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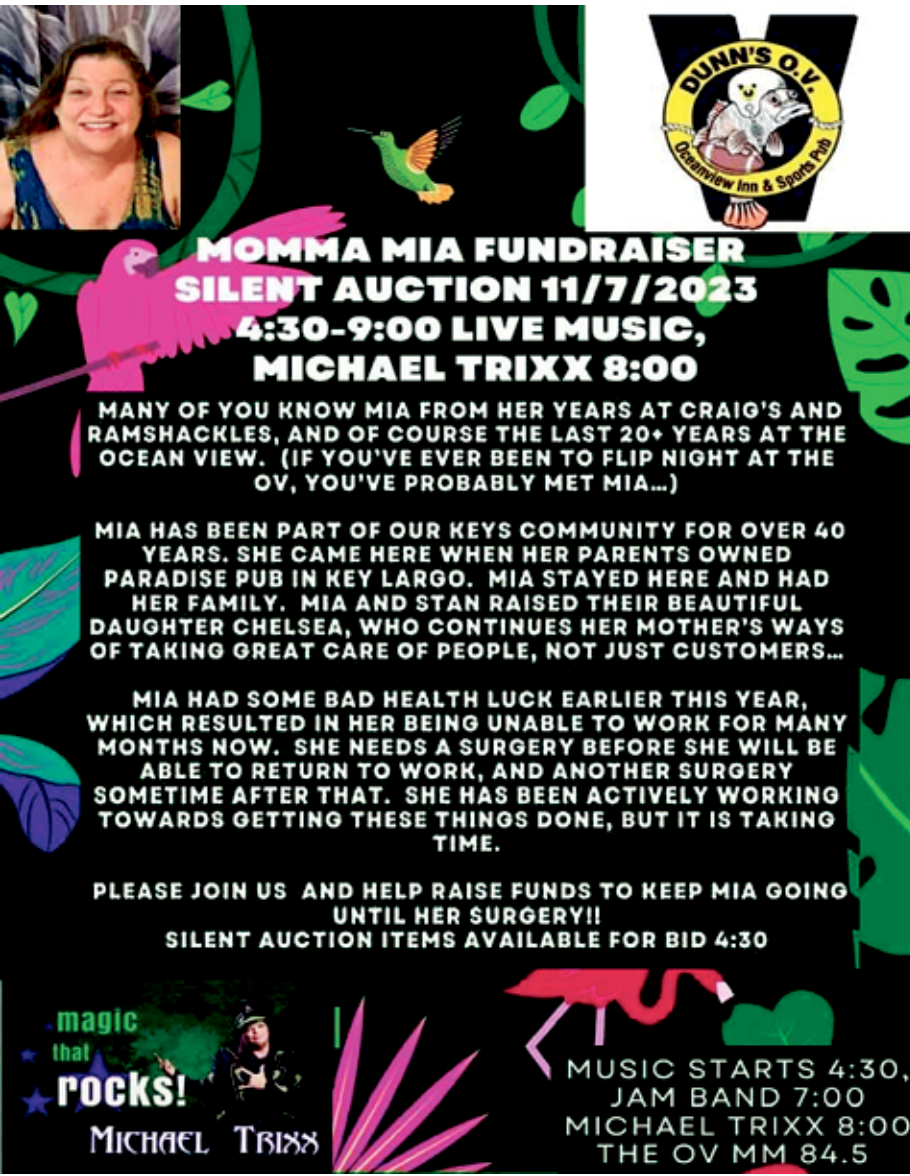


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# AOTM Stephanie Rizzutti

**Stephanie Evans is an icon.**

The former Las Vegas show-girl is beautiful, glamorous and famous. You might know her as upper Keys local Stephanie Rizzutti. Evans is her stage name.

Stephanie is the Coconut Telegraph's November Artist of the Month. She has traveled all over the US and Canada; not just as a showgirl but also as a gymnast, contortionist, trapeze artist, actress, fire eater, and snake charmer.

She had a 250-lb Burmese python, more than twice her size, named Big Girl that she trained from a baby for her act. Big Girl and Stephanie performed an entire show as an Alice Cooper impersonator and she was also on the Howard Stern Show. Alice Cooper said in an interview when asked who did he think was his best imitator? He replied "Stephanie Evans, she does the whole big production — hair down to the floor, gigantic snakes, hanging, the whole bit."

When she retired from show biz, she and her husband Willie bought and ran a bar, The Paradise Tiki Bar and Grill. After selling the bar



The bathroom door.



Stephanie and Willie.



Stephanie today.



"Big Girl" and Stephanie.



Alice Cooper and Stephanie.







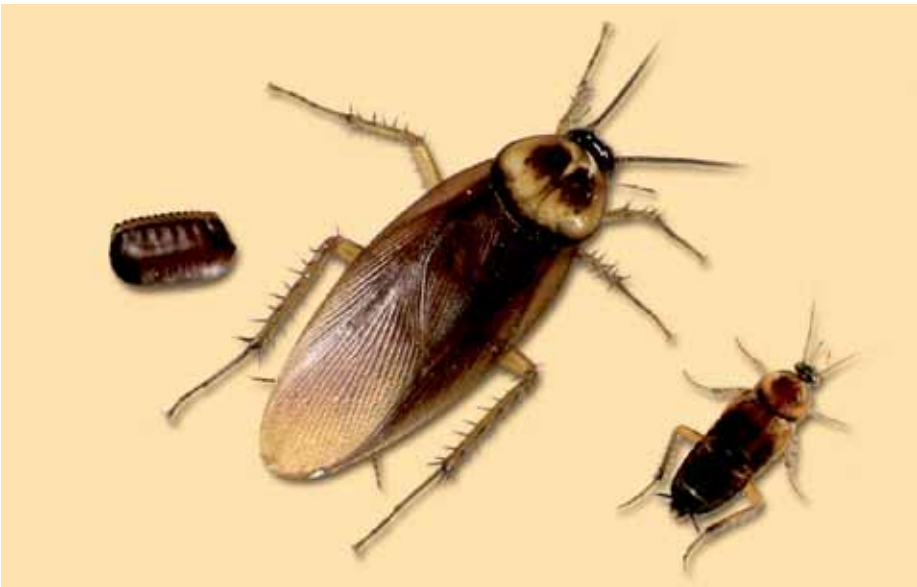
I prefer nature's "cloud" to the AI Cloud and machine learning.

In a perfect world, all insects would stay outside and be perfectly content in their soil filled, green leafed, decaying mulch environment. Unfortunately sometimes conditions are such... like when it rains a lot, the bugs decide to cross that sacred threshold, and enter.

Of all the creatures, the one I cannot stand is the cockroach, or palmetto bug. They are the stuff of nightmares, as they fly through a room. The cockroaches hide in dark places and emerge when no-one is looking. I always imagined cockroaches living in my sister's beehive hairdo, a style popular in the 1960s. Her hair would be teased and sprayed, and wound into a tall bun. When my sister styled one of these hairdos, it would last for days, even withstanding potential collapse during sleep.

Last summer, as part of plumbing maintenance, we had our drain pipes pressure cleaned. The plumber inserted a video camera through a roof vent to show the grease and scale accumulated on the

pipes, and the hundreds of creepy cockroaches living there. The second video taken after the cleaning showed the pipes clean and



American cockroach egg case, adult and nymph. Adult actual size 1-1/2" (38 mm). Photo by UF/IFAS.

as good as new. Throughout this process, the cockroaches in the pipes escaped through the roof vent. I needed a video of the plumber doing his crazy dance, as he brushed the creepy, crawly cockroaches off his arms and legs! Unfortunately, some of the cockroaches escaped by way of the sink drains inside our home... an unintended consequence, to say the least. Most roaches were contained, but there were

some that managed to evade capture. The cats would find and play with one or two, but for the most part just ignored

dimension was about the size of a dime. Whenever I opened the sliding glass door to go onto the porch, the creature would buzz my face, land on a wall, briefly, then buzz me again. It was trying to be my friend, I think. But what was it? I am not naive when it comes



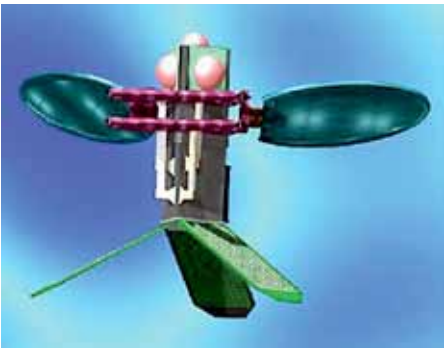
Evania appendigaster, also known as the blue-eyed ensign wasp.

to advances in technology. Could this be a drone disguised as a fly? Sound far fetched? A patent has been issued to Georgia Tech Research for their electromechanical insect,

**Spy Fly** CONTINUED *Photos by Carol Ellis except as noted.*

the Endomopter. About the size of a housefly, it's designed to fly through vents and crawl under doors, to do tasks such as photograph and record sound. UC Berkeley is working on their version called Robofly.

Is my new insect friend the proverbial fly on the wall, able to watch what happens without people knowing? We all have experienced our phones eavesdropping on conversations, and later displaying ads related to the conversations. Well if Siri is listening, and if the tech folks are getting a direct feed from their consumers, and if the government is watching our every move... at least we are keeping everyone busy.



Robofly. Photo courtesy R.Fearing/UC-Berkeley. Artist rendering of a micromechanical flying insect.

Since the fly creature was friendly, it allowed me to photograph it. Via my post on iNaturalist, my "super spy" creature was identified as an Ensign wasp. These wasps live to exterminate cockroaches! Indeed my friend! Evania appendigaster, also known as the blue-eyed ensign wasp, lay their eggs in cockroach



**Spiny Orbweaver.** The spider has six pointy "thorn-like" projections around its body, and are bright red, yellow, black and white in color.



Spiny Orbweaver spins a yellow and white silky case to house 100-260 eggs, and provide nourishment for developing young spiders.



Baby orbweavers stay inside the egg case for several weeks where they learn to move around.

egg casings. The wasps' eggs hatch, and the larvae eat the roaches within the egg case. These wasps are not known to sting humans. So what do you do if you find an Ensign wasp in your house? Leave it alone to look for cockroaches!

There is another creature on my patio that I literally ran into... a spider who spins its web all around the screen porch, and I often encounter their low webs. Aargh! Its spiny body looks ominous, but in fact they are friendly. The common Spinybacked Orbweaver, *Gasteracantha cancriformis*, are often called "crab spiders," because they look a little like crabs. The Spiny orbweaver is a beneficial spider that feasts on garden pests, and flying insects such as whiteflies, mosquitoes, and wasps. Outdoors they spin their webs within trees and shrubs.

Their webs are about 12 inches across, with many connecting strands. The patio is covered with them, but the lowness was bugging me! I discovered a solution by accident, when a helium balloon got loose on the



Helium balloons float around our screen enclosure forced the spiders to retreat to higher ground.



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patio. As it floated around inside the enclosure, the spiders relocated to spaces beside the high beams where the balloon couldn't affect them. Problem solved. Now we buy balloons just for the purpose of releasing.

Nature has a solution for everything. We just have to be patient and observe the world around us, and pray that my Ensign wasp... my "super spy fly" friend... doesn't decide to visit the spiders.









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The Big Green Nugget Delusion

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

While smoking weed with friends one particular night on the back deck of a bar, I happened to look down and see what I thought was a "bud" of marijuana under the bench in the weak light emanating from the bar. "Hey man, does that look like weed to you?" I ask the wife. "Oh Wow!" she says, "it does look like pot. Grab it!" she barks. Her vision is worse than mine and I realized the futility of asking her. But it really does look like a big ol' "top" bud.

I ask a younger friend to take a look in hopes his eyes work better than us older folks but he locks into my wishful thinking and he says "Wow! I think that is a big ol' nugget!" as he contemplates the shape in the shadows.

It's a little bit of a chore to reach underneath the bench especially for older party people so before making the effort it's always wise to verify the reward. It sure does look like a big ol' tasty green bud that someone must have dropped as this particular spot is a favorite amongst the locals to roll and smoke "one."

It was a little too breezy to keep a lighter lit in an attempt to throw some light on the subject. No one had a handy dandy key chain light and this was before cell phones so...

"I would hate for a nice looking bud to go to waste," I tell the wife. Good weed was a lot harder to come by at the time and I was raised "Waste not, want not". My mother didn't leave a piece of gristle on a chicken bone. I could not overcome my programming and I had to look.

I stoop down, 100 pounds overweight, half drunk, half stoned, half blind and com-

pletely crazy, I finally get all that weight settled onto my knees on the uneven board-walk planks, back sore and hurting I bend to look under the bench, dripping sweat and gasping for air.

I try flicking the lighter again but to no avail. I'm huffing and puffing in a pool of sweat and finally say "F&%\$ it!" and grab what really does look like a cone shaped bud with "crystals" glistening in the weak light. One of those primo, high dollar, hydroponic, super strain weed that you only see on the pages of "High Times" magazine. Amsterdam quality marijuana that we've only dreamed of up to that point.

So with oxygen getting harder to suck in, sweat pouring in my eyes and dreams of "unicorns and pixie dust" dancing in my head I grab what quickly became a mockery of my dreams in the form of canine excrement, definitely not the "shit" I was hoping for.

Damn it man! I hope there's still some soap and paper towels in the bathroom. At this point I'm hoping that it's just dog shit and not where some nasty ass took a dump off the bench, I gag a little at that thought.

Here's to not always being able to see things for what they really are but thats what makes us the insufferable beings that we are!

Fast forward to December 2022...

While playing Saturday night at some point I looked down and noticed what look to be a wadded up brown paper napkin or snot rag. It wasn't in my immediate path so I continued playing the rest of the set. I kept looking at it

wondering exactly what that was that was down there just out of toe range as I play barefooted.

I usually play with my eyes shut that's why I didn't notice where that object came from, I glance down occasionally to get my bearings on my foot pedals that's how I noticed the wadded up snot rag.

As a musician you learn to deal with biting flies, the occasional flying bra or panties and other weird shit because the show must go on. That's the way to tell the difference between a professional musician and an amateur, the amateur stops playing when they make a mistake or something not so strange happens like a bar fight.

We were having a really great night, the energy was good in the room so I forgot all about that object on the floor by my foot.

We get to the end of the night and we're starting to pack up our stuff. I almost always put my guitars away first and put the hard cover on my amp head. Then I put on my glasses and start to roll up cords. That's when I noticed that wadded up snot rag looking thing on the floor again.



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By this time we had turned on the brighter stage lights so we could see to pack up. So I bent down to get a better look at the snot rag and indeed it turned out to be a super sticky, stinky green bud of fine marijuana.

Well Merry Christmas! We just happened to be dry at the time so that improved the mood of the load out significantly.

I've always heard you see what you want to see but I didn't want to see a snot rag, I just didn't imagine I would be looking at a green fine bud in that particular setting.

From seeing a green nugget and grabbing a turd to seeing a snot rag and finding a green nugget, old eyes are funny like that.

So to the kind soul that either tossed that green nugget up there on purpose or dropped it by accident rest assured it was a smoked with gratitude and good tidings.

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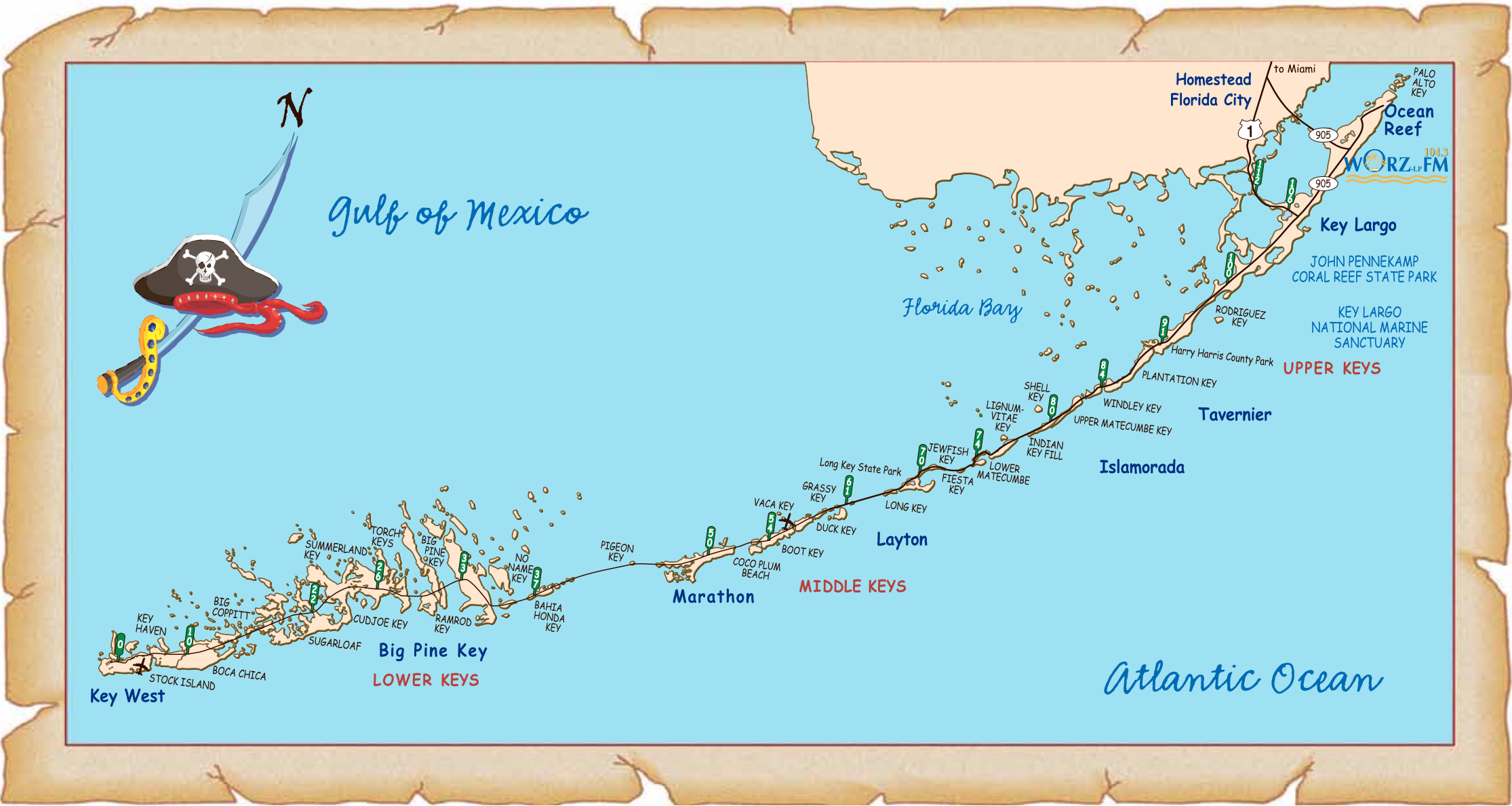
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Sometimes we need to be alone, to simply do nothing but enjoy the sound of silence.

We all need time alone. Even those of us who are social butterflies need some time to ourselves. Solitude is necessary for meditation and quiet reflection. We also may choose to isolate ourselves when we are busy and need to meet a deadline. We may cherish time alone when we want to give ourselves over to art or music, lose ourselves in a good book, or delve into a personal project. Having time to ourselves allows us to focus completely on our yoga practice or get into the zone while running or strength training. Sometimes we need to be alone to simply do nothing but enjoy the sound of silence. Our alone time revitalizes and replenishes us, grounding us in our own company. Yet, too much isolation, especially when our intention is to hide, withdraw, or not deal with the realities of our lives is not physically, mentally, or spiritually healthy. It is during

moments like these when being in isolation takes us away from our lives, rather than enhancing it. If anything, too much isolation can create a buffer whereby we don't have to deal with our problems. Sometimes, pushing ourselves to deal with our issues and be in our lives, rather than isolate, is one of the best gifts we can give to ourselves. Also, just as it is important for us to have our alone time, we need to remember that as human beings, we are by nature social creatures that thrive on human contact. Our lives cannot occur in a vacuum, and we cannot fully live in this world without interacting with others. Consider using isolation as time spent for rest, reinvigoration, and personal growth. Isolation can then not only empower you, but it can allow you to return to your work and your relationships restored and ready for life.

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Al wrote a poem about the Keys...  
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In a land where sunshine kisses the sea,  
Where waves dance brightly, wild and free,  
Lies a place of magic, a coastal jewel,  
A paradise embraced by the ocean's cool.

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Tarpon and bonefish, kings of the flats,  
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The allure of relaxation, a gentle island breeze,  
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Duval's lively spirit, where day blends into night,  
Celebrate life's joys, as the sun bids us goodnight.

Where locals relax with a beer while they laugh,  
At the jokes and cartoons in the Coconut Telegraph.  
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And as the sun sinks beneath the horizon's embrace,  
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- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Boat Ramp
- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
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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](https://www.KeysLibraries.org) for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

November 1-30: Florida Keys Council of the Arts  
Member Show in the Key Largo Library Community Room.

**Nov. 1, 9 am-12 pm**

1st Wednesday Plant Clinic.  
Master Gardener Volunteers on site to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect ID/problems, and services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape.

**Nov. 1, 3:30-5:30 pm**

Volunteer Open House: Stop by to discover volunteer opportunities with Wild Bird Rescue, MARC, John Pennkamp SP, History & Discovery Center, I.CARE, Take Stock in Children, Marvellous Pets, Oasis at the Keys, Just Older Youth, Friends of the Key Largo Library, NOAA, Literacy Volunteers, & the Children's Shelter.

**Nov. 2, 2-3:30 pm**

Foreign Policy Association  
Great Decisions topic of the month: Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, and Migration. Join us for America's largest discussion group on world affairs. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

**Nov. 2, 4:30-5:45 pm**

Florida Keys Council of the Arts Show Opening Reception.

**Nov. 3, 6 pm**

First Friday Concert Series.  
Alligator Alley Band, a Bluegrass band out of South Florida, plays a mix of classic Florida and contemporary Bluegrass hits along with gripping originals.

**Nov. 4, 9:30 am**

Florida Keys Quilters

**Nov. 6 6:30 pm**

Upper Keys Fishing Club

**Nov. 7, 1-3 pm**

Creative Tuesday Returns: spend an informal creative afternoon with fellow artists to connect in a supportive environment to inspire, rejuvenate, and encourage artistic growth. Bring your own painting supplies and finish your own art or if you are interested, participate in periodic organized painting activities. Also Nov. 14, 21, 28.

**Nov. 7, & 21 4:30 pm**

LEGO Club Calling all builders! Be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOs provided by the library Ages 6-11. Visit [KeysLibraries.org](https://www.KeysLibraries.org) for each day's challenge.

**Nov. 8, 2 pm & Nov. 9 4:30 pm**

Nature Explorers Coral Reefs Part 2: Make friends with anemones, enjoy activities and crafts as you explore an array of coral reef themed activities for ages 8-11.

**Nov. 11, @ 2:30 pm**

Movie: Dog Briggs and his companion Lulu, a Belgian Malinois, haul butt down the Pacific Coast in time to catch their best friend's and handler's funeral. One of them has a week to live; the other lives like every day is his last. PG-13. 101 minutes

**Nov. 13, 11 am**

The Alzheimer's Association will host a Caregiver Support Group at the Key Largo Library on the 2nd Monday of every month starting Monday, Nov. 13, at 11 am To register and for more information call 800.272.3900.

**Nov. 14, 4:30 pm**

Slime Time. Join Joy this month to have some Fall Fun with Slime. All supplies provided. Open to ages 6-11.

**Nov. 27, 11 am - 2 pm**

Adult Art: Ancient Art of Batik: Using ink, hot wax, and watercolor on rice paper will be our lesson. You will be amazed at the ease and results as each student takes home two works of art. Presented by Gloria Avner. Max 10 students, registration required via Eventbrite. Funded by the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. Sponsored by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Registration opens Nov. 14. More info at [KeysLibraries.org](https://www.KeysLibraries.org).

**Nov. 30 2 pm**

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Melody Tuschel, Recycling Coordinator for Monroe County Solid Waste Management will be on hand to talk on ALL THINGS RECYCLING in the Keys, wrapping up with an up-cycling craft for all participants. Open to all ages. Sign-up TODAY!

Books on Tap will not meet in Nov. Join us Dec. 5 at Keys Meads to discuss **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig.

The Key Largo Library will be closed  
November 10, 23, & 24

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am for ages 0-5 except Nov. 23.

#### Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida

Wednesdays 1 pm Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

#### Tech Tutor

Wednesdays 1-4 pm Bring your device and questions to the Key Largo Library for one-on-one help.

#### Sit + Sew Fridays

9:30am - 1pm except Friday, Nov. 10 & 24. Bring your current project and meet new friends.

Come take a class!  
The Key Largo Library has a variety of offerings, ranging from Arts & Crafts to Slime Time. Scan the QR code to see the schedule and get involved.



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The only thing getting tapped tonight is my phone screen.

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When people give me directions and say "you can't miss it."

Buddy, you have no idea what I'm capable of!

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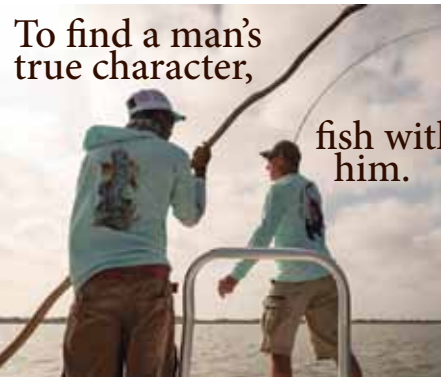


# Coco'Nut' Funnies

My best friend passed away recently. Grieving before his grave I said “Bro, I really missed you. My wife has been pregnant for 8 months now. How bout you reincarnate as my child?” One month later, my wife gave birth to a big baby boy. As my child grew older each day, I realized he looks a lot like my best friend. I’m really happy that my prayer worked....



Barbie never gave me a poor body image. Barbie taught me that you can't reattach a head once it's been removed from the body.



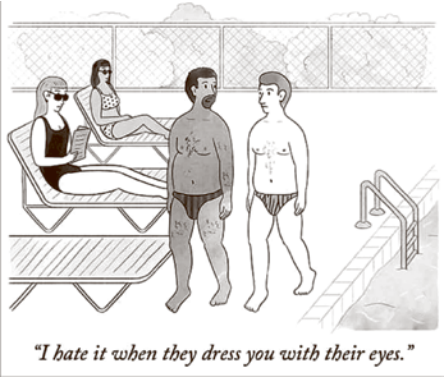
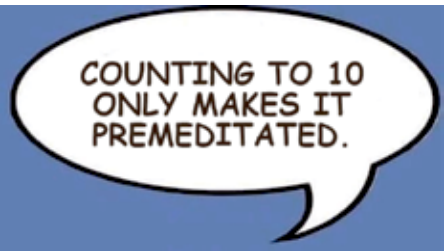
Florida Woman Stops Alligator Attack Using a .22 caliber Pistol

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Here's her story in her own words: "While walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in the Villages discussing a property settlement with my soon-to-be ex-husband, and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water.

It began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.

"If I had not had my little Ruger 22 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today! Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The gator got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and his life insurance was also a big bonus!"



When I get something stuck in my throat, I just dislodge it with a cold beer. It's called the Heineken Manoeuvre.



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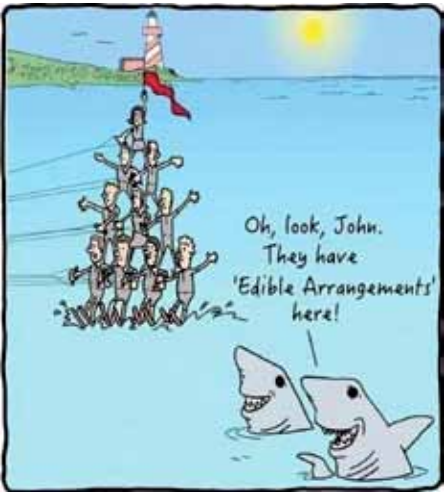
Dad: \*nudging me\* that should've been you.

Me: Not now Dad

Dad: Not asking for a Graphic Designer to help, are they?

Me: Dad, there's a medical emergency happening right now

Dad: Why don't you save him as a PDF & see if that helps



So I was at Wal-Mart earlier. A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy, "do these turkeys get any bigger?" He replied with a straight face, "No, ma'am, they're dead." Made my week.

Mike was going to be married to Karen, so his father sat him down for a little chat.

He said, “Mike, let me tell you something. On my wedding night in our honeymoon suite I took off my pants, handed them to your mother, and said, ‘Here - try these on.’ She did and said, ‘These are too big, I can’t wear them.’ I replied, ‘Exactly, I wear the pants in this family and I always will.’”

“Ever since that night we never had any problems.”

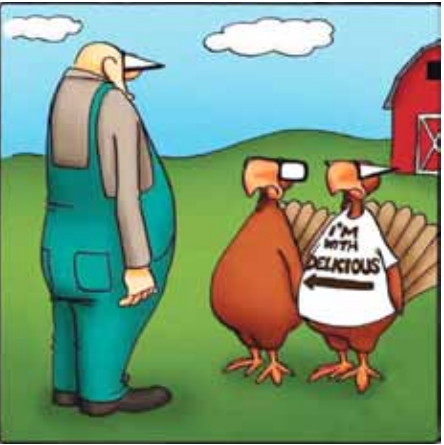
“Hmmm,” said Mike. He thought that might be a good thing to try. On his honeymoon, Mike took off his pants and said to Karen, “Here - try these on.”

She tried them on and said, “These are too large. They don’t fit.”

Mike said, “Exactly. I wear the pants in this family and I always will. I don’t want you to ever forget that.”

Then Karen took off her pants and handed them to Mike. She said, “Here, you try on mine.”

He did and said, “I can’t get into your pants.” Karen said, “Exactly. And if you don’t change your smart ass attitude, you never will.”



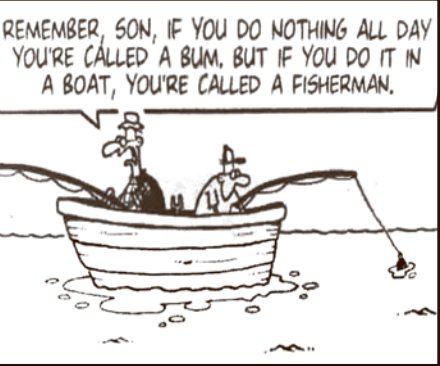
I try to be a good person, then someone pulls out in front of me doing 10 below the speed limit, and I have to try again tomorrow.

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being abducted by aliens just might be the vacation i need at this point

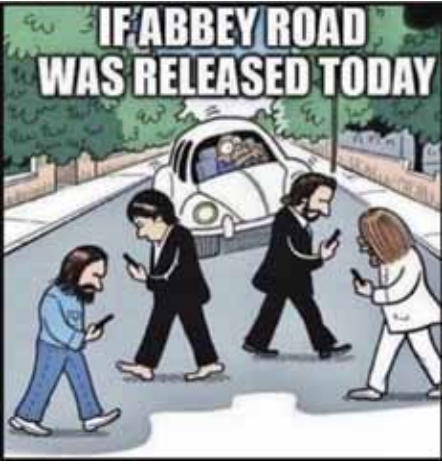
I'VE BEEN TO A LOT OF PLACES BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN IN CAHOOTS. APPARENTLY YOU CAN'T GO ALONE. YOU HAVE TO BE IN CAHOOTS WITH SOMEONE. I'VE ALSO NEVER BEEN IN COGNITO, EITHER. I HEAR NOBODY RECOGNIZES YOU THERE. I HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN IN SANE. THEY DON'T HAVE AN AIRPORT. YOU HAVE TO BE DRIVEN THERE. I HAVE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS.



Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I got a call from Home Depot, who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them.

Hellooooo! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!



When told the reason for daylight savings time the Old Indian said, "Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket."



"I don't mind going back to daylight saving time. With inflation, the hour will be the only thing I've saved all year."

—VICTOR BORGE





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Salena



Sabrina



Richie



Rose



Charlie



Jet & Salem



Lucy



Penny



Mario



Autumn & Cinnamon

## Conch Characters / Around Town



Keys Kids Fishing Derby's Backcountry Division's largest fish caught by Beau Evans, 2 years old. The Jack Crevalle weighed in at 3.3 pounds.



Two year old Thomas Zinkand won the Keys Kids Fishing Derby 0-4 age division with a one-lb. grunt. Here with his Dad TJ and Sister Zyla



Offshore angler Jack Bastron (with his Dad) is two years old and won his division in the Fishing Derby with a 7.9 pound Bonita.



Legion volunteers Becky and Karla.



Gathering at Juice House against moving courts out of Monroe County. Karla Milano photo.



Cheryl at the Legion.



Lobster at the Pilot House Marina.



Enjoy Blue Point Oysters Rockefeller at the Pilot House.



"Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" Pat Kucera, Lori Limberg, Julie Duncan w Chris Hanson Fri: Pat Kucera, Clearwater, FL; Lori Limberg, Odell, IL and Julie Duncan, Pinecrest, FL with Capt. Chris Hanson Scales 2 Tales.



Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! Keys University and Fishing Fever Tournament in October: Sunday's ladies with amberjack: Lori Love, St. Augustine, FL; Melody Tuschel, Big Pine Key, FL; Felicia Alexander, Coral Springs, FL; Desaray Norris, Naples, FL and Shelley Hughes, North Ft. Myers, FL on Sea Horse.



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			5 Webb & Holmes 5-9	6 Carousers 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	7 Micah 5-9	8 Webb & Davidson 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset
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