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The Matecumbe Historical Trust and the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on June 5th at the red caboose located at 82616 Overseas Highway to celebrate the completion of the interior remodel of the caboose and the installation of storyboards sharing the history of the Florida Keys.

The Matecumbe Historical Trust thanks the following for making this project possible. Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Board of Monroe County Commissioners, Artifacts recreated by the Florida Public Archaeology Network, the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Sally Bauer on behalf of the History of Diving Museum, Historical Preservation Society of the Upper Keys, Howard Brody owner of Whale Harbor Restaurant, Gary Dunn owner of Ocean View Pub, Jorge Cabrera owner of Old Conch Harbor, Mike Pinter owner of Woody's, Jose Sandoval of Sandoval Trucking, Dave Smith of Kentucky Welding, Pino Windows, Sylvia Murphy, David Purdo, Clay Crockett, Ed Armstrong, Mark Riley, Ann Haber, Islamorada Village of Islands, Adrian and Zack of Boy Scout Troop 912

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Welcome to summer... Hurricane season. It's muggy and buggy, and hot as a hairdryer. I love summer. Two things you need to live in the Keys: air conditioning and mosquito control.

How did the first settlers of the Keys survive the mosquitos? The Indians smeared mud on themselves, and created strong smelling pastes from mint and sweetgrass, or rubbed rancid alligator fat on their bodies to "hide" from mosquitos. They also used smoke from campfires to ward them off, and chose campsites that were windy and dry.

Mosquitos are two-winged flies that live everywhere except areas that are permanently frozen. The *Aedes aegypti*, known as the "container bred mosquito."



Only female mosquitos bite. They also inject into your body a substance that stops the blood from clotting. Photo by CDC.

prefers urban areas rather than forests. *Aedes aegypti* make up just 4 percent of the local mosquito population, but cause 100 percent of mosquito-borne illnesses, for which there are no human vaccines... Dengue, Zika, West Nile, encephalitis, and Chikungunya,

The black salt marsh mosquito *Aedes taeniorhynchus* lives in the coastal salt marshes of the Everglades and Florida Bay; they emerge in large numbers after it rains, and are not a major vector of disease... though they may drive you crazy. In 1980, an old-timer Ken "Blinky" Vechan, whose father helped build the Flagler railroad, once told me: "There are just enough mosquitos here to keep the people out."

One particularly unique structure in the history of the Keys is Perky's Bat Tower. once located on Lower Sugarloaf Key. Originally owned by an English sponge farmer named C.W. Chase, the tower property was sold to Richter C. Perky who wanted to establish a fishing camp there. In 1929, as a solution to the pesky mosquito problem, Perky built a bat tower to house the mosquito eaters.

Unfortunately, Mr. Perky's thousands of dollars flew off, as quickly as the bats did, when he placed the bats in the tower. The bat tower succumbed to it's final "swat" in 2017 by a lady named Hurricane Irma.

Another flying friend, the dragonfly, provides great natural mosquito defense. Dragonflies live to eat mosquitos and consume up to 100 a day! They live in areas near wetlands, ponds, or rivers and lay their eggs in mud or water. Invite dragonflies to your yard by installing a pond. You can also stock your pond with mosquitofish or *Gambusia* to eat mosquito larvae. Birds in



The idea of the Perky Bat Tower was to import bats to control the mosquito population.

turn, prey on the dragonflies, and Voila! ... you've reduced the number of mosquitos, and created a pesticide-free natural environment that is full of life.



Dragonflies live to eat mosquitos.

Citizens can exercise least toxic means to prevent mosquito breeding on their property by the following practices:

DRAIN: Empty flowerpots and trash containers. Flush outdoor plants such as bromeliads and crotons on a regular basis

DISCARD: Old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances

EMPTY and CLEAN: Birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

PROTECT: Boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that prevent them from holding water. Cover open gutters and plumbing pipes.

MAINTAIN: Maintain proper chemistry in swimming pools. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios. Place BTI (naturally occurring bacterium) in areas that hold water; it only kills mosquito larvae.

The Mosquito CONTINUED

Photos by Carol Ellis unless otherwise noted.

Think of the accumulation of toxins along the way when chemical pesticides are used in the landscape to keep our grass chinch bug free. The birds leave due to lack of food, and insecticide residue makes its way to our waterways, and indirectly to



Mosquito Control workers collect water samples in our coastal offshore marshes.

the fish and the lobster... our "bugs" of the sea.

Better living through science... how about genetically modifying the mosquito so it eventually dies out? In 2021, Oxitec released genetically modified mosquitos in the Florida Keys despite local opposition. During their study they collected 22,000 eggs, and found only male mosquitos made it to adulthood. They also found the Oxitec gene that killed female offspring lasted only 2-3

months. Mosquitos never go away; the problem requires constant management. Despite local opposition in the Keys, the government in 2022 approved another release of 2.4 million more genetically modified mosquitos in two states, Florida and California. I can't help but wonder how many of these government decision makers have shares of Oxitec stock.

The big issue whenever you do any genetic manipulation is how will this impact the study species and the environment as a whole? Researchers from Yale visited an Oxitec experiment site in Brazil, surveyed the mosquitos and found Oxitec genetic markers in the reproducing population. That the gene is still in these mosquitos well after that trial was over suggests that they didn't all die out. The whole Jurassic Park hypothesis... the fear of what we could create? Perhaps a more resistant bug? Speaking of bugs... the modified mosquitos are treated with an antibiotic. Does that mean when they bite, they transmit that same antibiotic to you?

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.



Insect protective clothing offers chemical-free protection against the mosquito.

Call me old school... I'm willing to take precautions with wardrobe, repellent, mosquito coils, use netting to protect small children and even stay inside if need be.



How many mosquitos land to bite in one minute determine when spraying is necessary. I donated blood in 2003 to obtain this photograph.

HOW LONG ARE REPELLENTS EFFECTIVE?			
The University of Florida's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory has tested and published the results on the efficacy of the following repellents. Average Complete Protection Time is the time that elapses between the proper application of a repellent until the first mosquito lands on the protected area.			
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Skin-so-soft Bug Guard Plus: 7.5% IR3535			
Natrapel: 10% citronella			
Herbal Armor: 12% citronella, 2.5% peppermint oil, 2% cedar oil, 1% lemongrass oil, 0.05% geranium oil			
Green Ban for People: 10% citronella, 2% peppermint oil			
Buzz Away: 5% citronella			
Skin-so-soft Bug Guard: 0.1% citronella			
Skin-so-soft bath oil: unknown			
Skin-so-soft Moisturizing Suncare: 0.05% citronella			
Gone Original Wristband: 9.5% DEET			
Repello Wristband: 9.5% DEET			
Gone Plus Repelling Wristband: 25% citronella			



Barbara "Bean" (Goyette) Mungovan

Bean passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 12, 2023 at the age of 94.

Born and raised in Worcester, MA and a long-time resident of South Florida. She was one of the first female aircraft servicers hired by Eastern airlines where she worked for 11 years. After retiring from the airlines, she moved from Hialeah to Key Largo, where she worked at the Florida Keys Electric Cooperation for 23 years, retiring at the age of 82. After enjoying retirement for many years in Key Largo, she moved to Moosehaven in Orange Park, Florida.

She was a Life Member and Senior Regent of the Moose Lodge since 1959. She was also a Life Member of the VFW auxiliary, where she would volunteer and send care packages to our troops and assisted wounded warriors.

Bean was an avid poet and loved performing on stage bringing laughter and joy to all. She was well known for her sense of humor and crazy

costumes. Her most treasured moments were spending time with her family and friends.

Bean is preceded in death by her son Mike Mungovan, her brother George Goyette, and her granddaughter Kaely Camacho.

Bean is survived by her Brother David Goyette, sister Peggy Cronkhite. Survived also by her children Cathy (Jim) Taylor, Laurie Batterton, Nada (Hartt) Stearns, Nancy (John) Kearney, Dan (Rosana) Mungovan, Tim (Angie) Mungovan. Bean is also survived by her 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In closing we leave you with a prayer Bean wrote: "Thank you God for everything we have, Help us to be patient and understanding with each other so we will be a happy family. Help us to be a good example to others."

A celebration of life will be held in Key Largo at a later date.

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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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The Best of the Keys - Dr. Tom Morrison "Doc On The Rock"

Introducing Dr. Thomas Morrison... for those of you who haven't met him yet, he is the Doc on the Rock. You may have seen his sign by his office in the big pink building at 105030 Overseas Highway bayside, or maybe you made his acquaintance when he was the Medical Director of Emergency Rooms for Fisherman's and Mariners Hospitals. That's where I first met him; at Mariners Hospital after my car accident, when my blood pressure went bonkers.

Dr. Morrison is an old soul and that, along with his naturally compassionate personality, sense of humor and soothing presence, I calmed right down and was able to happily go home with medication. The next time I met him was when I stopped by the Advanced Urgent Care clinic at 100460 Overseas Highway for some X-rays on my toe, but that's another story...

Dr. Morrison is certified in primary care and he has 27 years experience. He is at the Urgent Care office three days a week and works out of his own office one day a week. The Advanced Urgent Care is a great place to go because their rates are very reasonable. In fact, the rates are posted on the wall. Why go to the mainland for x-rays and procedures when you can get them done here more affordably

and get to see Dr. Tom, the Doc on the Rock? Call 305-294-0011 or stop by, as walk-ins are welcome.

Dr. Morrison was raised in south Florida and had been enjoying the Keys for years before moving here in 2015. He loves the community and the beauty of our island and the people, whom he says are "down to earth and nonjudgmental."

Dr. Tom, to his many friends, has immersed himself into the community. He is currently the Medical Director for the Florida Keys College EMS program and for the EMS/Fire Department for Key Largo. He owns property here and spends his free time supporting many local charities. In 2019 he won the big Kahuna for the Good Health Clinic. He is a member of the Key Largo Sunset Club Rotary, the Upper Keys Sailing Club and the Heathens Motorcycle Club (which recently raised over \$8,800 at Alabama Jack's for the Children's Shelter). He was chairman!

Dr. Tom Morrison is here to stay. Office phone 305-600-5469.



ABOUT THOMAS MORRISON MD

Dr Thomas Morrison is a physician in Key Largo, FL and having practiced for 27 years brings a variety of expertise to the Florida Keys community.

He graduated medical school at CWRU-School of Medicine in 1995, and worked in New Orleans for 6 years. In the first 18 months, he rotated as a surgeon. Realizing his calling was different, left the surgery program in 1996 and within 2 years became a Medical Director in a rural emergency department. From 1996 to 1999 also became versed in occupational health (Lockheed Martin and Merchant Marine) and worked in an urban emergency department.

Wanting to complete a Residency, he chose Family Medicine, returning home to South Miami in 2000 and completing a 3-year Residency at the University of Miami/Jackson.

Dr. Tom earned several recognitions as well as Chief Resident during his tenure there, and upon graduation in 2003 took a full-time position with Jackson South Community Hospital as an Associate Medical Director which functioned as a hospitalist. He continued to work emergency rooms at Homestead and South Miami Hospitals.


In 2012 he resigned as a hospitalist to work for three years as the Regional Medical Director for the Baptist Urgent Cares in Broward. He moved to Key Largo in 2015, working initially at Mariners Hospital, but later as Medical Director for both Fishermen's and Mariners Emergency Rooms from 2016 to 2019. Still credentialed at both places, Dr. Tom works at Advanced Urgent Care and his own practice, Doc on the Rock.



The exam table at Dr. Tom's beautifully appointed offices at 105030 Overseas Highway, bayside.



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"Bummer, man" or "My old man always said I was too much of a sissy to get old"

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Everyone has their bummers in life, serious shit that ruins plans, relationships, lives... It amazes me how much bitching, whining, pissing and moaning I do over things that really don't matter at all. Maybe it's because I'm struggling to come to grips with the things I think matter but are beyond my control. It's tough being a human sometimes.

Life's latest bowl of lemons has been a bad case of what seems to be a piriformis sciatica thing... rendering me incapable of doing one of the few things in this life I can still do... that I love doing... playing electric guitar. However, the band show requires far more energy and stamina than a slower-paced solo gig and pain robs me of my ability to be cheerful and entertaining.

I tried to get an MRI yesterday but I'm claustrophobic in my older age. It really is a thing as you age. Must be the fear of getting closer to getting shoved in a box... I have to get wasted to make it through being stuck in a little tube...and it is an older, smaller machine, bless my heart. My shoulders touch the side, my neck locked into place like some kind of alien, torture, probe device...the top of the machine is an inch away from my eyes, crushing down on my chest and I can't breath...my mouth is dry, the mucus in my throat is closing off my windpipe...let me out of this f---ing hole!

Normally I would eat 150mg of prescription RSO* and have no problem chilling out but I smoked a joint and forgot (I got stoned and I missed it...) to take the longer lasting capsules. (*Rick Simpson Oil for those who don't know)... I have technicians put the OM Channel on the funky headset...something about chanting monks and Tibetan hanging bells I find soothing... I close my eyes and focus on the ancient, good vibrations.

The cacophony of the machine bothers me not for a couple reasons, one of which is a tolerance for loud noises like drummers... plus I live in the land of the morning leaf blower, an annoying species that neighbors employ in the ongoing fight against leaf-covered pea rock, whether they have leaves in the yard or not. They are a year around noisy nuisance a lot like me.

I can only apologize to those who enjoy the band and to my bandmates as we now have to find alternatives on Friday and Saturday nights... I can only do 1 band show every couple of days.

For those who don't like the band, now's your chance to hear somebody else for a while. Hopefully absence will make the heart grow fonder and the tips grow bigger... Familiarity breeds contempt... according to the Roman philosopher Lucius Apuleius...as well as children, added Mark Twain 2000-odd years later.

It's difficult to plan around mechanical breakdowns. The human body is nothing but a machine... A classic car is cool if not reliable. It's great when it runs...At almost 60 I think I qualify as a classic. Sounds better than "antique," anyway. Hope I don't get the runs...

I have always been so durable in the past. Not that it was always pretty, but I played and sang 2 and 3, four-hour gigs a day, several days a week, 400+ shows a year. Year after year. My voice is to the point to where if I don't sing every night it's harder to get loosened back up, takes a few sets, even a few nights sometimes. Use it or lose it. It ain't like riding a bike or jerking off.

Another bummer for me is my 1987 black Gibson Les Paul Custom (which I imaginatively call "Blackie"), my first dream guitar, was recently re-fretted* in Nashville and is playing and sounding better than it ever has because wood, unlike flesh, gets better with age. (*Frets are the "wire" placed laterally across the neck of the guitar, delineating the "notes". They wear out with frequent use... explains the arthritis in my hands).

What is the bummer? I only had the privilege of using it for so few gigs... before my back gave out. It is a heavy mo' fo' though. Explains the arthritis on that side of my neck. Blackie weighs in at a whopping 10.5lbs. while my Red Les Paul Standard is 9.1lbs., Brownie the other Les Paul Custom is 9.4lbs. and Goldie the "faux Paul" made by A.I.O (All In One) guitar weighs 8.4lbs.

Speaking of hand jobs, I've been informed that the dreaded arthritis is increasing hand issues. It used to mainly affect my fret hand but now it has invaded my picking hand. My mother had terrible rheumatism. Could also be the side effects of the different old people medications the doctors prescribe. I much prefer young people drugs... they're a lot more fun (just like having a young body is).



Blackie as she appears after 37 years and two fret jobs. She's got some wear & tear but she's built like a tank.



This is when she was new and as shiny as a spanked baby's butt....cameras have improved greatly since then. It's hard to appreciate how shiny and not rusted she was 37 years and a lot of gigs ago.

Did I ever tell you the story of how an engagement ring turned into a Gibson Les Paul Custom? Maybe another time... Peace and Love!

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



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How To Drive In The Keys

by Karen Beal

1. You must first learn to pronounce the island names (EYE-la-more-ada, CUD-joe and tav-earn-EAR). Old-timers are allowed to simply be on the rock or off the rock.
2. The morning rush hour from Homestead is from 6 am to 10 am. The evening rush hour is from 3 pm to 7 pm. Morning and evening rush hours are impacted by school zones seasonally. Saturday traffic starts on Friday evening and Sunday traffic starts late on Sunday.
3. The minimum acceptable speed on The Stretch is 80 mph. On US1 on the rock, your speed is expected to be at least 10 miles over the posted limit in the right lane; 20 if you are in the left lane. Anything less is considered 'a tie up.'
4. Forget the traffic rules you learned elsewhere. We have our own version of traffic rules. For example, Teslas and Lexuses owned by seasonal residents with homes worth more than two million dollars go first at a four-way stop. Cars/trucks pulling boat trailers go second. The trucks with the biggest tires go third. Priuses go last.
5. If you actually stop at a yellow light or stop sign on a side street, you probably will be rear ended, cussed out, or these days, possibly shot. Unless there is a Monroe County Sheriff's car nearby.

Nearly everyone stops for a yellow light when driving on US1, at least by the time it turns red.



6. Never honk at anyone. Ever. Seriously. It's an offense that can get you shot by someone with an out-of-town driver's license.
7. Waterline construction is going to be permanent and continuous. They can basically only put it down the highway. Traffic barrels are moved around for your entertainment pleasure during the middle of the night to make the next day's driving a bit more exciting. Generally, Keys roads, other than some of the posher neighborhoods, have more potholes and bumps (often speed bumps) than most dirt roads in North Florida.
8. Watch carefully for road hazards such as drunks, lost tourists, normal bicyclists, box-man on his bike, dead raccoons, styrofoam coolers, boating equipment, actual boats.
9. Be aware that there are multiple streets named: Atlantic, Bayside, Hibiscus, Sunset, 1st, 2nd & 3rd - and they could ALL be in your neighborhood.
10. House numbers are chosen by lottery on some streets, in consecutive order on one side of the street OR odd on one side and even on the other - and they could ALL be in your neighborhood.
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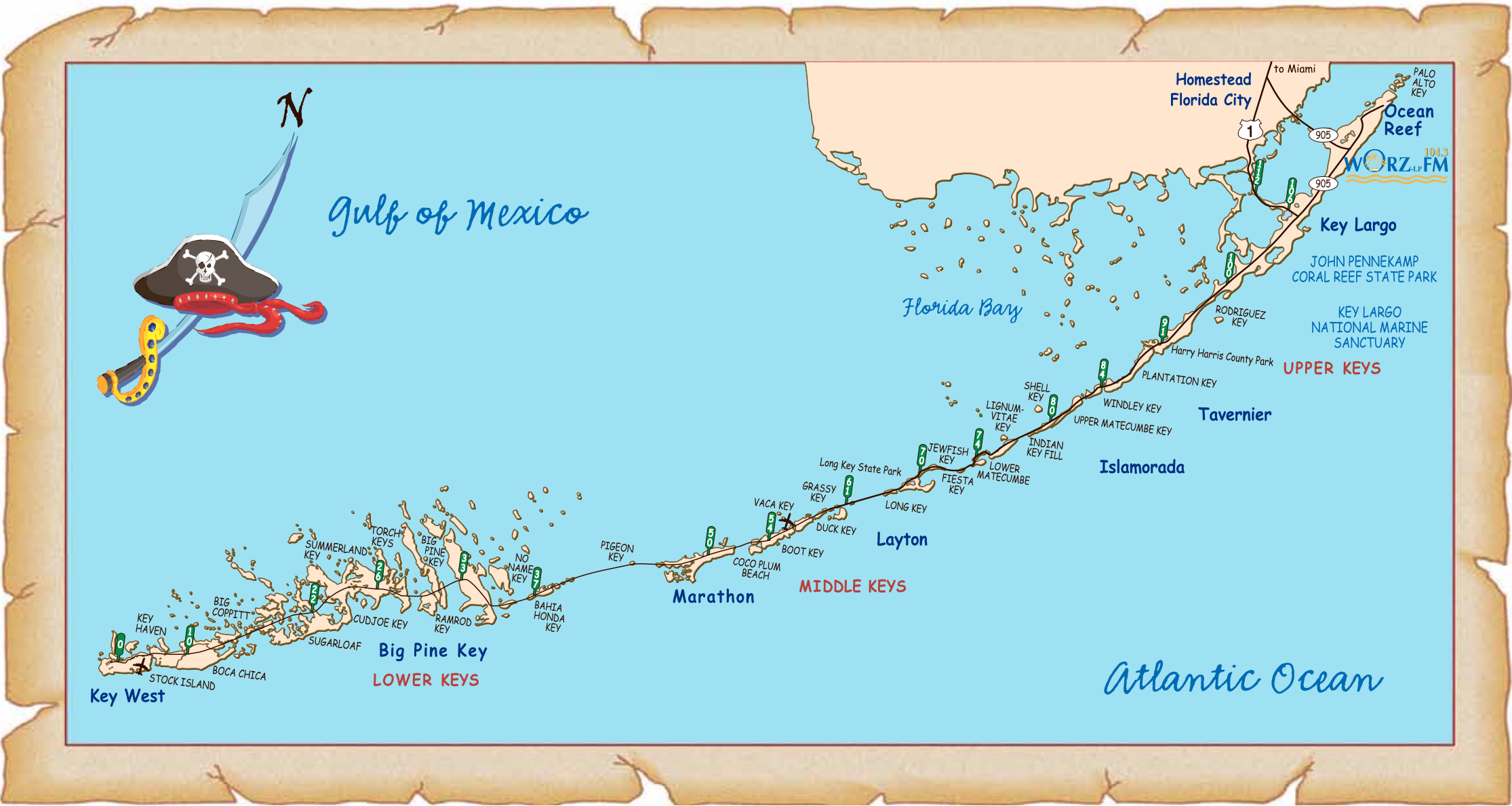
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Rethinking Complaining

When we spend all of our time complaining, we are in “destroy” mode, instead of “building” mode.

We all know someone who has elevated the process of complaining to a high art. Sometimes funny, sometimes exhausting, these people have the ability to find a problem just about anywhere. In its more evolved form, complaining is simply the ability to see what’s not working, in one’s own life or in the world, and it can be quite useful if followed to finding a solution and applying it. However, for many of us complaining has become an end in itself. In small doses, this is not a big problem, but if complaining has become a huge part of our identities, it may be time to take a look at how we are spending our energy. Complaining is a person’s way of acknowledging that they are not happy with the way things are. In a metaphorical way, when we complain or criticize, we are tearing down an undesirable structure in order to make room for something new. But if all we do is tear down, we are not fulfilling the process. We are at risk of becoming a stagnant and destructive force in our own lives and in

the lives of the people we love. Another issue with complaining is that we sometimes tend to focus on other people, whom we can’t change, as a way of deflecting attention from the one person we can change — ourselves. So transforming complaining into something useful is a twofold process that begins with turning our critical eye to look at things we can actually do something about and then taking positive action. When we find ourselves complaining, we can begin by noticing that we are in the mode of wanting to make some changes. But rather than lashing out others, we can look for an appropriate place to channel this energy — not our neighbor’s house but possibly parts of our own. Finally, we can ask ourselves the positive question: What would I like to create in the place of whatever it is I want to tear down? When we do this, we channel a negative habit into a creative process, thus using our energy to change the world around us in a positive way.

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Elks Lodge 2023 Scholarship Winners

Recently, Florida Keys Elks Lodge #1872 awarded \$30,000 to 25 Coral Shores High School graduates. Scholarship Chairperson, Kim Youngblood and Committee Members Michelle Lane, Alesa Rehman, Kim McDaniel, and Karen Daugherty had a difficult time selecting candidates for this year’s scholarships, due to the amazing stories the applicants shared with the scholarship committee. This year the Elks Lodge Local Scholarship focused on any student who wanted to further their education. All applicants were welcomed, regardless of academic standing, number of service hours or their goals for the future. The students were asked to share an essay on what, if any, of the Elks’ four guiding principles (Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity) resonated with them. The committee really enjoyed reading their stories. Refreshments and adinner were served to the scholarship recipients and their families. The Lodge and the Scholarship Recipients shared a special cake in their honor. The graduates received a scholarship certificate and received financial scholarship awards in various financial tiers. Please extend a big congratulations and heartfelt well wishes to these graduates as they embark on their next journey to further their education.

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- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

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July 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.

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

The Key Largo Branch is temporarily closed on Mondays. It will also be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 9am-12pm Plant Clinic.
Master Gardener Volunteers will be onsite to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications/problems, and other services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems.

July 5, 3:30 p.m.
Medicare Basics:
Learn about Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs)

July 13, 2-3:30 p.m.
Adult Craft Program:
Upcycled Bottle Centerpieces. Bring your own 16-20 oz glass bottle or vase (optional). Supplies provided. Registration encouraged.

July 19, 6:00 p.m.
Movie Night at the Key Largo Library:
The Super Mario Bros. A plumber named Mario travels through an underground labyrinth with his brother, Luigi, trying to save a captured princess. Rated PG.



MEDICARE BASICS SERIES



KeysLibraries.org/events
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Mast Gardeners Plant Clinic — new! at Key Largo Library!

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Story Time
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. except July 4, for ages 0-5.

Creative Tuesdays, except July 4, 1-3 p.m. 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.

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

Tech Tutor
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MOMENTS LATER, THE ALIENS SET ME BACK DOWN AND LEFT.

Tourist: "I'll just use bug spray." Mosquitoes in Key Largo...

Sorry I missed your call, I was on the other line

I think the scariest alien scenario ever would be if they came to earth, didn't talk to humans, communicated with something in the ocean for a few days and then just left

THIS POOR CREATURE HIT AN ICEBERG. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ROMAINES TO BE SEEN, LETTUCE PRAY...

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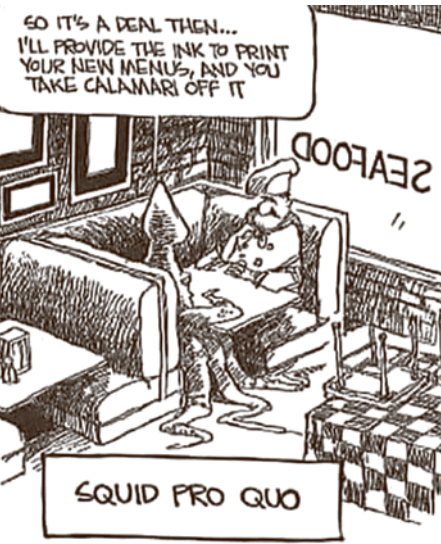
Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement, not even her parents' nasty divorce. Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear and would be the best dressed mother of the bride ever!

A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother. Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused 'Absolutely not. I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it,' she replied.

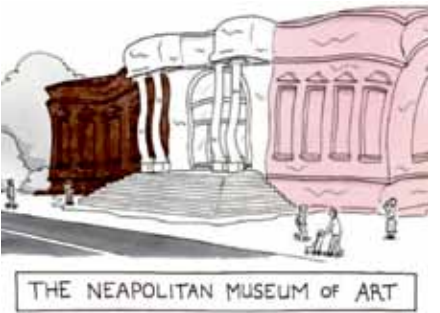
Jennifer told her mother, who graciously said, 'Never mind sweet-heart I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day.'

A few days later, they went shopping and did find another gorgeous dress. When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, 'Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it.'

Her mother just smiled and replied, 'Of course I do, dear. I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding.'



I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL WE'RE ALL IN NURSING HOMES. IT'LL BE FUN TO WRITE BATHROOM GRAFFITI ABOUT THE STAFF THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND... BECAUSE IT'S IN CURSIVE.



Normal around here is just a setting on the dryer.

Alter a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out o(the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her phone. She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the train." "Yes, I know it's the 6:30 and not 4:30, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

A drunk gets up from the bar and heads for the bathroom. A few minutes later, a loud scream is heard from the bathroom.

A few minutes after that, another loud scream through the bar. The bartender goes in to check on him. "What's all the screaming about in there? You're scaring the customers!"

"I'm just sitting here on the toilet and every time I flush, something comes up and squeezes the hell out of my balls."

The bartender opens the door, looks in and says "You idiot! You're sitting on the mop bucket!"



Nobody told me that when you get a husband the ears are sold separately.



After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year outside of New York City, New York archaeologists found traces of copper cable dating back 150 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a Los Angeles archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet just outside Oceanside, California . Shortly thereafter, a story appeared in the LA Times that read: California archaeologists report the finding of a 200 year old copper cable and have concluded that their ancestors had an advanced high-tech communication network 50 years earlier than the New Yorkers.

One week later, a newspaper in central Florida reported the following: After digging down about 30 feet in his pasture outside of Lake Wales, FL, Bubba Joe, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Bubba Joe therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Florida had already gone wireless.

Just makes a person proud to be from Florida!



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



I bet you would be really motivated if the weight you lost went to somebody you don't like.

Forgiving you means I no longer dwell on what an asshole you are. It doesn't mean you are no longer an asshole.



An elderly husband and wife in Key Largo visit their doctor when they begin forgetting little things. Their doctor tells them that many people find it useful to write themselves little notes.

When they get home, the wife says, "Dear, will you please go to the kitchen and get me a slice of Key Lime Pie? And maybe write that down so you won't forget?"

"Nonsense," says the husband, "I can remember a slice of Key lime pie."

"Well," says the wife, "I'd also like some blueberries and whipped cream on it."

"My memory's not all that bad," says the husband. "No problem -- a slice of Key Lime Pie with blueberries and whipped cream. I don't need to write it down."

He goes into the kitchen; his wife hears pots and pans banging around. The husband finally emerges from the kitchen and presents his wife with a plate of bacon and eggs.

She looks at the plate for what seems like an eternity, then says, "Hey, where's the toast I asked for?"

When the inventor of the USB stick dies, they'll gently lower the coffin, then pull it back up, turn it the other way, then lower it again.



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I once sold security alarms door to door. If no one was home, I'd leave a brochure on the kitchen table.

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store.

The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun".

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."



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Open 7 Days A Week

Breakfast 7 am - 10:30 am

Lunch from 11 am

Dinner from 4 pm

Live Music Every Night

Breakfast On The Bay

WATERFRONT DINING

Fresh Seafood

Local Specialties

We'll Cook Your Catch

Fishing Guides Available

Amazing Sunsets

Pet Friendly

Daily Happy Hour
4-6 pm

\$3 Well Drinks

\$1 off Bottle Beers

\$1 off House Wines

\$1.25 Domestic Drafts

\$2.25 Specialty Drafts

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COCONUT TELEGRAPH CLASSIFIED ADS

BUYING

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

CLUBS

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

THE KEY PLAYERS

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

MUSICIANS

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

VESSEL SAFETY

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

GET CLASSIFIED

\$10 per col. inch per month!
Bold Listing \$12./inch per mo.
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Classified Display Space \$15/inch.
Drop off your ad and payment at
The UPS STORE
101425 Overseas Hwy., by Publix at Tradewinds
Questions? Call 305-304-2837.

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.



Zoe



Mars



Saki



Rosie



Rico



Carlito



Bob & Marley



Dennis



Sam



Jett

Conch Characters / Around Town



Congrats to Coach Jimmy Johnson & The Fox NFL Sunday Crew for their hard earned Emmy Award.



Coach Jimmy Johnson, Mike Leach & Randy Shannon Chillin' At JJ's Tiki Bar.



Enjoying the water with Pirates Cove Watersports.



Conch Angler Eddy's Lines won the 9th Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament! Pictured are Anglers Pam Simon, Jessica Ball, Payton Sujat and Maegan Cabrera, all from Tavernier.



Enjoying the view with Pirates Cove Watersports.



Reel Tight Marine Detail/Island Time wins \$36,800.00 +++ in Skippers Dockside 9th Annual Dolphin Tournament. Captained by Carlos Padron along with his 3 anglers: Manny Lemus, Alex Murphy and Nicholas Perez of Miami, FL.



Holly Joy Eddleston recently presented a \$500 check to the Florida Keys Wildlife Society from the proceeds of her book "Can a Key Deer Save Christmas?" About Key deer, the book can be purchased from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or the Nature Store on Big Pine Key.

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Happy Hour

7 days • 4-6pm

- \$3 Well Drinks
- \$1 off Bottle Beers
- \$1 off House Wines
- \$1.25 Domestic Drafts
- \$2.25 Specialty Drafts

Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner • 7am-10pm
Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.
Enjoy lunch or dinner on the beach.



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Most MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS • FRIDAYS at Sunset



This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am			<i>Waterfront Dining!</i>	LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!		1 John Ciulla 11-3	
						Uncle Rico 6-10	
2 Vic Kingsley 11-3	3 Carousers 6-10	4 Micah 6-10	5 Webb & Davidson 6-10	6 Webb & Davidson 6-10	7 Jade Storm 6-10	8 Micah 11-3	
Webb & Davidson 6-10	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	Abstract Radio 6-10	
9 John Bartus 11-3	10 Carousers 6-10	11 Vic Kingsley 6-10	12 Webb & Bellamy 6-10	13 Webb & Bellamy 6-10	14 Brothers Of Others 6-10	15 Scott Youngberg 11-3	
Webb & Davidson 6-10	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	Sailor Ripley 6-10	
16 Micah 11-3	17 Uncle Rico 6-10	18 Micah 6-10	19 Webb & Bellamy 6-10	20 Webb & Bellamy 6-10	21 Ego Free 6-10	22 Chris Bellamy 11-3	
Webb & Bellamy 6-10	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	Dropouts 6-10	
23 Vic Kingsley 11-3	24 Carousers 6-10	25 Steve Venini 6-10	26 Webb & Davidson 6-10	27 Webb & Davidson 6-10	28 Hat Trick 6-10	29 Ray Jaworski 11-3	
Webb & Bellamy 6-10						The Groove 6-10	
30 John Mavis 11-3	31 Carousers 6-10						
Webb & Davidson 6-10							

