

Leap Years

The earth orbits the sun every 365.24218 days and in order for it to be a leap year, 3 criteria are used

- The year can be evenly divided by 4;
- If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless;
- The year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year.

So every 4 years unless the year is divisible by 100, except when divisible by 400. So 2000 was a leap year because it was divisible 4 and 400, but 1900 and 2100 are not leap years because they are divisible by 4 and 100, but not 400.

Critters in our Midst

Carol Ellis

Introducing a stunning new book about wildlife in the Upper Keys with stories as told by and photographed by Carol Ellis

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Ruby

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.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY **Little Salt** by Carol Ellis

305-451-7778

Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND

SPF 50, long sleeve fishing performance shirt in aqua, limeade and white

SCAN CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO PURCHASE

The world needs more Tackle Boxes and less Xbox's**MOTHER NATURE: YOU CAN'T FIT ALL 4 SEASONS INTO ONE STATE**

Ice on the road in South Florida. Please, drive safe.....

**GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO BAIT.****FLORIDA WINTER 'SHOVELING'**

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

Dissatisfied Visitors Complain About their Time in the Keys...

SEE WHAT THE TDC HAS TO DEAL WITH?

1. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the sandbar. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
2. "On my visit to the Keys, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served Mahi Mahi and Conch. I don't like food when I don't know what it is."
3. "We went on holiday to South Florida and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Hispanic."
4. "We booked an excursion on a dive boat but no one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your sand was not deep and soft; it was thin and rocky."
7. "It's lazy of the Key West shopkeepers to close for sunset. I needed to buy things during sunset time -- this should be banned."
8. "No one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the airBnB ad said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper English beer, like Speckled Hen, nor ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were so slow with traffic, so we read the entire local guide book during the bus ride to Key West. Because of this, we were unprepared financially for the many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The Key West Sheraton Hotel brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "When we were in Keys, there were too many strange people there. The receptionist also sang in the bar, and the food was served by a fishing guide. No one told us that there would be so many strange people."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
19. "My fiancée & I requested twin beds at the Key Largo hotel when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

