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**Editorial - Friends**

A huge thank you to my amazing neighbors who are the kindest, most thoughtful and helpful people in the world. They don't speak much English and we don't speak much Spanish, but the language of love needs no words.


One of my friends, Karen Russell, is in hospice care and it breaks my heart. I check in often, just so she knows I am thinking of her. Today she shared what her hospice nurse posted to her friends. I want to share it with you.

"Good Morning! We had a great night despite having a somewhat stressful day.




"Karen woke up after a great night's sleep and is in good spirits. We are all on this very unique journey, together, a once-in-a-lifetime journey. We will never be in this place again. Karen's body may be weaker than last month; however, her mind, soul and spirit grow stronger every day. We all love her and care deeply for her on vastly different levels, all of which have extreme significance. I have only known her for a few days, compared to the years and memories she shares with you all. My job is different than yours; you are friends and loved ones; I'm her nurse and caregiver. My goal is to keep her safe and comfortable. I pray for stress-free days for Karen; I pray for happy stories and memories shared. Send her love and joy at every possible moment - please. Every person plays a huge roll in helping me make sure this happens. I pray that God touches all of our hearts and guides our speech and writings through this experience. "Have a Blessed day and God Speed!"







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In the late 1880s and early 1900s, crocodiles were hunted to near extinction for their hides to satisfy the demand for purses, wallets, shoes, and belts.

There were sportsmen drawn to the excitement of the chase, A live crocodile captured in the coastal mangrove forests of the Upper Keys, would be strapped to an open boat, and transported to Planter, where the reptile



Miami Jungle Cruise brochure c.1950

could be shipped to Key West to connect with a steamer to New York, and would end up on exhibit in the New York Zoo.

In 1901 Florida passed a bird protection act and Dade County passed a wildlife protection act, prohibiting the killing, capturing or shooting of deer, crocodile, and any wild bird. The camera became the only method for legally capturing these creatures.

A photograph taken in 1900 depicts a crocodile or an alligator enjoying the primarily fresh water of the Miami Rapids. This was a popular spot for family picnics at the turn of the 20th century. In 1909, the Everglades Drainage District dynamited the rapids to make way for draining the Everglades.

In the late 1930s as people moved into South Florida, the croc's coastal mangrove habitat was further reduced by development and roadkills

due to increased motor vehicle traffic.

My parents were transplanted New Yorkers who discovered Ft. Lauderdale in the 1950s. Our family was



There were many wildlife experiences close by the growing populations of South Florida.

typical mid-century modern adventurers; on weekends we'd pile in the family car, and take a "safari" to the nearby "lands" and "jungles," the so called wildlife theme parks, housing monkeys, and parrots, reptiles and sea creatures... lions, tigers and bears, oh my! A Miami "Jungle Cruise" brochure circa 1950, describes "after leaving the

Never smile at a crocodile. No, you can't get friendly with a crocodile. Don't be taken in by his welcome grin. He's imagining how well you'd fit within his skin.

Captain Hook from Peter Pan

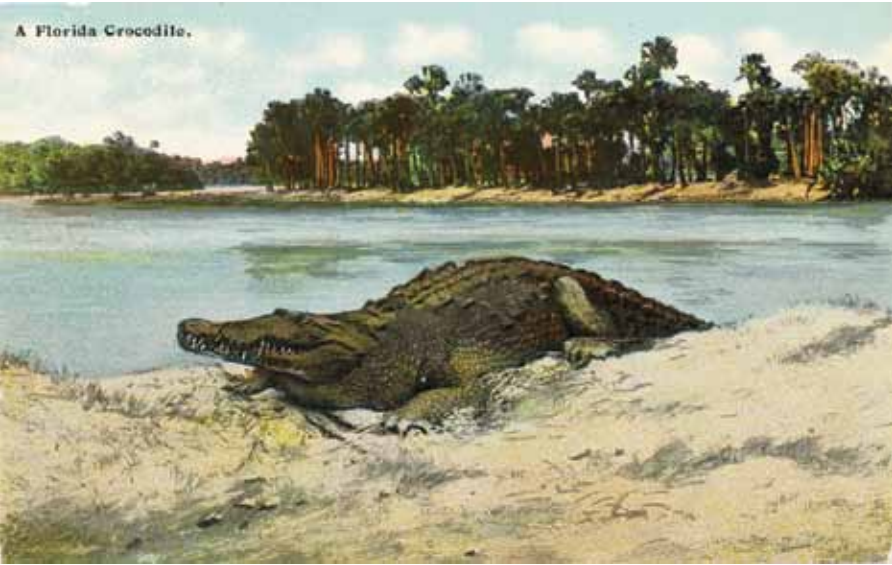
Musa Isle Seminole Indian Village, we view the State Drainage Canal, one of the five great waterways that drain the Everglades." If you ever took an airboat ride in the Everglades, chances are at some point you would have been in the ditch, one of the man-made canals intended for draining the swamp.

By the 1960s, developers began buying up the coastal mangrove and adjacent uplands in North Key Largo. They dredged the mangroves and piled the spoils to create waterfront homesites and marinas.

In 1975, with numbers reduced to only two or three hundred individuals, the crocodile was placed on the endangered species list. Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Preserve was established in 1980. Ironically development, responsible for destroying historical crocodile nesting sites, in some



Bringing in a Crocodile for Miami Aquarium 1929. Large numbers of the crocs were collected for exhibition.



This postcard shows a crocodile nesting in its natural habitat. Their coastal habitat was reduced due to development.

been missing, so many come to the Keys to go fishing. Unfortunately this newbie angler catches his limit of mahi every day, cleans them and

ways made it more hospitable for them. The crocodile has adapted, Several hundred crocodiles are thriving in the 168-miles of man-made canals surrounding the Turkey Point nuclear plant. They look for areas to lay nests that are adjacent to the waters edge, but also high enough in elevation they don't flood. They don't spend much time on land; only to nest or to bask in the sun.

The Keys attract those who come in search of a new beginning or perhaps a meaningful overnight relationship. Northerners come to escape the harsh winters, and find themselves in paradise, lounging under a tiki, on their perfect man-made beach, margarita in hand... or some other "Croc-tail"? Can you blame the crocodile for wanting to try to nest in someone's perfect beach they've created?

There is tremendous turnover of population in our area, Landmark birthdays cause some to ponder life, and what's

throws the scraps into the canal, and all of a sudden a crocodile shows up. The croc's diet consists of primarily seafood. The scraps from the fishing station, which drains directly into the water, eventually disperses throughout the canal, to the vicinity of a neighbor who likes to swim in the canal, who gets upset and calls the FWC to have the crocodile removed. The crocodile, who is territorial, is relocated, only to eventually return to the same spot a short time later.

There are now about 2,000 American Crocodiles living in South Florida, perhaps more than ever existed here prior to their discovery. The amount of wild lands is shrinking ever so much every year, so there is not as much wild land out there for these crocodiles to live on. The clear message is we share this neighborhood. So if you are doing an action that upsets your neighbors, both humans and wildlife, maybe you shouldn't do it.

### Rules for living with Crocodiles

- It is illegal to feed a crocodile.
- Never throw fish scraps into the water, instead freeze it in plastic shopping bags and use it for chum the next time you go fishing for yellowtail.
- Don't swim in crocodile infested areas at night. Crocodiles tend to hunt between dusk and dawn.
- Keep pets on a leash outdoors. There are things that can injure your pets, including crocodiles, that you have to be aware of.



### CROCODILE

- Grayish green color on back
- If present, dark stripes on tail and body
- Fourth tooth on lower jaw exposed when mouth is closed
- Narrow tapered snout

### ALLIGATOR

- Black in color on back
- If present, light stripes on tail and body
- Fourth tooth on lower jaw not exposed when mouth is closed
- Broad rounded snout

**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.





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On behalf of our volunteer board, staff, and especially our animals we would like to thank Paul Bates, for his generosity; his beautiful resort, Coconut Cove was an absolutely amazing venue! Coconut Cove's staff was so accommodating, we are already planning our 2024 Gala, which will be held at Coconut Cove! We would also like to thank our many sponsors, you can see our sponsor board on page 6, attendees, and supporters, we couldn't do what we do without your love and support!

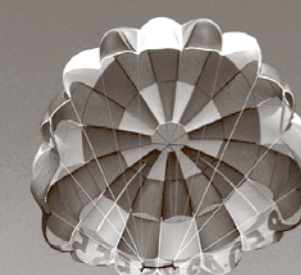
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### Pat Cresci

1949 - 2023

Cousin Pat left this life and went to the other side Friday, January 6, at home, in Hawthorne, Florida.

He left quietly and comfortably, leaving wife Mary in charge.

Years ago, Pat & Mary took over and ran the Pilot House, then Tugboats Restaurant in Key Largo, making them the premier eateries In the Key Largo area.

He will be missed and papaya pie will be difficult to get now.

Rest in peace, Cousin Pat. Thanks for some good times!

Ted & Carol Ellis

### Tropical Realty Joins RE/MAX All Keys



Wendy Ives (L) and Jane Wasmund (R)

The Tropical Realty of the Florida Keys Real Estate office and its agents announced that they have recently joined RE/MAX All Keys, Key Largo. For Broker Jane Wasmund of Tropical Realty, this is a full-circle return to RE/MAX, as she owned the first RE/MAX franchise in the Upper Keys in the early 90s. She and her daughter Wendy Ives, and all the agents, are extremely excited to have aligned with

RE/MAX All Keys and their broker Anthony Askowitz. Jane and Anthony have known each other since the 90s and are looking forward to a great real estate year in the Keys. Jane Wasmund and her Tropical team agents Jorge Gomez, Diane Loveland, Sandra Castro, Michelle Matthews and Wendy Ives invite you to visit them at the RE/MAX All Keys location at 98880 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

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FRED'S TILTON HILTON - DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND ROAD

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.

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February Book Sale



All month long you can take home fabulous reads at the Friends of the Key Largo Library Book Sale.

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Key Largo Branch Library at the Tradewinds Shopping Center is open Mon. Tue. Thur. Fri. - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
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February 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](http://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

February 1 - 28 Friends of the Key Largo Library Used Book Sale for a donation of your choice during library hours. New inventory every week. Home décor, jewelry, and greeting cards are also available for purchase.

February 1 6:30pm The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.

February 2 2-3:30pm Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions, sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.



February 3 6pm 1st Fridays Outdoor Concert: The Kennedys;

60's style pop-rock fused with Americana. Funded by the Friends.

Feb. 3 9am - 7pm & Feb. 4 9am-4:30pm

The Florida Keys Quilters will display their favorite projects in the Community Room.

Feb. 7 9am Key Largo Library Community Room Artist of the Month: David Bader: "Sci-Fi Art Beaming to the Keys" thru March 9.



February 8 11am Book Lovers Book Chat: A book club without the book! Chat about a book you've read & hear about great books others enjoyed.

February 8 at 6pm The Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners meets on the 2nd Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.

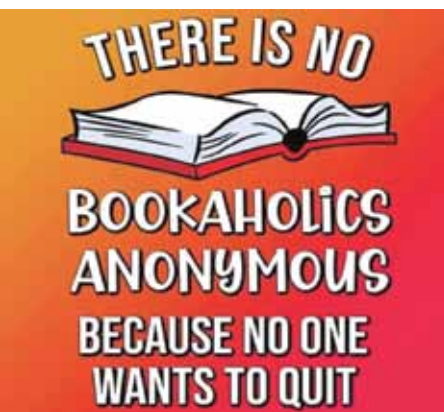
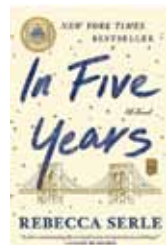
February 9 2pm Create a greeting card using the brayered cardmaking technique that will be uniquely yours. Have fun layering pictures with patterns, colored paper, trims, and jewels. Supplies will be provided.

February 17 4-6p.m. Teen movie TBD. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For teens ages 13-18. Fins movie title: [keyslibraries.org/events](http://keyslibraries.org/events).

February 22 6p.m. Join local historian, author, and Honorary Conch Brad Bertelli as he presents Stories from Cayo Largo. Hear Keys stories and more as Brad explores histories from the largest island in the Keys.



February 28 6-7:45p.m. Books on Tap Join us at Keys' Meads every 4th Tuesday; this time: In Five Years by Rebecca Serle. A striking, powerful, and moving love story following an ambitious lawyer who experiences



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

LEGO Club Mondays (Feb 6, 13, 27) at 4pm 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!

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

Creative Tuesday 1-3pm Calling all Artists, new and experienced! Bring in items you are working on and help each other during this fun afternoon program. Sometimes a guest artist will have a project everyone can enjoy creating.

Tech Tutor Wednesday 1-4pm 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 Wednesday 1pm Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Sit + Sew Friday 9:30am - 1p.m. Bring your sewing machine and current project.

Mahjong Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 1-4p.m. except February 20.

[KeysLibraries.org/events](http://KeysLibraries.org/events)  
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- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

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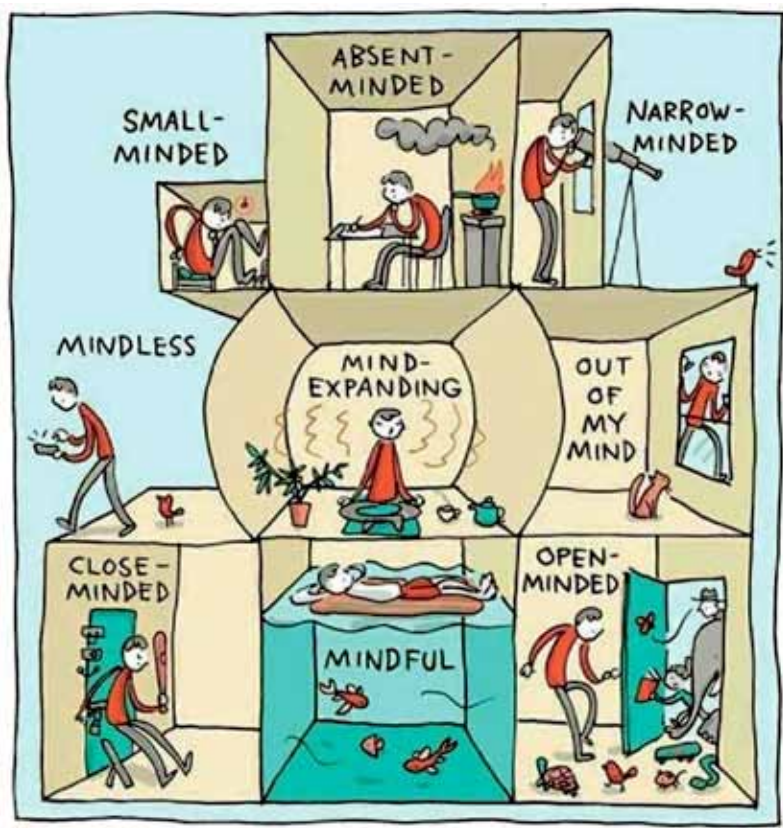
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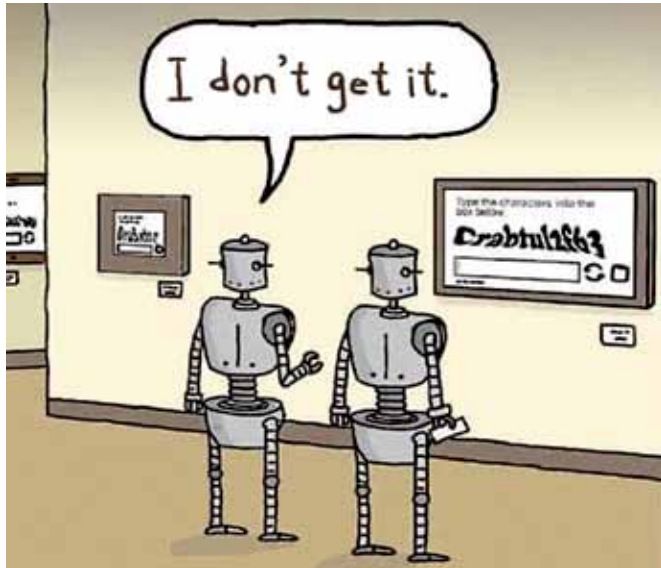
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# Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

Four old Catholic men and a Catholic woman were having coffee in St. Peters Square.

The first man tells his friends, “My son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him ‘Father.’”

The second man chirps, “My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room people call him ‘Your Grace.’”

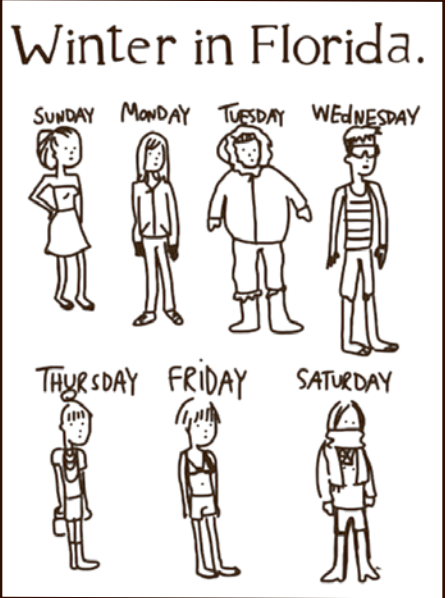
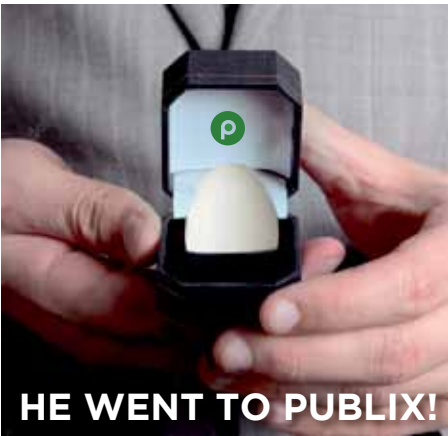
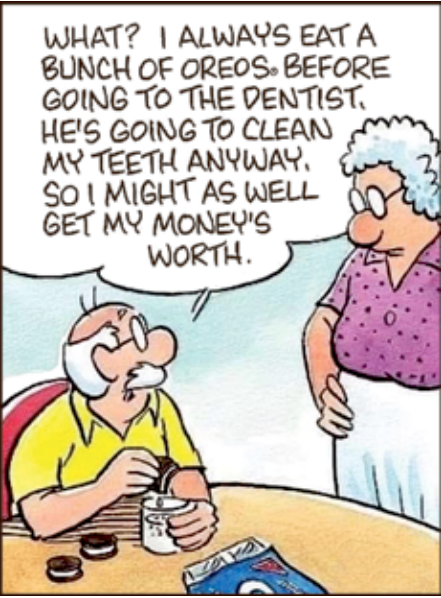
The third gent says, “My son is a Cardinal When he enters a room everyone bows their head and says ‘Your Eminence.’”

The fourth man says very proudly, “My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him ‘Your Holiness.’”

Since the lone woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, “Well...?”

She proudly replies, “I have a daughter, she’s a lingerie model. When she walks into a room, people say, ‘JESUS!’”

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Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. They had to use an outhouse, and the he hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the creek.

One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen so the little boy decided today was the day. He got a large stick and started pushing. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away.

That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked why. The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son?" The boy answered yes.

Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth."

The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree."

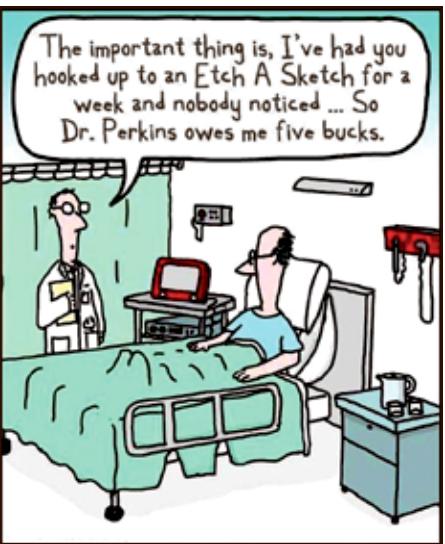


A guy goes into the doctor's office. There is a banana stuck in one of his ears, a carrot stuck in one nostril and a cucumber in the other ear. The man says, "Doc, this is terrible. What's wrong with me?"

The doctor says, "Well, first of all, you're not eating right."



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George Phillips, an elderly man from Michigan, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me."

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available."

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both: the dogs are eating them right now," and hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Police-men said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "Didn't you say there was nobody available?"



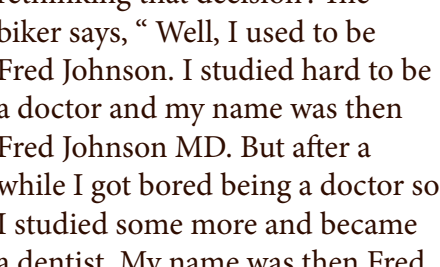
Overheard my 11-year-old daughter record her voicemail greeting: "Hi, you've reached my voicemail. When you hear the beep, hang up and send me a text." She gets it.



**Tripophobia**  
(n.) The fear of not fishing having any fishing trips currently booked

This cop pulls over a motorcycle driver one day and asks to see some ID. The cyclist says, "I don't have any on me but my name is Fred." the cop asks, "Fred what?" he says, "Just Fred." SO the cop says, "You have to have a last name! I plan on just giving you a written warning but now I'm rethinking that decision". The biker says, "Well, I used to be Fred Johnson. I studied hard to be a doctor and my name was then Fred Johnson MD. But after a while I got bored being a doctor so I studied some more and became a dentist. My name was then Fred Johnson MD DDS. Well, while being a dentist I fooled around with an intern and got VD. SO, then I became Fred Johnson MD DDS with VD. The ADA found out about the VD and stripped me of my license so then I was Fred Johnson DDS with VD. Then the ADA found out about the VD and took that license away and I was just Fred Johnson with VD. VD took away my Johnson so now it's just Fred."

Ed said, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

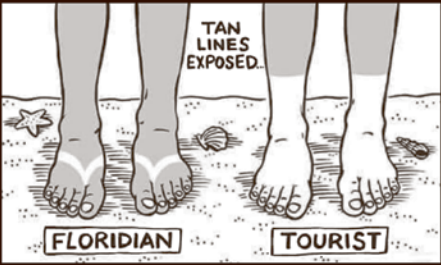


Ed and Linda met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home. Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Linda to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Linda was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Linda to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Linda took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."

Ed said, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."



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History of Diving Museum Hosts  
5th Annual AGPI/Student Art Exhibit

The History of Diving Museum in Islamorada is hosting its fifth annual art exhibit again this year, which started January 18 and runs until April 19.

The exhibit, titled **Dive Into Art: Edge of the Sea**, is a collaborative effort by K-12 art students in Monroe County schools, member artists from the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI), and the History of Diving museum.

In keeping with the exhibit's theme, all life within the mangroves and waters edge are highlighted. Sculptural birds and underwater life sculptures were created by students from all grade levels.

Along with the student exhibits, 29 member artists



One of the students works on a piece.

of AGPI will display similarly themed art work in all mediums. Some of the 56 pieces will be available for purchase. Spokespersons for AGPI, said that this year's show is expected to be "one of our best." Museum is located at Mile Marker 83. Hours are daily 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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Rachel



Arturo



Picasso



Stewie



Rosie



Felix



Hondo



Joey



Panther



Sun Tzu

Conch Characters / Around Town



Sheriffs Office members displayed  
MCSO equipment at Ocean Reef and  
spoke with residents in January.



Islamorada Fishing Club Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament  
1st place winners: Nicole Paul-Hus, Dustin Hansel and Max  
Howard, fishing aboard the Skip Jac took home trophies,  
along with a check for \$23,000!



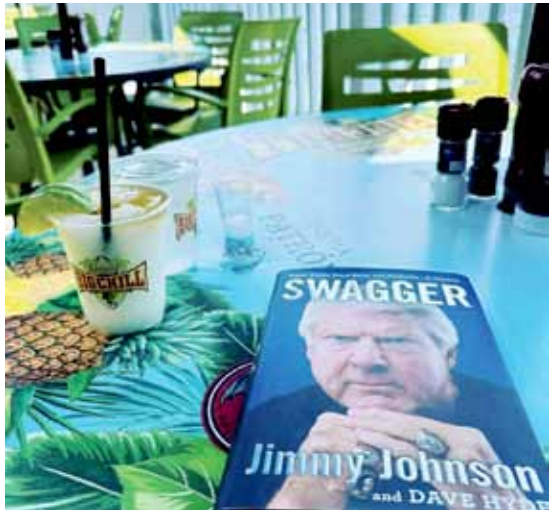
Jean and Danny Clinton at the Legion.  
Danny is the mayor of Cambridge, MA.



Jet Blade at the Big Chill.



Morada Way Art Walk, evrey third Thursday,  
6-9pm, MM 81 in Islamorada. (Photo by M. Malefyt)



Get your copy of Jimmy Johnson's new book  
at the Big Chill.



This watercolor painting titled  
"Celebration" by Christine O'Neil  
won Best of Show.  
(Photo by V. Paul Reynolds)



Winners of The Art Guild of the Purple Isles 57th Annual Members' Judged Show. First Place winners: Karen Kubacki (Acrylics), Annette Nina (Digital Art), Gloria Avner (Mixed Media), Carol Ubben (Oil), Claudia Moriarty (Pencil & Pastel), Ingrid Brooks (Plein Air), Carmen Alex (Photography), Kaya McCoy Klivick (Sculpture), Mary Ellen Cassata Holler (Water Media). Best in Show was awarded to K. Christine O'Neill for "Celebration" (Water Media). (hoto by Pamela Bader).



This oil, "Zoe at the Bird Bath"  
by Carol Ubben won a first place.  
(Photo by V. Paul Reynolds)



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<b>5</b> Webb & Davidson 5-9	<b>6</b> Carousers 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>7</b> Harry French 5-9	<b>8</b> Webb & Davidson 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>9</b> Webb & Davidson 5-9	<b>10</b> Brothers Of Others 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>11</b> Micah Gardner 11-3 <b>Abstract Radio 5-9</b>
<b>12</b> Harry French 11-3 <b>Webb &amp; Davidson 5-9</b>	<b>13</b> Carousers 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>14</b> Harry French 5-9 VALENTINE'S DAY	<b>15</b> Webb & Davidson 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>16</b> Webb & Davidson 5-9	<b>17</b> Switch N' Whisky 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>18</b> Harry French 11-3 <b>Lime Rock 5-9</b>
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<b>26</b> Harry French 11-3 <b>Webb &amp; Davidson 5-9</b>	<b>27</b> Carousers 5-9 <b>Michael Trixx @Sunset</b>	<b>28</b> Harry French 5-9	Waterfront Dining!	LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!	Happy Valentine's DAY FEBRUARY 14	



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