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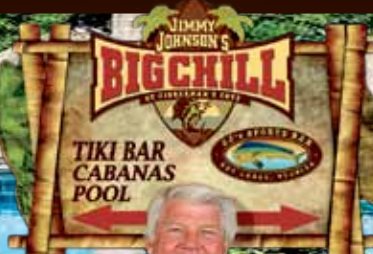


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Editorial - Hurricane Preparedness

With Hurricane Irma's devastation to the Keys five years ago, I thought it would be a good idea to remind all our readers that you need to be prepared for these types of predicaments.

Immediately after an emergency, and you have seen this time and time again, the first people to be up and running and rescuing others are the rednecks. It's not the Harvard MBAs that are pulling people out of flooded homes with jon boats. It's the rednecks.

Nope, a fancy air conditioned, Italian marbled floored, mahogany paneled office

full of accountants used to chilled lobster and martini lunches won't do anyone much good in an emergency.

When it hits the fan and there is trouble, a redneck will always come out on top of the situation.

See page 17 for our exclusive Coconut Telegraph Redneck Hurricane Preparedness Guide.

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Spotlight on Jenny Allen
COCONUT TELEGRAPH'S REALTOR OF THE MONTH

Jenny loves everything the island life has to offer. She moved to Key Largo in 2003 and never looked back. When she is not boating, fishing, snorkeling or free diving in the upper Keys, she spends as much time as possible with her husband at their second home in Key West.

Her love for the Keys and knowledge of the area make her a great resource for locals and out-of-town buyers alike. Jenny is originally from a small, rural town in Kentucky where she grew up surrounded by her immediate and extended family. She began competitive swimming at the age of eight and continued her sport year-round through college.

Jenny's accomplishments in both swimming and academics landed her a full scholarship at the University of Louisville where she earned a bachelor's in Biology while serving as a 4-year member of the University swim team.

Before entering into the world of real estate, Jenny spent many years in sales. She held sales manager positions for both the large communications distributor, Anixter, as well as, the prestigious Ocean Reef Club where she traveled the country to secure corporate group business.

Jenny also worked for three years in the planning department at the Village of Islamorada where she gained invaluable insight and knowledge about land laws, the home building and renovation permitting process, and vacation rental rules and regulations.

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White Pelican takes flight in Everglades waters.

Bird photographers have the patience to sit behind a tree blind for hours waiting for the bird to appear. To the contrary, when I see a bird, I raise my camera to shoot and I get a photo of a bird flying away.

One winter, when the birds are plentiful, I hired a guide to tour the Florida Keys Backcountry on his flats boat. The guide was skilled in finding birds, the only problem, the 500 horsepower announcement of our arrival, caused the birds to fly, which then resulted in a high speed pursuit from my perch in front of the center console, firing 10 continuous frames per second with my camera. A guide's reputation is only as good as the fish they catch, or in this case, birds that are sighted. We return to the dock with bird images captured, albeit flying away. Looking back at the experience, it is quite disturbing, for me to have disrupted the birds for the sake of a photo. The only consolation is, unlike James Audubon's artwork, I didn't have to kill the bird, in order to paint it.

During July 2020, we're just emerging from Covid lockdown, and I get a call asking for help. My caller states he's undergoing cancer treatments and needs to focus on his camera to relieve some of his pain, and to feel produc-

tive. He wants to make a journal, and illustrate it with his photographs.

At our first meeting, I thought I was there to solve some technical problem with the computer and the camera. By the third session with Joe the C.E.O. (I always promised to keep his identity confidential), I realized I was his teacher, and guiding light in this journey, which had no certain end.

Joe was used to world-wide hunting excursions, and had impressive shots from those trips. But now with cancer, his travel was limited to what he could capture in his backyard. Fortunately for Joe, his backyard bordered on a wildlife refuge, where he was documenting the American Crocodile in the mangrove lined creek behind his house.



Breakfast Club - Sepia-tinted photograph of shoreline and wading birds congregating in a North Key Largo pond.

Joe thinks the photos are not turning out so well. On first inspection, let's say his photos were extremely artsy. There was a little motion blur, camera blur, and a few photo filters added for good measure. Joe thought perhaps it's his camera. I viewed it as the challenges of low light photography, and just trying to make something good out of what he's captured.

I shared with him my recent experience involving my health, and how it affected my confidence and balance. I learned by attaching a mono-pod to my camera, my pictures would remain clear and in focus. I lent him my so called "photographer's cane", thinking perhaps his cancer treatments had affected his steadiness.

Immediately his photos improved. He went on to photograph with extreme competency an amazing array of species from his lanai, including Bald Eagle, Osprey, Crocodile, Heron, Egret, Red Shouldered Hawk, Red Cardinal, and Iguana. The images were compiled into a coffee table book, prefaced with Joe's words, and then he put the camera away. Yes, away. Project complete. On time and a little over budget.

Fast forward to Spring 2021, not too far from Joe's lanai, in a small pool of water next to a bridge, I encountered a diverse group of wading birds, just hanging out. A rare sight, I had to give it a shot, so I set up my tripod and Hasselblad medium format camera. So far so good, it is quiet, the birds are unfazed by my presence

"Birds In Our Midst" CONTINUED: Article and photos by Carol Ellis



Red Shouldered Hawk, a year round resident, overseeing from a native hardwood tree. Its main conservation threat is deforestation.

behind the cover of a green buttonwood branch. The resulting sepia tinted photograph I call the "Breakfast Club" and features our winter wading and shoreline bird visitors including Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Little Blue Heron, Green Heron, Tricolored Heron, Snowy Egret, White Ibis, and Great White Heron.

Seeing these birds congregating within a residential community was a special experience. In 2020, scientists captured ten adult Roseate Spoonbills nesting in Florida Bay and attached cellular tracking devices so they could learn about their nesting and foraging habits. They've found the birds are using more ponds inside bay keys than the mangrove wetlands on the mainland that they historically preferred. Audubon incorporates trail cameras to monitor nesting success. The photos taken by the cameras are able to capture truly candid images of every movement these birds make. I cannot wait to learn more and hopefully see more birds in the future.



Osprey with Ladyfish catch in flight.

Joe passed this year. I miss him, however his memory lives on, whenever I sight birds in our midst.



CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida her entire life and Key Largo for 37 years.

She has a degree in Journalism from the University of Florida and is the resident photographer/artist at Ocean Reef Club.

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The Police Benevolent Association knows Rhonda will work alongside them and Governor

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illnesses like PTSD.

The Police Benevolent Association previously supported Ms. Lopez in the 2020 election and is grateful for backing her as the pro-police candidate once again. Ms. Lopez thanks the South Florida Police Benevolent Association and its President Steadman Stahl for their support and for their work in protecting our law enforcement community, and looks forward to working with them to back the blue in the State Legislature.

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Susan Anthony, Fort Myers, FL clinched First Place Offshore with a 25 lb. blackfin tuna caught on Caribsea. Second place offshore went to Lynda Traverso, St. Augustine, FL for a 19.8 lb. blackfin tuna. Top Private Boat went to Deb Salvi, New Smyrna Beach, FL for an 8 lb. mahi. Some ladies caught their first mahi ever.

\$1,000 prizes included Penn combos, art prints, shirts and more, presented on Sunday upon the return of boats at Whale Harbor.

Featured on national network television and more, the series is supported by major partners including Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation, Take Me Fishing, Vamos a Pescar, and a host of industry-related commercial sponsors. Contributors are listed on the website. Local sponsors were Breezy Palms, Jeanne Towne of Fidelity Real Estate and the Monroe County Tourist Development Council.

LLGF offers a second Keys event Oct. 7-9 with full day fishing seminar, two days of fishing and casual prizes. See inset for details.



Caribsea ladies with mahi and tuna – Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Lynda Traverso, St. Augustine, FL; Susan Anthony, Ft. Myers, FL; Robin Christian, Sanibel, FL; Maryanne Vontertann, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

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Remaining 2022 LLGF events, with optional or included fishing are listed on the Foundation's website at www.ladiesletsgofishing.com



Caribsea Susan Anthony 1st place offshore, Ft. Myers, FL, to left is Maryanne Vontertann, from Ft. Lauderdale, FL.



Sea Horse gals with mahi - Lynda Traverso, St. Augustine, FL; Cheryl Craig, Key West, FL; Robin Christian, Sanibel, FL; Susan Anthony, Ft. Myers, FL; Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL and Carmella Brazzle, Suwanee, GA.

Anglers To Learn Plus Tackle Fishing at Keys Oct. 7-9 Ladies, Let's Go Fishing No-Yelling School

Learn from the pros in Islamorada and Tavernier, FL plus fishing, rigging, conservation and a fun Fishing Fever competition for beginners!

The LLGF Keys saltwater fishing university and casual Fishing Fever tournament will be held Oct. 7-9 at the Tavernier Elks Club, 92600 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070, MM 92 Bayside. Online registration starting at \$125 includes two networking receptions, classes, hands-on skill practice and gifts. Men and teens welcome. No equipment or experience is required. Optional offshore or inshore fishing charters are on Friday and Sunday out of Islamorada, with prizes awarded for the LLGF Fishing Fever tournament. Reservations made far in advance are recommended. See box to the left for contact info.

About "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!"

The Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Foundation (LLGF) is a national charitable 501C3 organization dedicated to attracting women and families to fishing and encouraging conservation and responsible angling. LLGF promotes networking among women anglers and emphasizes mentorships.

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August Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

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August 4 2pm - 3:30 pm
Great Decisions topic of the month: Myanmar's never-ending crisis. Join us for America's largest discussion group on world affairs. Visit the library to read an informative article about the topic ahead of time. At the event, we'll watch a DVD on the month's topic before breaking into groups to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

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the valley of the
Shadow of Death, I
remind myself that
you can't always
trust Google Maps

PRO TIP:

Fill the Piñata with ketchup
and you never
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by the gas pump are for wiping
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Coconut Telegraph Redneck Hurricane Preparedness Guide

When you-know-what hits the fan and there is trouble, a redneck will always come out on top of the situation. What is their secret? Preparedness. And this is how they do it...

Booze: Hide the Budweiser and have a couple cans of Milwaukee's Best in case strangers stop by or you need to barter with neighbors. If you are too drunk to walk then take a kayak otherwise it will take you forever to get anywhere.

Food: Slim Jims and if you want to live large get some mustard for dipping, beef jerky, pork rinds and anything that was on the table that the dogs didn't eat and won't go bad without refrigeration.

Boat: A true redneck has a boat in his yard for years at a time without ever using it once. That's because it's for emergency purposes. I highly recommend a two-stroke motor that will always start after it's kicked a few times. Preferably that motor will be a Johnson, because jokes about your Johnson never get old. If kicking it doesn't work call Louie at Dockside Services, Louie can fix anything.

Pickup Truck: When a hurricane hits, it's certain that a redneck in a Ford F-150 that is held together with bondo and duct tape will be pulling your Lexus out of that ditch.



Dog: A dog will tell you if something is edible or not.

Flashlight: You need one in addition to the one the family uses at night to go pee in the canal so you don't fall in.

Radio with a Powerful Speaker: That way you have something to drown out the wife, kids, mother-in-law, your sister-in-law Crystal, your sister Crystal, cousin Crystal, and your neighbor Crystal and her daughter little Crystal. We recommend you tune in to Thunder Country 100.3 FM.

Home Security System:

1. Buy a pair of size 14-16 work boots.
2. Put them on the front porch with a copy of your most recent assault charge.
3. Put some giant dog dishes next to the boots and court papers.
4. Leave this note on your door: "Jake and Buster: I went to the store for more ammo and Walgreen's for booze. Back soon. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they messed the mailman up bad this morning. I don't think

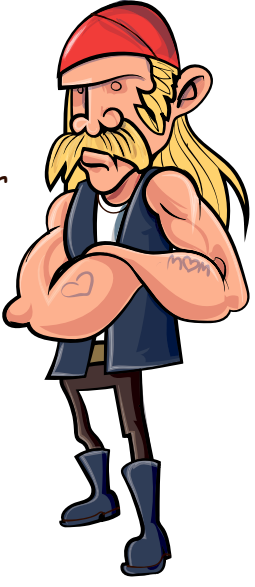
Satan took part; hard to tell from all the blood. I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back."

Guns and Ammo: I'm not talking about the magazine. Looters will be shot on sight and their loved ones can buy their watches and rings back at the pawn shop. And personally, I'd like to say that if you have a gun then crocodile is always on the menu. If a disaster causes the traffic on US 1 to back up all the way to Islamorada you'll need nourishment. Get yourself prepared in case you have a shortage of rednecks in your area. Don't expect FEMA to be able to get to you or provide for you.

Last but not least organize a hurricane party. Meet me at the Big Chill where we can watch it better.

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1. We don't keep firearms in this house.
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4. Wrasslin's fake.
5. We're vegetarians.
6. Do you think my hair is too big?
7. Who is Richard Petty?
8. Deer heads detract for the decor.
9. Spitting is such a nasty habit.
10. I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-mart today.
11. Trim the fat off of that steak.
12. The tires on that truck are too big!
13. I've got two cases of Zima for the super Bowl.
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1 jar Hot Fudge

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IT'S AMAZING HOW
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DIALING ARE

After all the eating
I've done this winter,
I'm happy to report
my flip-flops still fit.

Watch JAWS backwards and it becomes a heartwarming story about a shark who gives arms and legs to disabled people.

Mom's Mayonnaise Cake



I'm sharing one of my mom's favorite recipes. It is unbelievably moist and delicious!

3 c unsifted flour
1 1/2 c sugar
1/3 c cocoa
2 1/4 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 tsp baking soda

1 1/2 c mayo
1 1/2 c water
1 1/2 tsp vanilla

Grease 2 (9 x 1 1/2") round layer pans. Sift together dry ingredients into large bowl. Stir in mayo. Gradually stir in water and vanilla until smooth. Pour into prepared pans.
Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched. Cool.
Add your favorite chocolate icing.

Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

An officer pulled over a man and walked up to his window.

“How long have you been driving without a brake light?” asked the policeman.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car and gave a long, painful groan. He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

“Come on, now,” he said. “You don’t have to take it so hard. It isn’t that serious.”

“It isn’t?” cried the motorist. “Then I suppose you know what happened to my boat and trailer?”

If 2 meth heads start a relationship, is that considered, "speed dating" or "just mething around"?

Q: Hey Siri, what is your best pickup line?"

A: “Is your name Bluetooth? Because I’m really feeling a connection.”



God grant me the confidence and perseverance of a typo that’s made it through 45 rounds of edits



Apparently exercise helps you with decision making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

I'm not showing any symptoms of the monkeypox. I must be achimptomatic.



Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 3-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, “Ma’am, is that your husband?” “Yes” says the woman. “Did you hit him with that golf club?” “Yes, yes, I did.” The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face. “How many times did you hit him?” “I don’t know -- put me down for a five.”

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LX460, when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, “Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?” The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, “So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M, when you and I are doing basically the same work?”

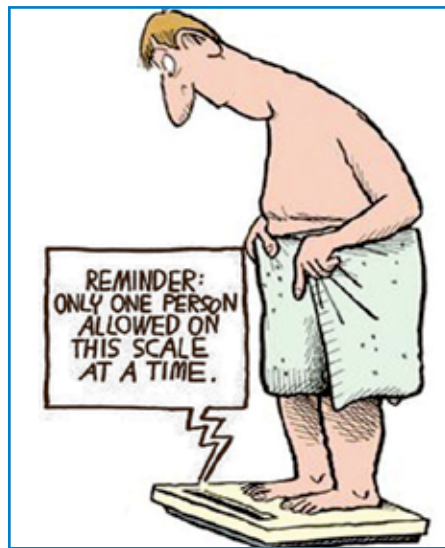
The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic... “Try doing it with the engine running.”



REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD TO SMACK THE TV BECAUSE THE CHANNEL WASN'T COMING IN CLEARLY? I FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE.



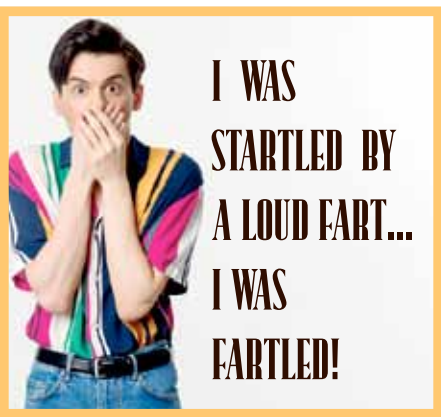
THEY SAY WITH AGE COMES WISDOM, SO THEREFORE I DON'T HAVE WRINKLES, I HAVE WISE CRACKS.



My buddy set me up on a blind date with his girl-friend's friend. He says, “She’s a lovely girl, but I should tell you, she’s expecting a baby.” I felt like a frigging idiot waiting in bar wearing nothing but a diaper.



I now know how it will all end for me... One of my kids will unplug my life support to charge their phone...



A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.



How is it that you can sue Walmart if you fall, McDonald's if you get fat, But not Budweiser for all the ugly people you've slept with.

New research suggests drinking coffee in the morning helps others live longer.

I went for a Chinese last night and got chatting to the waiter. He told me he lived in Japan during the war and was a kamikaze pilot and his Code Name was ‘Chow Mein’. I said, "Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't kamikaze pilots sacrifice their own lives?" To which he replied, "Yes, but I was Chicken Chow Mein." ...



Cashier: That's \$25.25. Me: "If man is still alive, if woman can survive." Blank stares all around.



A gushing reporter told Phil Mickelson, “You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What’s your secret?” Mickelson replied, “The holes are numbered.”

Laughter is the best medicine. Or wine. It might be wine.



IF YOU CAN'T LOOK BACK AT YOUR YOUNGER SELF AND REALIZE THAT YOU WERE AN IDIOT, YOU ARE PROBABLY STILL AN IDIOT.



A new CEO takes over at a struggling company and decides to get rid of all the slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. He can't believe this guy would just stand around on the job. The new CEO walks up to the guy leaning against the wall and asks, “What are you doing here?” “I’m just waiting to get paid,” responds the man. Furious, the CEO asks “How much money do you make a week?” A little surprised, the young fellow replies, “I make about \$300 a week. Why?” The CEO quickly gets out his check-book, hands the guy a check made out to cash for \$1,200 and says, “Here’s four weeks’ pay, now get out and don’t come back.” The man puts the check in his pocket and promptly walks out. Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looks around the room and asks, “Does anyone want to tell me what just happened here?” From across the room comes a voice, “Yeah, you just tipped the pizza delivery guy \$1,200.”

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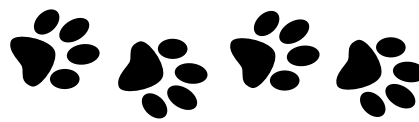
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Koty James & the Keybillies Rockin' the Dock.



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