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Editorial

**Happy Holidays and
Welcome 2024!**

Every year we do a memo-
rial page of all the people we
lost during the year. It gives
us a chance to honor them
and although they are not
with us on the physical realm
they are always with us in
spirit.

Welcome back Snowbirds!

Just a reminder that Hell
Week will soon be upon us.
That is the week between
Christmas and New Years
and every restaurant in the
Keys will be crazy busy.

Relax, have a cocktail and be
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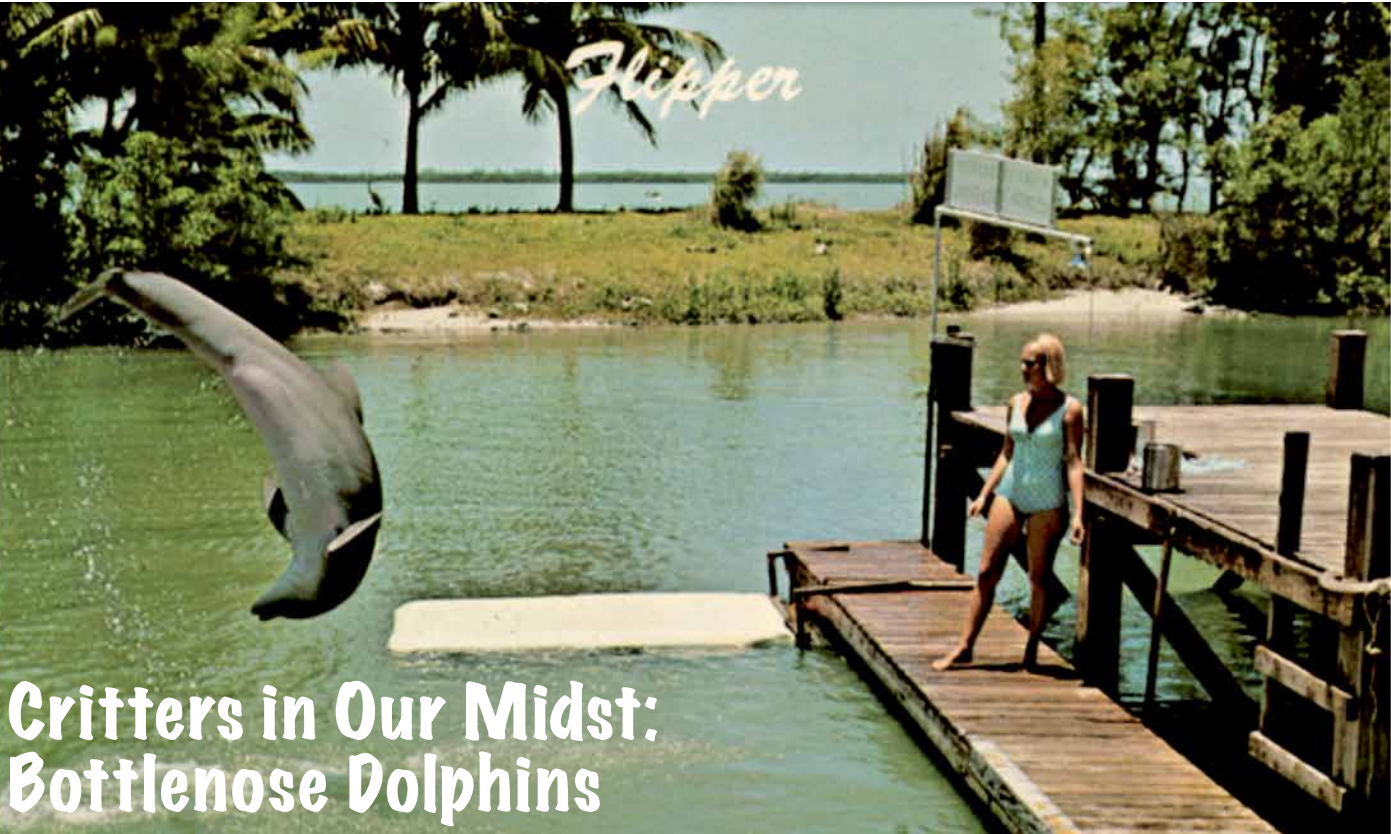
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You Will Be Missed Mike Butler



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Critters in Our Midst:
Bottlenose Dolphins

by Carol Ellis

Growing up in Ft. Lauderdale, I knew Florida was a magical place, even before there was a Magic Kingdom. Florida was quirky and original, had an abundance of wildlife on land or offshore, and was full of attractions you could find nowhere else in the world.

The undersea world of the Florida Keys and the Bahamas was introduced to those not from here via cutting-edge 1960's technology involving underwater motion picture cameras, which made possible the popular movie and TV series "Flipper." Each 30-minute episode would present a predicament, such as injured divers, or shark attacks, or finding buried treasure, and each time the clever bottlenose dolphin Flipper would come to the rescue. The big ideas of marine preservation and doing what is right would always ring true. There was always a happy ending, it's no wonder at the end of the show you would find yourself singing "Flipper,

Flipper... faster than lightning; No-one you see, is smarter than he..." Sorry about that... I have you baby boomers singing now!



A 1946 (circa) postcard from "Theatre of the Sea" features "Buttons" and "Marty" - posing beautifully while performing their aerobic stunts.

Just as people nowadays want to see their favorite movie stars, kids would want to go see Flipper, the bottle nosed Dolphin (Tursiops Truncatus) so they visited the marine parks, which were plentiful at the time. They watched dolphins tail walk, jump 30 ft. in the air to catch a fish from the

trainer's mouth, or jump through a flaming ring. Because of their ability to adapt to human care, as well as learn new behaviors, they are the most studied of all dolphin species. These dolphins performed at 10 - 2 - and 4 - pm and earned their meals for the day.

Unlike wild dolphins, who feed on a variety of sea life including: fish, shrimp, and squid, these captive porpoises, having been in the performing business all their lives, many born in captivity, would not understand how to catch a



Just as people nowadays want to see their favorite movie stars, kids would want to go see Flipper. Photo: State archives of Florida

1970 Flipper, the talented porpoise, does a complete flip during one of her daily performances at Miami Seaquarium. Flipper was played by five female dolphins and one male dolphin. Former "Flipper" dolphins were retired to various Florida attractions. Photo: State archives of Florida

live fish. They only ate cut up dead fish which had added vitamins and fluids necessary for their good health.

One of my early childhood memories was of a souvenir I got while visiting "Flipper" at the 38 acre Miami Seaquarium on Key Biscayne, which was opened in 1955. It was an all day round trip, traveling down US-1. After seeing the show, and visiting all the seals, manatees, turtles and fishtanks, I put a quarter in the Mold-A-Rama machine and watched as hot wax was molded into a dolphin figurine. So cool.



One memory of my childhood was a molded wax dolphin souvenir made while I peered through the Mold-A-Rama's glass dome. The figurine of a blue dolphin leaping over a wave was a best seller.

Tike Miller, the Chicago inventor of the Mold-A-Rama machine, never set out to make one of the most popular vending machines in history, he just wanted to replace a broken figurine for his holiday nativity set. He experimented with a new

Bottlenose Dolphins CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis except as noted.



The last Mold-A-Rama machine was built in the 1960s. This plastic injection molding machine could make a wax souvenir for anyone with twenty five cents

plastic injection process, and made thousands of wax dinosaurs, space invaders and jungle animals before he sold the business in the late 1950s.

Well you ask, why is this so important? The history of the "state of the art" then vs now is what makes this interesting. What happens when the show is over, literally? With attendance down, and protests up, the number of marine parks has declined steadily. Many of these facilities are



Dolphins performed tricks, jumped trough flaming hoops, and retrieved shiny dimes all for a fishy treat.

desperately searching for homes for their retired dolphins.

And the wide-eyed children, they've moved on. The attentions of today's generation of children are fixed on 21st Century innovations. not the



Flipper's Sea School on Grassy Key was where the film star Flipper (aka Mitzi) was trained, and a 30-ft. tall monument to a dolphin mother and baby stands today at the currently named "Dolphin Research Center.

engineering technology of the 20th Century which made possible the Overseas Highway connecting the mainland to Key West.

The new generation's role models are from the Avatar series. With human-like animation, its theme is centered around the conflict between indigenous populations, and their deep will to survive, versus their oppressors' intentions, which would cause environmental destruction of their world. The undersea creatures of Pandora in "The Way of the Water" were filmed using



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The Theatre of the Sea was originally (1907) a quarry that supplied rock for Henry Flagler's railroad. In 1946 it was repurposed into a dolphin aquarium by the McKenney family, making it one of the oldest marine parks in the world. Photo: State archives of Florida

high-fidelity motion capture, known as performance capture, which uses multiple cameras and sensors to capture facial expressions, and impart real-life mannerisms onto a human-like animation. From an efficiency perspective, it is far easier to teach a human to act, hold their breath, to swim, jump or dive than to train a real animal. With advances in microchips and processors and the speed of computing, finer, more precise movements are possible.

One day humans will not be able to recognize the difference between real and unreal reality. And perhaps we will never have to go outdoors ever again.

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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.

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Memorial Service for our Homeless Neighbors

December 21 at noon at Old Settlers Park




For the past 15 years, the community has gathered in an interfaith service to remember those who have died homeless in the Upper Keys. Rev. Dr. Pam Feeser will officiate at the service, which includes a reading of the names of those to be memorialized followed by blessings, the Kaddish and placing of flowers in the water.

Due to improved record keeping by the County, this year's service will reflect an increasingly accurate rendering of those who were homeless at the time of their death.

This memorial service follows November's national Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week. In describing the service, Dr. Feeser reminded the community that, while we are roasting turkeys and baking pies, there are too many members of our community who go hungry. But, she added, "Everyone deserves that last memory. Everyone deserves someone to say their name in blessing when they've passed."

The public is invited to the service. If you have a family member that you would like to have included, please contact Dr. Feeser through Coral Isles Church at 305.852.5813.

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When he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys scattered.



Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a glass of cider and a shot of rum. He went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the rum.

In his frustration, he dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of glass pieces all over the kitchen floor.

He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of it.

Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?"

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Keys Seasons in a Nutshell

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Since I'm writing this at the slowest time of year I'll start there. It's hot. A lot of businesses have shorter hours, open less days a week, some close all together, did I mention it's hot?

There's storms and rumors of storms...Bugs that fly, bugs that bite, bugs that fly up your nose...The time of year to get away for your own vacation before it snows up north, if you desire.

Several events were even created just to boost the local economy as well as giving locals something to do other than ending the slow season on probation.

A different "bug" during slow season is more popular... Lobster mini season (not mini Lobster season alluding to miniature crustaceans) and all of the colorful advertising for bully nets, bug hunting, ad nauseum... keeps the locals busy for a while at the beginning of the slowest time of year.

Crappy tippers as a whole (what kind of hole?) but they keep the law busy with lobster fever...and fines.

Another colorful event with superior gratuists, Fantasy Fest, was created to break the monotony during the thick of the slow season as bored locals flocked together en masse to overwhelm the local constabulary, becoming the much needed party for adults it is today, without Mickey Mouse enforcing the dress code (though the Karens of Key West are trying).

Public displays of freedom of like-minded people having fun for a week in a notorious party town - Festival, man!

After lobstering and celebrating fantasizing, reality sets back in for those of us living in low lying areas as the King Tide season (not to be confused with King Kong, Roll Tide or King Roll, Kong Tide) starts in October and lasts through January. It's a lot like fall up north as the salt water turns all the vegetation brown in the afflicted areas. It was colorful vegetation before it was killed, for those who say they miss the colors up North.

Inconsiderate drivers in employer-provided transportation blast down the street, ignoring the "No Wake" and "Mandatory Slow Deep Salt Water" signs.

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Oh well, what can you do? If you shot out the offending meatsack's windshield they would take you to jail... of all the nerve...

"If A County Commissioner Lived Here You Wouldn't Be Driving In Saltwater" reads a sign hanging on the front of a neighbors house. Funny how shit like that works.

In the meantime I'll just keep washing the rot water off of the vehicles every time we come home, regardless of state of mind, level of consciousness, outside conditions or relative humid-

ity (not to be confused with the sweat on your cousins balls while recreational cornholin'). Yeah, that was a bad one. Movin' on...

Tourist season, a.k.a busy season, is a traffic bumper worse than ever before to say the least. Our little bubble south of reality in the Keys is getting popped by the painful prick of progress as the grim realities of the north spread south... We've even had a couple of horrendous Miami-Dade style road rage incidents here in beautiful Key Largo this year!

During "Season" in March 2023, someone pulled a gun in the freaking school zone at mile marker 105 and discharged the weapon at another vehicle.

Then just the other day, some 45-year-old pushed down a 74-year-old over some road rage bullshit (because isn't that what it always is...) at the Winn-Dixie at mile marker 105 sending him to the hospital.

What a world. It's hard to be young, old, infirm these days. At least both perpetrators were apprehended and

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



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That's not a canal as the fire plug and mailboxes are the giveaway. Sure. I could have used a picture of some groovy naked people from Fantasy Fest. Probably get more interest...but that involves permissions and community standards... I'm hardly acceptable, depending on who you ask as it is.

face unwanted sexual advances in prison as part of the perks that come with living with the state.

Every year we welcome the return of the part timers a.k.a snowbirds and the congestion they bring during the peak of the touron invasion to the mostly 2-lane Overseas Highway. Also the boost in the prices of almost everything, supply and demand. Even the medical weed...

Some will still miss the seasons up yonder but I have no interest in the possibility of having to scrape ice off my windshield. Ever again. I'm happy to share this little slice of paradise with all kinds, foreign, domestic and probably some aliens from another galaxy. Peace and Love to all and don't forget to try a little patience, meaning don't shoot when your patience is tried.

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Losing someone is a journey, not a one-off. There is no end to the loss, there is only a learned skill on how to stay afloat, when it washes over.

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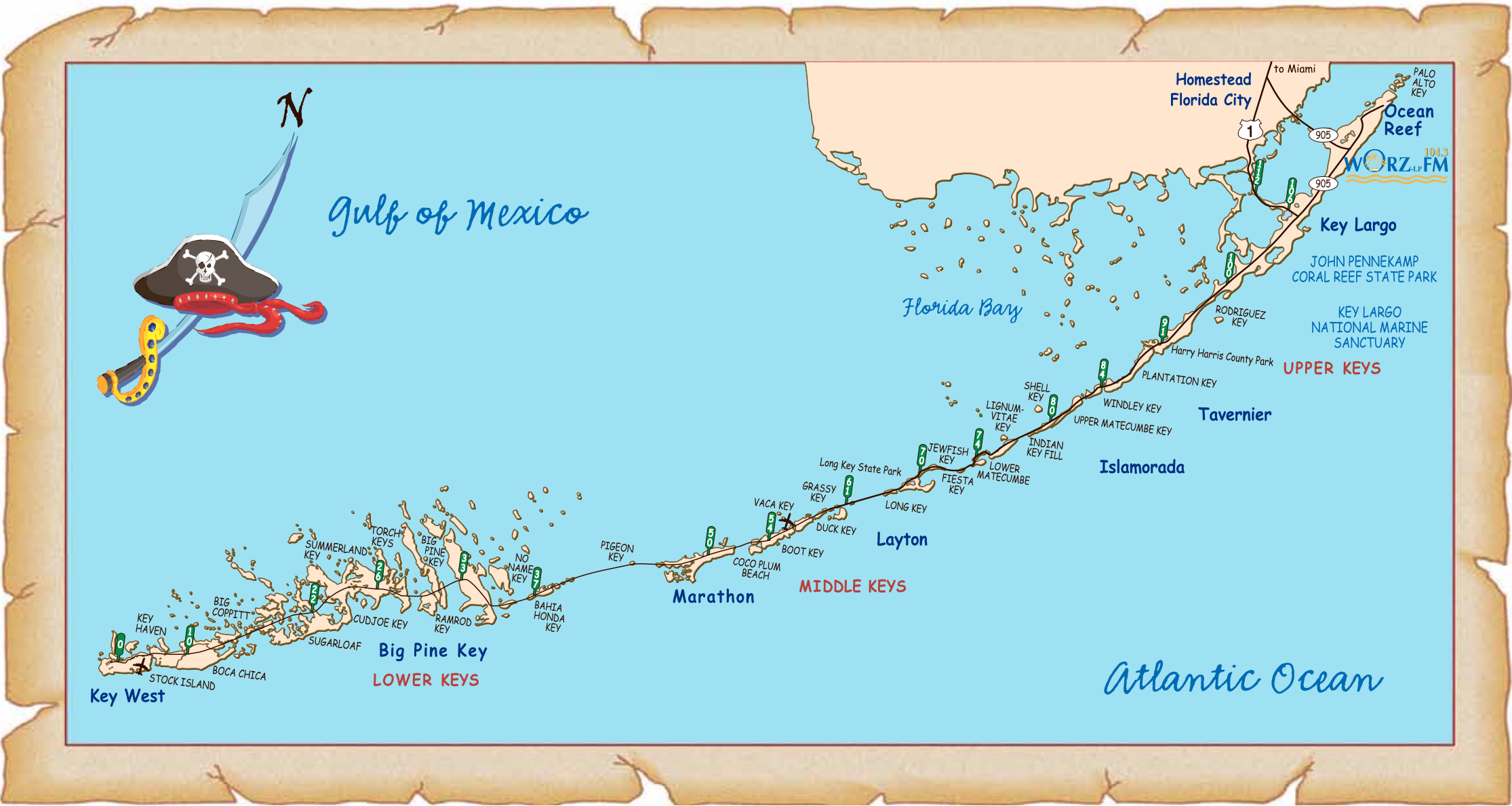
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who was Jesus?

There were 3 good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone brother
2. He liked Gospel
3. He didn't get a fair trial

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33
3. He was sure His Mother was a virgin and His Mother was sure He was God

And then it could be that Jesus was Italian:

1. He talked with His hands
2. He had wine with His meals
3. He used olive oil

Perhaps Jesus was a Californian:

1. He never cut His hair
2. He walked around barefoot all the time
3. He started a new religion

We might conclude Jesus was an American Indian:

1. He was at peace with nature
2. He ate a lot of fish
3. He talked about the Great Spirit

There are those who say that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all proves that Jesus was a woman:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was virtually no food.
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
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Entertainer of the Month: Jason Tourtelotte

The Upper Keys is home to many amazing musicians and Jason Tourtelotte (whose name is impossible to pronounce when you've been drinking) is one of the best. That's why we have chosen him for the Coconut Telegraph's Entertainer of the Month of December. That, and his kind generous spirit. For the sake of this article we shall refer to him as "JT."

JT picked up his first guitar when he was in 8th grade, right after learning



to play the drums. This multi-talented entertainer plays acoustic, electric and bass guitar and sings! You are likely to find him playing wherever there is a benefit for someone in need.

His local bands are

Double Down, Back Water, Comfortably Rum, Fuzzy One Truck (Saturday nights at Sharkey's) and he plays often with Felix the Catt and Baga Tricks. You might find him jamming at the Key Largo Moose Tuesday and Sunday nights, too.

JT invites everyone to stop by Angel Borden's Dockside Raw Bar Mondays and Fridays. It is right under the Old Tavernier Restaurant and behind the gift shop. You can find him on Facebook or call 305-990-6795.



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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](https://www.keyslibraries.org) for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 2-28: Florida Keys Quilters will display their quilts on the walls of the Community Center. Check their Facebook page for additional information.

December 1, 6pm
First Friday Concert Series.
Patchouli & Terra Guitarra:
The internationally-touring duo of guitarist Bruce Hecksel and poet/soulful songstress Julie Patchouli. They're called "One of the top nuevo-flamenco groups in the world". Their sound, depth and virtuosity is "Simon and Garfunkel meets the Gipsy Kings."



December 4, 6:30pm
Upper Keys Fishing Club
December 5 & 19, 4:30 pm
LEGO Club Calling all builders! Be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOs provided by the library. Work on your own creation or build as a team and test your skills with building challenges! Ages 6-11. Check out the library website for the day's challenge.

December 5, 6-7:45pm
Books on Tap.
Join us at Keys Meads to discuss The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Borrow the book from the Key Largo



Library or the Libby app. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.

December 6, 9am-12pm
1st Wednesday Plant Clinic.
Master Gardener Volunteers on site to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect ID/problems, and services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape.

December 6, 2pm & 4:30pm
Holiday Kids Crafts
A holiday crafting session for elementary age students (6-11). Supplies will be provided for participants to create 3 holiday crafts that everyone is sure to enjoy!

December 7 12 - 1:30pm
Homeschool Activity: Nutrition
Educator Carmen will talk about MyPlate a balanced diet, then she will prepare Acai Bowls for the kids. Presented by Feeding South Florida.

December 11, 11am
The Alzheimer's Association hosts a Care Support Group at the Key Largo Library on the 2nd Monday of every month. To register and for more information call 800.272.3900.

December 13, 10am - 1pm
Free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Call 866-686-2760 or legalservicesmiami.org to pre-register online. Sponsored by Legal Services of Greater Miami & the Florida Keys.

December 13, 2pm - Nature Explorers Coral Reefs Part 3: Make friends with anemones, enjoy activities and crafts as you explore an array of coral reef themed activities for kids ages 8-11.

December 14, 2-3:30pm
Adult Craft Program
Holiday Seashells. Help us repurpose shells donated to the library over the years and take home a 3-4" decoupaged seashell. Registration encouraged.

December 15, 9am-6pm and December 16, 9am-5pm
Quilt Show
Stop by for quilting demonstrations throughout the two days.



December 21, 2pm & 4:30pm
Slime Time
Put your Chemistry skills to work to make 3 different types of holiday slime with all the fun add-ins. Elementary ages (6-11) welcome. All supplies provided.

Come take a class!
The Key Largo Library has a variety of offerings, ranging from Arts & Crafts to Slime Time. Scan the code to see the schedule and get involved.



The Key Largo Library will be closed
Monday, December 25

WEEKLY EVENTS




Story Time
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

Creative Tuesday 1-3pm
An informal creative afternoon with fellow artists to connect in a supportive environment to inspire, rejuvenate, and encourage artistic growth. Bring your own painting supplies and finish your own art or participate in periodic organized painting activities.



Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida, Weds. 1pm
(except Dec. 6) Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

 **Tech Tutor, Weds. 1-4pm**
Bring your device and questions to the Key Largo Library for one-on-one help.

Sit + Sew, Fri. 9:30am - 1pm.
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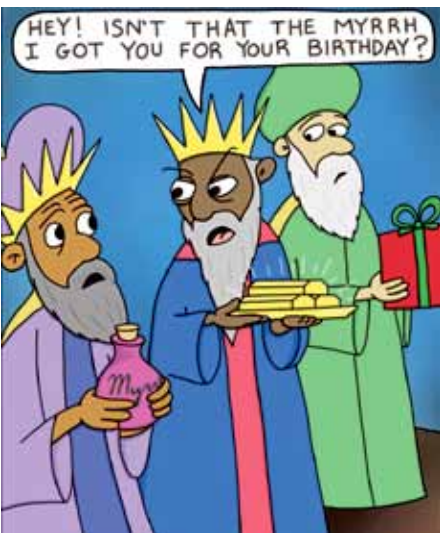
Everybody keeps posting these math problems on fb like it's a game. Look, if you need help with your kids homework just say that

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The fact that I procrastinate and still get the job done is the reason I still procrastinate.



When I was 9 months pregnant with my son, my mom & I were on the side of the road, struggling with a flat. A car with 4 men stopped, not to help, but to ask for directions to a local golf course. My mom sent them 15 miles in the wrong direction. She is the legend who shaped me.



Confucius says, "If your neighbor has wind chimes, you have wind chimes."

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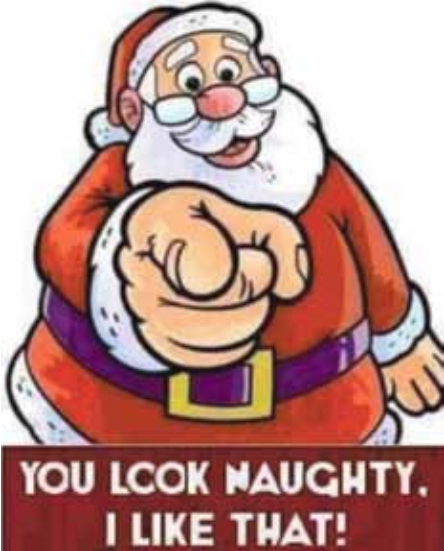
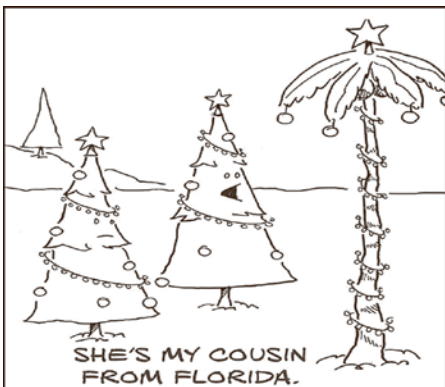
It blows my mind that NASA is able to receive data from 4.67 billion miles away, but I lose Wi-Fi signal in my kitchen.



No offense, but I was raised to "take care" of my husband. Wash his clothes, clean the house, wear gloves, get rid of the body, and act very sad at the funeral.



KEYS FORTUNE COOKIE: A spontaneous journey to an island awaits with long traffic delays and few restrooms.



My wife asked me if I thought the kids were spoiled. I said, "I think most kids just smell that way."



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Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 6 to celebrate the re-opening of its office after renovations were completed.



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Santa's visit to Pirate's Cove Watersports.



Bobbe Brown live at the Big Chill, 2012.

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