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Editorial - My Wonderful Neighbors


This holiday season please keep in your prayers my wonderful, generous and loving Cuban neighbors who have helped so many. This husband and wife are always lending a hand, sharing their food and compassion to those in need. I have even seen them serve Cuban coffee to County workers.

My neighbors are alone in this country; they have no family. They speak no English and I speak no Spanish yet we are able to communicate. A few years ago an older woman moved in next to them and began a constant crusade of harassment against the Cubans. She reported them for everything but the kitchen sink while she was destroying man-groves on State property to

improve her view and enlarge her yard. She deliberately sprayed paint on their house, shined a bright light into their bedroom window and threw trash over their fence. She just won't quit. The Cubans were planning to sell their home and move to escape the misery.

Now my Cuban neighbors are spending much of their time in Miami hospitals because the husband has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Even with him battling for his life, the old lady continues her seige of hate by flooding their house and air conditioner with her hose!

Please pray or send positive vibes to my neighbors and all families battling cancer and people with mental illness.



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I Loved the Road Life — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

Four Post Meridiem (4PM) and the band begins to stir. Coffee to be sought out, morning joint to be smoked, teeth to be brushed... The start of the musicians day. I left out the morning bowel movement part on purpose. I mean nobody wants to hear the story of the motel toilet that was plumbed to the hot water and every time you sat on it you got an ass steaming. Made the toilet paper stick to your cheeks. It was more unpleasant than it sounds, nothing quite like the smell of percolating turds.

It was too fattening and generally unhealthy to eat restaurant food (especially fast food) for every meal but as a young musician that, "ain't here for a long time just a good time," I generally sought out bacon, eggs and grits in the south or potatoes of some kind up north. We called it the grit line, similar to the Mason-Dixon Line. You could also call it the sweet tea line.

Some places didn't have breakfast close by, so it would be a peanut butter sandwich if times were good or crackers and A1 if things were thin. Traveling, you learn to borrow condiments from the places that you stay. If you have to eat a shit sandwich somewhere down the line a little mayonnaise makes it go down slightly easier.

For 12 rough-and-tumble years or so, I didn't have to pay rent because I lived in motels, band houses/trailers and with random girls. When that failed I just stayed in my van. There were always the stopovers with relatives as long as you didn't wear out your welcome.

This particular band was based out of the Orlando

area when I was hired to be the lead guitar player of The Photons, as in, "fire photon torpedos." Musicians are nerds, they were a bunch of Trekkies. So much so that when the bass player got married, his bride walked down the aisle to the theme from Star Trek, the Next Generation. I pushed the play button on the ghetto blaster. Yeah, they're still married.

I got to see America. Not just the local tourist traps but we played in places like Valentine, Nebraska. The motel they put the band up in there had an old style, picture tube TV that got so hot we were afraid to leave any of our stuff in the room. We sat several cans of beanie weenies on top of it. Six hours later we were amazed to find the TV still working and our beanie weenies had swelled up the cans slightly but they were nice and hot. It was better than sink noodles again.

Sink noodles are Ramen noodles prepared using the scalding hot water to cook the noodles in the motel room hand-basin. It's better than being hungry anyway. The hot water at my house doesn't come close to being that hot. We soon bought a hot plate and a pot at a Wally World in Topeka, Kansas.

There was a crew of Topeka police officers doing a bicycle safety thing at the store. The clerk at the checkout forgot to neutralize the anti-shoplifter electronic counter measure on our \$10 hot plate. We forgot to get the receipt. When the alarm went off we froze in place. It was loud and attracted the attention of the entire store. Everybody in the place was looking hard at us - long

haired, ragged looking ne'er-do-wells... Then the other customers turn to the police to react.

Only one officer was an actual bicycle patrol cop. The others were overweight public relations officers that didn't interact with criminals. I guess the four of us looked pretty intimidating to those locals. The officers looked at each other feeling the pressure of the customers' and employees eyes upon them to do something about us.

From our perspective we're shitting in our pants. We don't want to go to jail in Topeka, Kansas. The patrol cop and my drummer immediately eye each other up as the most aggressive of any of the participants. People who enjoy fighting seek each other out. But luckily for us the clerk who had checked us out came running up to us with the receipt in hand and we were allowed to leave under the uneasy glare of the locals.

Some places are welcoming and warm and other places made you feel like if they could shoot you and get away with it they would. Traveling through the south we would find these areas we would call radio Hell. The only stations you could find were gospel programming and preachers. No rock, no country, it was amazing. Radio hell. We always tried to find a local station on our way to a new gig in a new town to get a feel for the area.

Somewhere in south west Alabama is such an area. We drove for hours to get to this bar in the twilight zone. We could play you a rock show. We could play you a country show. We could play a Guess Who tribute show. We played

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everything from Johnny Cash to the Beatles, Pink Floyd to Hank Williams. Yet the people at this bar had never heard any of the songs on our playlist. The only entertainers that existed to them was Elvis Presley, Johnny Rivers and Maybelle Carter.

It was supposed to be a four-night stay but they fired us after our first set for the very reason that they didn't know any of our music and they didn't think anybody would show up to listen to us. They paid us for the night but I personally think someone realized they had busted their budget. I'm sure the booking agent made their life as miserable as possible with threats of a lawsuit and being blacklisted and what not.

In that band the drummer and the rhythm guitar player got all the chicks. The bass player and I did all the singing and were the best musicians of the group but it's strange how some people are just naturally slutty and they attract other sluts. I wanted to be a slut really bad but the opportunity never presented itself for whatever reason. I always seemed to find the girls that wanted to talk all night. The bass player had a steady girl and wasn't interested in chasing chicks. He took great pains to stay away from unwanted attention.

Did you know that Nebraska has a replica of Stone Henge in the form of white washed automobiles? Great place to drop acid.



Critters in Our Midst: Fall Migration

by Carol Ellis

A Common Yellowthroat visits a water source late in the afternoon.

Lately there has been a lot of talk about getting healthy again. There is plenty of room for common ground with this discussion... after all who doesn't want to be healthy? Getting started is half of the problem. Often we place too much emphasis on how disciplined we must be, and set unrealistic goals which become more of a chore than a healthy habit.



Cape May Warbler forages for insects in a Wild Tamarind tree.

Birdwatching has surprising health benefits, and is good for the body and soul. First it is widely accepted that getting out in the fresh air and sunshine is good for your mind, and your body benefits from absorption of

Vitamin D. Birdwatchers walk a lot, but not at a fast pace, since there are breaks when you stop and listen and look for birds. The excitement of the search for birds inspires you to walk farther than you normally would. A fitness expert told me that for every 45 minutes of walking, you earn an additional day of life... longevity earned one step at a time!



My first birdwatching experience came two and a half years ago in May during Spring migration. I was helping survey for butterflies, when someone spotted a Cape May Warbler. I took a photo

which I later used to confirm the identity, and to learn the bird.

Spring and Fall are the major times for bird migration. Songbirds fly South in autumn by the millions, including many young birds, some less than three months old. Their sheer numbers are staggering, and it is a great time to get to know a vast number of birds, in both mature and immature development. The Spring migration however is more popular, as the birds have had time to develop adult plumage and work on their repertoire of songs.

For centuries man wondered about the seasonal movements of birds. Migrating birds move at night guided by the stars, orienting themselves by landmarks and sensing the earth's magnetic field. Basic information such as how many birds, how high they flew, and where they were going remained a mystery. The earliest researchers extrapolated numbers by viewing the sky and counting how many bird

silhouettes were defined when they passed in front of the full moon.

In the last 80 years, thanks to the end of World War II and the donation by the Navy of 25 radars to the National Weather Service, scientists have used weather radar to track migration. Using radar they can now "see" millions of birds cross over the Gulf of Mexico on a non-stop flight of 600 miles. For migratory birds, their life is short and full of perils.



American Redstart with an eye on a small green worm in a Wild Tamarind (Lyceloma) tree.

Many songbirds live less than two years and 85% of them die during migration. Our role as caretakers of this fragile planet is more important than ever before, to ensure the survival of migratory birds. They need a reliable source of food and water, and lots of it.

Though migratory birds may come to bird feeders, their preferred food is found growing on native trees and plants. It is not just the fruit and seeds, but also the insects that are found amongst the leaves and branches. As I write this, I am sitting under the large ficus tree... just outside my door... my special place for "wildlife" inspiration.

Fall Migration...

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A Black and White Warbler probes for insects in the roots of a fig tree.

As a beginner birdwatcher, all you need to be successful is a quiet place and one bird. Add to that a pair of binoculars and a field guide, or an app on your phone like Merlin Bird ID (merlin.allaboutbirds.org) and you are well on your way. The best place to start birding is close to home. It may only be for 10 minutes at a time in your backyard, local park or

nature area, but you will get to know a few birds that you see frequently. Once you are comfortable with that you can join a birdwatching group which would have knowledgeable participants familiar with good birding spots.

The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a great time to start birdwatching. Oftentimes



It's important to provide fresh water for migrating birds. Photo series of a Palm Warbler enjoying the benefits.



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newcomers think they are not knowledgeable enough to participate in the CBC; this is simply not true. What is great about the CBC is that the organizers create teams of individuals having a variety of experience and skill level. There are always participants willing to teach newcomers.

The 125th Annual Audubon CBC in the Upper Keys will commence at Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge visitor's center located at 10750 County Road 905, Key Largo, FL. Participants will meet on December 21, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. to join up in groups divided for counting in each particular sector of the count circle.

If you are interested in joining, you need to sign up ahead of the event. Contact Suzy Roebing at mullet_mansion@yahoo.com.



Male Prairie Warbler. Blue Hole, Big Pine Key. Photo by Isabella Collamati



American Redstart blends in with the mulch.



Female American Redstart in a Seagrape Tree - Blue Hole, Big Pine Key. Photo by Isabella Collamati

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The kickoff party on Jan. 31 and awards on Feb. 2 will be held at Safe Harbor Angler House, Islamorada, FL. Women will fish for awards on Feb. 1 and 2, from their own boats or charters, with individual fishing slots available for those who reserve early in advance. A networking event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Sea La Vie Beach Boutique, Islamorada, FL. Registrations are available online at www.ladiesletsgofishing.com/islamorada-womens-sailfish-tournament/

"When the Ladies, Let's Go Fishing team fished this tournament and tied for first place in 2024, we were excited to hear from Tammie Gurgiolo, manager of this event since 1996, about the opportunity to take over the reins. We said yes!" commented the new director, Betty Bauman. Bauman brings experience from billfish tournaments in the Bahamas and USVI.

Featured on national network television and more, the series is supported by major partners listed on the website, with additional tournament-specific sponsors.

Registration is \$295 for the first angler, and \$225 for each additional angler on the same boat. Charter boat slots for the two days are \$1,150 total. Reservations should be made far in advance for charter fishing slots. The host hotel is Sunset Inn, Islamorada, FL.

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OBSERVATIONS



- I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to sound like an alarmist, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.
- When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body.. men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- A recent study has found that woman who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.
- Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote.
- You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
- Did you know that Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the lagoon and throw them fish?
- My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!
- I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.
- Money talks...but all mine ever says is good-bye.
- You're not fat, you're just... easier to see.
- If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.
- I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"
- I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."
- My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.
- My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.
- Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!
- The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.
- The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.
- I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!
- The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

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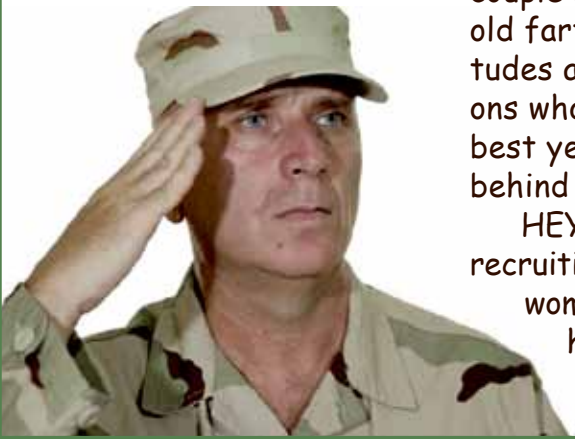
Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some a-hole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the heck. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-gun.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because



we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting menopausal women? You think MEN have attitudes? Oh my God!!!

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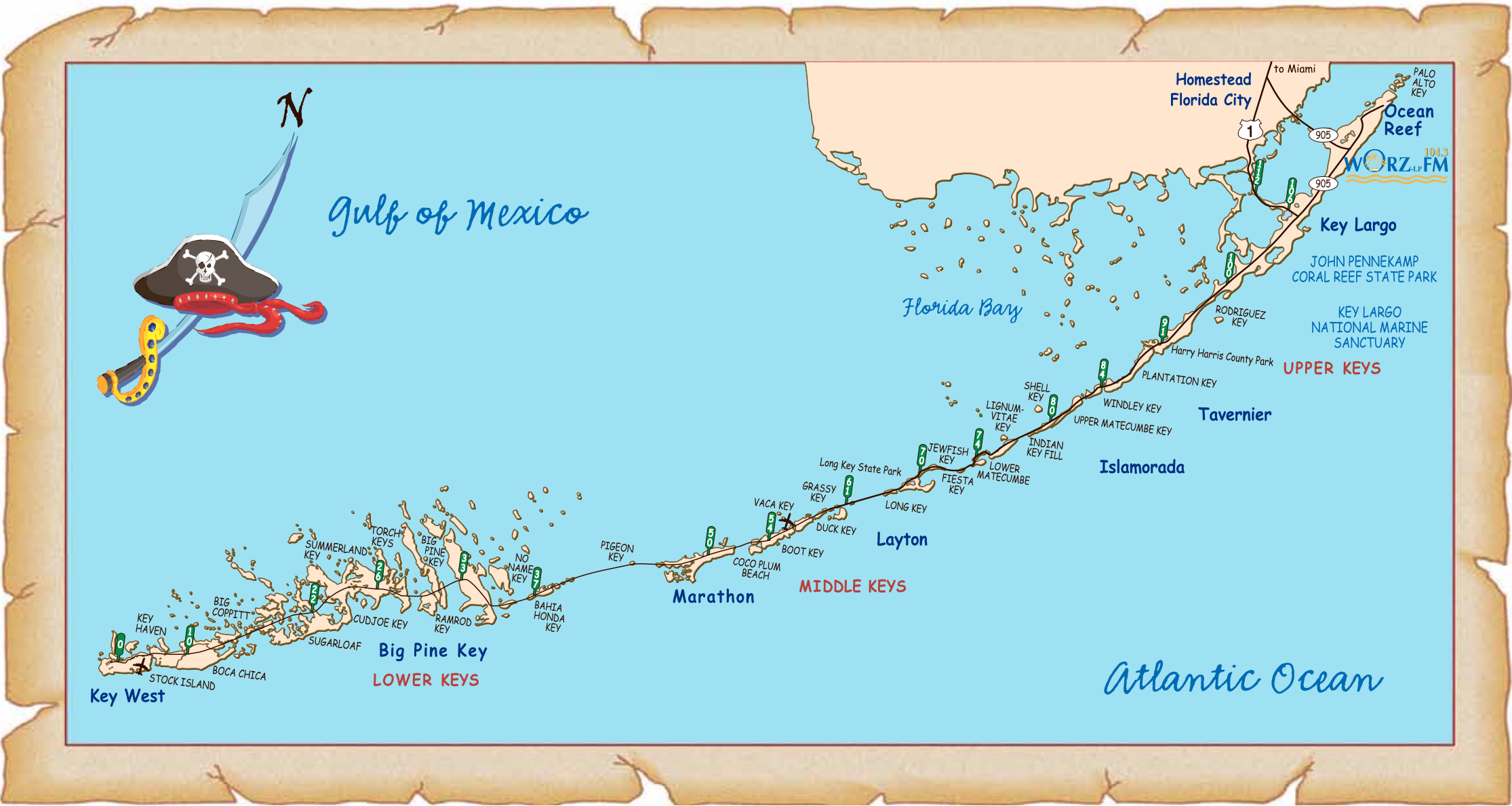
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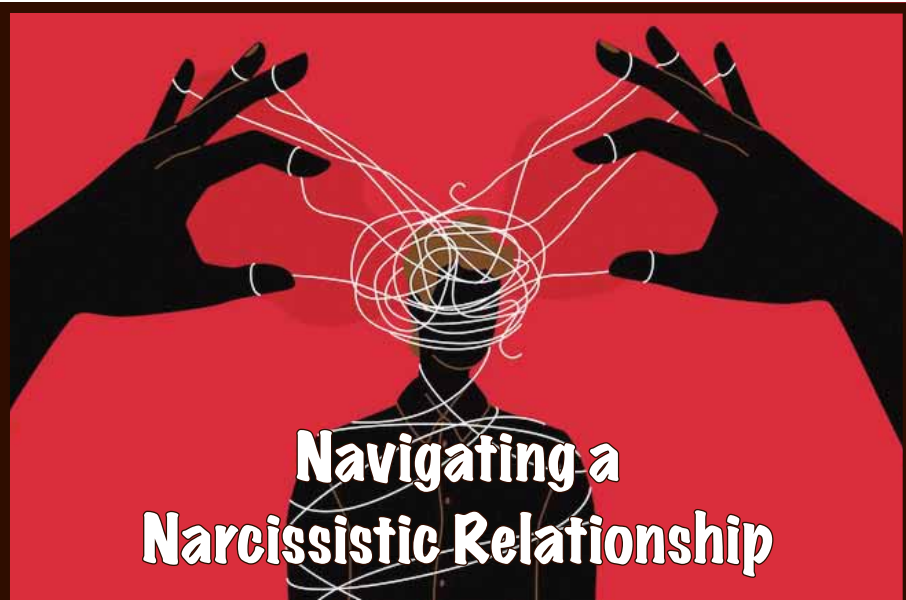


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Being under the constant shadow of a narcissist can result in a profound loss of self.

Imagine a relationship where the exchange feels perpetually one sided: conversations circle around one person's life, their challenges, and their narrative, leaving little room for your voice. Or consider a friend who draws heavily on your support but holds back when it's their turn to listen and support you. Over time, such dynamics can lead to feelings of deep exhaustion, unworthiness, and dissatisfaction. If either scenario sounds familiar, you might be in a relationship with a narcissist.

Narcissism lies on a spectrum, and its impact can vary drastically. On one end, it may manifest as mild self-absorption, but at the other, it can escalate to a toxic relationship that jeopardizes your physical and emotional health. Being under the constant shadow of a narcissist can result in a profound loss of self. This continual uncertainty and invisibility can lead to emotional frustration and

erosion of your sense of identity and self-worth. Recognizing the signs of a narcissistic relationship is paramount for protecting your well-being. To navigate such relationships, it's important to maintain a strong support network, set boundaries, practice self-care, and possibly seek professional help. If you believe change is possible, having a conversation to express your needs for a fairer exchange could open a door to a deeper, more genuine connection. Sometimes, people are unaware of the imbalance, and your courage to speak up might foster healing in the relationship.

When dealing with narcissism, let compassion be your guide — compassion for yourself as you work toward a healthy solution, even if that means walking away, and for others who may be struggling with their own hidden pains. Every relationship is an opportunity for learning and growth.

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Ruby Stern known as "Miss Ruby", was the matriarch of Downtown Card Sound. She was a familiar site to travelers across Card Sound bridge.

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On the shirt back is Carol's image of Ruby Stern, matriarch of Downtown Card Sound Road, a place that doesn't exist on any map... yet was home to a community of free spirits, fishermen and independent thinkers who took up residence there. Located on the west side of the road south of Alabama Jack's, and the toll booth, the shack was originally built by workers who constructed the toll bridge around 1968. In 1972 Ruby moved in and lived there for 27 years. She'd sit on the steps of her shack, with an old Colt 44 daring anyone to throw her off the land. She stayed. Not even the destructive forces of hurricane Andrew and the county's condemnation of the shack could send her from her spot on the bay on Card Sound. She moved to a trailer alongside and lived there until 1999 when she had to leave due to illness, and died at age 90.

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Anglers Hook 160 Fish at "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" Keys University and Fishing Fever Tournament in October —From Beginners to Winners—

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Fish caught and/or released included cobia, sailfish, a variety of snappers, bonito, tarpon, snook, redfish, trout, sharks and more. With beginners fishing in high winds, there were eight tarpon releases and two sailfish releases in addition to fish caught or released.

It was remarkable what many of the first-time anglers caught in the sporty seas. For



Ayla Flores Top Teen Angler was fishing with Capt. Mike Diaz.

Malabar, FL it was a life-changing experience to fish her first time ever with her grandparents.

Betty Bauman, Founder of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing commented, "This event was designed for beginners who can win a prize in our Fishing Fever tournament, even if it was their first fish ever caught or released."

Winners:

Top Offshore: Donna Jocelyn, Miami, FL 35.5 lb. cobia on Sea Horse with Capt. Rick Rodriguez.

Second Place Offshore: Kim Royal, Orlando, FL 3.1 lb. yellow-tail also on Sea Horse.

Top Sailfish Release: Kim Royal, Orlando, FL one sailfish with Capt. Rick Rodriguez.

Top Inshore: Janet Steiner, St. Augustine, FL 33.5" snook on Capt. Chris Hanson Scales 2 Tales.

Second Place Inshore: Pat Kucera, Tarpon Springs, FL, 28" redfish released on Capt. Chris Hanson Scales 2 Tales.

Top Inshore Release: Pat Kucera, Tarpon Springs, FL two tarpon also on Scales 2 Tales.

Top Teen Angler: Ayla Flores, Malabar, FL age 13 for a 19" snook on Pelagic Raptors Charters with Capt. Mike Diaz.



Participants at Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Keys Class of 2024.



Ladies on Sea Horse with Capt. Rick Rodriguez celebrate their catch including two sailfish releases.



Eric Scoble, Blackwater Charters group.

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December Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

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 and the Florida Keys Children's Foundation. Visit KeysLibraries.org for books, streaming movies, ebooks, events and more.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Exhibit in the Community Room: Maggie Fox: is a Native Cuban. Lifelong painter and prolific award-winning professional artist Maggie has created highly textured, colorful mixed media paintings for over 30 years. She is best know for her tunning realism and abstract paintings inspired by classical music. December 9, 6-7 pm Artist Reception.

December 3, 17, 4pm - LEGO Club: Build with LOTS of LEGOs (provided) on your own or as a team and test your skills with challenges! Challenge: Ocean Animals.

December 3, 6pm - Books & Bites will discuss Laruen Groff's book *The Vaster Wilds at Num Thai* 103200 Overseas Hwy. #3. Available from the Library or download with the Libby app.

December 4, 9 am-12 pm - 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic. Master Gardener Volunteers will be here to answer your gardening/landscape queries. Free Seed Library & Plant Exchange too!

December 4, 9am-12pm - "Merry Citrus" Craft Pomander-Making Event! Get ready to unleash your creativity and make a festive orange and clove pomander, perfect for the season! Supplies provided. All ages.



December 6, 6 pm - 1st Friday Concert: Listen to Patchouli and Terra Guitarra, a soulful fusion of blazing Spanish and world guitar rhythms, sparkling melodies.

December 9, 12pm - Legal Services of Greater Miami. Join us to learn more about all the services offered. LSGM is a nonprofit law firm that provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals. Light refreshments.



December 9, 6-7 pm - Artist Reception Maggie Fox. In the Community Room. See above for more information.

December 10, 4pm - Holiday Origami. Make paper holiday decorations with origami & Kirigami techniques. Supplies provided. Ages 8+.

December 14, 11am-4pm - DIY Dog & Cat Toys for Shelter Animals. Make easy braided dog toys for the Upper Keys Humane Society. Supplies provided. Age 8 + up.

December 18, 1-3 pm - Homeschool Meet and Greet collaborate, create, and share resources. Engineering challenge, creating a healthy snack, & more for homeschool team building!



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December 19, 2-4 pm - Adult Craft: Coastal Christmas Tree Décor. Supplies provided. *Registration required - max 24 participants.



December 21 HOLIDAY MOVIE MARATHON

10 am: Enchanted Tales: The Christmas Elves.
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3 pm: Nightmare Before Christmas. PG. 76 min.
Cookies, Hot Chocolate & kids holiday crafts in the morning.

December 27, 4 pm - Fiero Coding Club. We now have this learn-to-code solution available under Resources at keyslibraries.org. Create websites, games, animations, or other programs. Bring your own device or use a library laptop. Requires a FREE library card to sign up. Ages 8+.

December 31, 10:30 am - Noon. New Years Eve Storytime We will read special stories, make crafts for the occasion & celebrate with a Balloon Drop to ring in the New Year at Noon! For Families.

The Library will be closed December 24, 25, & January 1 with reduced hours on Dec. 31.

Monthly Community Group Meetings:
1st Monday:
Upper Keys Fishing Club 6:30pm

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Story Time
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am (except Dec. 24) for ages 0-5.



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Tech Tutor
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Creative Tuesday
Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 1-3 pm: An informal creative afternoon with fellow artists connecting to inspire, rejuvenate, and encourage artistic growth. Bring your own painting supplies and finish your own art or do organized activities.

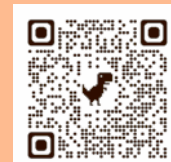
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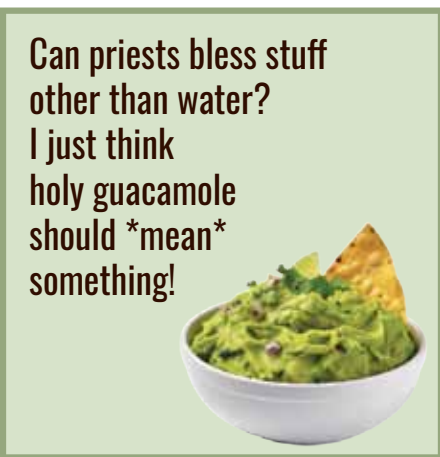
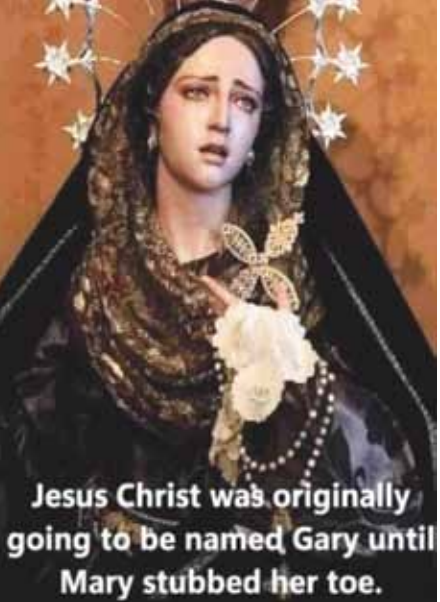
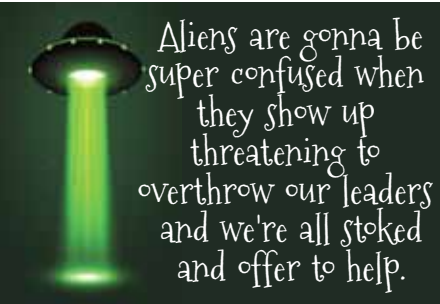
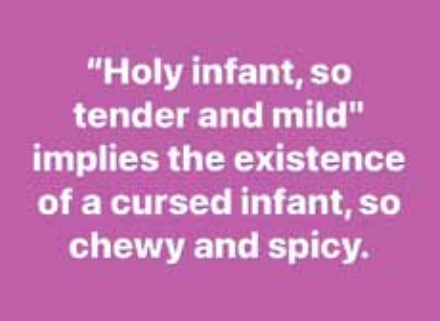
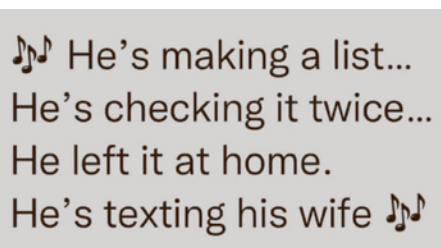
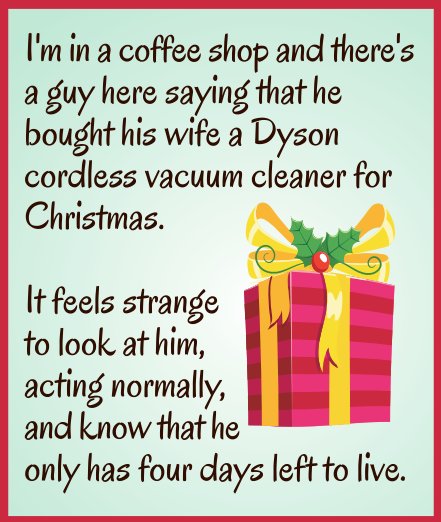
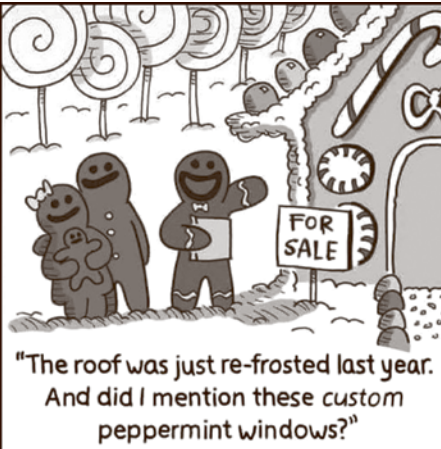
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Webb & Davidson 5-9	2 Carousers 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	3 Micah 5-9	4 Webb & Davidson 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	5 Webb & Davidson 5-9	6 Jade Storm 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	7 Uncle Rico 5-9
8 Webb & Davidson 5-9	9 Carousers 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	10 Leah Sutter 5-9	11 Webb & Davidson 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	12 Webb & Davidson 5-9	13 Brothers Of Others 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	14 Abstract Radio 5-9
15 Webb & Davidson 5-9	16 Carousers 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	17 Micah 5-9	18 Closing 6PM EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY	19 Webb & Davidson 5-9	20 Ego Free 5-9	21 Webb & Davidson 5-9
22 Webb & Davidson 5-9	23 Uncle Rico 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	24 Steve Venini 3-7  Closing 8PM	25 Webb & Davidson 3-7 Michael Trixx @Sunset Closing 8PM	26 Billy Davidson 12-3 Webb & Davidson 5-9	27 Alex Caldwell 12-3 Shadow Creek 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	28 John Ciulla 12-3 Shin Dig 5-9
29 Billy Davidson 12-3 Webb & Davidson 5-9	30 Micah 12-3 & 5-9 Michael Trixx @Sunset	31 Webb & Davidson 2-6 Carousers 8-12				

