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# **History Lesson in the Keys**

—by Karen Beal

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of US 1, or the rule of F-L-"DOT"
There lived a band of renegades, and they were Conchs, you see,
They lived their way and made the best of what they knew could be.
For Harry was commissioner and times were rough and wooly
Bribery was standard fair and he could be a bully.

Harry ran a high-stakes race and money came his way With favors given for a price, some call it pay to play. For 28 years he did his job to run the Upper Keys He also ran a restaurant and bar that once served "Teas". Growth, he felt, was good for all - taxes rose long-sighted. Times were good and Harry ruled until he was indicted.

Now things have changed and people too, there are so many more. Commissioners still argue growth and what its all done for. We long for island paradise, of what we miss today That we once had so long ago between ocean and bay. Blue water and white coral rock, sea birds and fishes too We only own on midweek days now, on weekends we make do.

So don't get grumpy when we grouse, our memories will fade And soon there will be no one left to argue unafraid. To beg for "less" and mangrove trees and shallow waterways Where logic rules and nature counts - rare to see nowadays. We only want to keep the best of what we know can be Cause Harry never knew the fate of what he'd oversee.

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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 were 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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Orthalicus reses Stock Island Tree Snail on Gumbo Limbo Tree. Photo by Carol Ellis.

The range of the Florida tree snail (Genus Liguus) once extended from Pompano Beach to Key West and across the Everglades to Marco Island. It is hard to imagine a time when tropical forest trees were covered by their glistening shells. A tree snail was like an exquisite jewel.

In Miami circa 1870, a hundred collectors specialized in tree snails from the Keys and Everglades. They held meetings to share their findings, and trade amongst their close-knit community. Relentless shell collectors, burned entire hammock areas, after collecting all the snails, and exterminating a rare variant, to ensure



Colorful Tree snail. Photo by Carol Ellis

The range of the Florida tree high prices for their collecsnail (Genus Liquus) once tion

Charles Torrey Simpson wrote, "Long before I began to collect (1882) man had wrought great destruction to the hammocks in which they live... they are on the verge of extinction. Great forrest areas have been cut."

Construction of the canals in Fort Lauderdale began in 1920 by clearing the mangroves and creating the first "finger islands" that became the trademark of Fort Lauderdale, "The Venice of America." It was a model repeated by developers along the coasts, who were in the business of "selling mangroves" as they dredged and filled the wet lands and leveled the hardwood hammocks.

On December 6th, 1947, the government set aside 1.5 million acres of protected land as Everglades National Park (ENP), one place where the bulldozers could not

Post WWII, a new generation of homeowners were on their way to South Florida. Common were sales pitches, like this one in 1952, describing the proposed development of Key Largo Beach: "Slumbering,

awaiting the advent of fresh water and the mechanical work of modern machinery to restore this natural setting for the comfort and enjoyment of man today, this great flat rock key, high above the sea, on which great trees have survived for centuries, and thick with vegetation, lies basking in the sun with its frost free climate but tempered by the ocean breezes is this potential paradise."

Originally, every tree island, every plot of land had a different variety of liguus tree snail, with different hammock. Conservationists were particularly worried about snails in the Keys, where U.S. 1 gave collectors easy access to the hammocks that were home to the snails. Collectors proposed that they transplant threatened snails to suitable hammocks in ENP. From the 1950's thru the mid 1960's, some 52 color varieties were relocated to 224 hammocks within the park.

In 1998, coinciding with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of ENP, I presented a black

bands and color variations

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commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of ENP, I presented a black and white photography exhibition, "The Hammocks of North Key Largo", to showcase the beauty of the subtropical forest of our local conservation lands. Though inspired by the pristine landscapes by Ansel Adams, my photographs within the hardwood hammocks and along our manarove lined shores were about a habitat in recovery, My mantra for the show was "It's what I don't understand, which keeps me coming back."



Orthalicus reses Stock Island Tree Snail on the Move. Photo by Carol Ellis. Federally designated threatened Stock Island tree snails were moved to North Key Largo Hammocks as a part of mitigation for developers.

#### Tree Snails CONTINUED



Tree snail. Photo by Carol Ellis.
Liguus comes from a word meaning banded.
Bands that range from solid to variations. Originally, every tree island, every plot of land had a different variety of liguus tree snail.

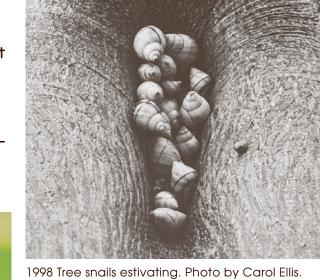
"Build it and they will come," an adage true, more now than ever before. Not long ago in Key Largo, there were still pockets of forest, and undeveloped waterfront; little by little all are being developed. There are regulatory things that have to be done when developers

want to develop areas, especially concerning the federally designated, threatened Stock Island tree snails. Mitigation goes on where park rangers have to go out and remove the snails, then the developers have to pay money and the question is what to do with the tree snails? They get put in suitable conservation lands in the refuges in North Key Largo. This usually happened without many people's knowledge.

A photograph from my 1998 exhibit was a retirement gift for a park ranger who spent a great deal of his employment transferring Stock Island tree snails for mitigation. The photograph was of a group of tree snails estivating in a crevice on a giant mastic tree. Estivating is how tree snails wait out the dry season. They emit a gummy substance which hardens and attaches their shell firmly to the tree, where they remain until it rains.

At the time, I did not understand the significance of what I was photographing. The accepted notion of moving and collecting has made science pause. Does conservation mean we must allocate a species to an area they were not native to, to forsake the environment of their origin?

Our nature is a consequence of man's actions. It would have been more interesting to know the Keys before people did what they did.



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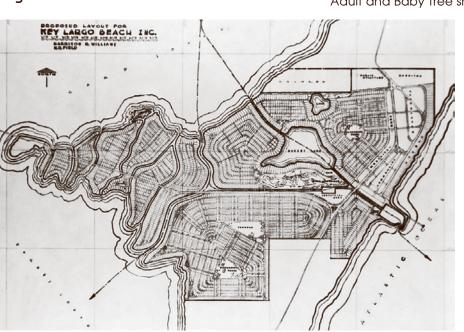
1998 Tree snails estivating. Photo by Carol Ellis. Estivating is how tree snails wait out the dry season

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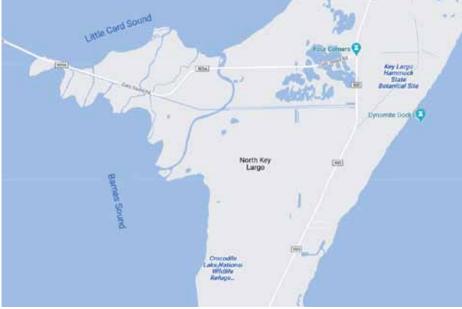
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Adult and Baby Tree snails. Photo by Carol Ellis



Development Plan Key Largo Beach. Archive Photo.



Conservation Land N. Key Largo. Google Map.

Key Largo Beach city fathers predicted in 1969 the town would grow to 5000 by 1974 and 100,000 by 1990. Side-by side maps showing proposed development, and today's current designation of the area as botanical and wildlife refuges.



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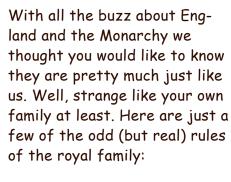
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# A Royal Update Contributed



This rule could change now, but the Queen banished the game Monopoly. She said it was too competitive, but some say it just reminded her too much of all the colonies and countries that the British Empire has

With careful political neutrality being the rule, the Royal Family is discouraged from taking sides and it is unconstitutional for the Monarch to vote. Could you imagine that happening here - someone NOT having a political opinion to share?

To keep things on the up and up, the top six people in line for the crown cannot marry without the written consent of the Monarch. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle did have a calligraphic document signed by the Queen and presented as a wedding gift. I wonder if they have it framed and hanging in their California home?

Hats are to be worn at all formal daytime events. Of



course, silly hats are perfectly fine. You have seen those "fascinators" at the royal weddings. Totally ridiculous. Do you think the Queen had a crush on a hat maker long ago and made sure he retired well-off by making this rule?

Tiaras are not for daytime wear. Unless you are a bride on her wedding day. Then all bets are off and you can wear it all day and all night too - even if you don't wear anything else on your wedding night. You don't really get to keep it, do you? I mean, they are like "family tiaras," right?

Black is for funerals, so the Royal Family never wears black for normal events. Well, except for Princess Diana who seemed to botch up the rules

regularly. Poor thing wore a black evening dress once looked stunning - and got quite the lecture the next morning. Fact: because the Queen was on vacation when her father died - all royals must pack one black outfit in with their vacation luggage.

When traveling on planes, heirs to the throne cannot travel on the same plane. Well, honestly, wouldn't you rather take a separate flight rather than travel with Camilla and Charles? When little Prince George turns 12 he will not be allowed to fly with his father. How many planes do you think the royal family owns?

follows the Monarch's lead. When he or she is done eating. YOU are done eating. When he or she stays up late, YOU stay up late. And I doubt you can sit in the dining room and scroll down your Facebook posts to kill the time.

When in the castle everyone

Everyone in the family is weighed before and after holiday dinner. No one has reported whether or not the Top Chef gets beheaded (one could call him/her the Head Chef, but that seems cruel) if everyone didn't enjoy the meal enough to gain a couple of pounds.

The only way I'll drop ten pounds is if I go shopping in England.

I imagine British people having sex like: Mmm yes splendid, ah indeed. Scrumptious, carry on, good heavens, I'm arriving!

I think the proper term for 'senior' women should be: Queen-agers.

That is all. Carry on.

A moment of tension in Vatican. If the bishop moves forward the



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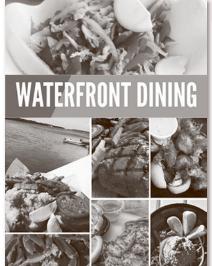


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program. There will be no cost to the owner of the vessel for this removal, destruction, and disposal process.

#### **Application Process**

Private citizens and businesses are eligible for the Florida VTIP Program. The vessel must be free of all liens or other claims of ownership, and the applicant must be the titled owner of the vessel

Download and complete the Florida VTIP application. Please do not leave any box blank.

Attach proof (copy) of Title that lists the Florida VTIP applicant as the titled owner of the vessel, any at risk citations the owner has received for the vessel, copy of applicant's valid government issued ID and photos of the vessel. These documents must be in PDF,

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Attach the completed and signed VTIP Waiver and Release form.

Confirm that all the information provided on the application is true, correct, and complete.

Email the application and required supporting documents to VTIP@myfwc.com. You will receive confirmation that your application has been received within 5 business days. If you do not receive confirmation, please verify that the application email address was input correctly.

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The titled owner must convert their title to JUNKED by marking in pen or marker the word JUNKED across the face of the vessel title. The titled owner must then sign and date directly above the word "JUNKED."

The owner will then place the JUNKED title into the selfaddressed postage paid envelope and mail to back to the FWC VTIP program office.

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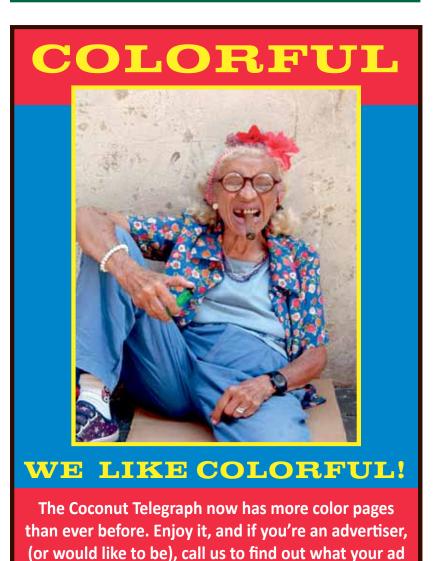
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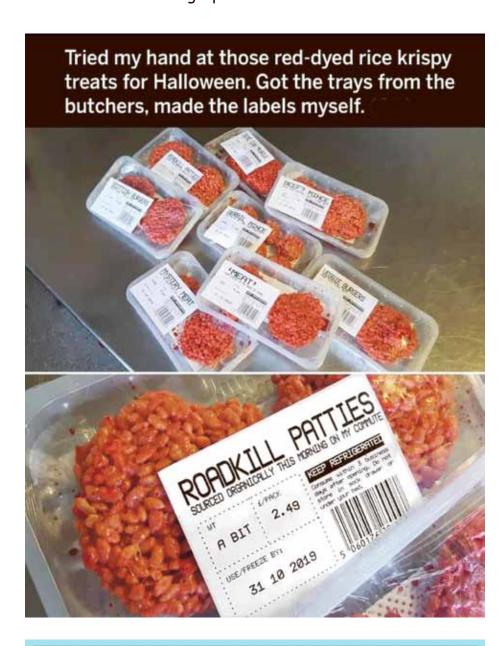


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Cancer - a sign of the zodiac;

Carol - a woman's name

China - the country

Earth - the planet we live on

lonic - a classical architectural style

Job - the hero of a Biblical tale

Lent - a period in the Christian calendar

Lima - the capital of Peru

Mandarin - a Chinese language March - the third month

May - the fifth month

Mercury - the first planet; a Roman god in mythology

Nice - a town in France

Orient - countries of East Asia

Pentagon - the government building

Pole - a person from Poland

Polish - something from Poland

Reading - a town

Sue - a woman's name Turkey - a country

august – respected, impressive bill - the amount to be paid cancer - a disease with abnormal

carol - a hymn or Christmas song

ionic - an adjective referring to ions

job - employment

lent - past tense of lend

lima - a type of bean

mandarin - a small orange fruit march - a style of walking

may - possibility, permission

mercury - a substance also known

nice - kind, pleasant

orient - to align or position something pentagon - a plane figure with five

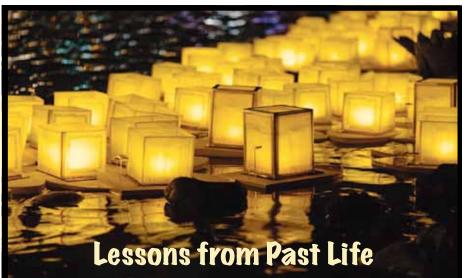
pole - a long stick

polish - to clean or shine a surface reading - a participle of read

rich - wealthy

sue - to bring legal action

turkey - a North American bird



Each lifetime brings with it specific lessons that are necessary for our spiritual evolution.

You meet someone for the first time and feel as if you know them already. You're in a town you've never been to before, yet you recognize streets and buildings. We often describe such experiences as déjà vu: the feeling that a new situation has happened to us before. But the possibility does exist that we have actually lived these experiences in the past or, rather, in another lifetime.

Many spiritual practices believe that reincarnation is real, that our souls return to this earth over a series of lifetimes to evolve, learn, grow, transform, and become more spiritually attuned through the course of each life. It is believed that we tend to cycle through our different lives with many of the same people. Often these "soul companions" are the ones we enter into relationships with; we work through our unresolved issues together so that we may heal. When we struggle or keep encountering blocks that keep us

from reaching our goals, there may be a specific lesson that we are supposed to learn in this lifetime. Being naturally blessed with a musical talent or another gift can be a special ability that you worked hard to develop in a past life. Each lifetime brings with it specific lessons that are necessary for our spiritual evolution.

Past life recall can give us valuable insights into our lives. The knowledge of how we lived before can help us overcome present obstacles, understand phobias, and resolve relationship issues. There are workshops where you can learn about past lives, and past life regression therapists can quide you on your journey backward in time. You can visit your past lives through your dreams. meditation, and trance work.

While looking back at your past lives can be exciting and enlightening, it is important to remember that the answers you are seeking to this life can only truly be found by living this one.

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# Monroe County Public Library Asks Community To Weigh In On Names For New Library Kiosks

Two new Monroe County Public Library kiosks are on their way to the Keys and will be placed at Bernstein Park on Stock Island and Rowell's Waterfront Park in Key Largo. The Library is considering what to name these new kiosks and is seeking the community's input.

A survey is posted at the library's website, which is www.keyslibraries.org. It includes suggestions from Library staff, as well as the option of coming up with new name ideas.

The new kiosks will allow Monroe County Public Library patrons to check out books and DVDs during all hours the parks are open, including evenings and weekends. The kiosks can store up to 235 items to check out and up to

600 returned items. The kiosks are water-resistant so materials will be protected.

"We can't wait to bring the Library to people in areas that have traditionally been underserved," said Library Director Kimberly Matthews. "These new kiosks, along with the other new technologies like self-checkout and holds lockers, are empowering the Keys community to connect with the Library where they are, on their own schedules."

Library cards are free of charge to residents of the Keys and to people who pay property taxes or license a business in Monroe County but live elsewhere. Military personnel and family on active duty or retired in Monroe County are also eligible for a free resident card. To get a

Library card so you can check out materials, visit any branch in Key West, Big Pine Key, Marathon, Islamorada or Key Largo. You can also email info@keyslibraries.org for more information.

The kiosks are part of a \$975,000 grant to the Monroe County Public Library to bring new technologies and library access throughout the Keys. It was the most awarded to any Florida library under the American Rescue Plan and is the largest grant the Monroe County Public Library has ever received.

For more information about when the kiosks will be installed and loaded up, watch the Library website at www.keyslibraries.org. You can Services.

also follow the Library on Facebook at Monroe County Public Library - Florida Keys and on Twitter and Instagram, where the address is @keyslibraries.

This 100% federallyfunded project was awarded under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Florida's ARPA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information



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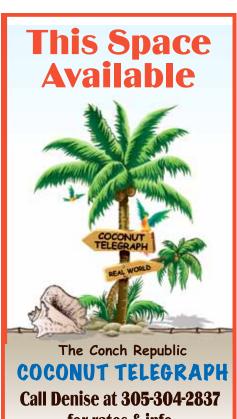


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# September Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

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 October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

October 1, 9:30am The Florida Keys Quilters meets on the 1st Saturday at the Key Largo Branch Library. October 5, 6:30pm The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday at the Key Largo Branch Library.

October 6, 2pm - 3:30 pm Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions topic of the month: No End in Sight: A century of drug wars. Join us for America's largest discussion group on world affairs. Visit the library for an informative article about the topic ahead of time. At the event, we watch a brief video on the topic before breaking into groups to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

October 12, 6pm The Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners meets on the 2nd Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.

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

October 18, 4:30pm Food Truck for Birds: What is it and how do you create one? Start this year by planting three native trees or shrubs for birds traveling the Migration Highway through

KeysLibraries.org/events Facebook.com/KeyLargoLibrary Instagram.com/KeyLargoLibrary

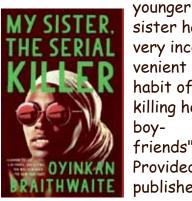
the Keys. Tricia Keller, landscape designer and founder of the non-profit Food Truck for Birds, will help you get started with this informative presentation and templates.

October 19, 5:30pm Keys Democrats meet at the Key Largo Branch Library, Also Nov. 16



October 22, 11am-2pm Halloween Hoopla Complete Halloween-themed activity stations set up throughout the library, then stop by the Information Desk for a goody bag. Costumes encouraged. The JOY Center's Ukelele group will stop by to play some spooky tunes!

October 25, 6pm Books on Tap Join us at Keys' Meads to discuss My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite. "Slasher meets satire, in this darkly comic novel set in Nigeria about a woman whose



sister has a very inconhabit of killing her boyfriends"--Provided by publisher.

borrowed at the Key Largo Library or Keys' Meads and returned to library staff the evening of the event. Drinks will be available for purchase. We will not meet in November. Dec. 6 we will discuss The Last Mona Lisa by Jonathan Santlofer. Books were selected by club members.

Copies of the book may be

October 28, 2pm Introduction to Kanopy + Movie Learn how your library card gives you access to streaming movies and TV shows including kids shows then stay to watch a movie available on Kanopy.

#### WEEKLY PROGRAMS



#### LEGO Club

Mondays at 4pm except Oct. 10. Elementary-age children can be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOS. Work on your own creation or build as a team and test your skills with building challenges!



Storytime with Miss Haley Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

# Creative Tuesdays

1-3 pm Calling all Artists, new and experienced! Bring in items you are working on and

help each other during this fun afternoon program. Sometimes a quest artist will have a project everyone can enjoy creating.



**Tech Tutor** Wednesdays 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.

Quit Your Way -Tobacco Free Florida: Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Wednesdays 1 pm hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education

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

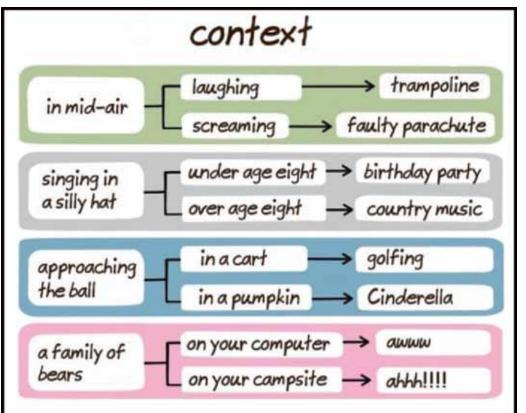
Apply at 105951 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, MM106 or call (305) 451-0088, ask for Marsha, the Shelter Director.

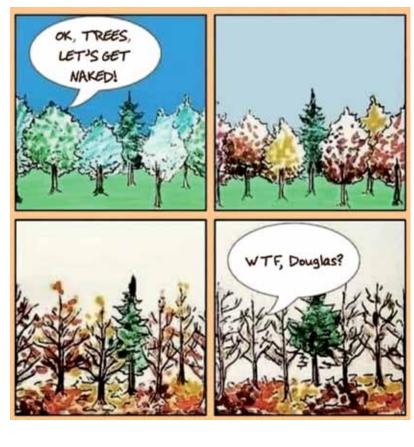
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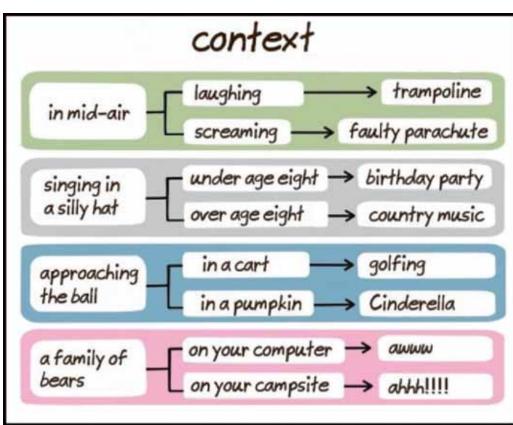
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# It's almost fall in the South!

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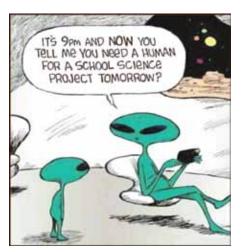
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# **Neolithic stones** found in field

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the activities of Neolithic man.
The stones, Keith and Mick,
were discovered passed out in
a field. One expert explained,
"Exactly what the Stones were
doing there remains one of the
great historical mysteries of

all time - they certainly can't

Having a teenager is like living in a haunted house. Every now and then you'll see a figure in the corner of your eye, followed by a moaning sound and then a door will slam shut.

Halloween, Florida style!



A blonde city girl named Amy marries a Colorado rancher.

One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, the rancher says to Amy, "The insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows, so I drove a nail into the 2x4 just above where the cow's stall is in the barn."

"Please show him where the cow is when he gets here, OK?" The rancher leaves for the fields."

After a while, the artificial insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door. "I came to inseminate the cow," he said. Amy takes him down to the barn.

They walk along the row of cows, and when Amy sees the nail, she tells him, "This is the one right here."

The man, assuming he is dealing with an airhead blonde, asks, "Tell me, lady, 'cause I'm dying to know. How would YOU know that this is the right cow to be bred?" "That's simple," she said. "By the nail that's over its stall," she explains very confidently.

Laughing rudely at her, the man says, "And what, pray tell, is the nail for?" The blonde turns to walk away and says sweetly over her shoulder, "I guess it's to hang your pants on," she replied.

Dear Facebook,
please stop suggesting
people I may know.
I do know them.
I don't like them.





If one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted and you need to run.



THE NIGHT EDDIE BECAME A TOAD.

Due to a power outage, The house was very dark, so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yearold girl, to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Little Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet and spanked him on his bottom And he began to cry. The paramedic then asked the wide-eyed 3-yearold what she thought about what she had just witnessed. She quickly responded, 'He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place, spank him again!'

Three doctors arrive at the gates of heaven. Before they enter through the gates, an angel meets them and asks each of them why they should be allowed into heaven.

The first doctor says, "In my life, I was an obstetrician. I helped bring many healthy babies into the world and bring happiness to their parents."

The angel responds, "You did well in your life. You may enter."

The second doctor says, "In my life, I was a trauma surgeon. I saved many lives and gave many a second chance at life."

The angel responds to her, "you did well in your life... you may enter."

The third doctor says, "In my life, I was an insurance reviewer. I saved insurance companies millions and millions of dollars."

The angel pauses a moment and then responds, "You did well. You, too, may enter...

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"Hello! Do you have a minute to talk about Dracula?" "No- wait, Dracula?" "Yes!"

"You're vampires?"
"Yes. We have pamphlets."

"Vampires have missionaries?"
"Where else would new vampires come from?"
"I assumed you bit people."

"There are many hurtful stereotypes. May we come in?"

A sixteen-year-old boy came home with a brand new Ford F150. His parents look at the truck and ask, "Where did you get that truck?!"

"I bought it today," he says.

F150 cost.

"Well," he says, "this one cost me just fifteen dollars."

"With what money?" says his

mother. They knew what a new

The father looks at him like he's crazy. "Who would sell a truck like that for fifteen dollars?" he says.

"It was the lady up the street," says the boy. "I don't know her name – they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy her F150 for fifteen dollars.

"Oh my Goodness!" says the mother. "Maybe she's mentally ill or has Alzheimer's something. John, you better go see what's going on."

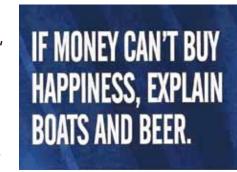
So the boy's father walks up the street to the house where the lady lives and finds her out in the yard calmly planting petunias.

He introduces himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a new Ford F150 truck for fifteen dollars and asks to know why she did it.

"Well," she says, "two days ago my husband left on a business trip. Yesterday I got a phone call from his boss and found out that he really ran off to Hawaii with his secretary and doesn't intend to come back."

"Oh, my goodness, I'm so sorry," the father says. "But what does that have to do with my son and your truck?"

"Well, this morning he called and told me he was stranded because he got robbed of his wallet with all his credit cards and cash. He told me to sell his new F150 and send him the money. So I did."

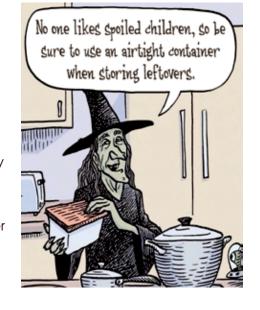


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