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These pelicans are enjoying a beautiful day at Robbie's in Islamorada. Feeding the tarpon there is fun for the whole family, and the birds love it too! We chose pelicans for our May cover as a tribute to the Publisher's mom for Mother's Day, as she loved them.

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Screech owls stay in the area, and do not migrate. Their lifespan is 10 years in the wild due to the amount of obstacles they encounter. Here they sit on a branch a the gumbo limbo tree. **Susan Kolterman Photo**

My favorite times of day are near dusk and dawn. The time of day, when the shadows get longer and you can sit outside without a hat on, with coffee or cold drink in hand, and contemplate the wonders of nature.

It's the time of day full of chirping and songs, and the emergence of the critters.

It's the time before the sounds of daily human activities; the din of lawn mowers and leaf blowers, the constant chatter of workmen nearby.



A well-placed nesting box can provide nightly entertainment, as you watch papa owl emerge at dusk to forage for food, or as you observe the adult owls urging their fledgling owlets to freedom through the small hole in the box.

Think of how your morning walk would change if you pulled out the headphone plugs, and simply listened to the sounds of nature. Tune in, not out. I will use my iPhone on nature walks; it has an app called "Merlin" that listens to and records bird sounds, and in real time suggests a possible identification. For me, a nature lover who basically knows nothing, it has opened up a world of knowledge, and has brought me even closer to nature. As the names of birds are popping up on the screen, you get an idea of what may be making the sound, and aiding you in visually identifying it. The app can also be used by someone with a hearing loss; someone who can hear, but the sounds may not be crisp enough.

As areas are developed, and natural land is changed, birds lose their favorite trees and water sources. Several of my friends have installed screech owl nesting boxes in their yards, within view of their windows or porches. In the wild, screech owls nest in abandoned holes created by woodpeckers, for example.

Before I get a nesting box, I need to use "Merlin" to see if I already have owls in my yard, or vicinity. There might just be a natural "house" in my wooded acreage.

"Birders" are a pretty great bunch of people. A friend was invited for a cocktail at the home of a neighbor who had a "screech owl" nesting box in a palm tree outside the porch. Yes, lively Key Largo nightlife...sipping on a



A mama screech owls feeds a baby owl a cockroach snack. Eliminate the need for pesticides, as all birds, including owls, enjoy eating insects, and act as a natural remover of those pesky bugs. **Jim Duquesnel Photo**

drink while listing to the "HOO." She later found an appropriate spot in her own yard, where she could enjoy the owls, who came year after year thereafter, until hurricane Irma tore the house down.

Have you ever heard someone say they never see any birds in their yard? Or maybe they do not know where to start looking for birds. The answer is, look in your backyard.

Ask yourself, what does a migrating bird or even a local bird, have to eat in your yard? Do you have any native plants? With development and habitat loss, there are increasing pressures on wildlife. If everybody just planted one native plant, that's a start. In a suburban jungle, one native tree may be fruiting, while in another there is pollen and nectar

Screech Owl CONTINUED



Once the chicks leave the nest, they do not go back in. **Bunny Bradov Photo**

attracting bugs and caterpillars. That is what they need to eat. Planting a yard with only palms and ornamentals is, for a bird, like you going to the store and there is only cat food on the shelves. What are you going to eat? Birds need fresh water, and cover too, so that they may hide from predators.

Owls can be a great source for natural pest control and it is free. No pesticide service or poison-filled plastic



Baby chick owlet peers out from his foliage camouflage. **Bunny Bradov Photo**

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Adult male screech owl looking out the small hole in the nesting box. **Bunny Bradov Photo**

boxes needed! Screech owls feed on all sorts of bugs, cockroaches, lizards, beetles, moths and rodents. Whatever they can see, catch in the air or pounce on is fair game. Spraying for bugs eliminates a food source. Owls can also be threatened by pest control of another kind... rat traps containing poison are a huge problem. The rat entering the box does not just eat the poison and die there, they eat the poison, then leave the trap, to slowly die from the effects wherever they wander off to. Unfortunately for the birds of prey such as the owl, or the hawk, that same poison does not discriminate between the rat, and the bird that just ate the rat.

For all of us, birds alert us to seasonal shifts like migration, teach us about communication, and the cycle of life through behaviors like predation, mating and nesting. Screech owls mate in late fall, and you can hear their noises. The baby owlets emerge from the nesting boxes in April or early May.


Nature is the law. It makes me want to get up early in the morning and keep going. The ecosystem is provided free of charge, no accessories required. And the benefits are lower rates of anxiety, depression and stress.



My friend got involved in screech owl gardening after being invited for cocktails at a home that had a screech owl nesting box in a palm tree outside the porch, where they'd sip on a cold drink and listen to the "HOO." **Nancy Fazio Photo**


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"Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done"

"The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning."

"Low Self Esteem Support Group" will meet Thurs. at 7 pm. Please use the back door."

"The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth into Joy'."

"A songfest was held at the Methodist Church Wed."

"The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy."

"Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and Medications to follow."

"The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Adams."

"Tuesday at 4 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early."

"At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance."

"Mrs. Johnson will be in the hospital this week for testes."

"Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their 1st child."

"The Lutheran Men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert will be served for a nominal feel."

"The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'"

"This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

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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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1970 Keys Memories - Were You There?

by Karen Beal

Someone asked the other day, 'When you first moved to the Keys, what was your favorite fast food place?'

We didn't have fast food in the Keys in 1975, I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

We couldn't afford a restaurant. Pilot House Marina charged \$3.95 for all you could eat grouper and \$5.95 for all you could eat lobster and you sat next to cans of bottom paint and boat parts - but we couldn't afford that very often. Instead, our gang would combine our fish, shrimp, lobster and conch catch and have a "12-entree feast" sharing the bounty. We even had blow-fish once - fugu, right? But we didn't know about sushi back then.

Later, Tahiti Village restaurant was great fun with a floating tiki bar, fabulous buffet and a Polynesian floor show. The Coral Grill was the other place you went for special dinners and always left groaning and vowing you would approach the buffet with better sense NEXT time.

US1 was not a heavily trafficked road. Going up the stretch we would count the cars driving south - maybe we would pass 20. Might I add we were traveling at some high speeds in our land-yacht, vintage Cadillac. There were no officers to patrol that 18 mile stretch of road and there were frequent and tragic head-on collisions. There was a sign posted at the top of the stretch that would say the number of deaths on US1 that year. The blue barrier you see now makes a huge difference to the number of fatalities.

We would drive all the way to Sears in Cutler Ridge to shop for "what we couldn't get here" about once a month - and have a Big Mac for dinner up there, which was the first McDonalds north of Key Largo. It was a treat. The ride between the top of the stretch and Sears was mostly passing lime and avocado groves and not much else - except Coral Castle. There was no real Cutler Ridge Mall then - just Sears - and the first credit card we could get was called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears. Does anyone

remember the Serpentarium? That is how we knew we were getting close to Sears.

Back in Key Largo, US1 only had one lane each direction - and what is the northbound now was a scruffy road that teenagers would have drag races on sometimes. It really made it tough when they changed the road to what it is now. Lots of folks would head out the wrong direction and there were many accidents.

We had no library - we had a van that brought books up from Key West Library once a week then I remember the Civic Club hosting the library, then it was in little shop at Waldorf Plaza about where Walgreens is now. Then above the bank, which was either Marine or Nations Bank, and finally to the current location.

Everyone had side hustles to make ends meet. Many people were wreck salvage-hunters and sometimes would actually find cool stuff. If you had a boat you would get your "six-pack" CG license and be a dive captain. We would get amberjack from the charter fishing boats at Holiday Inn Docks - after the photo op the crew would toss them - and we would smoke the fish and sell it back to the bait shops for fisherman to purchase. We had a brown sugar glaze recipe that was delicious.

Back then, all our water (from Miami as it is now) came to the Keys via an 18 inch pipeline that was above ground and right along the highway down the stretch all the way to Key West. Often it would get broken or damaged by a vehicle hitting it. Everyone was used to being without water suddenly and often. What did come out of the tap was warm, even on the Cold setting.

When the pipe was finally improved and buried under the ground down the center of the highway, the increased pressure caused pipes to burst in people's yards or homes. Those were some exciting times.

We learned to live without electric at a moment's notice and for days at a time. Power was often interrupted when



Karen with her catch, 1973.

a wooden pole was hit by a car. Folks now probably don't realize how lucky we are to have the concrete poles and fabulous maintenance of FKEC.

All of the major dive shops would close and take their staff over to Cay Sal Banks for 2 weeks of diving and boat-camping - for free. Well, in place of paid vacation time. Crew and staff from Carl Gage Diving's Henrietta, Tropic Isle's Good Time Charlie, Bobby Klein's Plus Ultra, Ocean Divers and others would dive blue holes and caves and spearfish for our dinner each night. We would go as a group from island to island around the atoll (legally, there were customs agents there back then) and never see another boat the entire time.

The nationwide gas shortage in 1978 really played havoc with people's income. We had none. That is the poorest I've ever been and everyone was in the same boat (which would be a row boat because no one could get fuel). Looking back at old tax returns, our combined income was under \$4,000. I invented the string bikini because I could make one out of two bandanas bought at Salvation Army. I should have patented the design back then!!

It is not my intention to make you think that these things were hardships. Even being broke was OK because all your friends were too, and we just shared what we had and gave what was needed. It was a pretty amazing place to live. You know... it still is!

21 COMMON MOM SAYINGS DECODED

| WHAT MOM SAYS | WHAT MOM MEANS |
|--|---|
| "We'll see." | "When hell freezes over." |
| "Maybe later." | "Never." |
| "No." | "Didn't you hear me when I said 'We'll see?'" |
| "Maybe for your birthday." | "Hopefully you'll forget about it by your birthday." |
| "I'll be there in a minute!" | "Hopefully you'll figure it out yourself by then." |
| "What do you think?" | "You already know the answer to that." |
| "That's a great toy to take to Grandma's!" | "I hate that noisy piece of garbage." |
| "When you live in my house, you live by my rules." | "I'm in charge around here." |
| "Just wait until your father gets home." | "I'm sick of being in charge around here." |
| "What do you want for breakfast?" | "You're getting cereal." |
| "I'm not your maid." | "If you don't figure out where dirty laundry goes, I might just burn all your clothes in the lawn." |
| "Don't make me say it again!" | "I bet I'll say it at least 250 more times." |
| "Don't make me come in there!" | "I am WAY too tired to get up." |
| "Don't make me turn this car around!" | "I won't, because I want to be out of the house, but stop yelling." |
| "Your face will stick like that." | "I've resorted to outright lying." |
| "Use your inside voice." | "You're embarrassing Mommy." |
| "I'm going to count to three!" | "One... two... two and a half... two and three-quarters..." |
| "You'll eat what I made for dinner or you won't eat anything." | "In about 10 minutes I'll make you a PB&J." |
| "Do as I say, not as I do." | "I didn't think you'd see me doing that." |
| "Were you raised in a barn?" | "Don't answer that." |
| "When you have kids, I hope they turn out just like you." | "OMG I've become my mother." |

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Every year, the warm weather and welcoming community of Key Largo hosts Veterans with visual impairment and their guides for Team River Runner's OuttaSight program. This program, in existence for nearly a decade, has focused on training Veterans with visual impairments (VI) as well as training Veterans and volunteers to be VI guides. Our guides, many of whom are Veterans themselves, receive training in VI guiding through Team River Runners OuttaSight Guide Leadership Program.

Our VI participants work and bond with their guides over the course of the week, as we learn and develop sea kayaking skills and knowledge of the local flora and fauna.

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From the "That's Nasty" Files...

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I've stated many times that I don't enjoy doing solo shows as much as I enjoy band gigs. I have always preferred the camaraderie and security of having band-mates. I had never even considered the possibility of playing solo until that particular point in time when the entertainment industry went through a big change.

There had always been plenty of band gigs up until then but karaoke nights, jam nights, DJs as well as band in the box guys (a.k.a. one man bands) decimated the band scene and upset the pay scale. Bands are lucky to find work that pays decently on the weekends these days.

Reluctant to do the solo thing I took a gig driving a taxi cab on the off nights. Monday and Tuesday nights are usually the slowest nights of the week for hospitality businesses and they're definitely wasn't any gigs for the whole band.

During the slow-season, after spending 12 hours driving taxi from 4 PM until 4 AM, counting my money at the end of the night it came up to a grand total of eight dollars...

...I ordered an "in hole" pick up for my acoustic guitar as it was made in the 70's and didn't have any electronics in it. I put together a set list of songs that I felt reasonably comfortable with playing by

myself, I hoped it would work anyway.

I was advised not to play too much country music down here and to get "backing tracks" also known as a "band in the box". I didn't have the money to invest in a "box" so I did the best I could with what I had, a microphone, an acoustic guitar and a powered speaker.

I don't remember exactly how or when but I managed to get a gig at the old Smugglers Cove in Islamorada... there were only a handful of people there including a rather large woman with a pile of hot buffalo wings in front of her.

I quickly realized that the songs I had planned were not working out and I had to default to what I know best...old outlaw country like Waylon, Willie, Hank Jr., not that twangy shit as some people call it...and southern rock "gems" that the radio stations won't play...which was the music that I grew up playing for my friends around the campfire.

I never could be something I'm not and I'm not good at hiding what I am.

The big woman with wing sauce all over her face and hands like a two-year-old child, almost dropped her beer several times as her greasy hands couldn't keep a grip on the glass without a hand underneath for support. She seemed very friendly if not intoxicated and sang along to all my crusty old country classics like Walking the floor over you, Heartaches by the number, Luckenbach, Texas...

I have always tended to play with my eyes closed and I've missed out on a lot of



great things because of that. Displays of female anatomy that were wonderful to behold except for I was singing with my eyes closed... drummers and bass players always see the good stuff... as well as fights and other shit that can be distracting.

This is one of those times that I really wish my eyes were open because the large woman eating the pile of chicken wings was enamored with my beard saying, "I just LOVE your beard" and kept carrying on about it between songs.

I get into the next song and suddenly I feel a presence violating my personal space but before I can open my eyes, her greasy, chicken wing covered fingers with chunks of garlic are buried deep in my beard! The overwhelming smell, it was so intense! The grease was soaking into my beard, wicking up to my skin and making my whole face feel like it was soaked in hot chicken wing grease.

I had to fight my initial reaction which was to punch her right in the face and tell her to get the @\$#% off of me but I'm a professional and I finished the song as she waddled back to her table to shove a handful of fries into her mouth.

I took a break and retreated to the bathroom where I tried in vain to wash the grease and smell away using weak ass watered down hand soap and cold water as the hot water tap didn't work.

It took a month for that smell to finally wear out of my beard and nose. Not even a dog would lick my face with that spicy chicken wing smell... not to mention lighting up the wife in her sensitive areas.

And the big woman didn't even tip me after she fondled my beard and said I was "great"...I bet she says that to all the bands...

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Seeing Signs

The universe is always offering us signs to help us, we just need to slow down and pay attention.

The universe can often relay messages to us through signs. Often, we are too busy to stop and consider what may or may not be a sign. We may ask the universe for guidance, yet fail to recognize the sign it sends us in response. Learning the subtle language of signs can help you interpret the guidance the universe sends your way. We all have been blessed with a connection that allows the universe to communicate directly with us. To be able to understand the information relayed over that connection, however, it is necessary that we learn to pay attention and know what to look for.

To see and correctly interpret a sign, you must open your heart and mind to the universe and invite its guidance into your life. Many of us are blind to the signs we receive because we expect angels or our spirit guides to speak to us in a booming voice and tell us exactly what we need to hear. But signs are usually of this earth and there-

fore easier to encounter. A song lodged in your mind or a number that seems to pop up everywhere you look after you've asked the universe for guidance can both be signs. Signs may come through the animal world, from strangers, or jump out of a book in the form of an insightful passage. A sign may be a direct answer to one of your questions. Other signs may point you in the right direction, warn of impending difficulties, or show you a different way. If you want the universe to send you a sign, tell it that you are ready and willing to accept its guidance.

If you are receptive and patient, the signs you receive will become easier to recognize. It is important to listen to your intuition. A sign can mean many things to different people, and only you can decipher a sign's meaning is for you. As you practice reading the signs and following their guidance, the universe will send more of them your way.

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It's easy for anyone to land a plane, providing there is someone in the control tower to talk you down.
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The ventilation system of any building is a perfect hiding place. No one will ever think of looking for you in there and you can travel to any other part of the building without difficulty. And it's always clean in there.
Should you wish to pass yourself off as a German officer, it will not be necessary to speak the language. A German accent will do.
A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.

When paying for a taxi, never look at your wallet as you take out a note - just grab one at random and hand it over. It will always be the exact fare.
During all police investigations, it will be necessary to visit a strip club at least once.
Cars and trucks that crash will almost always burst into flames.
A single match will be sufficient to light up a room the size of a football stadium.
Medieval peasants had perfect teeth.
All single women have a cat.
One man shooting at 20 men has a better chance of killing them all than 20 men firing at one.
It does not matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts - your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one by

dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessor.
When you turn out the light to go to bed, everything in your room will still be clearly visible, just slightly bluish.
Dogs always know who's bad and will naturally bark at them.
Rather than wasting bullets, megalomaniacs prefer to kill their archenemies using complicated machinery involving fuses, pulley systems, deadly gases, lasers and man eating sharks that will allow their captives at least 20 minutes to escape.
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- State Highway
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- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Artist of the Month:

William Le Dent's photography is on display in the Key Largo Library Community Room during the month of May.

May 3, 11:00 a.m. Book Lovers Book Chat: It's a book club without the book! Chat about a book you've read and hear about titles other readers recommend.

May 3, 6:30 p.m. The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Key Largo Library.

May 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Great Decisions topic of the month: Economic Warfare & Russia. Join us for the Foreign Policy's Association's largest discussion group on world affairs. Visit the library for an informative article on the topic to read ahead of time. We'll watch a brief video on the topic, then discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

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May 6, 9:30 a.m.: The Florida Keys Quilters meet the 1st Saturday of the month. Check their Facebook page for details.

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May 8, 11:00 a.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group To register and for more information, please call 800.272.3900 (monthly on the 2nd Tuesday)

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May 10, 11:30 a.m. Baptist Health expert Beth Ruhmann, certified therapeutic recreation specialist, to learn more about the benefits of journaling. Participants will also receive a free journal to decorate. Supplies provided. Registration is encouraged. Call 305-451-2396. Walk-ins welcome.

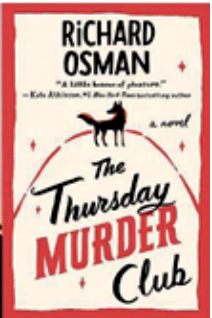
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Baptist Health

May 23, 6-7:45p.m. Books on Tap: Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. Borrow a copy of the book from the Key Largo Library. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.



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LEGO Club Mondays at 4 p.m. except May 29. 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. for 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. Bring your device and questions to the Key Largo Library for one-on-one help.

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

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I never finish anything.
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I had my patience tested.
I'm negative.

when you realize Captain America's suit doesn't have 50 stars, so he's actually Captain Puerto Rico
I was abducted by aliens. They made me wash my hands, clean my room, and eat my vegetables.
Turns out I was on the mothership.

DO YOU THINK NEIL ARMSTRONG WENT TO PARTIES AND TOLD BAD JOKES ABOUT THE MOON?
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—PLUTO—



A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said: 'Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible.'

'What do you mean?' said the pirate, 'I feel fine.'

Bartender: 'What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before.'

Pirate: 'Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now.'

Bartender: 'Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?'

Pirate: 'We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really...'

Bartender: 'What about that eye patch?'

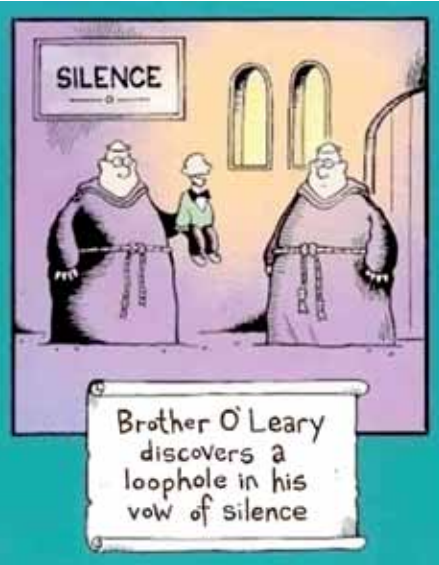
Pirate: 'Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shit in my eye.'

Bartender: 'You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird shit?'

Pirate: 'It was my first day with the hook.'



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Pastor interrupts his sermon to ask 3 men in the front row: "What would you want your loved ones to say as they are looking down at you in your coffin?"
Tom: That I was a good husband and father.
Bill: That I lived a good life of kindness to others.
Dan: "Look. He's moving!"



Three mischievous old Grandmas were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when old Grandpa John walked by.

One old granny yelled out, saying, "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

John said, "There is no way you can guess it, you old fools."

The second old lady said, "Sure we can! Just drop your pants and undershorts and we can tell your exact age."

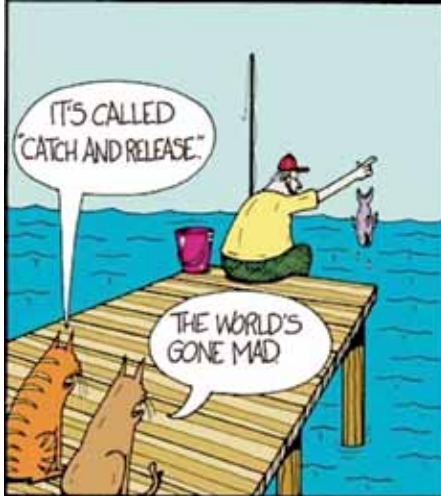
Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, John dropped his drawers.

One of the old aunties asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times. Then the three of them all piped up and said, "You're 87 years old!"

Standing with his pants down around his ankles, John asked, "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, all the old girls happily yelled in unison...

"We were at your birthday party yesterday!"



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"Ok," Says the editor awkwardly. "We can do 3 lines and a maximum of 25 words for \$35."

"Nope, still too expensive..." She grimaces. "What else ya got?"

Flustered, the ad man wants to get her out the door and tells her, "We have the economy options - 2 lines, 5 words max, \$5."

She agrees. So he fills out the order and asks, "okay, what do you want it to say?"

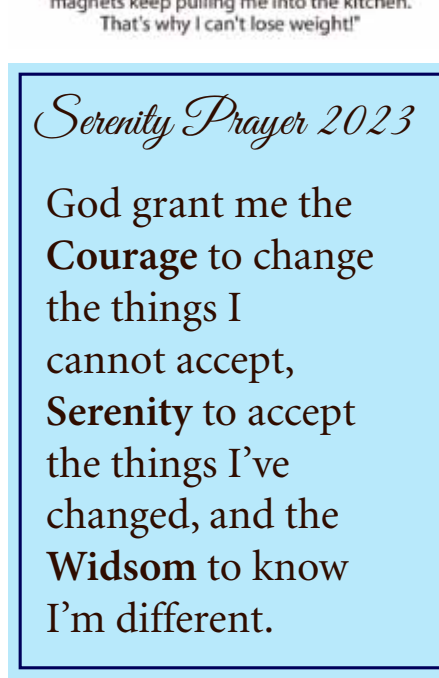
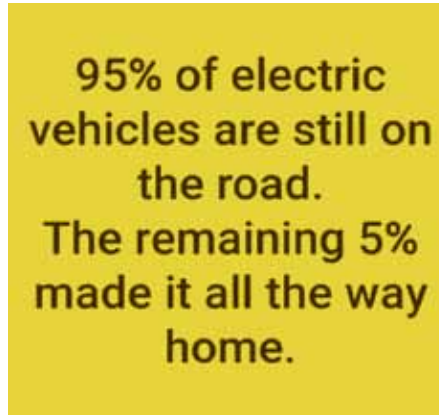
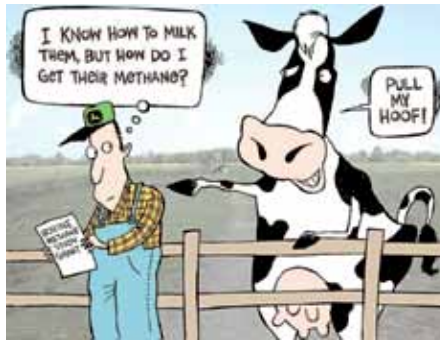
She thinks for a moment and then says: "Dan's dead. Car for sale."



On the first day of training for parachute jumping, a blonde listened intently to the instructor. He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet. The blonde asked, "How am I supposed to know when I'm at 300 feet?"

"That's a good question. When you get to 300 feet, you can recognize the faces of people on the ground."

After pondering his answer, she asked, "What happens if there's no one there I know?"



A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale.'

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep" the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says, "So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running... but the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars" the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the yard."

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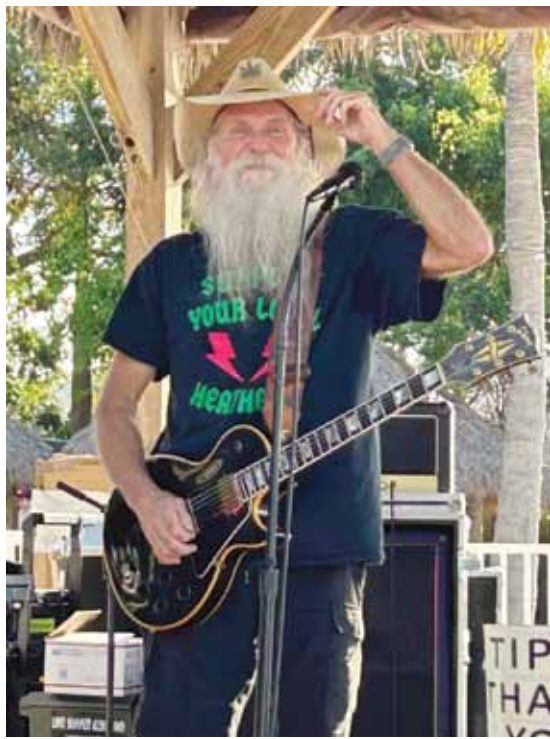


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Welcome new advertiser Lisette Romero, The Florida Mortgage Lab.




Luke Sommer Glenn lookin' good!




Steve "Skypilot" Scott at the Moose.




Callum Allison, Tacky Tourist at the American Legion Soirée.




John Mavis at Key Largo Moose.




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Coach Jimmy & Troy Aikman feasting on The Big Chill's Loaded Nachos.



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|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK! | 1 Carousers 6-10 | 2 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 3 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 4 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 5 Christopher Dean Band 6-10 | 6 John Ciulla 11-3 |
| | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Rearview Mirror 6-10 |
| | 7 Vic Kingsley 11-3 | 8 Carousers 6-10 | 9 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 10 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 11 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 12 Ty Thurman Band 6-10 |
| | Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Abstract Radio 6-10 |
| | 14 Chris Bellamy 11-3 | 15 Carousers 6-10 | 16 Dennis Holmes 6-10 | 17 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 18 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 19 Jade Storm 6-10 |
| | Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Ray Jaworski 11-3 |
| | 21 Micah 11-3 | 22 Carousers 6-10 | 23 Steve Venini 6-10 | 24 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 25 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | 26 OVRHOL 6-10 |
| | Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | Michael Trixx @Sunset | 27 John Bartus 11-3 |
| 28 Adrienne Z 11-3 | 29 Carousers 6-10 | 30 Micah 6-10 | 31 Webb & Davidson 6-10 | <div>***** happy ***** MEMORIAL day</div> | | |
| Webb & Davidson 6-10 | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | Michael Trixx @Sunset | | | |



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