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Intro to Ukulele JOY Classes offered at the Key Largo Library in September

If you have caught a performance of Ukulele JOY, or seen us flashmob your favorite grocery store, you have noticed how much fun we have playing our Ukuleles. People don't always comment that we play well, but they always notice what a good time we are having.

It is hard not to fall in love with a Ukulele. It is portable, shapely, and comes in many materials, colors, sounds, and sizes. Some are even waterproof, for those who want to serenade manatees while kayaking.

But beware the spell they cast! Some people become so enamored by them, they collect them like the crazy cat lady collects cats. Fortunately, Ukuleles smell better, and almost always produce a nicer sound. They are definitely easier to play.



There are many benefits to playing Ukulele: it is a fun brain exercise, it builds relationships, and it encourages community connections. All these things promote continued health as we age.

This is your invitation to learn some basic skills so you can enJOY the Ukulele, too.

The J.O.Y. Center (Just Older Youth) will sponsor

Intro to Ukulele JOY every Thursday in September from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Community Room at Key Largo Library. There is no charge, and Ukuleles will be available to borrow.

Very basic skills will be introduced, including how to hold, tune, and strum a Ukulele. The different sizes of Ukuleles will be discussed and

how to choose the right size for you.

You will learn at least 4 chords, and be able to play at least 4 songs by the end of the 4 classes. You will receive a beginner book which will include the information we will cover in class, some beginner songs, as well as a list of favorite Ukulele YouTube teachers.

Please contact Susan Anderson at tootlewithvigor@gmail.com if you are interested in participating, so we can make sure we have enough Ukuleles for everyone.



Editorial: Why Do People Steal?

With everything that has happened in the local news lately it has me wondering why do people steal from their employers and friends? If you have ever been the victim of theft by a friend or co-worker you find yourself a "double victim," because if you call them on it suddenly you become the bad guy for mentioning it!

There are a variety of reasons why people steal. They feel a sense of entitlement and that they are smarter than the victim. Kleptomaniacs often steal things they don't use or need. To them it is a confidence booster and they hoard the items as trophies. If anyone has ever

seen the comedian Gallagher's TV skit on people that take things they don't need it is hilarious. What are you going to do with that half a coat hanger from a hotel room? So what if that shirt is 3 sizes too big... I know one guy who steals from thrift shops! He doesn't realize everyone knows it and is watching him. Just how many of those cruet tops do you need, Mr. Sticky Fingers?

Many steal for recognition as they are often under-achievers and they feel it is something they can excel at. Some steal from their employers because they feel entitled. Others just want anything they can get for "free."

Try putting something you don't want on the curb. If it doesn't disappear in a day or two try putting a price tag on it and it will be gone in no time! Some people don't even realize they are stealing, for instance, an honest person who absentmindedly finds themselves with a pen or cigarette lighter will go out of their way to return it to the owner, but a "Klepto" will just throw it in a drawer with all the other ones they have collected. They are greedy and have no conscience. A really big time thief will steal the loot and hoard it as they know they will eventually be arrested and when they get out of jail they will have considerable wealth.

Taxpayers pay the price for the Public Defender.

Most kleptomaniacs steal for a sense of achievement and pride in their ability to do something and "get away with it." It is more common with females than males. People with kleptomania often suffer from depression and are crying out for help. Medication can help along with therapy. If you feel you may have a problem get help before you go to jail. The Guidance Clinic has a sliding scale depending on your income. The phone number is 305-434-9000.

If you are a victim of a theft call the Sheriff's office 305-853-3211.

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Critters in Our Midst: No-See-Ums

by Carol Ellis

Imagine living in South Florida or the Florida Keys without some type of protection from the "mosquito." Mosquitos are the most well known of the biting flies, but "no-see-ums," their "all teeth," nearly invisible cousin, are a force to be reckoned with.

Belonging to the Ceratopogonidae family, their common name actually refers to a specific type of tiny biting fly, also known as midges, biting gnats, or sand flies, who depend on a supply of fresh human blood to reproduce. There are about four thousand species of these insects, found in almost all parts of the world, where there is suitable wet habitat for multiplying.

The prevailing thought in the early 1900s was that diking and draining the Everglades was needed to make South Florida habitable. Snowbirds came in December, and fled north in late spring, before it became muggy and buggy. Politicians needed more money, so their goal was to get people to visit longer, and eventually move here.

Common name:
biting midges, no-see-ums;
Scientific name:
Culicoides spp.
(Insecta: Diptera:
Ceratopogonidae)

Governor Napoleon Broward (1905-09), campaigned on a promise that, "All that was needed to turn a worthless swamp into rich farmland was to knock a hole in the wall of coral and let a body of water obey natural law and seek the level of the sea." Well, we know how that turned out. Florida's natural beauty laid waste to the bulldozer, and the natural drainage and filtering system, would be gone forever.

I often wonder how the early settlers survived. The book, "Charlotte's Story," tells the story of Russ and Charlotte Neidhauk who served as caretakers on the island of Elliott Key, the largest Key in Biscayne Bay, from 1934-35. They describe daily life without running water or power, farming and fishing to feed themselves. They lived in harmony with nature, using only what was available on the island or washed ashore via the "Overseas Lumber Company."

Neidhauk wrote about mosquitos and no-see-ums: "When you get rain, you will soon have mosquitos. To get rid of mosquitos you need to eliminate the water where they live

and reproduce. On the other hand, sand fleas live in just smelly, muck anywhere that has a food source and is damp. No way to eliminate them. To protect ourselves from them in the house, we oiled the screens, burned pyrethrum powder in a burner Russ had made with a pumice base and slotted coconut shell top. When we had to go out in them, we applied Vicks Salve to exposed areas. Eventually we discovered a screen paint which kept most of them outside. Mothballs dissolved in kerosene, helped keep these 'Flying teeth' out."

Ironically, Charlotte's father, J. P. Arpin, had been a reclamation and drainage engineer for Gov. Broward. You just can't control Mother Nature. The island was vacated after the Great Labor Day Hurricane of 1935, when salt water and waves submerged the island, destroying the homes and ruining the farmland.

Island homes belonging to the early settlers, Conchs and fishermen, were close to the water, on dry elevated lots. They relied on prevailing winds to keep them cool and relatively bug-free. The "window" openings had screens and shutters, but no windows.



A hanging fan, placed undercover in an outdoor patio area, keeps you from sweating and swatting.

"Flying Teeth" This critter appears to be the size of a single grain of ground pepper, until it bites, and a big red welt appears in it's place. Graphic courtesy of www.bug-slayer.com

No-See-Ums CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis

My first apartment in the Keys was a "fish camp" type structure made from wooden forms, once used to construct homes in 1960s era Miami. The landlord "Blinky" handed me a spray can of "Screen Pruf," and explained this is what to spray on the window screens to keep the no-see-ums out. It was a thick, black tar-like substance. It definitely worked keeping out the bugs, but it sure messed up



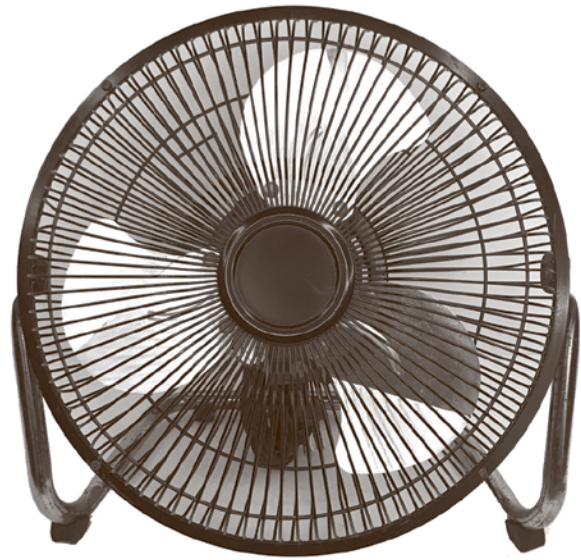
Local dog walker Tori happily wears a mesh suit when she is out and about. She was working on a similar mesh outfit for her dog.

the view! These were the days before the no-see-ums screen, a smaller 20 mesh size screen, which keeps no-see-ums out, though it does limit air flow through the screens.

What can we do to live with no-see-ums? Spraying is not practical, as a new crop of no-see-ums are hatching daily. Environmental protections prohibit spraying pesticide over protected hammocks, coastal mangroves and water.

We can wear protective clothing, or apply repellent. Bug repellents containing DEET are labeled for use against no-see-ums and mosquitos. A healthy alternative to chemicals is a homemade no-see-ums spray containing rosemary and alcohol. If you do get bit, wintergreen alcohol stops the itching within a minute and stays gone for hours.

Best defense... It is a good idea to research vacation destinations and potential homesites, so you can avoid times or locations with critters present to "bug" you. Or take a lesson from your teenager... just stay inside in the AC tethered to your electronic device.



Because no-see-ums are so small and are weak fliers, ordinary cage fans can be used at high speeds to keep no-see-ums out of small areas.

This is a recipe from my Honduran friend, Argentina. It works.



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Make your no-see-um spray from the info below. It's easy. Spray it on when out at dawn or dusk near the water. It is cool and refreshing, plus it keeps the no-see-ums away!

Homemade No See Um SPRAY



INGREDIENTS

- 12 oz. spray bottle
- 8-10 sprigs rosemary
- 12 oz wintergreen alcohol



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut rosemary into lengths that will fit into spray bottle. I made my spray bottle from a 12 oz soda bottle and a sprayer top.
2. Fill the bottle with wintergreen alcohol, Close bottle tightly
3. Put bottle containing mixture in a dark place for one week. After one week put spray bottle in refrigerator. This spray is an effective repellent from no see ums, with a cool fresh scent. Does not have to be kept refrigerated.

Marine Mammal Rescue Effort



Sunday, Aug. 13th, Florida Fish and Wildlife Coalition (FWC) notified Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder (DPMMR) Stranding Coordinator Steve McCulloch regarding unconfirmed reports of a live dolphin bleeding on the NW sandbar of Tavernier Island.

Within minutes of the call, he arrived by boat and located a large animal grounded in the shallow sand flats. Upon hands-on assessment, the animal was determined to be a very rare, deep water species of beaked whale (Mesoplodont), seldom seen outside of deep water. Unfortunately, this animal was determined to be deceased.

DPMMR was aided by FWC Officer Daniel Marshall and NMFS SER Stranding Coordinator, Blaire Maise. There will be a multi-agency effort to perform a necropsy on the rare marine mammal, take measurements and samples, and hopefully determine a cause of death.

If you see a marine mammal in distress please call 1-888-404-FWCC.

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On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of Fred's Place - the "Tilton Hilton." The restaurant, complete with slanting dance floor, blue crabs and cold beer, was located on the curve just across the Monroe County line, in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound.

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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Lady Anglers To Learn Plus Tackle Fishing at Keys Oct. 13-15 Ladies, Let's Go Fishing No-Yelling School

Aspiring anglers can learn, practice skills and go fishing at the award-winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!®" Keys University and Fishing Fever Tournament, Oct. 13-15 in the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the "No-Yelling School of Fishing" offers classroom presentations, two networking events, hands-on skill practice and optional charter boat fishing. Classes will be held at the waterfront Elks Lodge in Tavernier FL. No equipment or experience is necessary.

Optional offshore or inshore charter fishing out of Islamorada, FL is offered on Friday and Sunday with prizes awarded for the LLGF Fishing Fever tournament. Participants can also choose to fish from their own boats.

Activities launch Friday evening with a networking social. Saturday morning indoor presentations begin, covering Offshore, Inshore and Bottom Fishing, plus Fishing Basics and Conservation. Speakers include Captains Lee Lavery, Jeanne Towne and more. Setting this program apart from typical fishing classes are the hands-on fishing activities taught by several guides for releasing, knot tying, dehooking, bait rigging, spin casting, cast netting and more until 4:30 pm. A second networking party will be held afterwards at Seaside Glass-works.

Three hundred and sixty-eight fish were caught at the 2022 Fishing



Holly Smith 1st pl Offshore left on Sea Horse – Holly Smith, Key Largo on left takes First Place Offshore on Sea Horse, Capt. Rick Rodriguez with a 12 lb. bonito. L. to R. Holly Smith, Key Largo, FL; Linda Gilbert, Waltham, MA; Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Annette Krey, Ruskin, FL; Linda Becher, Bradenton, FL and Judith Meyers, Ellicott City, MD.



(left) Pat Kucera, Clearwater, FL clinches 1st Place Inshore with a 45" barracuda released on Capt. Eric Scoble, Blackwater Charters.



(right) Lyn Gremont, Tavernier, FL earns 2nd Place Offshore with a 8.3 lb. Mutton Snapper on Plantation Boat Mart.



Sun Eric Scoble – Top L. to R. Margaret Bjork, Safety Harbor, FL; Darlene Schuman, Tampa, FL and Annette Krey, Ruskin, FL. Lower is Pat Kucera, Clearwater FL with snook.

Fever event, including mahi, tuna, snapper, grouper, snook, redfish, trout and first-ever bonefish and tarpon releases.

Featured on national network television and more, the series is supported by major partners. Class-specific contributors are listed on the website.

Online early registration rate is \$125 per person. Regular entry is \$145. VIP registration of \$180 offers special gifts and discounts. The registration fee includes instruction, the use of equipment, a welcome reception, lunch, Saturday party and \$20 in gifts. Reservations made far in advance are recommended. The host hotel is Sunset Inn, Islamorada, FL. The Tavernier Elks Club is located at 92600 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070, MM 92 Bayside. Ladies may register a male guest or teens to include the family.

2023 LLGF remaining events, with optional or included fishing are:

Sept. 22-23 Guy Harvey Outpost Bass Seminar & Tournament at Camp Mack, Lake Wales, FL

Oct. 13-15 Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar and fishing, Islamorada, FL

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The Pain of Being Human

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I've reached the age where life and age converge and the stories come to the finale. Talmage (my dad) always said the older you get the more dead people you know but I think the real lesson isn't death itself but HOW one gets there.

When a person is young, if they even think about their own mortality, they generally imagine a gentle death or going out in a "blaze of glory", being a hero 'til the end.

"I'm not here for a long time just a GOOD time!" "You won't find me in no old folks home," "It's better to burn out than fade away."

No one knows how their ending will be just like they can't remember their begin-

ning, all of a sudden here we are.

When did you realize it was "you?" You don't remember where you've been or even how you got here but yet here you are.

The simple minded think "life" begins at conception. Seeing how most "conceptions" end up on bloody rags in the trash bin it only makes sense to me that the "energy" or "soul" wouldn't take occupancy until the moment of birth or "first breath."

Charlatans will sell you anything you are willing to believe but I like to focus on the evidence at hand. It's clear to myself that what I think of as "I" is an energy assigned to this physical "house" or

mechanical body, "me."

What is less clear to some is the meaning or purpose of this form of existence. Some will say life has no meaning, it's all just a chaotic mess. Others can only find meaning by believing in a higher power' purpose for their existence and zealots feel they must force these beliefs on others.

Personally, as energy, we are limited to only non-physical interactions which we somehow lose the ability to do once we occupy a physical body(1). I think the attraction of taking the risk of asking or allowing your energy to occupy a physical body is all the sensations. Making love and eating food is worth the trip no matter how short the time, I think.

Without a body one can't experience tastes, smells, textures in all the variations of foods and drink, can't know the physical sensation of an orgasm or the burn of a rash on your ass. A lifetime feels as such in a physical body but energy doesn't experience the passing of time outside of the physical body.

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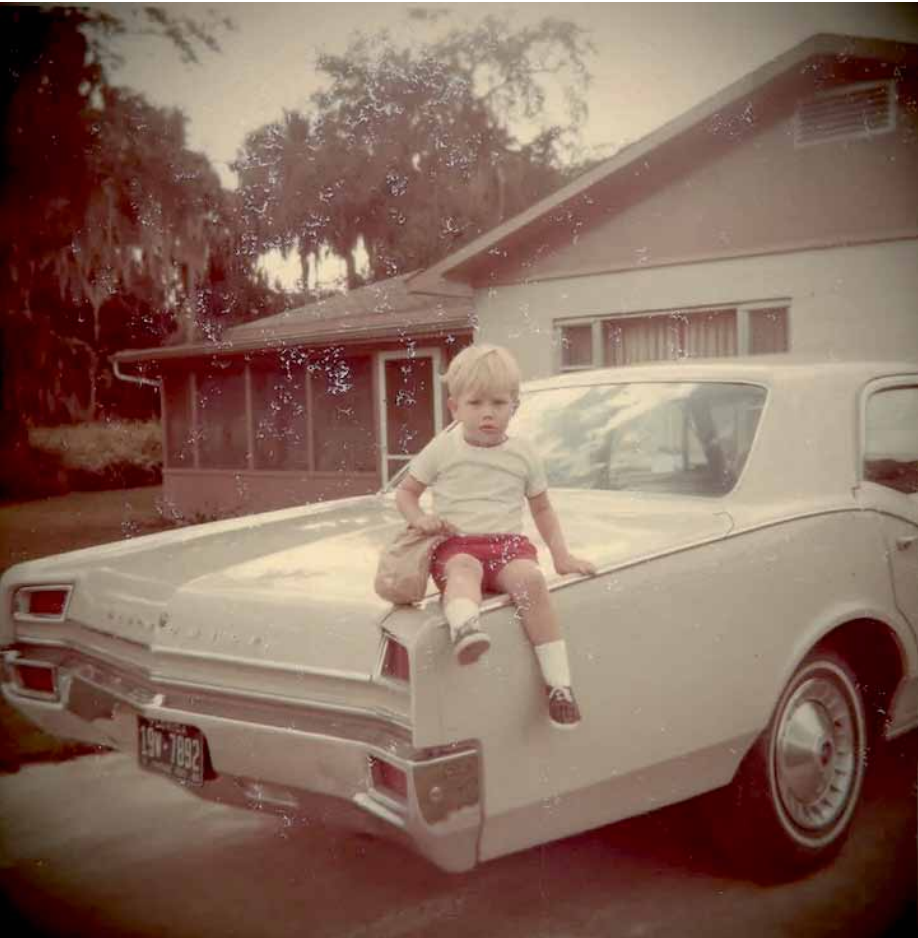
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In other words, we are all immortal but when we enter into the physical realm we have a beginning and an end. That provides drama and intrigue- that's why this world can be both beautiful and brutish at the same time. This is the realm where we come to experience heaven and hell, pleasure and pain, love and loss, life and death.

That's why one soul will cling to a ravaged body on the cusp of death and another soul will kill a youthful body on purpose to escape the pain of being human.

There are many different experiences that take many different lifetimes to enjoy/achieve. So you're not an "elite" this time around, don't worry, maybe in the next life.

Peace and Love!



We all start somewhere.

(1). That's not to say we can't or don't experience those non-physical interactions for example when I'm playing music and the collective energy of the audience flows through me, I'm just the conduit or the "channel." The audience is willing something cool to happen and I experience myself from the outside, watching my carcass do things that are beyond my mortal limits, performing beyond my knowledge or understanding.

Made Up Southern Sayings

New hobby idea: using phrases that sound like down-home folksy expressions you learned from your grandma but are actually just nonsense you just made up

- That man really salts my melon!
- You know what they say, it takes a bushel of corn to feed one chicken
- A louse will live on any head it lands on
- Don't put down a salt lick and say you ain't got cows
- There's a guy who eats half the berries and says the pie shell's too big
- It's like digging a pond and hoping for ducks

This was supposed to be a joke and all but as a southerner, these still make sense!

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AI "Bots" for Congress

You hear a lot about artificial intelligence (AI) these days, and some is bad news, but here are some potential advantages of having AI candidates for Congress:

- Non-biased decision-making: AI can make impartial decisions based on data and ethical programming, without any direct psychological influences, such as personal beliefs, emotions, or preferences. This can help reduce the number of biases that can affect human decision-making.
- AI has already passed the Bar Exam in the 90th percentile. It has a better understanding of the law, the constitution and congressional procedure than any member of congress.
- Efficiency: AI can analyze large amounts of data quickly and accurately, which can enable faster and more objective decision-making - and they could understand the complexity of a budget.
- Better predictions: AI can process data and make predictions about future geo-political and nationwide trends with high accuracy, which can help Congress prepare for potential issues that might affect the country.
- Improved representation: AI can process large amounts of data about voters' preferences and opinions, which can help representatives make more informed decisions and better represent their constituents.



can also encourage the government to invest more in technology and innovation, leading to new opportunities for economic growth and job creation.

Effective negotiations: AI can process data of congress members on a committee including past alliances, major funding streams, comments made on any given topic in the past and voting history to effectively negotiate consensus, thus saving money and time.

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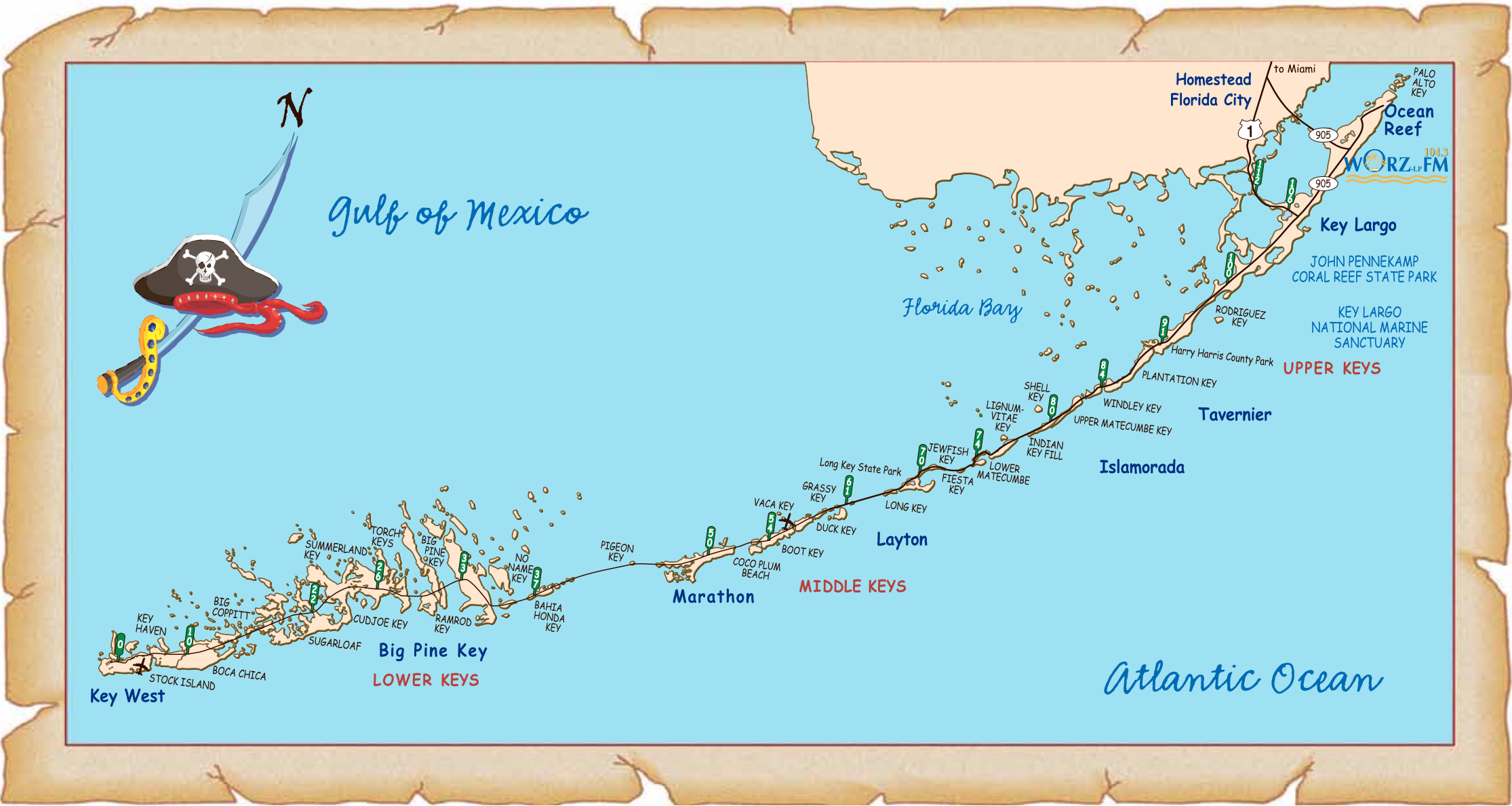
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2. Mentally link changes to established daily rituals. This can make changes like taking on a new habit, starting a new job, or adapting to a new home happen much more smoothly.

3. Going with the flow can help you accept change instead of resisting it. If you stay flexible, you will be able to ride out change without too much trouble.

4. When a change feels most stressful, relief can be found in finding the good that it brings. An illness, a financial loss, or a broken relationship can seem like the end of the world, but it can be a blessing in disguise.

5. Change involves a degree of learning. If you find change particularly stressful, try to keep in mind that after this period of transformation has passed, you will be a wiser person for it.

6. Remember that upheaval and confusion are often
- natural parts of change. While we can anticipate certain things change might bring, it is impossible to know everything that will happen. Be prepared for surprises!

7. Don't feel like you have to cope on your own. Talk about what's going on with a friend or write about it in a journal. Sharing your feelings can help you find the strength to carry on.

8. Give yourself time to accept any changes that you face. And as change happens, recognize that you may need time to adjust to your new situation. Allow yourself a period of time to reconcile your feelings.

9. You will eventually adapt to these new circumstances. Regardless of how great the change, all the new that it brings will eventually weave itself into your life.

10. If you're trying to change behavior or navigate your way through a life change, don't assume that it will be easy. Wanting to cry or be moody during a period of change is natural. Then again, maybe it will be easy!

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The Sayings of the Jewish Buddha



If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

Drink tea and nourish life; with the first sip, joy; with the second sip, satisfaction; with the third sip, peace; with the fourth, a Danish.

Wherever you go, there you are.. Your luggage is another story.

Accept misfortune as a blessing. Do not wish for perfect health, or a life without problems. What would you talk about?

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single Oy.

There is no escaping karma. In a previous life, you never called, you never wrote, you never visited. And whose fault was that?

Zen is not easy. It takes effort to attain nothingness. And then, what do you have? Bupkis.

The Tao does not speak. The Tao does not blame. The Tao does not take sides. The Tao has no expectations. The Tao demands nothing of others. The Tao is not Jewish.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out... Forget this and attaining Enlightenment will be the least of your problems.

Let your mind be as a floating cloud. Let your stillness be as a wooded glen. And sit up straight. You'll never meet the Buddha with such rounded shoulders.

Deep inside you are ten thousand flowers. Each flower blossoms ten thousand times. Each blossom has ten thousand petals. You might want to see a specialist.

Be aware of your body. Be aware of your perceptions. Keep in mind that not every physical sensation is a symptom of a terminal illness.

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September 1, 9:30 am
The Florida Keys Quilters meets at the Key Largo Library. Note the date change due to the Labor Day holiday. Check their Facebook page for details.

September 5 & 19, 4:30 pm
LEGO Club Calling all builders! 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! 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

September 6 9 am-12 pm
1st Wednesday Plant Clinic. Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications / problems, and other services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems.

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 7, 14, 21, 28 12:30-1:30 pm JOY (Just Older Youth) Intro to Ukulele Key Largo Library at the Key Largo Library every Thursday in September. Email tootlewithvigor@gmail.com to register and reserve a ukulele (limited supply).



September 7, 2-3:30 pm
Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions topic of the month: Famine: a renewed threat in the 21st C.? Join us for America'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



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September 26, 6-7:45 pm
Books on Tap: Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month. One Brilliant Flame by Joy Castro is set in Key West in 1886 leading up to the Great Fire with a heavy focus on the Cuban community. Borrow the book from the Key Largo Library. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.

September 28, 2-4 pm is National Good Neighbor Day and the Key Largo Library wants to say 'Thanks!' for being a great Upper Keys neighbor. Bring a neighbor and connect with others in

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Story Time

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

Quit Your Way

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Tech Tutor

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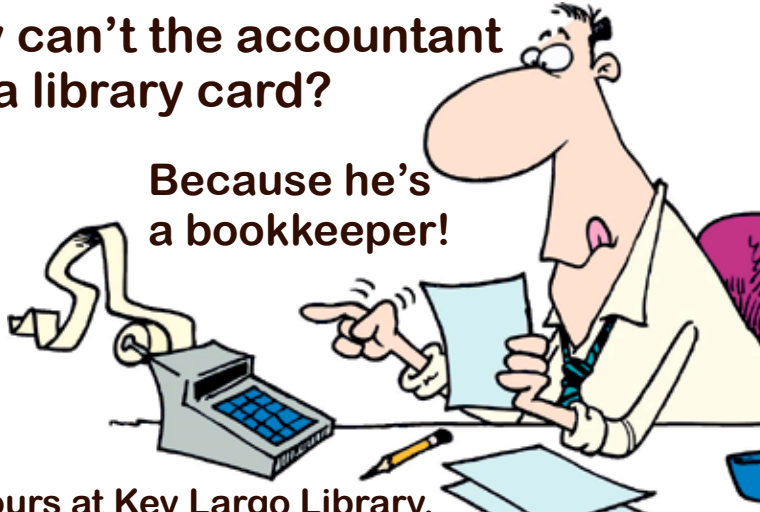


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Dave's not here man.**

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at the grocery, only sweet
people everywhere.
Tomorrow
you will
stay home.


**A bird goes up to a vending machine,
puts money in and gets a soda, puts
more money in and gets another.
What kind of bird is it?**


Coco'Nut' Funnies

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing. Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house ... Walked home... And left it there all night. You gotta love Frank!

KEYS FORTUNE COOKIE:

There's a reason Karaoke Bars are getting harder to find in the Keys. Your singing might be that reason.



Someone just called my phone, sneezed and then hung up.

I'm getting sick and tired of these cold calls.

My mate was doing a crossword and asked me 'what do you call those things you blow and make a wish?'

'Breathalyzer' I said.



A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking.

The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large."

Then they walk around the ranch a little and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle.

The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows."

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos

hopping through the field. He asks, "And what are those?"

The Aussie asks with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"

DISTINCTION :GUTS & BALLS

To those of you who are nit pickers about the meaning of words: There's a medical distinction between Guts and Balls. We've all heard about people having Guts and Balls, but do you really know the difference between them?

In effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions.

GUTS - Is arriving home late, after a night out with the boys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask, "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

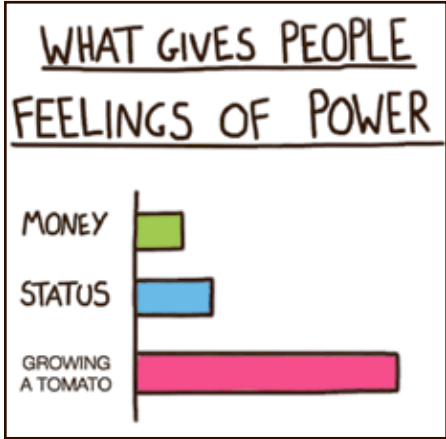
BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the boys, smelling of perfume and beer, with lipstick on your collar, and slapping your wife on the bottom and saying, "You're next, chubby!"

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking, there's no difference in the outcome. Both result in death.



Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I'm not saying I'm attractive, but when I take off my clothes in the bathroom, the shower gets turned on.



BULLDOZER: SOMEONE WHO SLEEPS THROUGH POLITICAL SPEECHES



Her first customer was a second grader, who looked surprised to see a new librarian. He brought four books to the desk and shoved them across to the librarian, giving her his name as he did so.

The librarian pushed the books back and told him to sign them out. The boy laboriously printed his name on each book card and then handed them to her with a look of utter disgust.

Before the librarian could even start her speech he said, scornfully, "That other librarian we had could write."

When you're down by the sea and an eel bites your knee, that's a moray!

A woman went to the emergency room, where she was seen by a young new doctor. After about 3 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant.

She burst out of the room and ran down the corridor screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was; after listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in a room. Then he marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

"What wrong with you?" he demanded. This woman is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!!"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said "Does she still have the hiccups?"



I taught my kids about democracy tonight by having them vote on which movie to watch and pizza to order. I then picked the movie and pizza because I'm the one with the money.



Apparently there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get, and the "near death" version that men get.



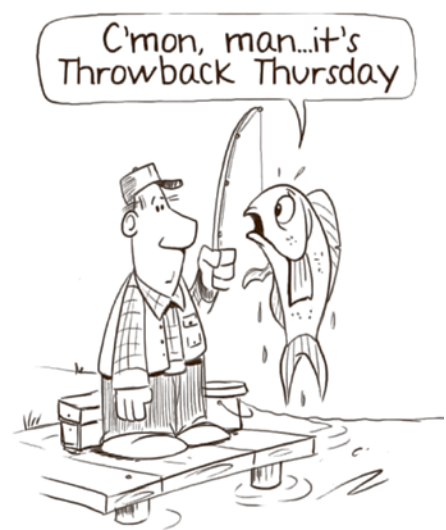
Scientists at Princeton University have reconstructed this 3D model of how Adam, the first human being created by God, might have looked



LIFE and BEER are very similar.

CHILL for best results.

most dust is human skin flakes therefore roombas are carnivorous robots and one day the dust won't satiate them anymore so they will rise up and devour us all



Jack, a handsome man, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to this blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV as the 10:00 news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Jack and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Jack says, "You know what, I bet he will." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Jack placed \$30 on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset and handed her \$30 to Jack, saying, "Fair's fair... Here's your money."

Jack replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."

The blonde replies, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."

Jack took the money.

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Ukulele JOY, one of the many activities offered by the J.O.Y. Center, (Just Older Youth), plays for customers at the Midway Cafe the first Sunday of every month. Free beginner ukulele classes will be offered Thursdays 12:30-1:30 at the Key Largo Library during the month of September. Come JOYn the fun!




Legion Riders from Tampa stoppped by the American Legion in Key Largo




Lisa entertaining at the Moose, photo by Corrine Constantine.




Nice catch coach! Former college and pro football coach Jimmy Johnson displays two nice mahi-mahi caught recently, fishing with George Poveromo off the #floridakeys for a 2024 episode of Poveromo's "World of Saltwater Fishing" that will air on Discovery.




Coach is excited about the new delivery options at the Big Chill.



Beautiful Cheeca Lodge.



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David Kay sunset.

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