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Native to Southeast Asia, the Tokay gecko’s distinctive call, described as “tuck-too,” prompted U.S. soldiers during the Vietnam War to name it the “F*ck You” Lizard... the only ones in Vietnam telling the truth.
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cially railroad vine, but also other lizards, particularly Cuban brown anoles.

Hold your position in the trees, my Green anole buddy! I've got your six.



The Keys are a sub-tropical mecca, for those seeking a life that is easy and breezy. At least that is the Tourist Development Council vision. In reality, competition for increasingly scarce resources, including housing, is a reality in the Keys... for humans and for the critters that live amongst us.

It's a dog-eat-dog world out there, and you'd better not be wearing milk bone shorts.

Not long ago the Green anoles were the majority of lizards found in my yard. Some had tails, and others not, thanks to my cats, but they were plentiful. They were great with camouflage, body green



Florida’s native green anole are in decline due to the presence of the Cuban brown anole. **Photo by Carol Lyn Parrish FWC**



(Left) Male Cuban brown anole shows off his inflatable throat membrane in order to attract lady lizards. They also do “push-ups” as part of their display.

when perched on a leaf, or turning brown when resting on a tree trunk. They did their job taking care of bugs in the yard, and provided a good source of entertainment. But then came the Cuban brown anole, a slightly larger lizard, easily identi-

fied by the mating male’s conspicuous bright orange dew-lap, and push-up behavior. They eat bugs and spiders... and other lizards. These Cuban cousins have more offspring than the Green anole; outcompeted and displaced, our native Green anole had to retreat to high

in the tree canopy.

Head for the hills, my Green anole buddy! See you on the ground someday.

While cruising the islands of the Bahamas, I was introduced to lizards that had curly tails. I'd lived my entire life in Florida, but the Bahamas were the only place I'd seen these curious creatures. As it turns out, the Northern curly-tailed lizard was brought to Florida both as pets, and in the 1940's sugar cane growers released them in their fields to control the insect population. These lizards can reach 11 inches, though most are around 7 inches in total length; they eat bugs and flowers, espe-

Another lizard, the Peter's Rock agama, began showing up in my yard around the end of 2020. Though first introduced by the pet trade in 1976, this lizard's population really took off in the Keys, coincidentally during the pandemic, when the Keys were also “discovered” by an influx of new human residents, whose demand for second homes sent prices up, and the local workforce out. During mating season, Peter's Rock agamas are pretty boys with boldly colored red heads, and a black body with more orange and ending with a black tip. Shy, they quickly retreat from humans, seeking cover under rocks or into the foliage. Both the agama

Lizards CONTINUED *Photos by Carol Ellis unless otherwise noted.*



Peter’s Rock agama generally don’t stray far from the cover of rocks, or other hiding places. Male on the left; female on the right.



and the curly-tail are sit-and-wait predators, who watch for crawling insects and butterflies. It's no coincidence their favorite hangout in my yard is a coral rock covered by Corky-stemmed passion flower, the larval host plant for a variety of butterflies, including Gulf Fritillary, Julia Heliconian and Zebra Heliconian butterflies. The Peter's Rock agama also preys on the Cuban brown anole.

Whisky Tango Foxtrot! Take cover, my Green anole buddy. There is a large predator heading your way. It's an invasion!

The Green iguana was introduced to Florida via the pet trade; somehow they got loose and now are found in the Keys, to as far north as Tampa Bay, and

all parts in between. They feed on foliage, flowers and fruit, and will eat insects, lizards, small animals, nesting birds and eggs. The males grow to six feet long including the tail, that can whip you and transmit salmonella; alligators, dogs and raccoons are their only natural predators. They dig nesting burrows that contain an average of 40 eggs. These destructive burrows cause erosion and undermine seawalls, and can cause you to twist an ankle while walking near one.

It is hard to calculate how many iguanas there are. A friend hunkered down in his home during hurricane Irma was amazed at how many iguanas were in the trees; as the storm raged on, soon revealed were dozens of iguanas, clinging to the defoliated branches. Cold blooded, they fall from the trees when temperatures go below 45 degrees, an opportune time to reduce their population. Green iguanas are here through no fault of their own, but I'm all for the death penalty due to their destructive behavior; call a Nuisance and Wildlife Management Pro, to do it humanely.



The eye of a green iguana, and a second “eye-like” armored scale, which sits on the cheek of both sides of the iguana’s head.



Adult male Green Iguana takes on a bronze tone when in mating season.

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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.



Adult Peter’s Rock Agama males are boldly marked with an orange head, black body with more orange and then a black-tipped tail.

There is one reptile in my yard, who can be heard during May at dawn and at dusk, but rarely seen. Its diet includes insects, baby birds, and small mammals such as nesting mice. It lives in tree crevices, and even inside structures, behind suspended ceilings or within walls. A native of Southeast Asia, the Tokay gecko's call is described as “tuck-too,” too-kay; it was this sound that prompted U.S. troops in Vietnam to informally dub it the “F*ck You” Lizard... an informal “reception committee,” and the only ones there speaking the truth.



Adult iguanas feed on foliage, flowers and fruit. This male is enjoying basking in the sun high above the reach of potential enemies.



James "JC" Costello
Nov. 21, 1950 — May 19, 2023

Born in Winter Haven, JC worked as an engineering draftsman for many years, until meeting his wife, Sue Beal, in Pittsburgh in 1982. They moved to Key Largo in 1986, where JC took over a landscape maintenance company. Many remember him as the "man in white," seen working at many locations along US 1. He was proud of his commercial work featuring geometric precision, colorful bougainvilleas and crotons, and he always had time for a cup of coffee with anyone who stopped by.

JC played trumpet for years, in his youth. Later he switched to harmonica and the blues, which he enjoyed immensely, grateful to play with and learn from other local musicians in the Upper Keys. He was always studying the blues masters and trying to improve.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Musician's Relief Fund, c/o Elks Lodge, PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255.

His first wilderness camping trip was at 6 months old; he was an Eagle Scout and an outdoorsman, once briefly holding a national record for rifle shooting. JC was an avid fisherman, often fishing Flamingo and the Everglades. He was skilled, especially at catching snook. He went at every opportunity, in a Dolphin skiff he customized himself, and enjoyed just being on the water, even if no fish came home with him.

Another passion was growing unique crotons from seed, combining the genetics of the different plants to see what would grow from it. He was a member of the Croton Society, and other members would come to admire and take cuttings from his plants.

He will be missed as one of the Keys characters in town.

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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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Laws We Live By

1. Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

7. Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will... and vice versa!

9. Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

11. The Coffee Law

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

12. Murphy's Law of Lockers

If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.



13. Law of Physical Surfaces

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug

14. Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you

don't know what you are talking about.

15. Law of Physical Appearance

If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

16. Law of Public Speaking

A closed mouth gathers no feet!

17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Corollary: Entertainment Television

As soon as you find a television program that you really like, it will be cancelled.

18. Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.



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We are back to traveling and making up for lost vacation time. Flights are crowded and our social skills are a bit rusty. Be prepared for the traveler in the next seat who is excited to be with humans again:

10. "I'm sorry. Did you say something (glance left and right) or are the voices back?"
9. "Let me tell you about an amazing multi-level marketing opportunity!"
- 8 "What brochure john when" Wo Bu Hui Shuo Zhong Wen is Chinese for I don't speak English.
7. "Wanna see pictures of my cats?"
6. (Hold first two fingers together, tap together with thumb, like a bird beak) which is "no" in sign language.
5. "Typhoid isn't contagious, is it?"
4. No comment. Try hiding in inflight toilet to avoid your talkative neighbor.
3. Deadpan delivery: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law..."
2. "Has the FDA approved the vaccine for Yellow Fever yet?"
1. "I'm an author. Wanna hear about my 10-volume series called PhotoShop Simplified?"



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The Rain Barrel - MM 86.7 in Islamorada

It had been 15 years since I had been to the Rain Barrel. My friend Alice called to invite me to come and see her beautiful new clothing and outdoor furniture stores. What a pleasant surprise! You can't miss the place, with Betsy the giant lobster in the front.

Inside and to your immediate left is a full bar within a gift shop. There you can grab a Pina Colada or a cold beer and start exploring the village.

Your next left is the Rain Barrel Clothing Company, Alice's place. She has a big sale going on with 50% off all ladies wear. It is a very cool island boutique that even has some plus size super cute dresses. It's not all stylish ladies wear, she even has a great selection of performance wear for men and women at great prices. Fishing shirts and Aftco hard to find shorts, the fishermen's favorite. There are hats and sunglasses too!

The Topsy Octopus!

Look for Betsy the Lobster!

There is something there for everyone! Jennifer Cullen is the owner of the Topsy Octopus and she is also the manager of the entire complex. I can't wait to go back and check out the art stores and grab a lobster roll.

Outside is the courtyard gardens where you will find the Islamorada Outdoor Furniture store. Florida residents buy the poly furniture because it is beautiful and durable in the heat. Check out the ad in the centerfold map because there is a coupon for \$100 off the poly furniture sets!

There are actually two gardens there and two restaurants with outdoor dining. The Lobster Shack is famous for their lobster rolls. Katie, the owner, has been there 14 years! Grab a bite to eat and relax among the native trees. It's magical and mystical!

Stop in the Sculptured Glass Studio and watch

William Purser making his amazing glass sea life sculptures. A few steps away is the Topsy Octopus where I plan to do some Christmas shopping soon.

William Purser with one of his amazing glass sea life sculptures.

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Ladies hooked 220 fish at Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Screamin' Reels tournament May 19-21, 2023 in Islamorada, FL.

Winners:

First Place Offshore: Lyn Gremontprez, Tavernier, FL, 11.95 lb. almaco jack on Plantation Boat Mart.

Second Place Offshore: Cristiane Carvalho, Miami, FL 10.8 lb. mahi on First Choice.

Third Place Offshore: Teresa Pinner, Tavernier, FL, 10.3 lb. skipjack on Plantation Boat Mart.

First, Second and Third Place Inshore: Jessica Holbrook, Fort Myers, FL took all three awards with 35.5, 34 and 27 inch grouper releases on Blackwater Charters with Capt. Dylan Scoble.

Top Inshore Release: Ann DeStefanis, Palmetto Bay, FL, bonefish on Blackwater Charters with Capt. Dylan Scoble.

Top Private Boat: Plantation Boat Mart and Marina

The kickoff was held at Tavernier Elks with fishing out of Islamorada, FL with \$1,000 in prize awards at Whale Harbor Marina on Sunday.

LLGF offers a second Keys event Oct. 13-15 with a fishing seminar, two days of fishing and prizes and more events listed on the website.



First Place Offshore: Lyn Gremontprez, Tavernier, FL, 11.95 lb. almaco jack on Plantation Boat Mart.



Phoebe: Jessica Holbrook, Fort Myers, FL; Jane Dodson, Ormond Beach, FL; Ann DeStefanis, Palmetto Bay, FL; Nancy Burt, Ormond Beach, FL; Abbie Edwards, Fort Myers, FL and Marisa Morvillo, Key Largo, FL.



Plantation Boat Mart Sunday: Melissa Sinasac, Sharon Russell, Lyn Gremontprez (First Place Offshore), Brittni Swenson and Leslie De la Torre, all from Tavernier, FL.



2nd Place Offshore Cristiane Carvalho Miami FL on First Choice.



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Feeling Jealous

Jealousy is a common human feeling and usually stems from a place of lack in our own lives.

Jealousy is one of the toughest feelings we come up against in our lives. There is not much worse than this aching sense that somehow life has been unfair to us, while amply rewarding someone else. It's even worse if that someone else is present in our daily lives, making it difficult for us to get the space we need to feel and heal our pain. We may be jealous of a sibling, a dear friend, or even famous personalities. We may even face the challenge of feeling jealous of our spouse, our child, or one of our parents. Whatever the case, we can normalize our experience by understanding that, as painful as it is, jealousy is a common human feeling.

Nevertheless, it is important that we not revel in our jealousy for too long, feeding it with inner talk or gossip with others. If we do, we run the risk of losing ourselves to its negative power. Jealousy has something good to offer us, though, and that is information about our

own heart's desire. When we are jealous of certain people, we want what they have, and if we are to be conscious, we must acknowledge that. In this way, we discover what we want for ourselves, which is the first step to getting it. It may be a certain kind of relationship or a career. Whatever it is, it is possible that we could create it for ourselves, in our own lives, if we are able to honor our own desires.

Of course, there are times when we cannot heal our jealousy in this way, and then the lesson may be about acceptance and the understanding that our path is different from the paths of those around us.

It may be hard to see now, but perhaps it will eventually be clear why our life has taken its particular path. In the end, the best cure for jealousy is the recognition that the life we have is full of its own meaning and beauty, utterly unique to us—a gift that could never be found in the life of another.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

June & July "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program for ages 5-17: Stop by the Library to pick up a reading log & list of events. Earn tickets for reading and attending weekly library events. Turn in your tickets for a chance to win cool prizes such as gift cards, state park passes, water excursions, and more!

June 3 9:30 a.m.: The Florida Keys Quilters meet the 1st Saturday of the month. Check their Facebook page for details.

June 7 2:30 p.m. Teen 3D Pop-up Greeting Card (ages 14-17). Create a homemade card for someone special. Supplies and snacks provided.

June 9 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brain Bus at the Key Largo Library/Tradewinds Shopping Center.



June 9 11:00 a.m. Healthy Living for Brain and Body presented by the Alzheimer's Association at the Key Largo Library.



KeysLibraries.org/events
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June 9 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Rockin' Kids Concert with Mr. Richard

June 14 2-3:30 p.m. Adult Craft Program: Decoupage Seashells. Help us repurpose shells that were donated to the library over the years and take home a 3-4" decorated seashell. Supplies are limited, please register.

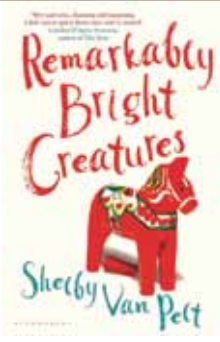
June 16 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Rich the Magician.

June 21 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monthly free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Call (866) 686-2760 or pre-register at legalservicesmiami.org. Sponsored by Legal Services of Greater Miami & the Florida Keys.

June 23 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: All Together Now Art College Workshop for Kids with Yvette Cortera.

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June 27 6-7:45p.m. Books on Tap: Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. Borrow a copy of the book from the Key Largo Library. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.



June 28 2:30 p.m. Tween String Pull Painting (ages 10-13) Use paint and string to make unique designs on paper. Create one for you and one to give away. Supplies and snacks provided.

June 30 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Board Game Day @ the Library with Prizes!



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Story Time

Tuesdays June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-5.



Creative Tuesdays June 6, 13, 20, 27 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 June 7, 14, 21, 28 1 p.m. Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Tech Tutor Wednesdays June 7, 14, 21, 28 1-4 p.m. Bring your device and questions to the Key Largo Library for one-on-one help.

Play Pals Thursday June 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m. Toys will be out for children to play while the adults enjoy time to socialize. For ages 0-5.

Sit + Sew Fridays June 9, 16, 23, 30 9:30am - 1p.m. Bring your current project and meet new friends.

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I'm so single when they ask for an emergency contact, I've just been putting Jesus.

In Las Vegas there are more Catholic Churches than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect all the offerings, then send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan monastery for sorting, and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. -- This is done by the chip monks.



Coco'Nut' Funnies

A guy asked a girl in a library, “Do you mind if I sit beside you?”

The girl answered with a loud voice, “I DON’T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!!!”

All the students in the library started staring at the guy and he was embarrassed.

After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy’s table and she told him “I study psychology and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right?”

The guy responded with a loud voice: “\$200 JUST FOR ONE NIGHT!? THAT’S TOO MUCH!!!” As all the people in the library looked at the girl in shock, the the guy whispered in her ear, “I study Law and I know how to make someone feel guilty!”

She said she missed me. Normally that would be good, but she’s reloading.



SATAN: "WELCOME TO HELL. YOU'VE WASTED YOUR PITIFUL LIFE."
ME: "YEAH, WELL, AT LEAST I'M NOT AN ADULT LIVING IN MY FATHER'S BASEMENT."
SATAN:



An Irishman and an Englishman walk into a bakery.

The Englishman steals 3 buns and puts them into his pockets and leaves. He says to the Irishman, "That took great skill and guile to steal those buns. The owner didn't even see me."

The Irishman replied, "That's just simple thievery. I'll show you how to do it the honest way and get the same results."

The Irishman then proceeded to call out the owner of the bakery and says, "Sir, I want to show you a magic trick." The owner was intrigued so he came over to see the magic trick.

The Irishman asked him for a bun and then he proceeded to eat it. He asked 2 more times and after eating them again the owner says, "Okay my friend, Where's the magic trick?"

The Irishman said, "Look in the Englishman's pockets."



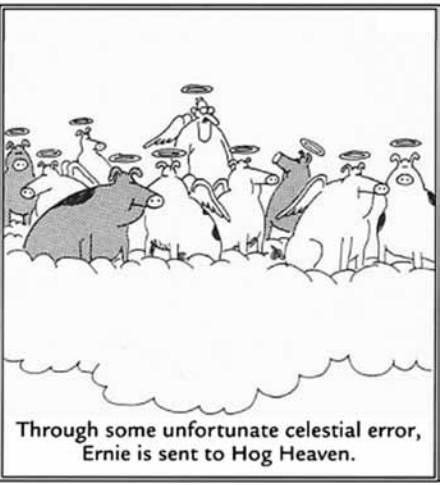
The person sitting next to me on a flight was a woman. Ever the charmer, I used one of my pick-up lines on her.

I asked, “Does the airline charge you extra for sitting next to good-looking men?”

“Yes,” she replied, “but I wasn’t willing to pay.”



Storm season is beginning. If a news van pulls into your driveway remember: teeth and bras people. Teeth and bras.



It was entertainment night at the Convalescent Center. Claude the hypnotist explained to the audience, “I’m here to put you all in a trance. I intend to hypnotize each and every one of you.”

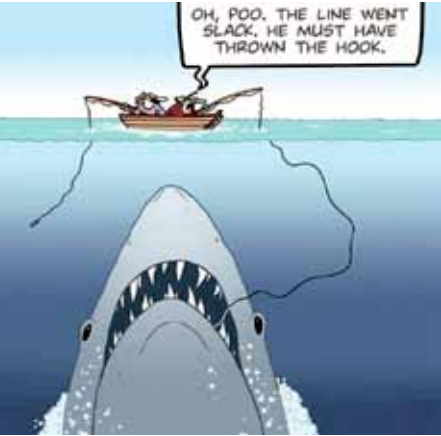
The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful, antique pocket watch from his coat. “I want all of you to keep your eyes on this watch. It is a very special watch. It’s been in my family for six generations.” He began to gently swing the watch back and forth while quietly chanting, “Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch...”

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, the light gleaming off its polished surface. A hundred pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch until suddenly...the chain broke. It slipped from the hypnotist’s fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces. Claude yelled out, “Crap.”

It took three days to clean up the Center and Claude was never invited back.



me: donates body to science
science: donates my body to goodwill



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



A pastor’s wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the Congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the pastor’s family expanded so would his paycheck.

After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the pastor’s expanding salary. A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the pastor’s additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost. After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, “Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us.”

Silence fell over the congregation. In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice “Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers.” The entire congregation said, “Amen.”

With some people I'm like an introductory credit card offer. I have zero interest.

A lonely 70-year-old widow decided that it was time to marry again. She put an ad in the local newspaper that read: “Husband wanted! Must be in my age group, must not beat me, must not run around on me and must still be good in bed. All applicants please apply in person.”

The following day, she heard the doorbell. Much to her dismay, she opened the door to see a gray-haired gentleman sitting in a wheelchair. He had no arms or legs.

“You’re not really asking me to consider you, are you?” the widow asked: “Just look at you -- you have no legs!”

The old gent smiled: “Therefore, I cannot run around on you!”

“You don’t have any arms either!” she snorted.

Again, the old man smiled: “Therefore, I can never beat you!”

She raised an eyebrow and asked intently: “Are you still good in bed?”

The man leaned back, beamed a big smile and said: “I rang the doorbell, didn't I?”

WE MUST ALL DO OUR PART. TOGETHER WE CAN REDUCE ENERGY WASTE AND SAVE THE PLANET. I JUST UNPLUGGED A WHOLE ROW OF ELECTRIC CARS THAT NO ONE WAS USING.

I walk around my yard with a fake ankle monitor so my neighbors will not ask me to watch their kids



Important reminder to residents and visitors that it's Florida panther nesting season.



A Florida State trooper pulled a car over about 2 miles west of Doral. When the trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a Magician and Juggler and was on his way to Miami to do a show for the Children’s Hospital. He didn’t want to be late.

The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn’t give him a ticket. He told the trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn’t have anything to juggle.

The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler said he could, so the trooper got 5 flares, lit them and handed them to him.

While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the State Trooper’s car. A drunken good old boy from the Keys got out, watched the performance, then went over to the Trooper’s car, opened the rear door and got in. The trooper observed him and went over to the car, and opened the door, asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, “You might as well take me to jail, cause there ain’t no way I can pass that test.”



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Sarah



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Hamlet



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Bob & Dylan

Conch Characters / Around Town



Trig the bartender at the Moose



RearViewMirror at the Lorelei.



Cathy Johnson at the Moose.



Felix the Catt entertains at the Moose.



Doc's Diner, Rotary and Brenda, Judy, Jennifer, D.A., Sue, Karen collaborated on a successful fundraiser for the rebuilding of the Domestic Abuse Shelter in Marathon that serves all of Monroe County, in late April. They thanked the Coconut Telegraph for helping too!



Raiford Starke came all the way from north Florida to play for Karen Russell's Celebration of Life. Photo by DeDe Medina.



KL Civic Club donates to Upper Keys Humane Society. K Shylon Martin, UKHS VP, Greg Bianchini Key Largo Civic Club President, Holly Demars and Vivianne Wicker UKHS Board members.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"SUNDAY SCHOOL" \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am			<i>Waterfront Dining!</i>	1 Webb & Davidson 6-10	2 Jade Storm 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	3 Ray Jaworski 11-3 Ego Free 6-10
4 Vic Kingsley 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10	5 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	6 Micah 6-10	7 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	8 Webb & Davidson 6-10	9 Brothers Of Others 6-10	10 Micah 11-3 Abstract Radio 6-10
11 John Mavis 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10	12 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	13 Vic Kingsley 6-10	14 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	15 Webb & Davidson 6-10	16 Ego Free 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	17 Scott Youngberg 11-3 Static South 6-10
18 Micah 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10	19 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	20 Micah 6-10	21 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	22 Webb & Davidson 6-10	23 The Regs 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	24 Lung 11-3 Spank The Band 6-10
25 Scott Youngberg 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10	26 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	27 Steve Venini 6-10	28 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	29 Webb & Davidson 6-10	30 Brothers Of Others 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!

