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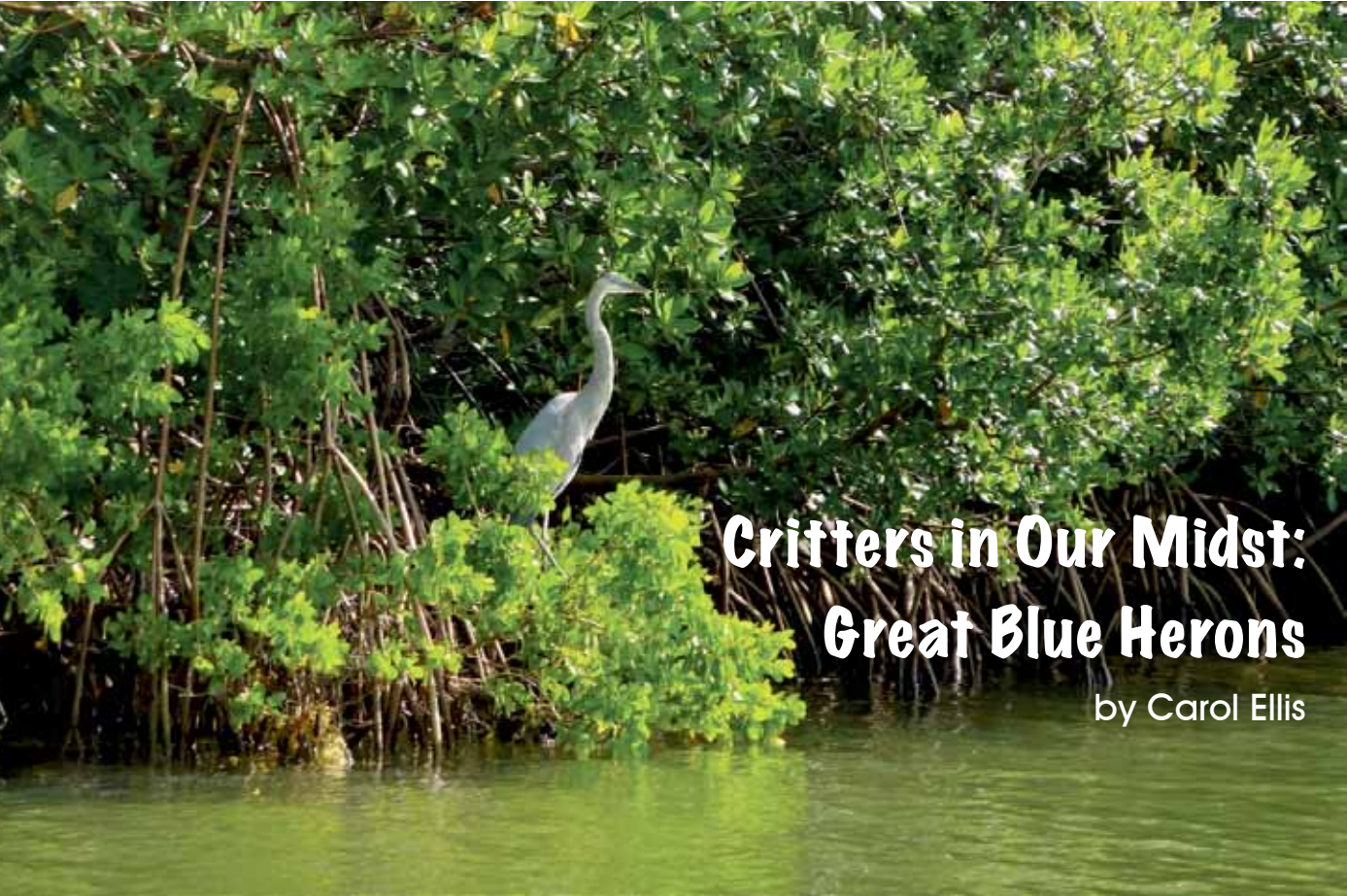




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**Critters in Our Midst:  
Great Blue Herons**  
by Carol Ellis

On the way to her boat in the marina, my friend Denise and I we were stopped in our tracks by a large white bird standing motionless on the dock as it scanned for prey. It seemed un-phased by our approach. Even my movements to remove my camera from the bag did not ruffle it's feathers. The bird was watching us, since its eyes are on the side of its head, but also far enough forward, to peer into the water. When Denise began singing I was sure the bird would depart; she defended her actions by declaring "Do you know of any singing predators?" Despite the glare, the surface motion, the mix of sea-grass and plastic on the water's surface, the bird knew that two feet below it's perch on the floating dock there were fish. Herons have binocular vision that gives them excellent depth perception, and their eyesight is about three times more detailed than that of man. Their visual field covers 180

degrees in the vertical; a bird standing with its bill horizontal can see fish swimming near its feet. Their stealthy, quick reactions and spear-like bill rewards them with fish which are swallowed whole. This familiar "crane", which I later identified as the white form of the Great Blue Heron, known as the Great White Heron, or as the "experts" say "White Morph Blue", is America's largest heron, measuring 46", and is



One White and one Blue... a cool and unusual pair.

found along the coasts of southern Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula, and in the Caribbean. The other large white wading bird we see in the Keys is the Great Egret. It has a slightly smaller bill and always has black legs compared to the typical yellow/greenish/pink legs on the white morph blue. At distance with a scope the legs are the best field mark. There are Great Blue Herons in the Keys, and their range extends from Canada south

Great Blue Herons can sometimes be overlooked simply because they are not as conspicuous as the whites

to Mexico and Florida, and even as far as the Galapagos Islands. They are sometimes overlooked simply because they are not as conspicuous as the whites.

There is another even less common form of heron, the Wurdemann morph. It's also known as the intermediate morph where the dark and white forms overlap in Florida. They have the body of a Great Blue Heron, but the white head and neck of the Great White Heron.

Many Great Blue Herons have lost their fear of humans, walking on lawns and expecting castoffs from fishermen. Fisherman should make sure they stay clear of the heron's piercing bill, as well as be responsible for securing their fishing gear, lines, hooks, and lead sinkers. Injuries due to fishing line entanglement are very common in wild bird populations, as birds can get tangled up in that junk while wading and foraging.

Broken wings, poisoning, electrical wires, and bald eagles can also cause injuries or death to these birds. So much so, that wildlife rehabilitation emerged as a profession in the late 1980's. These organizations are made up of professionals, but most rehabbers are volunteers. Laura Quinn, the "Bird Lady" who founded the Wild Bird Center in Tavernier, is seen in these photos taken in 2009, along with philanthropists Barbara and Bob Gintel, releasing a Great White Heron on the edge of the mangroves in N. Key Largo. According to their website, "Our past, present,

Blue and White forms overlap in Florida with this Wurdemann's morph.

and future are the direct result of one woman embracing her passion and caring for the environment and wildlife in the Florida Keys."

As human populations grow and more wild habitat is lost, it becomes increasingly difficult to find adequate release sites.

Singing predators? My friend Denise is correct in her theory that man is not a concern for a direct assault, unless in the rare case some idiot decides to shoot a bird. It is the unintended consequences of our actions that pose a threat. Consider the wedding event hosted on a spit of land, formerly mangrove habitat, surrounded by water on three sides. The sounds of singing, and music fill the air, drowning out the bird's ability to hear a potential predator, and at the same time plastic utensils and wrappers, cups and party balloons are dancing into the sea. Reality check: the plastic junk floating in the water does not come from off-shore; it comes directly from the island we live on.

Wildlife rehabilitators know the health of our wildlife is a barometer on the health of the environment. Policy makers as well as merry makers, need to consider how their actions may impact wildlife, including pollution of the environment and habitat loss.



These "nesters" were on an offshore small island close to Big Pine Key.



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Wurdemann's Morph and White Morph Blue side by side comparison.

**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.



MICHAEL VAUGHN PHOTO

**Wild Bird Center Release**



Laura Quinn, "The Bird Lady" founder of the Wild Bird Center.



Barbara and Bob Gintel (behind Laura), whose financial support was vital.



Laura Quinn releases a Great White Heron into the wild after rehabilitation.



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Entertainer of the Month: Marianne Dutton



The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature singer Marianne Dutton as Entertainer of the Month.



Marianne at the Jam Night.



The Castaways Band: Marianne Dutton with Bob Knauer on guitar.

degree in Radiography. She also sings like an angel!

You can find Marianne every Thursday at American Legion Post 333, 2 Seagate Blvd. Jam Night (Thursdays) from 6 to 10. She loves to meet new people from all over and wants them to keep coming back. Marianne is one of the best emcees in the Keys and is able to work the crowd in a masterful way.

When she isn't singing for the veterans, she is half of the band Castaways with Bob Knauer on guitar. Together they are always one of the first ones to volunteer to play for every benefit they are

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Friendly fishing competition ensues Saturday and Sunday on inshore and offshore charter boats or private boats, departing from Whale Harbor Marina, and other locations.

\$1,000 in individual angler prizes include Penn combos, art prints, shirts and more, presented on Sunday upon the return of boats at Whale Harbor. Awards include Top Offshore and Inshore Fish, Releases, Wild Card prizes and more.

This tournament offers easy rules designed for novice anglers, where anglers learn skills as they fish. Those with no boat can secure charter boat slots, which fill quickly so early registration is encouraged. Registration is \$95 early entry, \$119 regular per adult angler, \$55 for teens and includes about \$20 in gifts. Optional charter boat slots are extra. Women may register their males and teens.

LLGF offers a second keys event Oct.13-15 with full day fishing seminar, two days of fishing and casual prizes.



Sea Horse anglers with mahi.



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May 19-21, 2023 Keys Fishing, Screamin' Reels Tournament / Learning on the Water, Islamorada, FL

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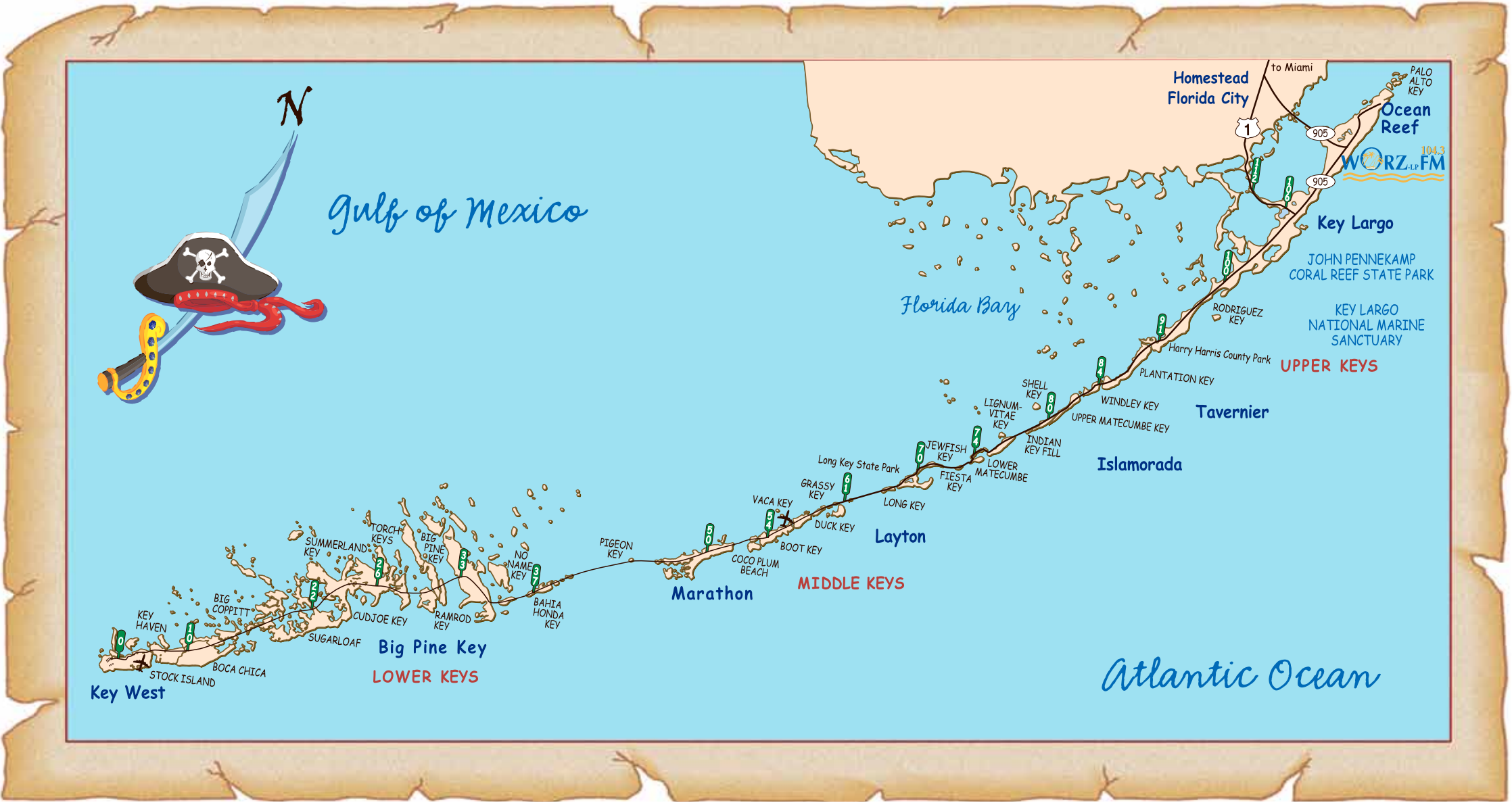
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The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

**March 1 10am-3p.m.** Monthly free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Call (866) 686-2760 or apply online [legalservicesmiami.org](https://legalservicesmiami.org). Sponsored by Legal Services of Greater Miami & the FL Keys.



**March 1 6:30 p.m.** The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.

**March 2 2-3:30 p.m.** Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions, topic: War Crimes. Join us for America's largest discussion group on world affairs. Visit the library for information on the topic to read ahead of time. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

**March 3 6 p.m.** Outdoor Concert Series: Reckless Saints (folk, blues, twang). Funded by Friends of the Key Largo Library. Last concert will be April 14.



**March 4 9:30a.m.** The Florida Keys Quilters meet 1st Saturday of the month.

**March 14 9 a.m.** Key Largo Library Community Room Artist of the Month: Monica Bankowski will display her watercolors through April 20.

**March 8 11 a.m.** Book Lovers Book Chat: It's a book club without the book! Chat about a book you've read and receive book recommendations from others.

**March 8 6 p.m.** The Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

**March 9 2-3:30pm** Adult Art Program: Paint a birdhouse or a lighthouse. You bring the creativity, we bring the rest. Supplies are limited, registration encouraged. Email [keylargolib@gmail.com](mailto:keylargolib@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.



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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**LEGO Club** Mondays at 4 p.m. 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 10:30 a.m., ages 0-5.

**Creative Tuesday** 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.

**Tech Tutor** Wednesday 1-4 p.m. 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.

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



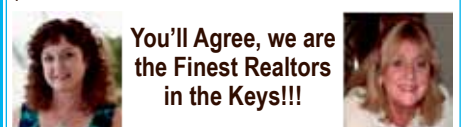
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# Florida Keys Dar Adopts Grace Lutheran School Classroom

By Jill Zima Borski, FKDAR member



The Florida Keys DAR, a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation and education, rally around this year's recipient of supplies for her classroom, Sevanah Mrsny-Ferrell at Grace Lutheran School and principal is Amy Donaldson.

Teachers are invited to apply for the grant promoted in a press release, and this year's recipient is Sevanah Mrsny-Ferrell, who works at Grace Lutheran School in Key West. She is building the physical education program from the ground up, said

Principal Amy Donaldson. Donaldson was on hand Jan. 14 to witness the opening of wrapped boxes which generated excitement as balls, a soccer net, fitness dice and other desirable physical education items valued at \$633 were unwrapped.



As she thanked the DAR, Ferrell said her largest class is comprised of 22 kids. DAR member Kyla Piscopink of Key West, whose son attends Grace Lutheran School, encouraged her to apply.

Ms. Mrsny-Ferrell has an Associates of Arts degree from the College of the Florida Keys. She is married to a captain and has three daughters. She was born and raised in Wayne, Nebraska but said the Keys create "geographic happiness" for her. She explored life in Jackson Hole and Lake Tahoe and then settled in Key West in 2009.

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sooner, but he was  
stuck in Traffic.

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that the person  
who put the first r  
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also decided  
how to spell  
Wednesday.

Husband:  
"When I die, I'd like to  
die making love."

Wife:  
"At least we know it'll  
be quick!"



A woman hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. She found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground, looked at it and said, “I don’t know how to use this.”

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

Within 5 minutes, a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked, if she needed help.

She said, “Yes, my daughter is sick. I’ve locked my keys in the car.

I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?

He nodded, walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

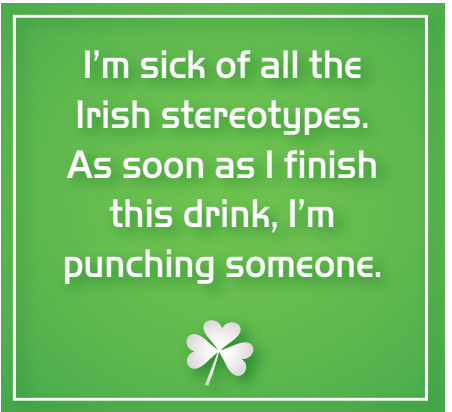
She hugged the man and through tears said, “Thank you God, for sending me such a very nice man.”

The Biker heard her little prayer and replied, “Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft.”

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, “Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!”



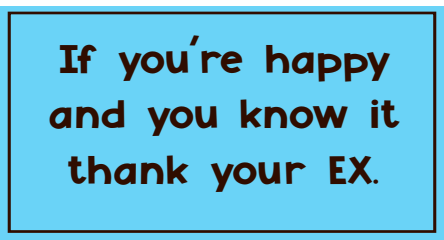
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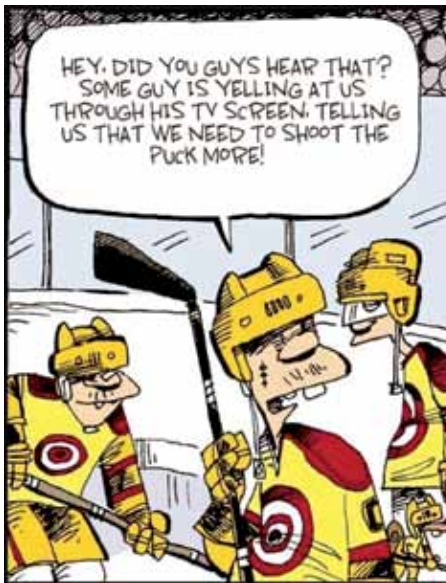


A man moves into a nudist colony.

He receives a letter from his mother asking him to send her a current photo of himself at his new location. Too embarrassed to let her know that he lives in a nudist colony, he cuts a photo in half and sends her the top half.

Later, he receives another letter asking him to send a picture to his grandmother. The man cuts another picture in half, but accidentally sends the bottom half of the photo. He is really worried when he realizes that he sent the wrong half, but then remembers how bad his grandmother's eyesight is, and hopes she won't notice.

A few weeks later, he receives a letter from his grandmother. It says, “Thank you for the picture. Change your hair style, it makes your nose look too short!”



The mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law, Paddy in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

“What happened Paddy?” she asks anxiously.

“What happened? I’ll tell you what happened! I sent an email to my wife telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home... and guess what I found?”

Your daughter, my wife, Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed! This is unforgivable! The end of our marriage. I’m done. I’m leaving forever!”

“Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!” says his mother-in-law.

“There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I’ll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened.”

Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. “Paddy, there, I told you it must be a simple explanation. She never got your email!”

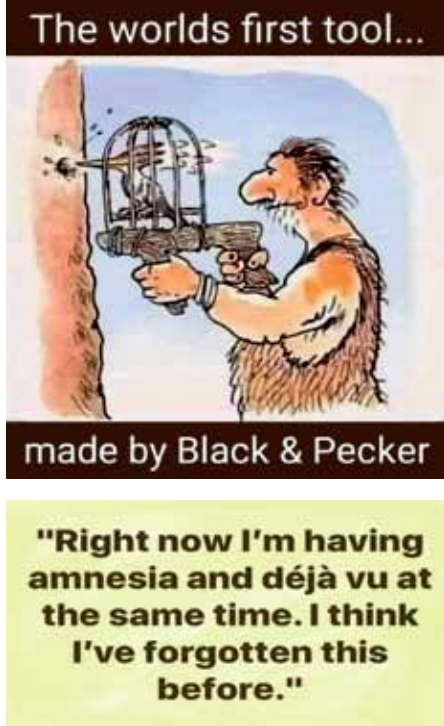
A painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Quickly, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to his small town, in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request, he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; and in fact, she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

Not wanting to get trouble with his wife, Mary, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with her.

They discussed whether it would be right or wrong. It was hard to make the decision, but finally Mary agreed, with one condition.

In a few minutes he returned to the young woman, “I would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus,” he said, “the wife says it’s okay. I’ll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes.”



A man walks into a department store He says to sales lady “I would like to buy a Baptist bra for my wife, size 36B.” With a quizzical look the sales lady asked “what kind of bra?”

He repeated a “Baptist bra, she said to tell you she wanted a Baptist bra, and you would know what she wanted.”

“Ah now I remember” said the sales lady, “we don’t get as many requests for them as we used to mostly our customers lately want the Catholic bra, or the Salvation Army bra, or the Presbyterian type.”

Confused a little flustered, the man asks “So, what are the differences?”

The lady responded “It’s all really quite simple a Catholic type supports the masses The Salvation Army lifts the Fallen the Presbyterian type keeps things staunching and upright.”

He mused on the information for a minute and then asks “So. what is the Baptist type for?”

“They,” she replied “make mountains out of molehills.”



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

**Classified ads will not be accepted without payment.**

## 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.



Rachel



Luna



Blue



Jewel



Jasmine



Jackie



Coco



Alfie



Irving



Ivan

## Conch Characters / Around Town



Yay, Shipwrecks! They took 3rd Place Bar in the Bartenders Sailfish Tournament!.



Congrats to the 1st Place team "Hillbilly Deluxe" in the Cheeca Presidential Tournament in late January.



Bartender Andreas at Big Chill.  
Photo by M. Malefyt.



Jimmy Johnson with Emerill at the Big Chill.



Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Squid; wedding at Legion.



Located on the water at 200 Florida Avenue at Mangrove Marina, Big Daddy's Grub & Beach Pub features Chef Jeremiah's awesome Tex-Mex menu!



Moose food pantry box to assist our community with non perishable foods! Located in the southbound parking lot at MM 98.8! Anyone can help themselves or add to it!



Alex Caldwell and band at the Big Chill. Photo by M. Malefyt.



Ricky Cortina and Lori Lebof, at the Bra Walk. Photo by M. Malefyt.



The AGPI 2023 People's Choice Winner is "Crotons" by C Ré.



Ricky Reihl and Terri Bodker chillin' at the Big Chill. Photo by M. Malefyt.



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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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This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>"SUNDAY SCHOOL"</b> \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am			1 Webb, Jennings & Keller 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	2 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	3 Jade Storm 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	4 John Ciulla 11-3 Dropouts 5:30-9:30
	5 Harry French 11-3 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	6 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	7 Harry French 5:30-9:30	8 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	9 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	10 Brothers Of Others 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset
12 Harry French 11-3 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	13 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	14 Harry French 5:30-9:30	15 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	16 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	17 Harry O'French 11-3 OVRHOL 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	18 Micah 11-3 South 58 5:30-9:30
19 Mark Macri 11-3 Webb, Davidson & Macri 5:30-9:30	20 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	21 Harry French 5:30-9:30	22 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	23 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	24 The Regs 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	25 Ray Jaworski 11-3 Rearview Mirror 5:30-9:30
26 Harry French 11-3 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	27 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	28 Harry French 5:30-9:30	29 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	30 Igor & The Red Elvies 5:30-9:30	31 Ego Free 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	<b>Waterfront Dining!</b>

