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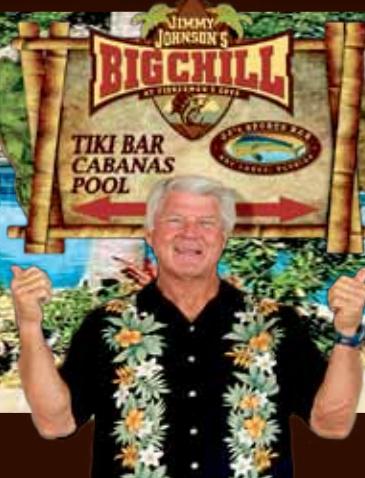


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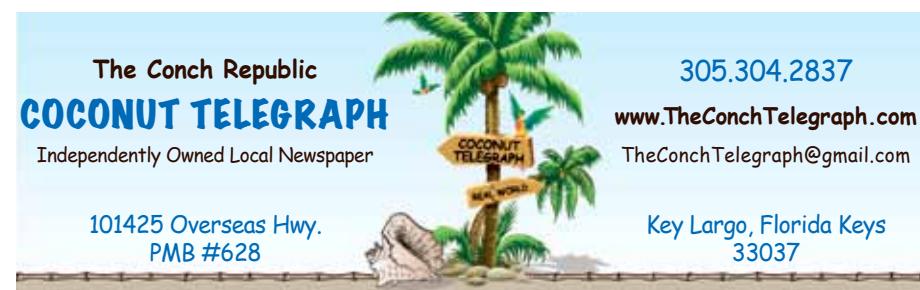
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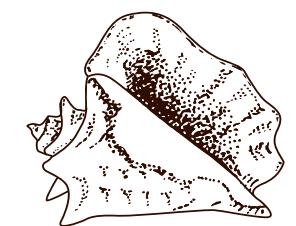
Editorial - Rack of Lies

A couple of weeks ago I went to the Tradewinds Plaza to replenish the Coconut Telegraph newspapers, as usual, and our rack - that had been there at least 7 years " was gone! I called the Realty Company that owns the plaza, Kimco Realty (833-800-4343) and told them I would like to have my rack back. They said they would have the Property Manager call me.

A woman named Julie (786-206-8757) called and left a message. I returned her call and all I got was a pack of lies. She said my rack was in bad shape so they threw it out. BULLSHIT! My rack was in excellent shape, as everyone who goes to that location will confirm. Everyone knows

we kept a constant eye on that rack because we'd go through hundreds of papers there each month. Then Julie told me they asked around and couldn't figure out who owned it so they threw it away. BULLSHIT!

The Coconut Telegraph was proudly emblazoned across the front of it and our phone number was on the back!



Update - I called the company again to confirm the Realty name and was told that the Property Manager's name is Diana Desal, not Julie. As of press time we have not heard back.

Not much on the supermarket shelves yesterday so I decided to improvise.

Dinner last night was risotto I made with some mushrooms I foraged for locally.

Not only was it delicious, but soon after a Welsh male voice choir of purple elephants showed up and sang the whole of Meatloaf's Bat Out of Hell album, accompanied by a light show!

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Local Woman Erin Allison Heads Up Wild Bird Center

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to introduce Coral Shores graduate Erin Allison as the Executive Director of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center. Allison received a scholarship from the Rotary Club to FIU, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, specializing in Education, Biodiversity Conservation and Management, and Team Management. During this time, she served as the Outreach Coordinator at the FKWBC.

Allison then spent two years in West Virginia conducting research on freshwater crayfish and pursuing a Masters of Science in Biology Degree at West Liberty University. Upon graduation "she heard there was an opening for the Executive Director position so she applied and was hired", says her proud father Callum Allison.

Erin Allison has striking blue eyes that reflect her high intellect, self confidence and dedication. "This

is my dream job and I love the mission," she mentions as she demonstrates one of the many different interactive educational displays at the Mission Wild Bird Hospital at MM 92 Oceanside in Tavernier. The Hospital is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9am to 5 pm.

Don't forget to visit the Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary at MM93.6 Oceanside, where you can see over 70 wild birds, learn their stories and the ways that you can help protect our native species. Open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset.

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Executive Director Erin Allison next to a photo of Bird Center founder Laura Quinn with Bob Gintel, whose support helped greatly to make the Wild Bird Center survive and thrive.

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Erin has many goals for expanding programs such as the Legacy Giving Program and the Volunteer Program, to become more active in the community, and she is expanding the outreach program with Outreach Coordinator Maggy Pollicino (305-852-4486 ex. 6). She and Maggie are pictured above. One of the things they are working on is a yearly event every October, the Owl-o-ween for kids. The date will be announced soon.



Critters in Our Midst: Black Swan by Carol Ellis

It was another humid Florida Keys day, with record setting heat, when a naturalist friend alerted me to a very rare bird sighting. The tip came from a true photo enthusiast, who sadly possessed only an iPhone. I gathered up my professional photo gear and showed up in the hopes of getting a shot. OK... Though most of my photo archive consists of photos of birds flying away, I am optimistic. The first rule of photography... always have your camera ready so you can be there to get the shot. The thing about the iPhone is you will definitely have it when something happens, and though they are amazing, they fall short on details.

The rare birds were a pair of Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*) which had been parading back-and-forth in a small cove on the Atlantic side of North Key Largo. The second rule in photography, is you have to be lucky; I was pleased when the swans decided to come to the shore and greet me. My friend called me a "swan magnet." These birds possessed no fear at all. Was it the bold blue hydrangea print dress I was wearing, or maybe I represented a source of food, as people tend to befriend



Black swans frequent brackish environments during migration times when resources become scarce elsewhere.

wildlife in nature.

I lingered for the best part of an hour, took dozens of swan portraits, before they retreated offshore as the tide was going down, and more feeding grounds opened up on the flats. It was a breathtaking scene, with Carysfort Lighthouse on the distant horizon, sport fishing yachts and sailboats passing by, and even some paddle-boarders moving through. From time to time I would see a flash of white feathers, as they dunked and bobbed, but wasn't sure where on their body, as they were so far away,

Ecstatic that I had been able to witness such a beautiful display of nature, I headed home, eager to share my discovery with my husband, whose first reaction was, "oh that's very bad."



Wings raised in an aggressive display reveal the white undersides.

Black swans mate for life, and move in unison, and even assist while the other grooms.

Huh? I was more thinking this was a gift, and I was blessed to witness it. As a child, I recall seeing White Mute swans paddling in the canal behind our home off East Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale. We'd feed them scraps of bread and enjoy their presence, but one day these graceful creatures, whose only predators are birds of prey, mysteriously disappeared, amidst rumors of foul play. Maybe that's what my husband was thinking about... that humans can be so cruel sometimes?

I later returned to the cove, and they were still there, but a Great Blue heron had now befriended them, and they were happily feeding side-by-side. I thought for a moment, how is the Blue heron reacting to these strangers? Has it ever seen a Black swan, with a long neck such as this? All of a sudden one of the swans fluttered up and

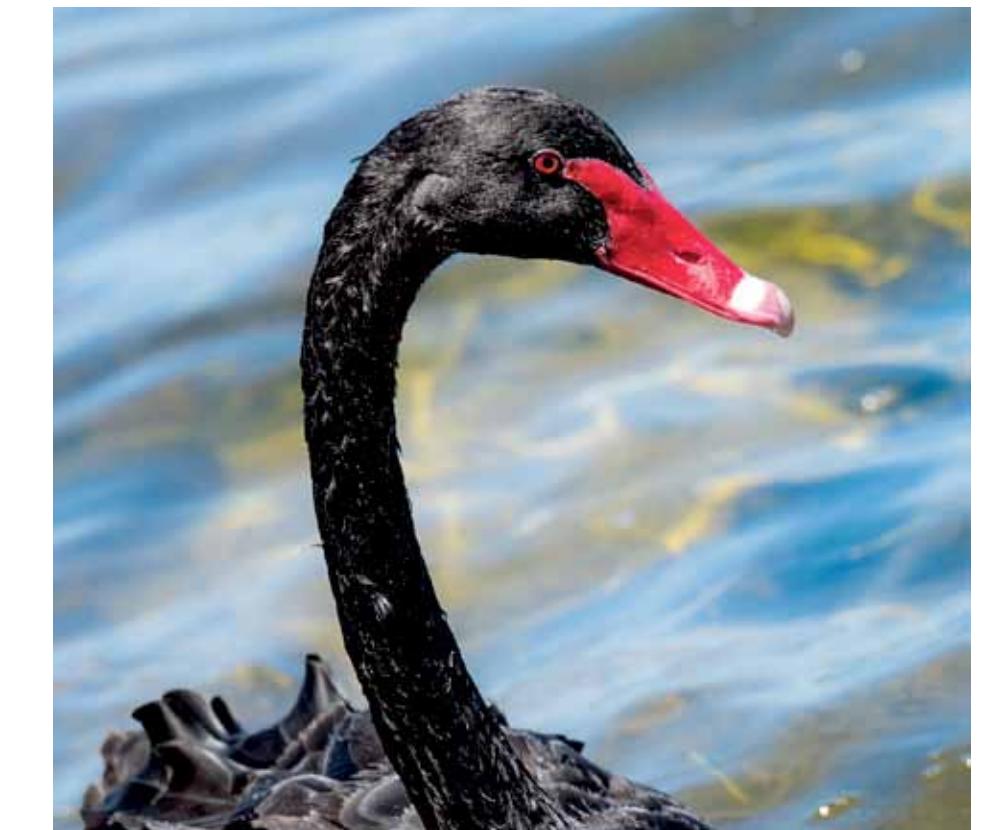


When swimming, black swans hold their necks arched or erect... Ocean Reef Members Point in background.

Black Swan CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis

revealed a beautiful white underside to an otherwise black feathered body.

I captured many images of these swans, both close-up, and far away... so much for my theory about birds flying away! I logged a few photographs on iNaturalist (www.iNaturalist.org) to confirm the identity and search for places where Black swans had been observed; the closest to the Keys was Fort Lauderdale, but very few overall had been reported. There are estimated 500,000 Black swans in the entire world.



Black swans have black plumage, which contrasts with a bright red bill with white tip, and red eyes.



I couldn't help but wonder whether the Great Blue heron was comparing their long necks?

elsewhere. 80% of a swan's diet consists of plant based food sources, but they will also eat small fish, mollusks, insects, crustaceans and worms when available.

While online, I checked my email, and my husband had sent me info about the "black swan theory", often used as a metaphor for an unexpected event, that plays a dominant role in history. Up until a Dutch explorer in 1697 discovered Black swans in Australia, people thought that only white swans existed. In the financial world, a black swan event is seen as an event that negatively impacts the stock market, catching investors off guard. Recent examples include the dot.com stock market crash, and the



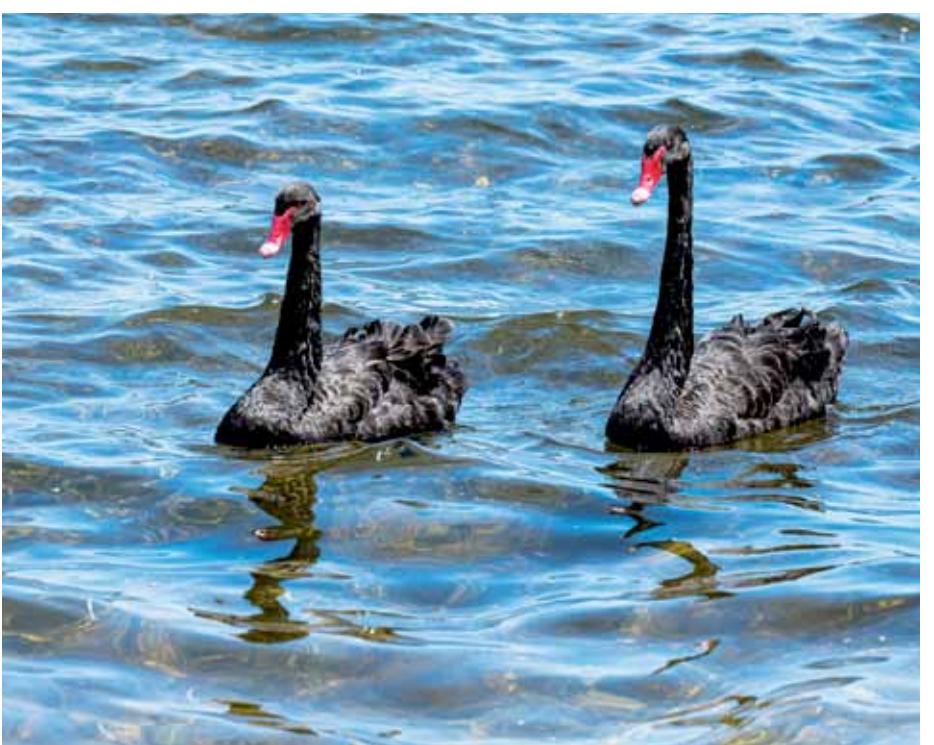
CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida her entire life and Key Largo for 37 years.

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.

housing crisis that caused recession. Hope that as I stand in proximity of a ga-zillion dollars worth of real estate, their rare visit is not a forewarning of some future event.



Carol photographing black swans.



Black swans impart beauty and uniqueness to any body of water lucky enough to host them.



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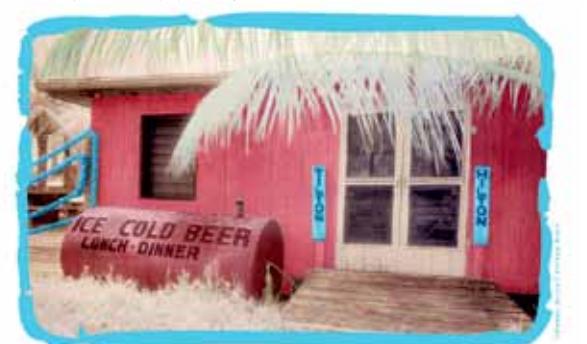
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On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of Fred's Place - the "Tilton Hilton." The restaurant, complete with slanting dance floor, blue crabs and cold beer, was located on the curve just across the Monroe County line, in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound.

The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY
Little Salt by Carol Ellis
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2023 Women Making Waves by Boating Industry Magazine Honors Betty Bauman, "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!"

Boating Industry Magazine has selected Betty Bauman, Founder of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing from 120 nominees to receive their 2023 Women Making Waves honor.

Bauman, from Fort Lauderdale, FL is recognized for Ladies, Let's Go Fishing (LLGF), created in 1997 as a response to the lack of opportunities for women to enter fishing. Aligned with the R3 initiative, LLGF brings diversity to the sport by engaging and retaining female anglers through immersion-based educational programs, reaching the underserved market of women and sub minorities. The programs feature classes, hands-on practice, networking and a fishing experience in several regions of Florida. Fishing venues include inshore, offshore, freshwater and surf fishing. The organization also conducts virtual meetings with education and conservation elements, international trips, fish cooking events and online fundraisers for women to start their tackle collection. Generating more than 9,000 graduates, LLGF is supported by sponsors and donors to make this year-long effort possible.

Both Bauman and her seminar series, dubbed "The No-Yelling School of Fishing" are renowned nationally in the fishing and marine industries. Women from 48 states have attended. Bauman and the organization has received several national awards: Woman of the Year by the American Sportfishing Association, Top 21 Most



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More info is on the website www.ladiesletsgofishing.com. A list of the 30 honorees is at <https://boatingindustry.com/features/2023/06/26/2023-women-making-waves/>.

Congratulations to Betty and the LLGF Foundation!

entering the sport. Ladies, Let's Go Fishing is a life-changing experience for women. Get the woman - get the whole family!" said Bauman as she works on national expansion.



Bauman has also reached millions of women through media efforts including many TV spots and publications. This represents incredible exposure for the fishing and boating industries.

Featured on national network television, the series is supported by major partners too numerous to list.

Bauman's marine industry background includes marketing positions at Wellcraft Marine, Donzi and Aquasport before starting her own marine marking and public relations firm, MetroMedia Marketing, Inc., serving marine clients as a marketing consultant.

Bauman published magazines for fishing tournaments in the Bahamas, US Virgin Islands and Florida and conducted conservation programs for the Save Our Seas Foundation.

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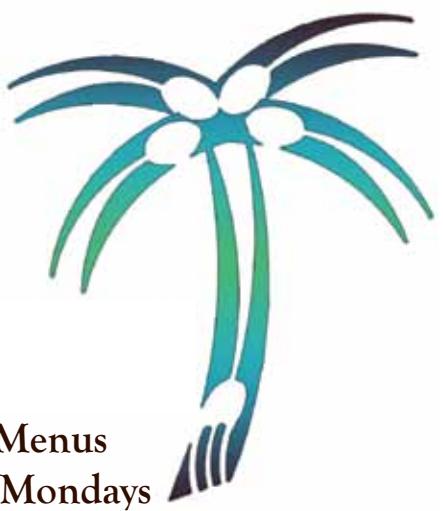
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Pink Lady

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Peggy Caswell was the first victim of breast cancer that I knew personally. She played the piano/keyboard in one of the very first bands to hire me as an aspiring guitar player.

She read music and charted out all the songs we played. The other guitarist in the band was a lot like me; better at leads than finding the right chords. She would whip us into shape, showing us the proper chords to play but she was dependent on her charts, or so she thought.

She would bitch at the guitar players for using too many effects and as an insecure young guitar player I tended to hide behind a wall of effects...echoes, reverbs, digital delays. One night she "stole" my new Boss ME-1 pedal. I had to play all night "naked," nothing to cushion the blow of my sloppy fingers on the fretboard.

By the end of the gig I had learned how to make tone with my hands, not a box on the floor. At the time I was LIVID! The next week it "magically" appeared at the gig and being the gullible trusting soul I am, I completely believed her when she said that it was just "there." I didn't bother to plug it in. I gave the pedal away to a beginner guitar player.

The other guitar player, bassist, drummer and I had been conspiring to hide her sheet music from her as that was the only thing we could pick on her about. I've always been a "No Music Stands On Stage" type...have your shit down pat BEFORE public display. Nowadays everybody has these damn pads affixed to the mic stand...and they still blow the melody. At any rate...

She guarded her music "bible" as if it were hand written by the prophets and the saviors themselves. It was going to take some serious Mission: Impossible trickery... and she was smarter than the rest of us...and paranoid about us stealing her sacred notebook although since there was intent to scheme, the paranoia was justified. It seemed it was going to require a confederate on the inside.

She was a great player, she never really looked at the sheet music anyhow. She didn't flip the pages or look up the next song, it was more a handy place for her set list. Still, she had to have it.

Her

husband wasn't about to help; he didn't like any of us. The other guitar player's wife who sang a sets worth of songs wasn't going to betray the sisterhood... Our big chance came when her car was in the shop and her husband wouldn't do without his car, forcing her to ride with the pothead guitar player.

In her rush, she didn't even think about her bible, she was too busy chewing on me for being so nonchalant about time. Being the bad influence I've always been, I had her drinking a beer with me on the way. She wasn't the party girl she was before having children but that girl was still there and I am known to drive a person to drink.

The rest of the band were caught off guard by Peggy's intensified personality, she was usually the shy one, preferring sobriety over indulgence. Usually. She was trying to make fun of me by pretending to move in slow motion while she sucked down another beer. The other guitar player and bass player had the "PA" already in place so it only took a couple of minutes to get Peggy and I set up and we immediately kicked off the first song.

She was still so hacked at me for making her "late" that she shot me the shit eye every chance she got during

L-R Moose, Peggy, Dave, Kirk, Sue, The Hog Heaven Band circa 1989.

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



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the first set. It wasn't until the end of the set that she noticed something missing. We started to play a song that Sue wanted to sing and she reached for the book that wasn't there.

We were playing at Desperado's on Cocoa Beach so that was the song Sue wanted to sing. Peggy played it perfect at practice. "I can't play this!" she said in a panic.

"Sure you can" said the eternally optimistic and perpetually happy Dave on guitar as well as on Sue.

"Start it on guitar."

"No, it's a piano song" complains Sue who demanded, but seldom got, note for note perfection.

A tense exchange ensured while the bar crowd quickly becomes restless. The manager is concerned.

Peggy is frozen. I lean over to remind her what key the song is in like a smart ass but I got it wrong. That aggravated her enough that she started playing the intro perfectly, like always. She gave me the shit eye all night.

After the gig as I was dropping her off and unloading her gear I pointed out where I had hidden her bible. Never saw it again after that, she'd come through, trial by fire.

Peggy had beat breast cancer or so we thought. It came back with a vengeance and took her beautiful soul from the world before she really even got started living.

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"How can you live in Florida with all those bugs?," said my mother more than once. "What bugs?" I replied. I thought she was talking about the blood thirsty mosquitos because I've never seen love bugs in the Keys, they don't come this far south. With all the beauty that surrounds us why worry about some pesky little bugs? That was before I met my first palmetto bug.

I came home late one night and I must admit I'd

had a few glasses of wine when something from under the kitchen sink took off as fast as a bat out of hell and rapidly zipped across the tile the minute I flicked on the light switch.

Woosh! It looked like a speeding cat turd on wheels! Just then my cat took off after it and pinned the thing against the wall. I took one look at it and froze, shivers went up my spine, my hair stood on end. It was a monster of a cockroach! I grabbed the shoe off my foot and soon realized I couldn't kill the sumbitch with a high heel even if it was a vintage designer Candies. My head circled like the exorcist, I must locate a potential murder weapon!

Briefly I thought about my 38 caliber with the laser. Nope. Too dangerous, I could shoot up the house and the neighbors might call the cops. There's no law against bugs breaking and entering. I wondered if there were roaches at the jail...

Just about then the cat lifted its paw and monster bug flipped, became airborne and landed smack dab on my nose. I hit myself in the face with the shoe.

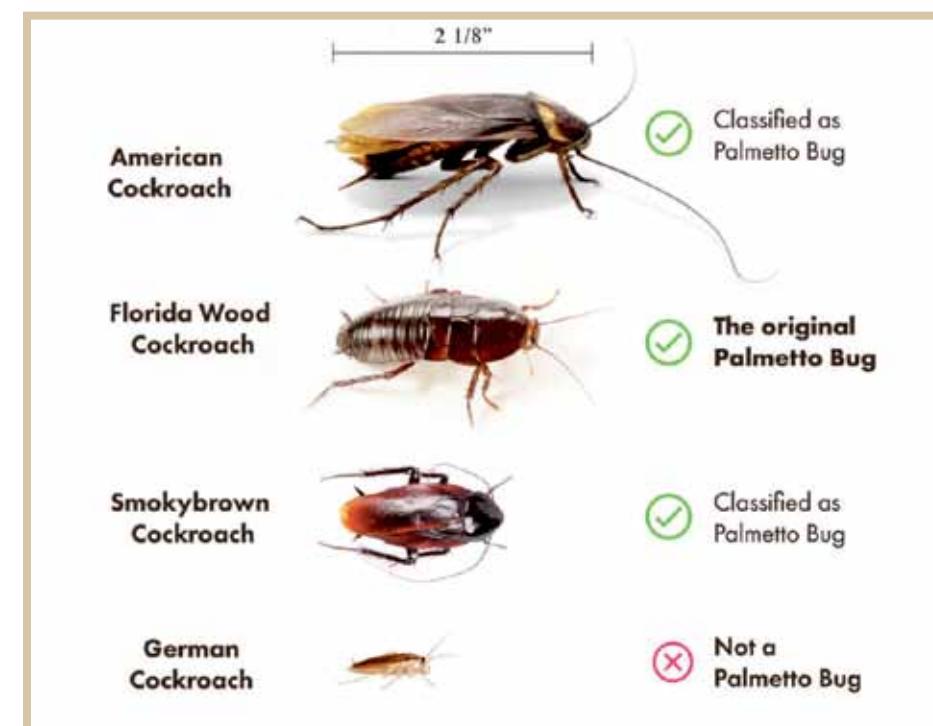
The flying turd flew off and landed on all six feet and then zig zagged under my hutch. Ok, it's 11:00 PM and I'm barefoot, alone with a cockroach on steroids. I reached for the broom but before I could do anything I had to sit down and put my head between my legs before I hyperventilated myself uncon-

scious. I thought about the jail some more.

I knew I wouldn't sleep with a lurking Godzillabug in the house. Then I remembered my phone. Gotta call someone fast. Got the recording at animal control. Now I'm really screwed. It was either escape the house and look for a motel vacancy or go to battle with the bug. I swished the broom sideways under the hutch and only captured some dust bunnies. "That does it!" I screamed and rammed the broom under the furniture like a madwoman on an adrenalin rush, which, of course, I was.

Mr. Palmetto bug limped out the side. Euphoria, I'd crippled the bastard! Yellow goo, the color of new born baby poo, was oozing out his backside. With the shoe I coaxed the creepy crippled critter onto the dust pan and raced with my heart pumping two time cucaracha to the bathroom and gave the king of bugs a royal flush.

The next day I went to the grocery store and purchased Harris's Famous Roach Tablets. Tossed them under appliances and furniture, safely away from children and animals. It did the trick!



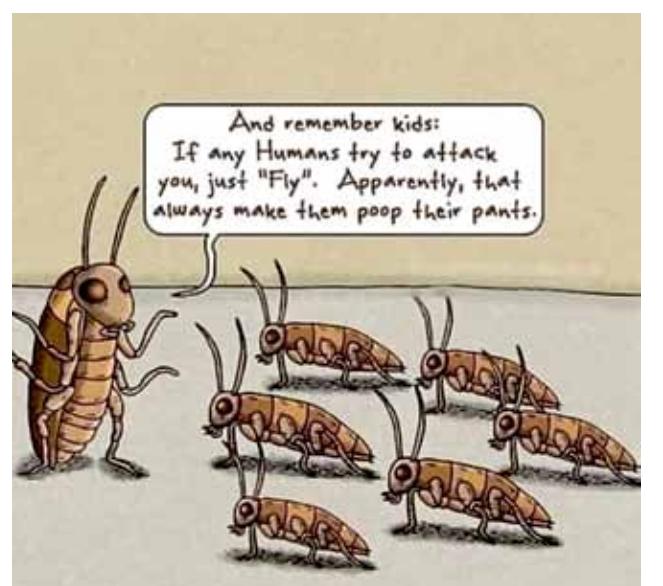
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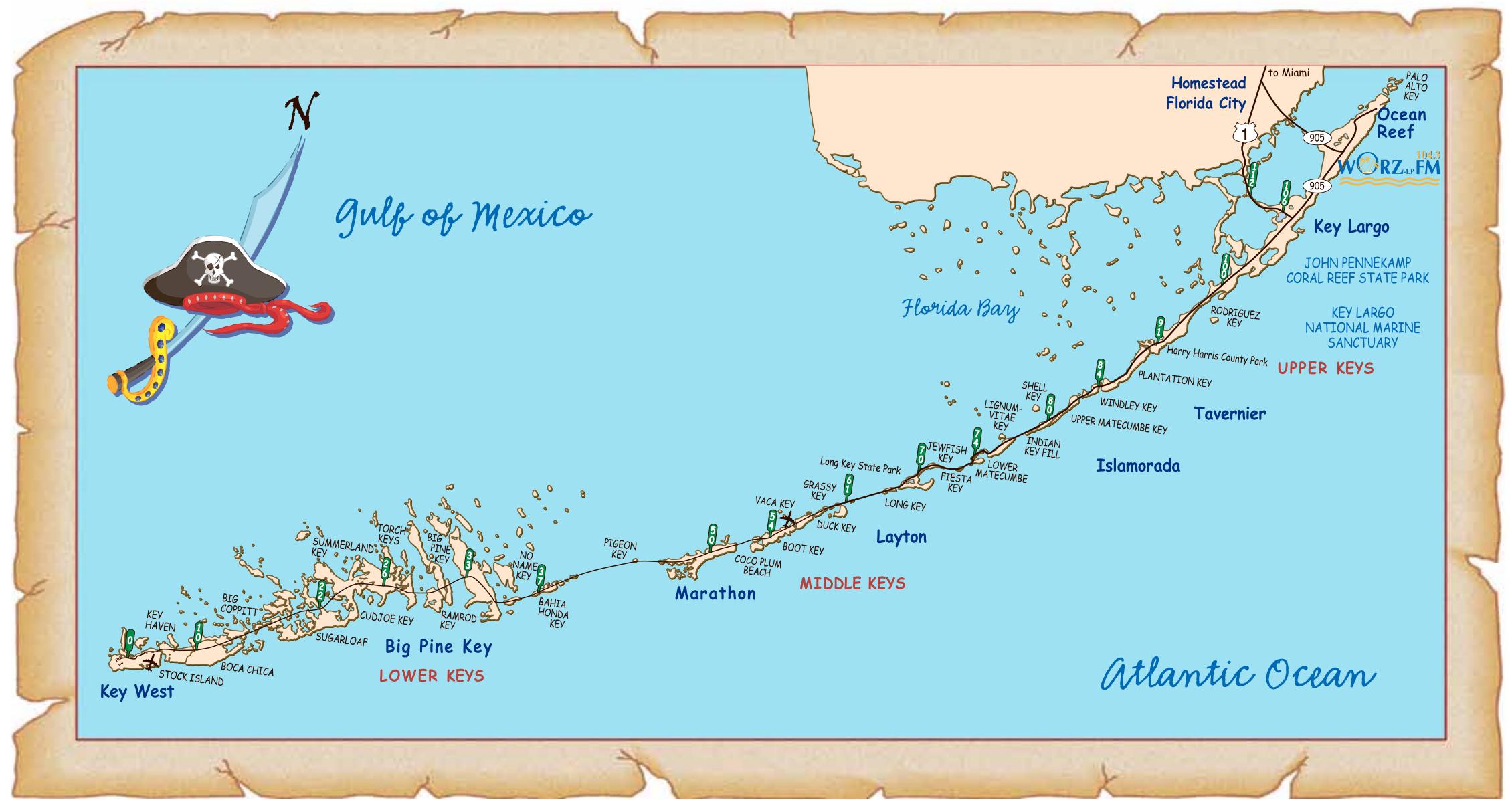
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Kenny and Monica made us feel so at home. The meals were perfect; attractively presented and very tasty. The water activities and cruising the coast were massive fun.

All of this you will read in other reviews, so I'll state a few cool things that you might not get from the other reviews. They really pay attention to what YOU like and adjust accordingly. For example, Monica tweaked the original menu to adapt to some quirks with our Midwestern palates.

They could tell we really enjoyed the paddleboarding so they snuck in another excursion the morning we were to depart. And the evenings—oh my. We had background music playing all day. Somehow that morphed into a challenge game of "Name that Tune", then dancing and singing. So, Cap'n Kenny also deserves the title of DJ Kenny. All in all, this was a SPECTACULAR trip. I really hope to do it again sometime.

—Shelly (May 28th-30th)

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SPECIAL EVENTS

August 2, 9 a.m.-noon
Plant Clinic.
Master Gardener Volunteers will be onsite to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identification/problems, and other services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems. New location: Key Largo Public Library, every 1st Wednesday of the month.



August 2, 1 p.m.
Island Dolphin Care Touch Tank: join us as we explore a variety of ocean creatures with the. Children will be able to touch and interact with sea life and learn more about the marine world that surrounds the Florida Keys.



August 5, 9:30 a.m.
The Florida Keys Quilters meet the 1st Saturday of the month. Check their Facebook page for details.



August 8, 3:30 p.m.
Cancer 101:
Attend this informative program to receive answers to the following questions: What is cancer? Who can get cancer? Where can I get cancer? When does cancer spread? How can I reduce the chances of cancer and why should I care about cancer? Q&A to follow. Participants will receive a free goodie bag. Presented by Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

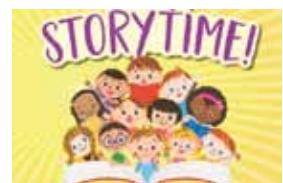
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One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, Texas mowing his front lawn, as he always did.

A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?"

Lee responded, "Yes Ma'am, I do."

The lady then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work?"

Lee said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her."

The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off.

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If you think about the vastness of space, & how enormous our galaxy is, & how big our planet is, & how small we are, I'm not really eating all that much cheese.

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, she said I was doing fairly well for my age. (I am past seventy five).

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking her, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?'

She asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either.'

Then she asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?'

I said, 'Not much... My former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said.

She asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?' 'No,' I said...

She looked at me and said, 'Then, why do you even give a shit?'

I don't care what people think of me.
At least mosquitos find me attractive.



I think the scariest part of that song "Born To Be Wild" is when they find a head out on the highway.

Common sense is not a gift, it's a punishment. Because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

I got pulled over on the way back home from grabbing McDonald's with my niece. I was going 12 mph over the speed limit.

As the officer started walking up to my car, I rolled all of my windows down. My adorable and apparently INCREDIBLY smart 7-year-old niece started screaming from the backseat, "It's coming out! I can't hold it any longer! It's almost here!!! Now the trooper is HEARING her scream this and he leans in the window and asks her, "What's going on here???"

She looks him dead in the face and says, "I've got poop coming outta my butt!!"

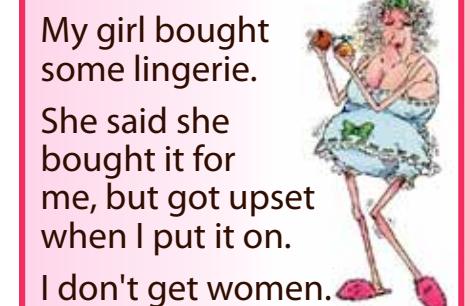
He started laughing! I was shocked and embarrassed. He asked how far I had to go, which was about 3 miles home. He told me to drive safe and get Miss Pupu Butt home to do her business. He could NOT stop laughing! As soon as we pulled away I asked, "What was that about???"

My niece smirked and said, "I saw it on YouTube but I didn't think it would work."

I said, "So, you're not pooping?" She said nope and you're not in trouble either. This lil girl is my hero!!!

I haven't talked to my sons for a few days so I changed the Hulu, Netflix and Amazon passwords. I heard from all 3 of them within 20 minutes.

Do you think, in a pinch, Jim Henson ever used Kermit as an oven mitt?



I've opened a gym, where the instructors would go from door to door, to tell people about the benefits of joining it.

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The Geezer's Paradox

You don't become cooler with age but you do care progressively less about being cool, which is the only true way to actually be cool.

I said ok. Then she said "OK stud, you start..."

So I did! I told her adult things like I have arthritis and my knees hurt badly. My back acts up when it is cold outside. I explained that I have crazy insomnia. Didn't forget to tell her about my asthma inhaler. Can't forget that. I told her, sometimes I wake up with horrible neck pain and that sometimes my back cracks when when I'm getting out of bed. Not to forget my restless leg pain during night. And yessss the burps & the farts loud enough to wake up the neighbors!

I was as honest as I could be about ADULT THINGS so I don't understand why she blocked me?

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CLUBS

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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!
Keys Community Concert Band begins rehearsals in the fall.
More info call 305-451-4530.

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Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet



Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.

Conch Characters / Around Town



The Billy Knowles Memorial Poor Boys Tarpon Fly Tournament 2023 crew.



Congratulations to Team Contagious in the Islamorada Fishing Club's Captains Cup Dolphin Tournament!



Having a hopping good time with Bullfrog Karaoke.



(L-R) Pitbull, Coach Jimmy Johnson & DJ Laz at JJ's Sports Bar at the Big Chill.



Our Ocean Reef display rack.



Tony Tone and Jason Tortollette at the Moose.



Captains Monica & Kenny: Happy birthday Monica!



At the Moose - Jimmy Hawkins, Tony Tome and Lisa Walker. Not pictured Tony Tortollette.

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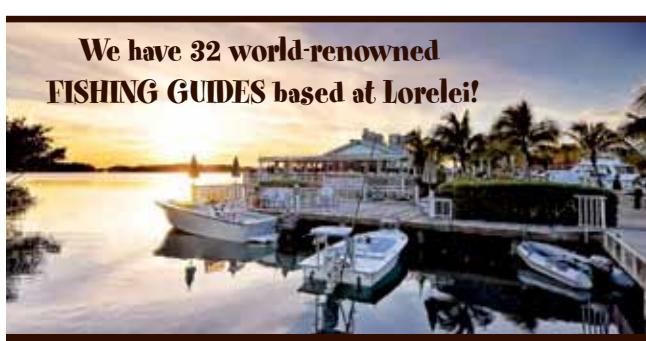


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Waterfront Dining! LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!	1 Micah 6-10	2 Kimball, Bacen & Davidson 6-10	3 Caldwell & Davidson 6-10	4 Jade Storm 6-10	5 Uncle Rico 6-10
6 Goodman & Davidson 6-10	7 Carousers 6-10	8 Micah 6-10	9 Kimball, Bacen & Davidson 6-10	10 Adrienne Z, Sutter & Davidson 6-10	11 Brothers Of Others 6-10	12 Abstract Radio 6-10
13 Holmes & Davidson 6-10	14 Carousers 6-10	15 Vic Kingsley 6-10	16 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	17 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	18 Ego Free 6-10	19 Spank The Band 6-10
20 King, Goodman & Davidson 6-10	21 Carousers 6-10	22 Steve Venini 6-10	23 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	24 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	25 Sailor Ripley 6-10	26 South 58 6-10
27 Holt & Davidson 6-10	28 Carousers 6-10	29 Micah 6-10	30 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	31 Bellamy & Davidson 6-10	"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am	

