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## Editorial - Moose Lodge is Collecting Donations for Hurricane Laura Victims

Key Largo Moose Lodge 2287 is an official collection site for hurricane Laura donations. They will be accepting donations of items to be sent to aid hurricane victims.

**Please do not bring clothing or water.**

Items needed are masks, disposable gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Non-perishable foods, and kitchen things like can openers, paper plates, cups and utensils. Canned food that requires no preparation like beef stew, tuna, or SpaghettiOs; MREs; Gatorade and boxed milk; nutritious snacks like dried fruit and nuts, energy bars; even condiments like ketchup, mustard and relish.

Personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, feminine care products, etc. are needed.

First aid supplies like bandages, Band-aids, hydrogen peroxide, ibuprofen (Advil), acetaminophen (Tylenol), rubbing alcohol, gauze, hydrocortisone, and Neosporin.

Personal comfort items like NEW underwear and socks (in original packaging). Hats, towels, sunscreen and lip balm, pillows, bedsheets and blankets.

Cleaning and sanitizing supplied like paper towels, garbage bags, sanitizing wipes, Lysol and disinfectants, bleach and cleaning supplies are always welcome.

Baby supplies are always needed - diapers, formula, burping cloths and towels, juice, baby food, baby spoons, forks, bottles and bottle brushes, teething biscuits, Pedialyte, baby wipes, talcum powder, baby blankets and baby aspirin.

Displaced pets are also in need of dog food, cat food, cat litter, litter boxes and box liners.

Camping gear can be a big help: charcoal, Sterno cookers, tents, sleeping bags, glow sticks, coolers, flashlights, cots, mosquito nets/bug repellent, batteries, battery powered radios, camping chairs or beach chairs, emergency/solar power lamps and lanterns, coolers for ice and medicine, air mattresses, candles and matches.

To help with cleanup: tarps, work gloves, large plastic tubs with lids - these help keep clean household items out of the water and mud, paracord ropes, plastic sheeting rolls.

With these donations, a challenge exists in transporting supplies to those who need them. Try to stick to what's on the list. Volunteers only want to send what they know can be delivered.

Key Largo Moose is located at 98800 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, 305-451-1333 Open 2 - 9 PM 7 days. The First Responders and all those who live in the path of Hurricane Laura are in our prayers.

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1) Clearly misunderstood	2) Act naturally
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5) Small crowd	6) Fully empty
7) Pretty ugly	8) Seriously funny
9) Only choice	10) Original copies

And the mother of them all: "Happily Married"!

## Island Life and Island Death

Ever wonder what we locals do when a friend or loved one dies on our island?  
Would you know what to do?

Hypothetical situation: Your great aunt Nellie lives next door. You are her only living relative. One day Aunt Nellie has a few too many nips of Fireball and steps outside to shoot some iguanas. Her flip flops get tangled in the mangroves and she screams bloody murder then falls, cracking her head on a coral rock and dies. You heard her screams and came running but its too late. Aunt Nellie has gone to that great Tiki Bar in the sky. Soon the police arrive and summon the undertaker, who in the upper Keys is Tony Allen, owner of the Allen-Beyer Funeral Home.

coconut telephone starts ringing, casseroles appear on your doorstep and well meaning friends have offered their "help."

Your head is spinning. One of your friends suggests you call a crematorium in Miami because they offer what appears to be a low price but then you discover that they have all kinds of hidden expenses so it is not such a good deal at all, in fact it is a royal pain in the patootie!

You call Tony Allen and he will meet you at your home or in his office. Allen-Beyer will take care of everything you need including help with the required documents. One call does it all. 305-451-1444. Visit their website at [WeCare@AllenBeyer.com](mailto:WeCare@AllenBeyer.com). This is where they post the obituaries and there is also a free guestbook for people to sign, leave comments or post photos.

Now you need to decide when and where to have a memorial service or celebration of life. People can get very creative. I've heard of some doozies. One guy I knew got his ashes shot out of a cannon at the Elks Lodge. Someone else made little floating paper boats full of ashes that were sent off for a sail into the sunset. We released old Herbie in Jewfish Creek and emptied a can of Budweiser with flowers to send him off with his favorite beverage. A friend and her sisters distributed their mom's ashes in all the places they had enjoyed together, they even sprinkled some in Fast Buck Freddie's in Key West.

Aunt Nellie was in the Marine Corps and was proud of shooting "hundreds of those commie bastards" in the war (even though she missed every single one of them) so you decide the American Legion is the place to honor your beloved veteran. They have a beautiful place with lots of outdoor space and tables to socially distance while honoring your vet, plus the drinks are cheap. Everyone takes a turn at expressing their fondest memories of Aunt Nellie. Then we all watch a video made by good friend Video Dave and there isn't a dry eye in the house. Then it is time for some comfort food. We recommend any of the fine restaurants listed in the Coconut Telegraph for catering. Keep things simple.

The photos on this page show some of the beautiful options for storing and honoring your loved one that are available at Allen-Beyer Funeral Home.



**TONY ALLEN**



**Coming Up September 10th:  
REEF's 2020 Upper Keys Lionfish Derby  
(socially distant)**

Sep. 10 at 5:30 PM  
thru Sep. 13 at 4 PM



Register now for the Upper Keys Lionfish Derby, hosted by Protect Our Reefs, REEF Reef Environmental Education Foundation and REEF Invasive Lionfish Program! The derby is designed to allow teams and coordinators to maintain safe social distance while still encouraging the removal of lionfish from our reefs!

Early Bird registration discounts available:

- \$50 per team on or before Aug. 30, 2020
  - \$75 per team on or before Sep. 6, 2020
  - \$100 per team, deadline Sep. 10, 4PM
- Minimum 2 people per team, maximum 4 people.

All registered participants will receive a 2020 lionfish derby rash guard. The first 40 paid participants will receive a lionfish derby hat.

\$3000 in prizes will be awarded for most lionfish, smallest and largest lionfish. Choose from an array of competitive divisions.

Captain's meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm (offered online).

Fishing Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12 - Sunrise to Sunset.

All lionfish must be at drop-off by Sunday, Sep-

tember 13 at 10am. No Fishing on Sunday.

Teams will be able to take at least 85% of their catch after it is measured. (REEF will keep some lionfish to use towards education and outreach activities.)

Final details will be provided online, through the derby rules and via email communication with teams.

No Boat? Local lionfish charters are available. Key Dives in Islamorada, FL is offering lionfish dive charters for Friday and Saturday (305-664-2211). And Rainbow Reef Dive Center in Key Largo is also offering lionfish charters dives the weekend of the derby (305-451-7171).

For more info and to register go to [www.REEF.org/2020derby](http://www.REEF.org/2020derby), call 305-852-0030, or Email [lionfish@REEF.org](mailto:lionfish@REEF.org).

Special thanks to the sponsors that support REEF's Invasive Species Program: Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, Protect Our Reefs ORCA Ocean Reef Community Association, FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, FWC Reef Rangers, Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina, Monroe County Tourism Development Council.

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**THE ZODIACS WHEN DRUNK**

CAPRICORN	Trying to keep it together until they vomit and get kicked out.
AQUARIUS	No one knows what they're laughing at.
PISCES	Most likely to black out.
ARIES	Wakes up with bruises.
TAURUS	Left the bar early to go get food.
GEMINI	Has heart to heart with someone they just met.
CANCER	Initiating shots... crying somewhere 2 hours later.
LEO	Flirting with everyone and posting way too many Instagram stories.
VIRGO	Never drunk enough, would rather be at home.
LIBRA	Disappears to hook up with someone.
SCORPIO	Either plastered drunk or completely sober. Mission is to get laid.
SAGITTARIUS	Never wants the night to end. "After party!"

**Caption Contest!**



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Conch Captain Spotlight on

**Captain Billy Knowles  
Catching a Fishing Legend**

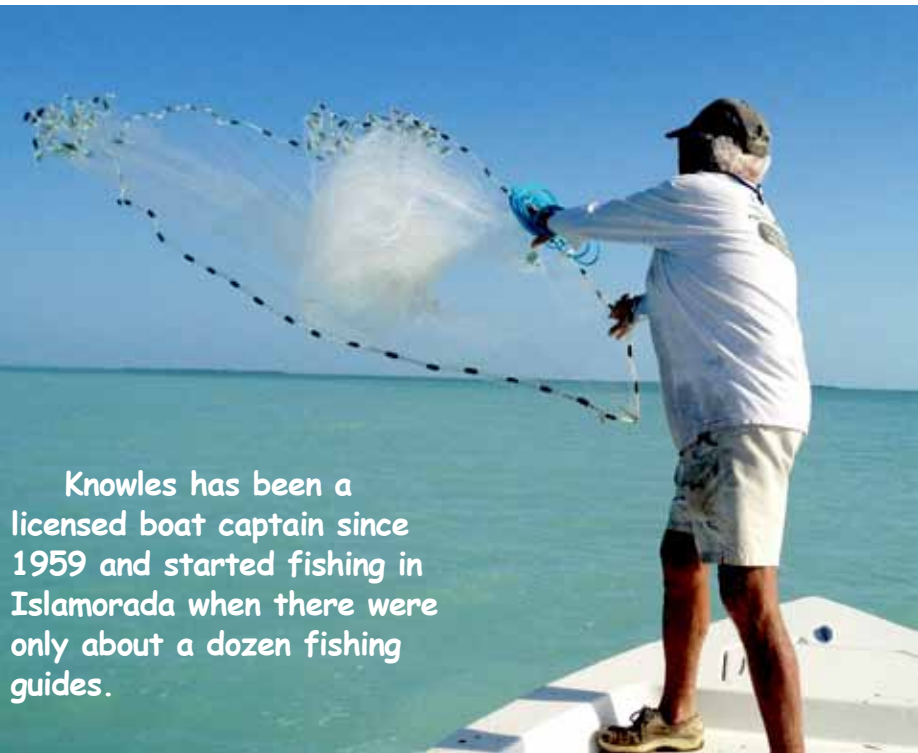
by Marilee Free

If you know Islamorada history, you are probably familiar with the three settling families dating back to the 1800s: the Parkers, the Pinders and the Russells. I had the honor and pleasure of talking with legendary, 4th-generation fisherman of Islamorada, Captain Billy Knowles. His grandmother was a Russell, his grandparents had a pineapple plantation, and for a time, his family owned most of Islamorada. Fishing the Atlantic Ocean, the Everglades, and the Florida Bay for 63 years, Captain Billy is a busy, experienced, and much sought-after guide.

fish ever caught in a tournament; 15.6 pounds. He has captained many corporate boats as well as his own.

When I asked what was his favorite fish to catch, he said, "there are no bad fish if you're catching!" He likes catching tarpon, bonefish, and sailfish, when possible. As far as his favorite fish dinner, Billy likes snook, blackened or fried right there at the Lorelei, or a scamp grouper, if you can find one.

Handling the heat and watching for changing weather conditions are challenges Billy endures regularly. He told me a story of fishing in the Ever-



Knowles has been a licensed boat captain since 1959 and started fishing in Islamorada when there were only about a dozen fishing guides.

Some of his repeat clients have been fishing with him for over 45 years. The Lorelei Marina is where he guides from; he trailers his boat after the fishing trips.

Captain Billy can take up to 4 passengers on his 25-ft. boat, or 2 passengers on his flats boat. He has been the Poor Boys Tournament champion 11 times and still holds the record for the largest bone-

glades with a man in his late 80s, when the lightning crashed a little too close for comfort and a nasty storm started dumping rain on them. Billy couldn't see in the downpour; they were lost until he saw a familiar marker. They dodged the storm and pulled out the boat into the flooded parking lot from the boat ramp. When he asked the man



if he was ever worried, the elder man replied that he wasn't worried. He'd put his faith in his captain and simply asked if they could get milkshakes at "Robert is Here!" on the way home.

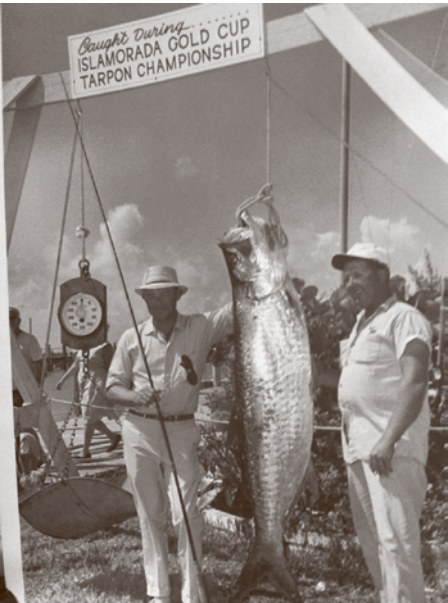
When I asked my signature question, "Do you believe you are living the dream?" He got a smile on his face. "Yes," he replied. He has traveled the world, fishing and hunting where many people would love to go. He has seen the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights after salmon fishing in Alaska. He has provided food for locals in Central America, hunting white-winged doves that were

over-populating and eating the farmer's crops. With his wife, Nickie and his 4 daughters, Ronda, Robin, Renea, and Crystal, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter, Billy is grateful to have the support of a loving family. Max, their 4-year-old King Charles Cavalier pup is loved like family, what a lucky dog.

The family enjoys traveling to Michigan, Colorado, Savannah, South Carolina, and around Florida. They are looking forward to a family get-together in the Blue Ridge mountains. As an early riser, Billy loves to see the sunrise because that means he has another day on this great Earth.

With this many years of fishing experience, other guides ask Captain Billy when he plans to retire. He says he will continue fishing as long as he can, just to make their lives Hell!

Fish on, Captain Billy! You are truly a treasured legend of the Florida Keys. To book a trip fishing with Captain Billy Knowles, visit his website at [CaptainBillyKnowles.com](http://CaptainBillyKnowles.com) or call 305-393-6009.



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# Winners of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Screamin' Reels Tournament Aug. 14-16, 2020 Islamorada, FL

Women came from all over Florida to compete in the non intimidating LLGF Fishing Screamin' Reels tournament Aug. 14-16 in Islamorada, FL. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the tournament offered a virtual kickoff, informal meet and greet, easy rules for beginners and two days of inshore or offshore fishing. Fishing from eight boats, 20 participants caught 108 fish.

Prizes for the two-day tournament were awarded to individual anglers, including Penn rod/reel combos, art prints and other fishing items. Winners were:

Top Offshore: Donna Langston, Satellite Beach, FL, Oceanic Tuna on Costa Morada with Capt. Claude Tristram

Second Place Offshore: Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL, Blackfin Tuna on Costa Morada with Capt. Claude Tristram

Top Inshore: Judy Ptashinski, Fort Myers, FL, Redfish on Scales 2 Tales with Capt. Chris Hanson

Second Place Inshore: Judy Ptashinski, Fort Myers, FL, Snook (released) on Scales 2 Tales with Capt. Chris Hanson

Top Release: Judy Ptashinski, Fort Myers, FL, Tarpon on Scales 2 Tales with Capt. Chris Hanson

Junior Angler: Anabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL, Blackfin Tuna on Dog House with Capt. Jesse Cromer

Daily Honors/Saturday:

Top Offshore Fish/Sat.: Donna Langston, Satellite Beach, FL, Wahoo on Blue Chip Too with Capt. Skip Bradeen

Second Place Offshore Fish/Sat: Trish Wilson, Boca Raton, FL, Mahi on Dog House with Capt. Jesse Cromer



Costa Morada (Sunday): (L-R) Donna Langston, Satellite Beach, FL; Robin Swindle, Melbourne, FL; Amy Lombardo, Merritt Island, FL; Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL; Annabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL.



Judy Ptashinski with Chris Hanson snook Top Inshore winner Saturday.



Dog House (Starurday): (L-R) Kathy Hurley, Boca Raton, FL; Trish Wilson, Boca Raton, FL; Jill Beach, Lake Worth, FL; Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL; Annabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL; Amy Carrsaquillo, Parkland, FL.

Remaining 2020 LLGF events, with optional fishing, include:

Sept. 12-13 Tampa Inshore Seminar

Oct. 23-25 Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar, Islamorada, FL

Nov. 21-22 St. Augustine Surf Fishing Academy at Guy Harvey Ocean Resort

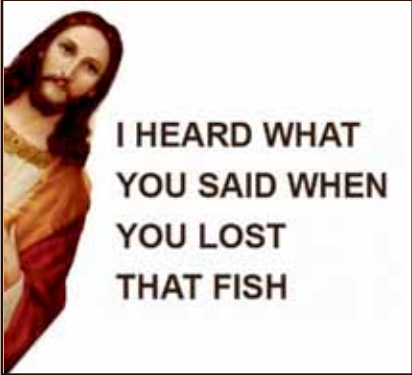
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Sorry I was out sick all week

My arm was in a cast.

If y'all see me dancing on the pole at the strip club, mind your own business. Fishing tackle is expensive!



I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU LOST THAT FISH

I JUST WANT TO GO FISHING -AND IGNORE- ALL OF MY ADULT PROBLEMS



"I don't want flowers!"

I want to go fishing!

Hangover Helpers



These days, we have more reason to drink than ever!

Maybe it was a great night , lively entertainment, a fast bartender, and good friends buying Fireball shots. You don't remember the cab ride home or how you got to bed.

Or maybe you were home by yourself and the cocktails started a little early and ended passed out on the couch!

All you know is that you woke up and your head is throbbing. Your mouth tastes like dead cat. Sweating, shaking and groaning you manage to drag yourself to the bathroom to pay homage to the porcelain god. While you retch in agony with your head against the cold rim of the toilet you swear you will never, ever, ever drink again. But just what can you do to alleviate this self-inflicted agony?

Here are some things worth trying:

Nurse - If you are dating someone in the medical field you are probably already hooked up to an IV. If not:

Aspirin - take 2 and go back to bed

Sleep - stay in bed all day or until the pain goes away

Coffee - by the time you can force it down you should on the road to recovery

Water - takes care of the dehydration problem

Hot or cold shower - gets rid of the smell

Fruit juice - replaces lost vitamins

Eggs - they contain cysteine, an amino acid, and your liver will thank you.

Take a walk - exercise and oxygen can't hurt

Chocolate - it always makes me feel better



I used to think drinking was bad for me. So I gave up thinking.



Hair of the dog - a Bloody Mary. Alcohol is a depressant. Having a drink will ease the symptoms and a Bloody Mary contains vitamins your body is craving. It is but a temporary fix though. If you're going to play, you've got to pay.

National Geographic had an interesting article about some of the strangest hangover cures from around the world. Perhaps they mean "cure" in a way that you'll never touch alcohol again if you're forced to take these the morning after:

Germany: Pickled Herring Pickled or marinated herring is the main ingredient in a sour snack Germans call Roll-mops. Considered an excellent way to ward off a bad hang-over, they're made by wrapping fillets of the tiny white



Bloody Mary Full of Vodka, blessed are you among cocktails. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death, which I hope is soon!

If we start calling it 'potato juice', Vodka becomes a health drink.



fish around bits of onion and gherkin. Rollmops can be a welcome part of what Germans call katerfrühstück, or the hangover breakfast.

Romania: Tripe Soup

Tripe - aka cow stomach - is the go-to ingredient for many Romanians suffering from a hangover. It's also a common "cure" in Mexico and Turkey, and no doubt many other countries as well. But in Romania, the edible offal is boiled in a greasy, salty soup of root vegetables, garlic vinegar, and cream.

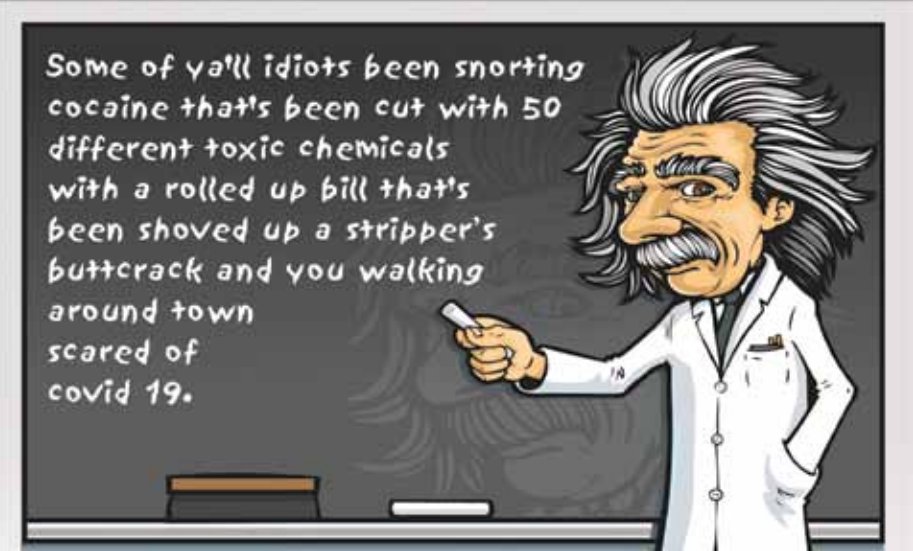
Poland: Sour pickle juice Polish hangover remedies are all about the sour. Some say that soured milk (which is unpasteurized and has been left at room temperature for a day or two) does the trick. Others favor sour - very sour - pickle juice, heavy on the vinegar.



Mosquitoes prefer biting people who are drunk.

That awkward moment when someone asks about your hobby and you have to think what you actually love except drinking.

At my funeral i want one of my friends to stand up and say well at least he quit drinking



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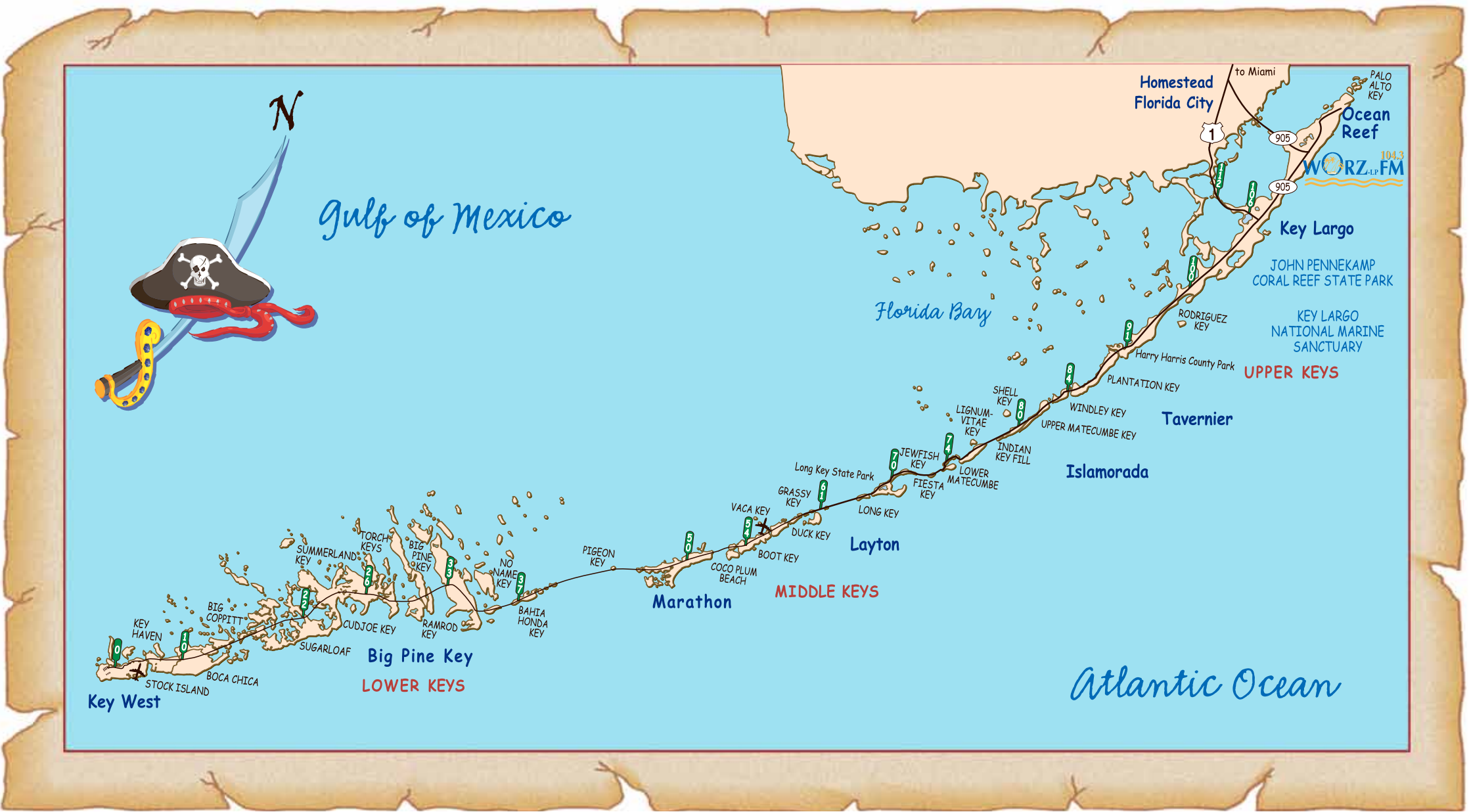
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### Words of Wisdom: Maya Angelou at 70

Maya Angelou, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 84, was interviewed on her 70th birthday, and asked about growing older. There, on television, she said it was "exciting," and proceeded to explain...

Regarding body changes, she said there were many, occurring every day.....like her breasts. They seem to be in a race to see which will reach her waist, first.

The audience laughed so hard they cried. She is such a simple and honest woman, with so much wisdom in her words!

Maya Angelou said:

'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.'

'I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.'



'I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.'

'I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a life.'

'I've learned that life some-times gives you a second chance.'

'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back...'

'I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.'

'I've learned that even when I have pain, I don't have to be one.'

'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone.. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back...'

'I've learned that I still have a lot to learn..'

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

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2. **Support Community Groups:** Non-profit organizations receive an average 250% more support from small business owners than they do from large ones. It is the small, local businesses who give to benefits for locals in need.

3. **Keep The Keys Unique:** Where we shop, where we eat and have fun -- all of it makes the Keys our home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of this place. Tourism benefits. "When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not

4. **Reduce Environmental Impact:** Locally owned businesses make local purchases requiring less transportation and set up shop in town centers, as opposed to developing on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.

5. **Create More Good Jobs:** Small local businesses are the largest employer in our community. More jobs means more people buying homes and so the home values rise.

6. **Get Better Service:** Local businesses hire people with a better understanding of the

just anyplace." — *Richard Moe, President, National Historic Preservation Trust.*

7. **Invest in Community:** Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the Keys' future.

8. **Put Your Taxes to Good Use:** Local businesses require com-

products they are selling who take more time to get to know customers and their needs.

When you hire a local lawn and yard service you are keeping a neighbor in business. When you employ a "fly by night" out of Miami you don't know if they are going to come back and beat you up and burglarize your home. You endanger yourself, friends, relatives and neighbors.

9. **Customer Service:** Your local business owner personally handles customer service, not someone speaking a foreign language from Miami or India who can blow you off forever with the touch of a button.

10. **Encourage Local Prosperity:** Research shows that in an increasingly homogenized world, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind distinctive character.



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# Key Largo Library dedicates The Feldman Community Room

The pandemic has played havoc with so many events in our community. One of those events was the dedication of a part of the Key Largo Library to become The Feldman Community Room.

"With appreciation to Fred and Frieda Feldman, long-time advocates for the Key Largo Library. Their vision and hard work over decades, and service as board members made possible the facility we have today and the many programs offered through the Friends of the Key Largo Library."



Fred and Frieda Feldman

Fred and Frieda spent over 40 years as active and contributing members of the Key Largo community. They were applauded for their work with Friends of the Key Largo Library. The current library, in the Tradewinds Plaza loca-

tion, was opened to the public in 1989. Fred and Frieda, along with other community volunteers, moved the library's nearly 20,000-book collection across town to the new location. They also

raised over \$10,000 for furnishings the County could not fund.

The Feldmans were also active with the Upper Keys Sailing Club and both were published writers. Frieda, "Fritz," was recognized as Poet Laureate of Key Largo, and Fred wrote a book of short stories from his career as a Brooklyn New York fire fighter.

After returning to their Key Largo home post-Irma, the couple decided to acquiesce to family requests to move closer and spend more time with grandchildren in New York State. While it was the right move to make, it was only a short time before Fred, at 96 years old, passed away with his family at his side.

Frieda still keeps track of progress with Friends of the Key Largo Library. She considers the library and its connection to the community of the Upper Keys as Fred's legacy. The Friends has had a special plaque made with the dedication inscribed on it, to hang in the Feldman Community Room.

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Shadow Creek performs at the Lorelei.



Greetings from Pirates Cove Watersports at the Spiegel Grove.



Blackwater Sound strange sunset as Hurricane Isaias passed by. Photo by Dave Sheehan.



Local socialites Micah and Desiree at the Lorelei. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Larry Calvano - Enricos Pizza.



Amazing aerial. Photo contributed.



Beautiful Big Chill at night with social distancing.



New Lorelei no-touch menus.



Remembering Jimmy McGuirl.



Big Chill memory: when Coach Jimmy & Chef Emeril had lunch on the deck and later shared an Erico's pizza.



Another amazing Lorelei sunset.

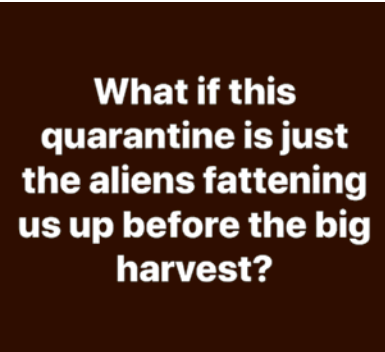


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OH MY COD! Fish Puns!

Seems a bit fishy to me.  
Dear cod, I laughed so hard!  
He really schooled you then.  
I'd make him walk the plankton for that.  
Not bad, cod do better...  
We should dolphinitely scale back on the fish puns.  
Any fin is possible, just don't trout yourself!  
Ahh guys, you're krilling me now!  
We, the jury, find this mullet wrapper gill-ty of too many fish puns!  
Oh for Gods hake, not another fish pun.  
What's this fish pun website you've been herring all about?  
It's a great oppor-tuna-ty!  
Never trust unlicensed puns - always check they're o-fish-al.  
Have you thought of a fish pun yet, or do you need some time to mullet over?  
You don't have to be a brain sturgeon to come up with a fish pun.  
Hoping to avoid a turtle disaster.  
Create your own fish pun, don't leave it to salmon else.  
Can you do any betta than this?  
Are you trying to gill-t me into thinking of a better pun?  
This is going to get a-trout-cious real quick!  
This is neither the time, nor the plaice for this.  
My dad was a fisherman, but he quit because his net income wasn't enough.  
Stop carping on; you're giving me a haddock.  
Sorry, my attempt at a joke was a pile of carp.  
I'm hooked!  
You're not quite up to scale.

You Betta believe it.  
Fishcious rumors.  
I think you're fintastic.  
Cod that was bad, eely bad!  
Salmon had to say it.  
You've met your nemo-sis.  
I won't be cod dead participating in this.  
I'm waiting for someone else to mussel in on this now.  
Who will be the sole survivor?  
I really believe that to the bottom of my sole.  
This is a big issue a-monk fishermen.  
DJ's aren't allowed to work at fish markets because they're always dropping the bass.  
Cod you pass me the salt?  
Most fish will tell you they like their food cold, and their bait a little worm.  
Some people don't like fish puns, but they are kraken me up!  
We're swimming along nicely.  
I'll bait these puns can't go on for much longer.  
Cod I borrow you for a few minutes?  
All I sea are bass-ically cod awful puns!  
I'm stuck between a rock and a hard plaice now!  
Anyone else want to rise to the bait?  
You better not, or you'll feel my wrasse!  
Don't listen to them, I think you're fin-tastic!  
We all just need to clam down now; I'm a bit shell shocked.  
Keep your friends close and your anemones closer.  
We whaley need to stop now!  
You're so sofishticated!



# Coco'Nut' Funnies

A man takes his wife to get tested for Covid-19. 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's. We're not sure if she has Covid-19 or Alzheimer's disease. Man: So 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.



Out of all my body parts, my eyeballs are in the best shape, because I roll them like 342 times a day.



It's amazing how badly we're screwing up an apocalypse on the "easy" setting. We're clearly not ready for zombies or aliens.

Karl Marx is a famous philosopher, but no one ever remembers his sister, Onya, the inventor of the starting pistol.

The longer I stay home, the more homeless I look.



A young couple got married and left on their honeymoon. When they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. Her mother asked, "How was the honeymoon?" "Oh, Mum," she replied, "the honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic..."

Suddenly she burst out crying. "But, Mum, as soon as we returned Sam started using the most horrible language...things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to come get me and take me home.... Please Mum!" "Sarah," her mother said, "calm down! Tell me, what could be so awful? What 4-letter words?" "Please don't make me tell you, Mum," wept the daughter, "I'm so embarrassed, they're just too awful! Come get me, please!" "Darling, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible 4-letter words!" Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, Mum, they were words like dust, wash, iron, cook!"

Paranoia has reached absurd stages... I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan on its own.

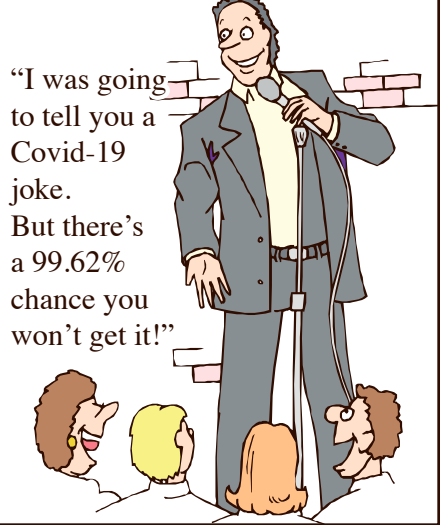
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Apart from being exhausted, financially unstable, nearing a mental breakdown and being fat, everything is great. Thanks.

The Flat Earth Society are reporting that the 6 foot social distancing measures are pushing some of their members over the edge.

I NEVER THOUGHT IN MY ENTIRE LIFE, THAT MY HANDS WOULD CONSUME MORE ALCOHOL THAN MY MOUTH.

NOTHING IS FOOLPROOF TO A SUFFICIENTLY TALENTED FOOL.



A farmer walked into a bar and saw the local tractor salesman sitting there, head hung low, obviously upset, drowning his sorrows in his beer. "What's up, John?" asked the farmer. "Gosh Bob, I'll tell you what... if I don't sell a tractor soon, I'm gonna have to close my shop." "Now John, things could be worse," said Bob. "How do you figure?" asked John. "Well, John - you know my ornery cow, Bessie? I went to milk her this morning and she just kept flicking her tail in my face. So I grabbed a piece of rope and tied it up to the rafter. Then, the nasty thing went and kicked the bucket away! So I tied her leg to the wall. "Then she kicked my stool right out from underneath me! But I was out of rope. So I took my belt off and used it to tie her other leg to the other side of the stall. "Well wouldn't you just know it...my damn pants fell down. "And John, if you can convince my wife that I was in there to MILK that cow, I'll buy a tractor from you TODAY!"



I got the words "Jacuzzi" and "yakuza" confused. Now I'm in hot water with the Japanese mafia.

Do not let them take your temperature going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory. I went for bread and eggs and came home with Blue Bell Ice Cream and Snickers.

There were four Florida State sophomores taking chemistry and they all had an A average so far through the semester. They were so confident they would ace the final exam that they visited some out-of-town friends and partied all weekend long. They did not make it back to school until mid Monday, too late for the final exam.

They figured that since their professor was an UM graduate they could easily convince him that they had a legitimate reason for being late and so would be able to retake the exam. They said that they had a flat tire driving home and were without a spare. The professor being a reasonable man agreed to let them retake the exam the following day. They went home laughing on their success and duping the professor and proceeded to study all night for the exam.

The next day the professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them 100 point exam. Oh for quickly answered the first question worth five points. How easy they thought! They then turned it to the second page which was written the following for 95 points which tire?

YOU THINK IT'S BAD NOW? IN 20 YEARS, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE RUN BY PEOPLE WHO WERE HOMESCHOOLED BY DAY DRINKERS.



Not to brag, but I've always washed my hands and used toilet paper, even before it was hip and trendy.

Corona Season, then Riot Season, now Hurricane Season... Do I need a Mask, a Sword or a Generator?

I got thrown out of my local park after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn't like me critter sizing.

Two buddies were sharing drinks while discussing their wives. "Do you and your wife ever do it doggie style?" asked the one. "Well, not exactly." His friend replied, "She's more into the trick dog aspect of it." "Oh, I see, kinky, huh?" "Well, not exactly. I sit up and beg, and she rolls over and plays dead."

You Know 2020 Has Been A Total Disaster When A Hurricane Is Headed Directly At You And You're Like... Meh.

A young fella with his pants hanging half off his butt, no front teeth and a half inch thick gold chain around his neck, walked into the local unemployment office to pick up his benefit money.

He strolled up to the counter and said: "Hi there, you know what... I really HATE claiming benefits, I'd really much rather have a job. I don't like taking advantage of the system and getting something for nothing." The social worker behind the counter said: "Wow, your timing is excellent. We've just received a job opening from a very wealthy elderly man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful daughter.

You'll have to drive around in his brand new Mercedes-Benz CL, he'll supply all of your clothes and because of the unsocial hours, meals will be provided free of charge, you'll also be expected to escort his daughter on her overseas holiday trips, but you will also have as part of your job, to satisfy her sexual urges as the daughter is in her mid-20's and has a rather strong sexual appetite."

The guy, jaw dropping and wide-eyed said: "You're bull-shittin' me!" The social worker said: "Yeah, well... You started it..."

At the store there was a big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.



I'M STARTING UP A NEW RESTAURANT THAT SERVES CURRY POURED OVER FRENCH FRIES. IT'S CALLED "CURRY ON MY WAYWARD SPUD" AND YES THERE'LL BE PEAS WHEN YOU ARE DONE.

Now they're saying that if you survived COVID the government wants your plasma... no sir they ain't taking my TV!



Apparently one of the symptoms of covid-19 is having no taste? Looking back on my exes I think I've been infected for years..



# The Purpose of an Altar

The purpose of an altar in your home can be as simple as reminding you to take time for serenity each day.



If you didn't grow up with an altar in your home, having one now may seem like an exotic and unattainable idea. Yet having an altar does not have to be complicated or difficult, nor does it need to be based on a religion or a set of ideas that don't seem to relate to you. An altar can be a simple, personal expression of what you want to focus on right now. You do not have to build anything or take up a lot of space. You do not have to buy anything new or follow a complex set of instructions to create your altar. All you have to do is have a general understanding of what an altar is and the willingness to allow yourself access to this wonderful, ancient tool of transformation.

At its most essential, an altar is simply a raised structure that serves as a resting place for meaningful objects. It focuses the eye and provides a place for contemplation and, if so desired, ritual. All of these elements can be quite simple. One idea for a simple altar is a pot with a bulb planted in it, set on a box. This altar to

growth can act as a reminder to you that all living things bloom in their time. A simple ritual might be to write down dreams you would like to see come to fruition on scraps of paper. You might place these scraps of paper in the box, or under the flower-pot, or in an envelope you prop against the pot. As the flower grows, so will your dreams.

If you look around your home, you may find that you have already created altar-like arrangements without even really thinking about it; this is something we humans do quite naturally. A candle, a decorative box, and a vase of flowers are just a few of the common household objects that lend themselves naturally to the creation of an altar. Simply add intention and intuition, and you have created your first altar. Remember that it isn't necessarily about the objects you place at your altar--it is the time you spend with it daily, taking the time to be with it for your sacred time.

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# Hurricane Tip:

Put pieces of sod in a kiddie pool and put it in your garage. You have a safe place for your dogs to potty during the storm.

Never let dogs off leash into the yard during the storm, as dogs get easily spooked during hurricanes and may take off, scaling even a large fence. (And frequently, fences and gates are knocked open/over during hurricanes.)



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# Seeking Musicians to Take a Seat with Explosive Band

Having recently dropped in from Flushing, Michigan, the band Loose Sphincter burst on the scene after two musicians - tired of farting around in shitty jobs - decided to get off their respective asses and make a big splash in the local music scene. Taking aim against the windbags of the music establishment, Loose Sphincter bombards your senses with a potent blend of Creole and Rap (a.k.a., "Crap").

Discounting rumors that Loose Sphincter is "full of hot air" and will soon find themselves in the sewer, drummer Dingleberry Dave McFartson poo-poops the idea. "We're not going to have our judgment clouded by criticism and watch our dreams go down the toilet." Fumes bassist Fred Odorbottom, "We refuse to put a toilet lid on our dreams!" Bristling at reports that

Loose Sphincter stinks up any stage they land on, Fred sniffs, "The bottom line is, you can ask any band that's played on the same bill as us and they'll tell you, Loose Sphincter is a tough act to follow."

The group came about because of Fred and Dave's desire to break wind with tradition and form a band that would truly take things to the extremity. "If I had looked to the bowels of the earth," Odorbottom emits, "I couldn't have nosed out a better-suited partner than Dingleberry Dave. When I first got whiff of his talent," Odorbottom explodes, "I quite literally had to hold on to the seat of my pants!"

Asked to discuss the origins of their material, chief songwriter Dingleberry pulls up a stool and unloads,

"I was raised on classical music, and tend to think of sections of songs as movements. To me, songwriting is a game of craps, and though I sometimes become constipated with writer's block, I'm soon full of the malodorous melodies that characterize our musical discharge."

Loose Sphincter's newest cut, "Make a Stink," features such tail-wagging tunes as the high-octane "Racing Stripes and Bacon Strips," as well as the insistent funk of "Brick Outhouse."

Showing a vulnerable side to the ladies, Mr. Odorbottom's soulful scat singing on the romantic "Makin' Whoopee Cushion" is sure to stir the bowels of your soul. And dig the Van Halen-esque "brown sound" their former lead guitarist brings to the heady "Stink Wrinkle." Fartabulous.

Meanwhile, social awareness is aptly expressed through the haunting World War One lament, "Gas Mask," while cover songs include Lynard Skynards' breathtaking "Ooh That Smell" and the Phil Spector teen anthem, "Dat Do-Do Runs Runs."

Loose Sphincter's first single from the album, "Dropping the Kids off at the Pool," is already climbing to the top of the proverbial shit-heap. The band also has many tunes in the can for their next highly-anticipated release.

Dumped by their lead guitarist ("a real ass-hole," according to Dingleberry Dave), Loose Sphincter is currently auditioning a replacement. If you feel the urge, contact the group to arrange an audition to show off some of your runs.

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