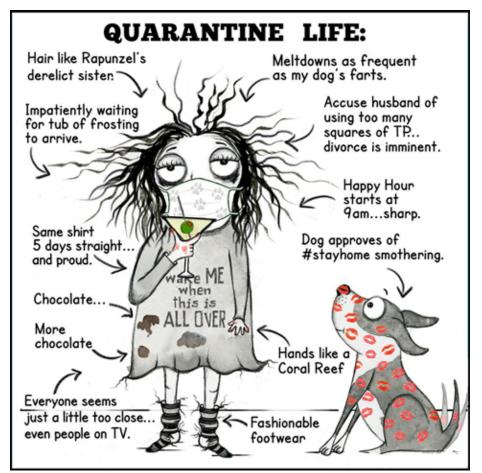


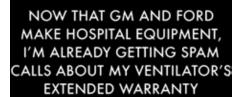
Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens

During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets. Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you





ATTN: COVID 19 TESTING

We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID 19. Unite against the virus now.

WE ARE TESTING THE ENTIRE NATION FOR COVID 19

We need your help! Tonight between 10pm and 6am, using laser scanning satellites we will measure everybody's core temperature.

Please stand naked at your front window with curtains open and your ID is in your hand pointing towards the sky.

Your cooperation is appreciated.





2020 is a unique Leap Year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 5 years in April. Can't wait to see what May brings!



HOMESCHOOLING WENT **WELL YESTERDAY:** FOR SCIENCE CLASS WE STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF **NYQUIL ON STUDENTS.**

Social Distancing Pickup Lines:

If COVID-19 doesn't take you out... Can I?

Is that hand sanitizer in your pocket or are you just happy to be within 6ft of me?

Since all the public libraries are closed, I'm checking you out instead.

You can't spell virus without U and I.

Baby, do you need toilet paper? Because I can be your Prince Charmin.

I saw you from across the bar. Stay there.

Without you my life is as empty as the supermarket shelf.

Hey Babe! Can I ship you a drink?

You can't spell quarantine without "URAQT".

I really can't stay.

Baby it's COVID-19 outside.

Where are those guys who used to say " earn 40k from home"? We really need to talk. Sorry for ignoring you in the past.

Coco'Nut' Funnies

A drunken man staggers into a Catholic church and sits down in a confession box and says nothing.

The priest caught to attract his attention, but the man says nothing.

The priest knocks on the wall three times in an attempt to get the man to speak.

Finally, the drunk replies: "No use knockin' dude, there's no paper in this one either."

You'll stay on the couch! You'll stay in your room You'll stay in a chair for a meeting on Zoom! You'll stay in the bathroom—a brief getaway! There are so many places at home you will stay!



ALERT !! !! !! The Corona Virus Can Be Spread

Through Money. If You have Any Money At Home, Put On Some Gloves, Put All The Money In To A Plastic Bag And Put It Outside The Front Door Tonight. I'm Collecting All The Plastic Bags Tonight Forr Safety. Think Of Your Health.

So, I was sitting on the couch and my husband sweetly whispered... "The best part about all of this is that I get to spend more time with you." As I looked over at him lovingly, I realized



made the mistake of telling my nusband an early symptom of COVID is oss of smell.

He's taken to passing gas in my vicinity & then when I react, informing me he is helpfully "performing a health check".

le taught the children the technique

may divorce him.

Told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

A man takes his wife to get tested for Coronavirus. Two days later, he gets a call from the lab.

Doctor: I'm sorry to inform you that your wife's test results were mixed up with another patient! We're not sure if she has COVID-19 or Alzheimer's disease

Man: What am I supposed to do now? Doctor: Take her for long walk and leave her. If she finds her way back home, don't open the door.

Gonna ask my momma if that offer to slap me into next year is still on the table.

The boredom of self isolation.

Did you know that if you rest one your testicles on top of an empty beer bottle and hold a flame at the base, eventually it gets sucked inside... If you've done this

and know how to get it out, message me please..

Urgently...

FOR THE SECOND PART OF THIS QUARANTINE DO WE HAVE TO STAY WITH THE SAME FAMILY OR THEY'RE **GOING TO RELOCATE US? ASKING FOR A FRIEND**

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. The stove said things are heating up, but I didn't mention anything to the washing machine, as she puts a different spin on everything and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. Although the sewing machine had me in stitches, in the end the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing.

If your new years resolution was to eat out less and spend less time in bars, you're killing it!

I'm so over being part of a major historical event right about now.

MY MOM ALWAYS TOLD ME I WOULDN'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING LYING ON THE SOFA...AND YET HERE I AM, SAVING THE WORLD.

In the Middle Ages orgies were celebrated when the plague was defeated. Does anyone know if something is already planned?

Walmart is now asking customers to use masks

Good luck with that.

You can't even get them all to wear pants

It's like being 16 again Gas is cheap and I'm Grounded.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



Keep 6 glasses and an empty bottle between you and others.

The world is now Vegas. Everybody's losing money, it's acceptable to drink at all hours, and no one has any idea what day it is.



Wearing a mask over a beard looks like a ladies underwear ad from 1972



If it is true that stress brings on weight loss, why the hell am I not invisible.

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors 1. How dense the

> population is 2. How dense the population is

I have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from COVID19.

We are thinking of planting a garden in case the food shortage gets worse. Anyone have any Snickers or Cheetos seeds?

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture."

In Mariners Hospital, a gentleman had made several attempts to get into the men's restroom, but it had always been occupied A nurse noticed his predicament.

Sir, she said "You may use the ladies room if you promise not to touch any of the buttons on the

He did what he needed to, and as he sat there he noticed the buttons he had promised not to touch.

Each button was identified by letters: WW, WA, PP, and a red one labeled ATR.

Who would know if he touched them?

He couldn't resist.. He pushed WW. warm water was sprayed gently upon his bottom.

What a nice feeling, he thought. Men restrooms don't have nice things like this.

Anticipating greater pleasure, he pushed the WA button. Warm air replaced the warm water, gently drying his underside.

When this stopped, he pushed the PP button. A large powder puff caressed his bottom adding a fragile scent of spring flower to this unbelievable pleasure.. The ladies restroom was more than a restroom, it is tender loving pleasure.

When the powder puff completed its pleasure, he couldn't wait to push the ATR button which he knew would be supreme ecstasy.

Next thing he knew he opened his eyes, he was in a hospital bed, and a nurse was staring down at him.

"What happened?" he exclaimed. The last thing I remember was pushing the ATR button.

"The button ATR is an Automatic Tampon Remover. Your penis is under your pillow."

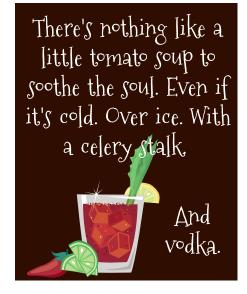
"MEN NEVER LISTEN"

I thought I might need to be tested due to shortness of breath then I remembered I was tying my shoes and I'm fat.

ANYONE ELSE'S CAR GETTING **THREE WEEKS TO** THE GALLON NOW?

I don't know... at this point, maybe we should just inject the disinfectant and be done with it

Before you complain about your current situation, just remember someone is quarantined with your ex.



Has anyone else bought the Covid-19 home testing kit from Wish.com? I got mine today and apparently I'm pregnant!!

Coronavirus eventually,

All countries got but China got it right off the bat.

"When you go out and see the empty streets, the empty stadiums, the empty train platforms, don't say to vourself, "It looks like the end of the world." What you're seeing is love in action. What you're seeing, in that negative space, is how much we do care for each other, for our grandparents, for our immune-compromised brothers and sisters, for people we will never meet. People will lose jobs over this. Some will lose their businesses. And some will lose their lives. All the more reason to take a moment, when you're out on your walk, or on your way to the store, or just watching the news, to look into the emptiness and marvel at all of that love. Let it fill you and sustain you. It Isn't the end of the world. It is the most remarkable act of global solidarity we may ever witness.



While we are in lockdown, we should all call random numbers in India and ask about their car's extended warranty.

Really sucks that coronavirus hit during allergy season. I'm over here like I can't tell if I have 5 days to live or if I need to take a Claritin.

I would take a trailer hitch to the shin for all this to be over.

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DREAMING OF THE KEYS LIFE? Solidly built bungalow SUBURBAN COMMERCIAL property on nearly 1/4 acre with newly remodeled kitchen and impact windows of land located on US1 in the X-Zone. This is a great is ready for you, all you need is a bathing suit and price with lots of potential!!!. \$309,000 toothbrush. New roof coming soon. Lokated in the X-Zone. \$289,000



Spacious home on large corner lot! Open floor plan with separate laundry room. Huge bonus - a concrete, full-car garage. Located in a family neighborhood close to schools, shopping, restaurants and easy commute to Miami. \$249,000

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Virtual Showings Upon Request!

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6 Rose Avenue



220 W. 2nd Court

INVESTOR ALERT! Good location in Key Largo Village two home owners' parks, with beach, pavilion and two boat ramps. Close to shopping, restaurants, recreation, boating, fishing and swimming! Great potential!!!



1642 Churchill Downs

GOOD VIBES and VIEWS! VIEWS! VIEWS! Oversized

pool home perfect for family compound. Sigh and

kiss your worries goodbye! Seeing is believing.

Adams Cut LoKation for easy boating Bay or

Oceanside! \$995,000

27 Avenue A

SELLER SAYS "SELL IT!" Nice home with lovely kitchen and newer appliances. Enjoy the good life in the screened Florida room with spacious newer hot-tub. Fully Fenced. Neighborhood park with beach, 2 boat ramps, pavilion and picnic area. Possible seller financing!!! \$224,000



445 Lime Drive

to schools, shopping, Parks, restaurants and easy

GREAT FAMILY HOME! Concrete home in the X-Zone

highest elevation in the Keys. Convenient location close

mainland access. Spacious with open concept floor plan.

40 Transylvania Ave

Passed Inspections! Passed Appraisal! BUYER FINANCING FELL APART! Seller Says "BRING ALL OFFERS!!!"

Concrete bunker! Delightful family home located in the X-Zone. Nearly 1/4 acre, fully fenced and situated on two low maintenance open lots! County says lot can be separated and build-able. Move-in condition. New roof in 2019. \$428,000

LoKally Respected!

Our goal is to exceed your expectations and to make your experience with us, as vour Realtors, efficient, effective and rewarding.



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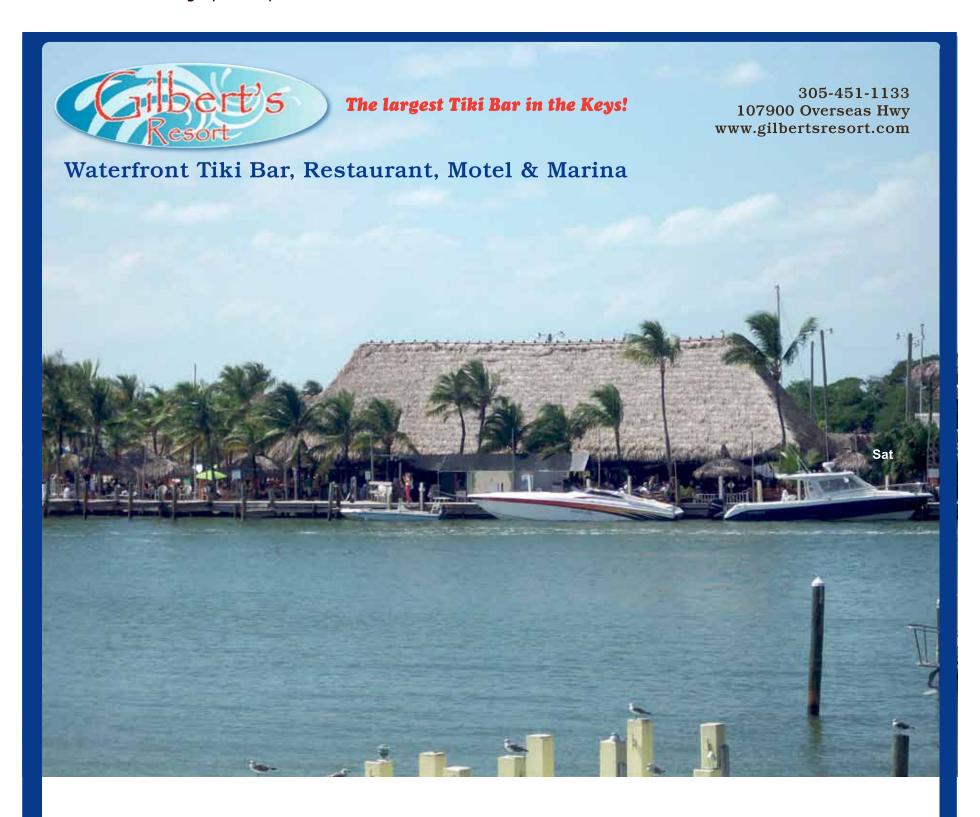
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Are you looking to Buy or Sell? Call Susan or Kelly today!



Gilbert's is obeying all state and county mandates by closing and we hope all our patrons stay safe and healthy during this time of crisis.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the near future.

Our fuel dock is still open for any boaters in need of fuel. 8am to 5pm daily.