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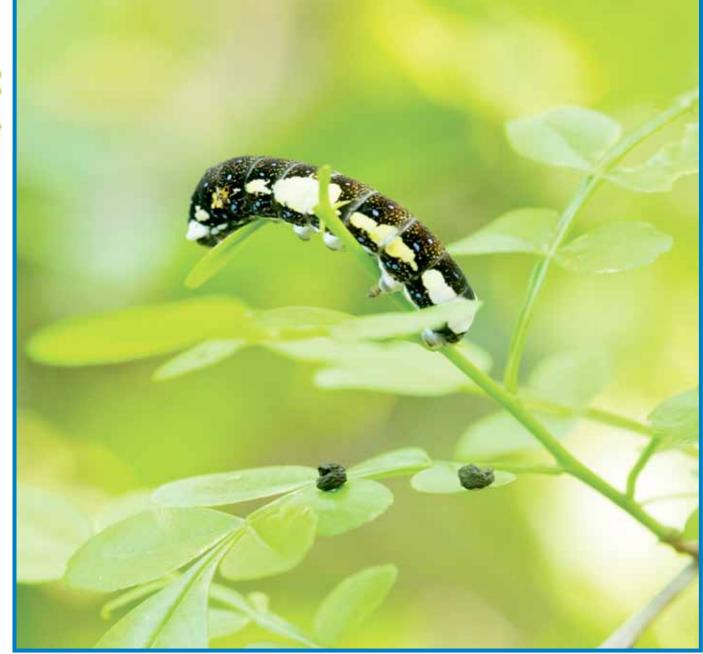
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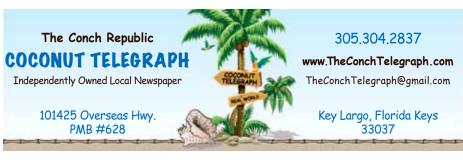
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UNIQUE BAYFRONT HIGHWAY TO BAY property with a beautiful sandy beach and lots of mature palms. (Parts of the movie PT109 was filmed here) If you are looking for a true Keys paradise and property look no further. The house needs repairs, remodel, or buyer may chose to build up larger. This property is for that special customer who wants to have their own Keys piece of paradise, beach and the ambiance that is hard to find anymore. Look no further. This is it.

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appliances. There's also a brand new washer dryer - GE smart. There are 2 a/c units. The yard has a garden area, a fire pit with lovely black bamboo trees for shade, and a lot of other trees - papaya, guava, sour fruit, orange, key lime, and more. The patio features an outdoor cooking area, and a great overhead recently redone gazebo with a grilling area and plenty of room to relax and enjoy under the shade. There are 2 storage sheds - one an air conditioned man cave with t.v., lounge area, and lots of room for tools and dive gear. There is an additional shed for even more storage. Yard is completely fenced in, street to street, and the location is an easy walking distance to downtown and restaurants and farmers market. Home is equipped with full security camera system. This home captures Keys living at its best.

241 Lignumvitae Dr., Key Largo



Concrete stilt built home on a corner lot and surrounded by mature trees for extra privacy. This home has been completely renovated w/a a bright and airy floor plan and includes an all new gourmet quartz kitchen with stainless appliance and a beautiful designer backsplash. Vaulted ceilings give a spacious feel. The bedrooms are spacious and the baths are all beautifully done. This full reno all new was done by custom CBT Construction Co - a local company, known for their impeccable work. The

Roof, HVAC & hot water heater - all brand new also. The lot provides plenty of room for your boat, plus covered parking too. This neighborhood is a great neighborhood and family neighborhood, located near schools and shopping, as well as Pennekamp Park. Christmas would look great with you and your family in this wonderful home.

430 Collins St., Key Largo



South Creek Village ground level family home completely rehabbed - inside and out. One of the best neighborhoods of Key Largo. SCV has a private boat ramp and 72 hr docking for your boat. The home has a new metal roof. Interior is wide open and spacious. Nice kitchen area opens into family living area, and 2/2 on the ground floor level, and a large bedroom loft with bath upstairs. Lovely cathedral ceilings and a desirable architectural design. The yard is pea rocked and has lots of room for family

entertaining. The Voluntary neighborhood homeowners park with boat ramp and park is right by Pennekamp Park. Quick access on the water to ocean and bay side for boating. This property is a convenient location close to shopping, schools, and restaurants, and an easy commute to Miami. Look no further for a great family home in a wonderful Keys neighborhood.



Critters in Our Backyard: Schaus Swallowtail Butterfly by Carol Ellis

In 2020, my friend and naturalist Bunny Bradov spotted a rare butterfly in my garden. She dashed to her car to get her GPS and notepad. and I kept track of its movements. It was a Bahamian Swallowtail butterfly, attracted to the wild lime and wild coffee plants in my yard.

A garden brings you closer to nature, as you breathe in fresh air and exhale that which no longer serves you. After my experience with Bunny, I found myself in the garden not only while contemplating my morning coffee, but also random times of day, checking on the birds, but-



terflies, and other critters residing or passing through. My definition of "weed" changed to "native nectar providing plant" for a White Peacock butterfly.

After seeing the Bahamian Swallowtail, I signed up for the annual Schaus Swallowtail butterfly survey which takes place in the refuges of N. Key Largo each Spring and Summer.

The Schaus Swallowtail (Papilio aristodemus ponceanus) is one of the rarest butterflies in the United States and has been listed as an endangered species by the State of Florida and the federal government since 1975. It once ranged from the Miami Hammocks to Lower Matecumbe Key, and there are some records that it had been seen on Key West. Today it is found only on northern Key Largo and several small Keys in Biscayne National Park.

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ies showed that Monroe County Mosquito Control District spraying pesticides was the chief factor contributing to the rapid decline of the species.

January 1991 Mosquito Control stopped spraying the hammocks of N. Key Largo. In 1991 and 1992 the populations rebounded. Unfortunately August 1992 Hurricane Andrew passed over the Upper Keys and Biscayne Bay and did great damage due to high winds and 4-10 ft storm surge covering Elliott Key for at least an hour. Luckily the National Park Service and the State had authorized the removal of 100 eggs from wild females on Elliott Key just 2 months prior, to start a captive breeding program at UF with the intention of reintroducing them into the wild.

Each Spring, volunteers begin entering the hammocks to record sitings of the butterfly, and report back to researchers. If it is dry, chances are low for seeing a

Schaus. Schaus' pupa can remain inside their hard shelled cocoon for up to three years, until the environmental conditions are right, before emerging.



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North Key Largo generally receives more rainfall, than "downtown" Key Largo. Since I live in "uptown" northern Key Largo, close to the refuges and prime Schaus' habi-

Schaus Swallowtail CONTINUED



tat, the group asked me to share daily rainfall totals, to better predict when the Schaus butterflies would emerge. Schaus are particularly dependent on precipitation. They lay their eggs on Torchwood (Amyris elemifera) and on Wild Lime (Zanthoxylum fagara). Abundant rainfall ensures there is enough new growth for the caterpillars to feed on.

Butterfly surveyors get all "aflutter" when they think they've spotted their prize. This year, Bunny and I were surveying at Crocodile Lake NWR, when we spied a swallowtail on a native plant, but this time it is a Giant Swallowtail butterfly, a common species. Only Schaus and Bahamian Swallowtails are logged with GPS and time spotted, but all butterfly species are counted in the survey report.



slightly tattered.

To learn more about our butterflies, or provide support, check out the Miami Blue Chapter of the NABA. (https://miamiblue.org/)



A Bahamian Swallowtail butterfly, attracted to the wild coffee plants in my yard. Its wings were

Linda Evans started butterflying in 2004 after one of her dental hygiene patients asked her to put signs in front of the butterfly plants at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, where she was driving the tram. She's been involved ever since.

To survey in the summer heat with mosquitos, it takes some pretty hearty souls, with backgrounds as diverse as the plant community, yet all come with a passion and curiosity for nature. Linda Evans started butterflying in 2004 after one of her dental hygiene patients asked her to put signs in front of the butterfly plants at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, where she was driving the tram. She's been involved ever since.



Giant Swallowtail butterfly, a common species.

"It's a full-circle community conservation effort," Crocodile Lake NWR refuge manager Jeremy Dixon said. "We have volunteers going out collecting seeds, growing the plants (Pennekamp nursery) and then planting them for the very butterflies they're doing surveys for."

Planting native plants such as Torchwood and Wild Lime for the Schaus population is good management for the refuges, but it can also be a common sense approach for a home garden too, as we live in a world of dwindling natural spaces. The "right plant, in the right

CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida

her entire life and Key Largo

for 37 years.

Currently a Master Gardener volunteer Carol has a degree in Journalism from the University of Florida and is the



resident photographer /artist at Ocean Reef Club.

place" will thrive in your garden without costly chemicals or special maintenance.

A garden is one of the few things in life you can control... somewhat... depending on the wind. In the last five years, a trend of concern involves companies promoting spraying services to create an "all kill" zone in people's yards. If you are trying to manage butterfly populations, and a butterfly cannot fly through someone's yard without getting killed, that's a problem.



Gardening with wildlife in mind, can be a common sense approach for a home garden, as we live in a world of dwindling natural spaces. Wildlife need access to food, water, cover and places to raise their young.

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Top 10 Reasons Hurricane Season is like Christmas



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- 9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season (camping gear, flashlights).
- 8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores.
- 7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials."
- 6. Family coming to stay with you.
- 5. Family and friends from out of state calling.
- 4. Buying food you don't normally buy... and in large quantities.
- 3. Days off from work.
- 2. Candles.

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1. And the number one reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas... At some point you know you're going to have a tree in your house!



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Thank you for taking us to Key West and introducing us to



Caffeine Carl and the Buz. We hope to get aboard again soon-but in between you are welcome to stay with us in NJ or Ft. Lauderdale. Love ya. Guy and Patti. 11-14-2022







pretends to be. felonies). exercises once a year and then over does it. Rudolph names.

children.

The Coconut Telegraph is thrilled to present Adam Musick as Entertainer of the Month for December. Adam joined us in Key Largo last winter for the season and enjoyed our fabulous venues and warm welcoming music community so much that he is back again and thrilling audiences with his "One Man Band" full band sound. It must be "magick" you say?

Nope, it's amazing talent.

While Adam's hands are busy playing guitar he is also playing percussion with his feet and singing songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s, from easy listening to soul, Motown and rock. He uses no prerecorded backing tracks or special effects. The sound is completely live and authentic. Adam is from Wytheville,

Virginia and also also plays in

Entertainer of the Month: Adam Musick

the high country of Banner summer months.

You can meet Adam andhear him play all around town:

Wednesdays at the Pilot House from 5 - 9. It is also locals night so bring your Pilot's License for special discounts.

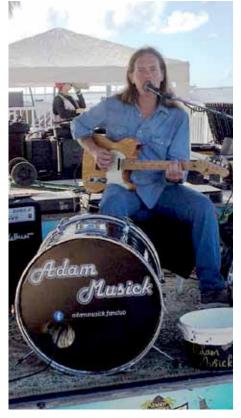
Thursdays at the Caribbean Club from 6 to 9.

Fridays at The Catch from 5:30 - 9:30 pm.

Saturdays at the Big Chil from 1 to 5 pm, right on the bay! Dance and dine on the world's best pizza, sip a signature frozen concoction while viewing the nightly spectacular sunset. Tell Jimmy Johnson we said hi!

Adam asked us to make sure to to thank everyone for the warm welcome. he has found here in the Upper Keys

If you would like to contact Elk, North Carolina during the him, call 276-608-4668. Email adamrmusick@gmail.com. For more information check out www.sonicbids.com/band/adam -musick/.



Top Ten Reasons Santa Is Not A Good Role Model

Anyone who has seen Santa in the Keys knows he is not all that he

10. We have no chimneys. That means he is breaking into homes in the middle of the night (trespassing, breaking and entering

9. Healthwise he is a mess, he is morbidly obese from diet of cookies and milk. (At anytime he could have put out the word that he wanted half the plate filled with salad.) He smokes a pipe. He only

8. Tolerates bullying as he never interfered when the reindeer called

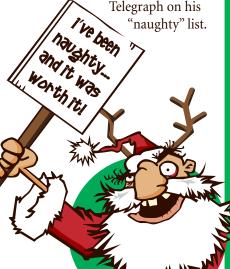
7. He definitely shows preferential treatment toward children of rich arents in annual gift-giving. 6. Strong judgmental attitude without compassion or empathy by keeping list of "naughty and nice"

5. Practices conditional love by basing gifts on aforementioned list. 4. He smokes his pipe inside people's homes without asking permission.

3. Some state law enforcement are concerned about content of that pipe given Santa is constantly "jolly." Luckily 39 states don't give a damn

2. Santa has been seen on the sandbar in Islamorada sunning naked on a 39ft. boat called "Slayed It".

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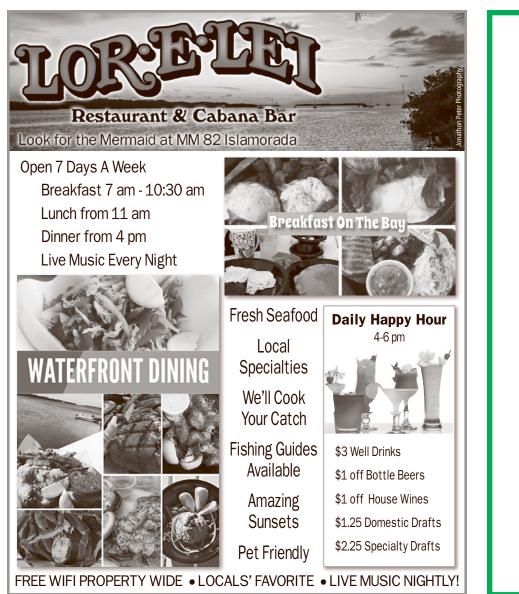
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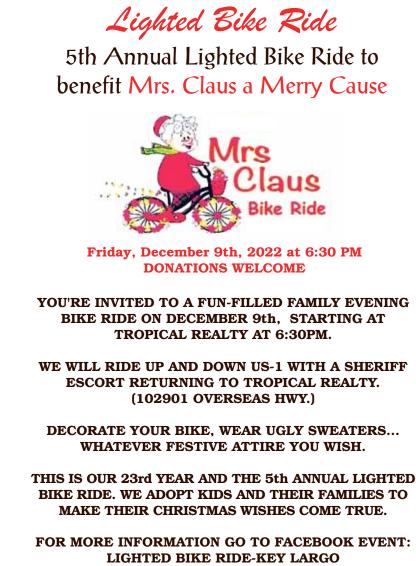
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Women now account for 37 percent of anglers in the U.S., the highest level on record according to the Special Report on Fishing announced at ICAST 2022 by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in collaboration with the Outdoor Foundation. 19.4 million women went fishing in 2021, an 8% increase in fishing outings since 2019. 1.6 million female participants were first timers. The total number of fishing outings for females in 2021 was 288 million.





Female Fishing on the Rise

To attract and reengage women and families to the sport of fishing, Ladies, Let's Go Fishing focuses on attracting women to fishing through educational hands-on programs with networking and fishing as well as online events and promotions. In 25 years the organization has generated more than 9,000 new female anglers, not including the

others they bring to the sport. Their motto is: "Bring the women, get the whole family!"

Fishing Industry 2021 Stats:

52.4 million Americans aged 6 and over went fishing in 2021, an increase of more than 4% over 2019. The sports of fishing and boating flourished during the worst years of the pandemic due to lack of school and professional sports, concerts and other activities involving crowds. People flocked to fishing and boating as a way to participate in a sport with lower risk of infection and to bond with family or friends in experiencing Fishing and the Economy: the outdoors.

The sport of fishing is now challenged with how to keep these new participants. The good news is, according to the report, 99 percent of participants plan to continue fishing this year.

L. to R. 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 celebrate their catch on Sea Horse Charters, Islamorada, FL.



Top L. to R. Margaret Bjork, Safety Harbor, FL; Darlene Schuman, Tampa, FL and Annette Krey, Ruskin, FL. Lower is Pat Kucera, Clearwater FL with snook caught fishing with Capt. Eric Scoble, Islamorada, FL.

The fishing industry contributed 49.8 billion dollars to the US economy in 2018 (most recent report available). That spending contributed \$63.5 billion to the National GDP and total economic impact, including all multiplier effects was nearly \$126 billion in 2018.

Female anglers spend billions of dollars each year, creating tens of billions in economic impacts.

Florida Data For Fishing:

Florida ranks number one for numbers of anglers. One out of every four trips in the U.S. occurs in Florida and 60 percent of recreational fish caught in the U.S. are caught in Florida.

The highest region for female participation is the South Atlantic. Its share has the strongest three-year annual growth rate overall.

Female Participation Over Time

While female fishing participation fell slightly in 2021 from its 2020 all-time high, in 2021 there were 2.8 million more female anglers than five years prior, and 3.8 million more than in 2011.

This information is provided by Ladies, Let's Go Fishing (LLGF), according to statistics from RBFF, NMFS and other sources. The goal of LLGF is to activate, recruit and retain new anglers through educational programming and communications, aligning with the mission of the American Sport Fishing Association's R3 endeavor.

For more information on Ladies, Let's Go Fishing visit www.ladiesletsgofishing.com



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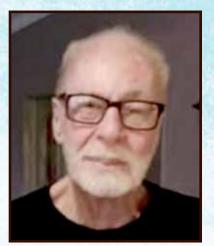
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Capt Billy Knowles



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Chris Webster



Mike Rand And Richard Beckmann, photo not available.



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Rocco LaPace

Sara G: from Australia to Key Largo by Ric Johnson

I moved to Key Largo in She was built in Australia In 2012 a crew of six,

2011, and during my first visit to Shipwrecks I saw this boat and wanted to learn all about it. in 2007, 36 feet long and about 6 feet wide, designed for open ocean rowing. Constructed of balsa wood and fiberglass, Sara G holds three world rowing records. lead by owner and skipper Matt Craughwell, set out from Morocco to Barbados in an attempt at a world record. Approximately 500 miles from completion of the 3000-mile voyage, waves hit the vessel and within seconds it capsized.

were picked by a ship 2012.



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Fish Dip



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OKey Largo

Port St. Charles

The crew deployed the life raft, and 14 hours later responding to their EPIRB signal. That was January 31,



Forward to January 21, 2013, Sara G had floated from offshore of Barbados to the flats of El Radabob Key in Key Largo, roughly 1400 miles. Mark Hutchings' son Mike

(owner of Boat US Key Largo) salvaged the Sara G. Mark owns Shipwrecks Bar and Grill. This month, January 2023, is the 10-year anniversary of the Sara G finding her final resting place at Shipwrecks. Pay her a visit and enjoy a cold beer and some great food.

Tarfaya Morocco



The crew of the Sara G were rescued from a life raft after more than 14 hours.

Some information for this article from Keynoter (Jan. 2013), BBC.com, Belfast Telegraph, oldsaltblog.com, and Mike Hutchings (personal communication).

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ON THE MAP

December Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

The Key Largo Branch of the Monroe County Library System is hosting the following programs this month. All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Visit KeysLibraries.org for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

Monroe County Public Libraries will be closed December 26.

KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN TRADEWINDS SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE.

SPECIAL EVENTS



December 2 6pm Ricky Valido at the 1st Fridays Outdoor Concert. Bring a comfy chair. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo

December 3 11am-2pm Holiday Hoopla Complete Winter-themed activity stations and games set up throughout the library for children and adults. Supplies will be provided to decorate an ornament to take home. The JOY Center's Ukulele group will stop by to play some holiday tunes!

December 6 6-7:45pm Books on Tap Join us at Keys' Meads to discuss The Last



Keys' Meads and returned to library staff the evening of the event, or to the library. Drinks will be avail-

December 7 6:30pm The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday at the Key Largo Branch

Library.

December 8 Paint and use decals to make your own unique piece. Supplies will be provided.

December 14 6pm The Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners meets on the 2nd Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.



December 16 October 14 6-8pm Teen Mario Kart Night. Compete in a fun and friendly tournament. Open to ages 13-18. Pizza and drinks provided. Registration encouraged keylargolib@gmail.com

December 21 10am-3 pm Monthly free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Call (866) 686-2760, apply online legalservicesmiami.org or visit the library to preregister. Sponsored by Legal Services of Greater Miami & the Florida Keys.







Story Time Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

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Tech Tutor

Wednesday 1-4 pm Drop in for help downloading library apps to your smart phone or tablet.

Learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks; learn how to stream movies from Kanopy too. Basic computer help is also available. Bring your device and questions.



Now's the perfect time to pick up that stack of books you've been meaning to read and move them to another spot, just so you can feel a sense of accomplishment.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida Wednesday, 1 pm. Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Sit + Sew Friday 9:30 am



- 1pm Bring your sewing machine and current project.

Mahjong Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 1-4pm, except Dec. 26.





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BUSINESS IN THE KEYS



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Drop off check and biz card to The UPS Store, MM 101.4 Oceanside next to Publix in the Tradewinds Plaza.



The Key Largo Animal Shelter, operated by Humane Animal Care Coalition, has a full-time position open for an Animal Control Officer or Animal Caretaker.

The applicants must be energetic, flexible with duties and hours. Experience preferred but will accept an applicant that loves animals. HACC will provide the necessary training for the new applicant.

Salary based on experience/skills. Benefits include fully paid retirement program, paid holidays and annual leave; health insurance.

Apply at 105951 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, MM106 or call (305) 451-0088, ask for Marsha, the Shelter Director.

Help Wanted Kitchen Assistant/Barback

Apply in person between 3 and 10 pm at Elks Lodge MM 92.6 Tavernier. See bartender for application.

\$15 per hour.

Dolphins Plus Bayside, Inc. has full-time and art-time Guest Service/Photographer positions available with benefits included. Responsibilities include taking photos of our guests during their encounters, making reservations and assisting our guests via phone and in person as they check in and out of our facilities. Dolphins Plus Bayside, Inc. is located at 101900 Overseas Highway Key Largo. Starting pay from \$13.50 - \$15.60 per hour. Apply in person, MM101.9 Bayside.

KEY LARGO MOOSE LODGE HELP WANTED

Part-time Bartenders and Part-time Motel Housekeeper

INQUIRE in PERSON MM 98.8 in the Median



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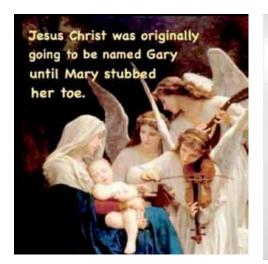
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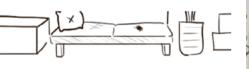
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the act of erecting one's festive decor in any month prior to December

I opened the first door on my Advent calendar for moms, and a tiny pile of dirty laundry fell out.



what if the coins you find randomly at the bottom of drawers and in between couch cushions are actually from spiders trying to pay rent



MARY. EXHAUSTED. HAVING JUST GOTTEN JESUS TO SLEEP. IS APPROACHED BY A YOUNG MAN WHO THINKS TO HIMSELF ; WHAT THIS GIRL NEEDS IS A DRUM SOLO





Coco'Nut' Funnies

A young farm couple, Homer and Darlene, got married and just couldn't seem to get enough lovin'. In the morning, before Homer left the house for the fields, they made love. When Homer came back from the fields, they made love. And again, at bedtime, they made love.

The problem was their nooner - it took Homer a half hour to travel home and another half hour to return to the fields and he just wasn't getting enough work done. Finally, Homer asked the town doctor what to do.

"Homer," said the doctor, "just take your rifle out to the field with you and when you're in the mood, fire off a shot into the air. That will be Darlene's signal to come out to you. Then you won't lose any field time."

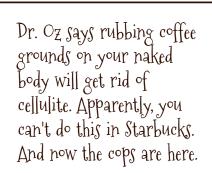
They tried Doc's advice, and it worked well for a while. Homer came back to the doctor's office...

"What's wrong?" asked the Doc "Didn't my idea work?"

"Oh, it worked really good," said Homer. "Whenever I was in the mood, I fired off a shot like you said and Darlene'd come runnin'. We'd find a secluded place, make love, and then she'd go back home again."

"Good, Homer. So, what's the problem?" asked the Doc.

"I ain't seen her since huntin' season started.







Had two people from the local church knock on my door earlier. They said, "You could be at risk of spending eternity with the Antichrist"

I said, "I think you're too late, have you met the wife?!"

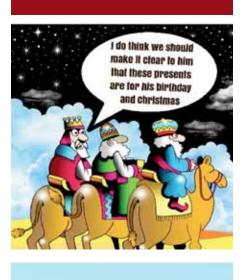
If you go to the hair saloon, you find hair on the floor. You go to the mechanic, you find oil and screws on the floor. But go to the bank and there is nothing. Even the pens are tied!



She says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found 'mute' by now.



For anybody else that's getting coal for Christmas, maybe we can link up and get the grill going or something.

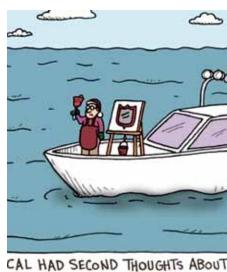






The bone, chew toy and treats are not a problem. Getting your testicles back will pose a challenge."











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JOINING THE SALVATION NAVY.



We can no longer call a 30 day ban Facebook jail. It must now be referred to as.

60 Metapause

I don't mean to be a grinch... however... to those of you who are placing Christmas lights in your yards, would you please avoid anything that has red & blue flashing lights?

Every time I come around the corner, I think it's the police and have a panic attack. I have to brake hard, toss my wine out the window, fasten my seat belt, throw my phone on the floor, turn my radio down, and push the gun under the seat. All while trying to drive.

It's just too much drama, even for Christmas. Thank you for your cooperation! The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide in the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. Turns out, the squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic church came up with a more creative strategy They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

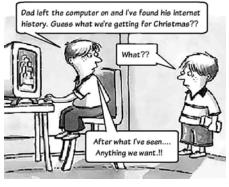
Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.



Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said: "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal." Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the roads..







IF THIEVES WEAR SNEAKERS, AND ARTISTS WEAR SKETCHERS, THEN LINGUISTS MUST WEAR CONVERSE.

When punishing kids, don't take away their electronics. Take their charger. Watch the agony as their battery slowly dies.



I never run with scissors.

Those last two words were unnecessary.



I Don't Know If I'm Losing My Memory Or If I'm Really Good At Letting Go Of The Past

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain.

"I'm an attorney," the wincing man said, "and this is going to cost you five grand!"

"I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer replied. "But I did yell 'fore'."

"I'll take it," the attorney said.



TELEGRAPH CLASSIFIED ADS

BUYING

Buyers agent is buying Vintage Costume Jewelry Call & leave msg. 305-304-2837

VESSEL SAFETY

The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month.Public welcome. 305-998-8400

Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.

CLUBS

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Key Largo Civic Club at 6:00pm. Open to the public. keysorchidclub@aol.com

THE KEY PLAYERS Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes & audition for roles! thekeyplayers.org

MUSICIANS

Amateur & seasoned musicians wanted! **The Keys Community Concert Band** begins rehearsals in the fall. More info call 305-451-4530.

FOR SALE

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY FIGURES Used. Missing Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

305-555-NOPE

FOR SALE



FOR SALE: Muppet Puppets Iconic Miss Piggy & Cookie Monster as seen in the Muppet Movie. Any offer accepted. I just want them off my hands. 305-555-CALL

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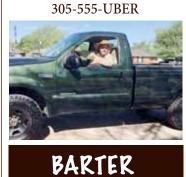
2003 Nissan Altima beige driver's side door handle, signed by George Washington! BEST OFFER 305-555-YEAH



HOLIDAY POPCORN TIN No Caramel Corn. 305-555-CORN

OPPORTUNITY

Screw Uber! Don't drink and drive. Message me and I'll come get you in a 2000 Ford F-250 4x4, with a case of beer in a cooler in the back, blasting Skynyrd on the speakers, and I'll holler "Hell yeah, brother!"at everything you say.



PLAYBOY MAGAZINES & other Adult Publications will trade for guns. 305-555-UHOH



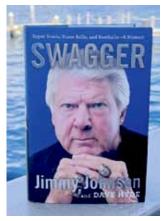




Conch Characters / Around Town —



Becky at the Legion.



GIFT IDEA! Stop by the Big Chill to get your copy of Jimmy Johnson's new book.





Hyperbaric Dick Rutkowski celebrates his 92 birthday with friends at Cafe Largo.



Amy, Belinda and Aimee at the Legion.



Dick Rutkowski teaching doctors inside the hyperbaric chamber.



