

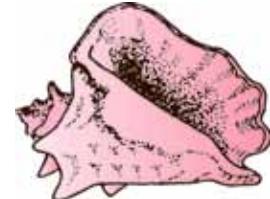
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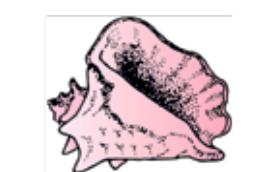
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**Checking Myself Out — A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn**

It had been quite a while since I had the displeasure of going inside a crowded convenience store. I'm not talking about crowded with people, I'm talking about crammed with shit that no one should put in or on their bodies. There is no way they could fit one more item anywhere without completely blocking the aisles, which two adults cannot pass by each other without intimate contact as it is.

Now that I don't buy beer and tobacco every day, I rarely have an occasion to go inside a convenience store. I usually just pull up to the pump, check the tamper tags, stick in my card, fill up and go. No fuss, no muss, as it is said.

When we were on the road going cross country, a conveniently located convenience store could be your best friend at 3 AM, espe-

cially when the sausage dog consumed eight hours earlier from the previous store is getting more demanding about an exit by the second, if you know what I mean.

Convenience stores had more personality back then, each a reflection of the area in which they were located. All the trinkets and crap gave us something to look at while we waited our turns for the, as usual, one-seat shitter. Some were even loose with their placement of the adult magazines so we could glance through the articles while we waited...

It was always a mad scramble to get out of the band van first. We startled quite a few night clerks as we busted through the door in a mad dash to locate the bathroom... "Where's the can, man?" I would usually ask. We only stopped when the van needed to stop, as in

needing gas, the van had a 35-gallon tank and would usually run for eight hours between fill ups.

The guys would grab snacks for the road and pay for the gas at the counter with a human being in charge of the interaction between consumer and cash register. In other words, they rung up our shit and gave us back our change.

Skip back ahead to the other day when I had an occasion to go into the Circle K at mile marker 102 in beautiful Key Largo. The smell of junk food preservatives was overwhelming. I squeeze my way around in search of what I was sent to get. I approached the checkout counter and couldn't figure out what was going on. Did 10 years magically pass while I was in there?

Then it happened. I was reminded of a time when my dad could not figure out how to use the newfangled, electronic gas pumps. He was used to flipping the switch to turn the pump on, maybe twist a knob on the side that cleared the previous purchase and fill the car up with high test or ethyl, as it was sometimes called. The new style pump had 3 different grades of gas and an electronic key pad...

dad, born in 1922, struggled with a basic TV remote when he finally broke down and bought a solid state model. The main reason he gave in

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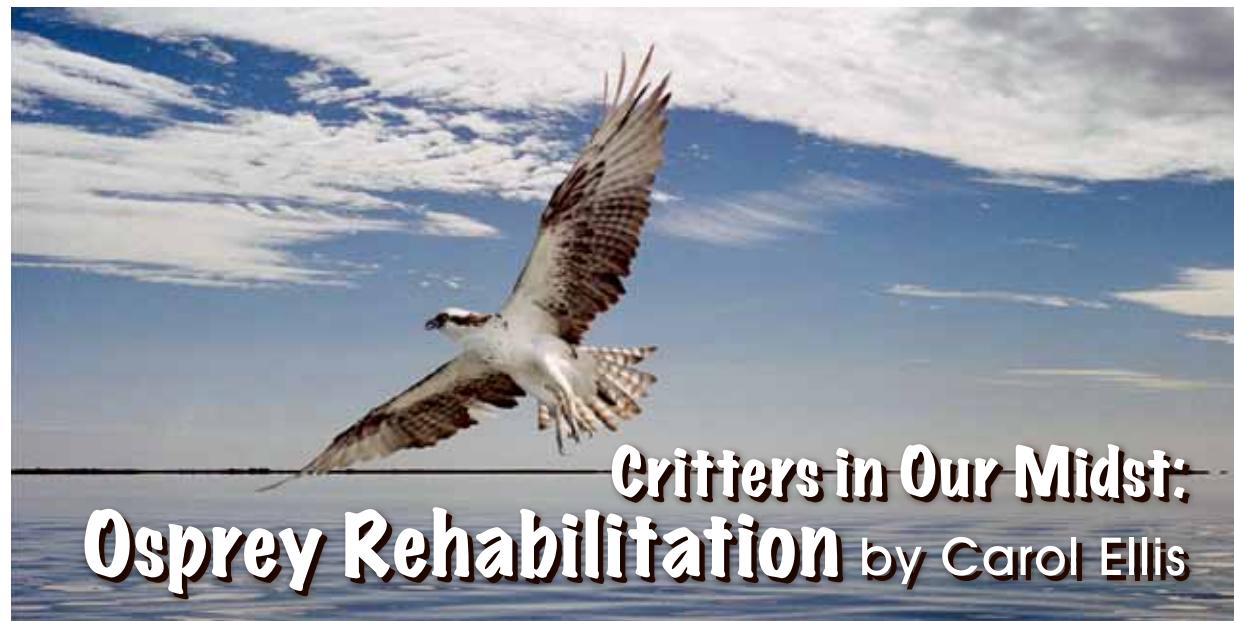
was because the Eckerd Drug Store got rid of their tube tester machine... you have to be old to understand... it's a thing from last century.

Meanwhile, this century, the checkout counter is gone, in its place is a robotic looking bin. An impatient employee points and spouts directions in Spanish at me. I can work the self check outs at Winn-Dixie and our new Publix but the one at the Circle K is not very user-friendly. And the ones at Publix don't take cash which is an inconvenience, guess they don't want to mess around with change dispensers and the like.

The Winn-Dixie at 106 takes bills one at a time. It's fun to stick all of the dollar bills from the tip bucket in, one at a time, \$36 for kitty and dog treats. It's super fun for everyone waiting in line behind me as the machine spits back a bill which I fumble finger to turn the other direction and it sucks it right in... most of the time, anyway. Sometimes I have to stretch out the wrinkles a few times... I've always been good at stretching out the wrinkles.

Funny how there's always an employee to make sure I didn't forget to scan anything but never one around to approve age restricted items... cameras everywhere with facial recognition but... I remind myself that I'll be dead soon enough, it's just a thing...





## Critters in Our Midst: Osprey Rehabilitation by Carol Ellis

An Osprey surveys the Florida Keys backcountry for its next meal. Catfish, mullet and ladyfish are its favorite foods found in the shallow waters of Florida Bay.

This spring I noticed that Osprey were missing from where I live in North Key Largo. Absent were their short mellow whistling calls, and all of the Osprey platforms in the mangroves and natural areas lie empty. Golfers were noticing the nesting poles on the three golf courses were also abandoned. Birders concurred that our local Osprey were indeed absent.

Inquiring minds want to know! My quest to find an answer led to many "round-about" theories, but no idea as to why our resident Osprey were missing. In the 1960s Osprey were listed as a threatened species, in decline due to the use of the pesticide DDT, which was banned in 1972. Osprey rebounded and were removed from threatened status in 2009. Currently, the overall population is doing well.

Osprey in the Keys tend to stay here year-round, though we do get some wintering migrants from the north. Their recent absence could just be due to

seasonal change, when Osprey northerners (like snowbirds) have started to leave this area to head to their northern nesting grounds. Another possibility is some of our locals journeyed into Central/South America and may just not have made it back yet.

Maybe something is sending them away? Could there be predation on the nest or food scarcity? Are raccoon, iguana or python, preying on their nests or competing for food? Osprey rarely eat anything other than live fish, and I wasn't aware of any issues regarding lack of fish. Catfish, mullet and ladyfish are favorite foods found in the shallow waters of Florida Bay. Based on research concerning mercury levels in waterways, which, given Monroe County's predisposition for higher concentrations, could mercury be affecting behavior or breeding success? Because we have had drought for the past two years? All possibilities, but only speculation on my part.

Bayleigh MacHaffie, Operations Director at FKWBC, toss-released the Osprey in front of a crowd of supporters at Mike Marker104.



A second release took place at Pennekamp Park.

The most inspiring news came from Erin Allison, Executive Director of Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center (FKWBC), who reported admissions were up at FKWBC, where four Osprey fledglings were in her care. Erin reported "one was orphaned, two fell from nest, and one due to emaciation. All young-uns." She quipped "perhaps we weren't seeing any because they were all in her care!"

Her patients were most likely our local birds just learning how to be Osprey. At FKWBC birds are checked for injuries such as broken bones and bruises and treated for emaciation, mites and internal parasites. When ready, the birds are put into a large L-shaped flight enclosure, where they can learn how to fly, circle, perch and get their stamina up before release.

After about 6 weeks in rehabilitation, two of the fledgling Osprey were set to be released back into the wild, and I was fortunate to witness the releases.



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## Osprey Rehabilitation... CONTINUED



Joshua Wenkert Lane, who found the fledgling Osprey wandering around on the ground near Pennekamp Marina, opened the door for the walk-out release.



"Penne" heads off to a happier tomorrow... hopefully to raise chicks of its own.



An Osprey perched in a nest on a remote mangrove island in Florida Bay.

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## Artist of the Month: Gloria Avner

### **Around the World to Around the Keys**

by Karen Beal

Stop in at the Key Largo Library any time in June to enjoy the one-woman art exhibit featuring Gloria Avner.

Gloria's mantra is "Be open to life!" and she expresses that in her art with lively use of color, media and subjects.

Gloria attended U.C. Berkeley during exciting times in the late 60s. A bohemian-style world traveler in her 20s, she lived in London and journeyed through Morocco and India. For 40 years she studied, curated and sold tribal art from Africa and Indonesia at the Arteffects Gallery. She also studied at the respected John

Campbell Folk School in North Carolina and Bellas Artes in Mexico.

The world offered adventure and Gloria has maintained that zest for whatever life has to offer. She has studied bronze casting in Mexico, painting in Sri Lanka and Cambodia. She even contributed to an art project with Yoko Ono.

And she has much to offer Life. Well known for batik painting, a unique blend of watercolor and wax techniques, Gloria offers classes appropriate for any skill level. Layering paint,

ink and wax in a batik process that blends spontaneous color and lines has been a lifelong passion and one she is happy to share. Our Place in Paradise Gallery (mile marker 88.7) offers her classes seasonally. Gloria has also taught at the Key Largo Library.

Not surprisingly, she will take on a school classroom project to support a Peace theme or to beautify the welcoming doors of the Upper Keys Jewish Community Center with a Tree of Life. Her work reflects joy and an open heart.

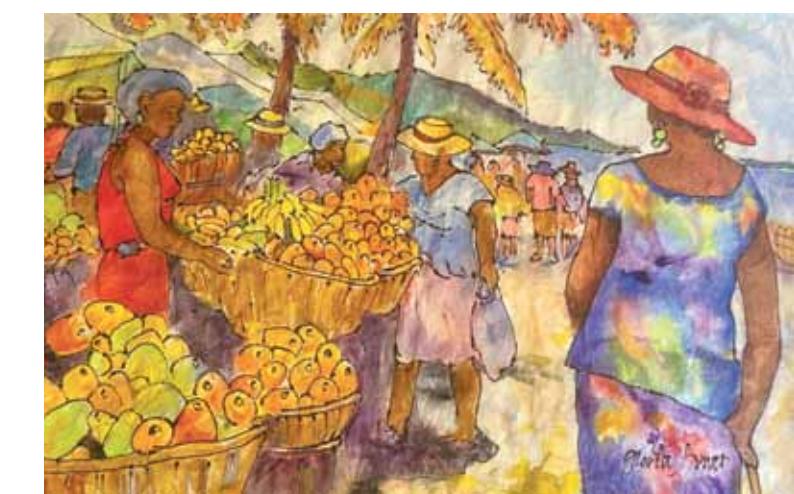
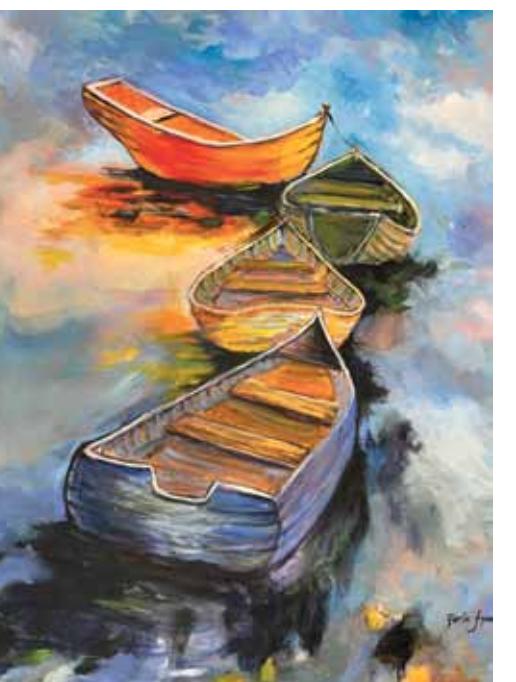
Gloria exhibits regularly in the Art Guild of the Purple Isles shows. Her paintings

and writings have been featured in Culture magazine and in other publications. Her artwork is also available on [FineArtAmerica.com](http://FineArtAmerica.com).

"I feel my current work is on a subconscious track to bring light into the world we interact with - animals, oceans and people. It is not just decorative art you are bringing into your home - it is something that engages each viewer in a personal way."

Despite being known as a professional artist in both coastal Maine, her summer home, and the Keys for decades, Our Place in Paradise Gallery recently hosted her first solo show. Fellow artists and patrons packed the house on opening night!

Basking in the shows success, she said "The one thing I love about the Keys community, the art community in particular, is that it draws you in and makes you family."



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Special Thanks to Karen Beal

Watch your favorite hurricane broadcaster's movements. If he shows up in Miami, batten down the hatches. If he shows up in the Upper Keys, evacuate.

Put your valuables in the dishwasher and washer. They stay dry and won't blow away.

When people ask where you live - the correct answer is in the Cone of Uncertainty

Put a can of Fix A Flat in your trunk. Maybe two.

Here's hoping FEMA comes thru like State Farm did for Cheryl's She Shed.

Guaranteed - you will think of 3 devices you should have charged right after the power goes out.

Stock up on mosquito spray. You can bet the trucks won't be spraying for a while and having a stockpile will make you popular.

Don't be afraid of a hurricane. Do be afraid of being without AC in 90 degree temps with 100% humidity.

Word of the day is "Namaste." (As in "Are you evacuating?" "Namaste here.")

Hurricane supplies include condoms. We can't afford 10 baby showers in May.

If your home is hit by a dolphin do NOT go out to see if the dolphin is OK. That is how the hurricane tricks you into coming outside.

Your solar garden lights make great emergency lighting in the house.

Hint: red wine does not need refrigeration.

If you must wear make up after a hurricane when the power is down - make



sure it is waterproof.

Don't trust Hurricane named Dory - it forgets where it's going and changes directions.

Watching a hurricane approach is like being stalked by a turtle.

Don't freak out if the cops knock on your door to tell you to leave - at this point they are not worried about your drugs.

Publix has hurricane cakes - for your hurricane party.



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Be careful. Ambulances can't drive in even moderately high winds - think of carrying a sheet of plywood over a bridge.

Don't do any major yard work in hurricane season - total waste of time. Tempting fate!

Do all your laundry before the storm hits. Might be a while with the power out.

Alcohol can be used as currency in a pinch.

Peel the SaltLife sticker off your car before you evacuate.

Freeze your water bottles before the storm to use to keep your fridge cold when the power goes out.

Always keep cooked bacon in the-freezer for emergencies. If you decide to stay, put it in your pocket to help the search and rescue dogs find you first. Keep it next to the hurricane chocolate supply.

Power out? Two words: French Press.

## Angel Meditation

A meditation with your angels can add a new gentleness into your normal meditation routine.

Although your host of spirit guides encompasses many diverse beings, meditating with angels can be a uniquely insightful experience. The angels stationed at your side are both powerful and knowledgeable. They possess a limitless understanding of your needs and desires, your strengths and weaknesses, and your purpose. Angels take an active part in our lives only when invited to do so. Meditation allows you to make contact and lovingly request that they participate actively in your day-to-day life.

To begin, retreat to a solitary place where you won't be distracted. Incense and candlelight may aid you in achieving a meditative state but are not necessary. However, laying an image of an angel, an angel statue, or an item symbolizing your angels in front of you can improve focus. Sit comfortably, breathe deeply, and relax. When you feel peaceful, invite your angels to sit with you as you meditate. Mentally repeat your request and reiterate that this time together is important to

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Again, ask your angels to be with you. Let the stillness enter your soul, and open your heart to your angel guides. If they wish to communicate a message, they will do so. Allow them to wrap their wings around you and infuse you with their bountiful love.

Breathe them in as you did the light. As the meditation draws to a close, you may feel a presence, fluttering wings or billowing fabric, or you may see an angel in your mind's eye. Thank them for providing you with love and light, and being with you. If you don't sense or feel anything, no worries — you can be certain your angels are with you. You will become increasingly adept at recognizing when your angels are near.

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## A Non-Emergency Situation: EMS By the Book

by Karen Beal

People were wondering what was up in mid-May when there was an ambulance parked outside of the Key Largo Library. Three paramedics went into the building. Was it an injury or medical emergency? Why was it taking so long?

Far from an emergency, it was a wonderful opportunity for the EMS crew members and dozens of youngsters to laugh and visit over Story Time. Three paramedics: Michael Sao-Pagan, Louis Tuero and Juliano Serrano-Reyes made their entrance in uniform to a welcoming crowd.

Story Time included several favorite books read aloud. The most exciting book was Dinosaur Rescue by Penny Dale and the EMS crew provided background

sounds of the various rescue vehicles and helicopters throughout the story. It was a big hit, according to everyone.

Being good sports, the EMS crew also participated in the much-loved Hokey Pokey.

The visit ended with a tour of the ambulance where youngsters and parents could examine equipment and ask questions. The paramedics hoped that if the children needed to take a ride inside one day - it would be a little less scary for them.

Everyone got stickers and a big wave as the crew prepared to drive away. They ended the visit with a quick chirp on the siren, flashing lights and saying goodbye on the microphone speaker - thrilling everyone one last time.

Joy Smith, Key Largo Librarian, who does StoryTime Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am, remarked "Several of the medics had toddlers at home and really knew how to engage our youngsters and their parents. I think they enjoyed a situation where there was no emergency involved and they were certainly the heroes of the day."

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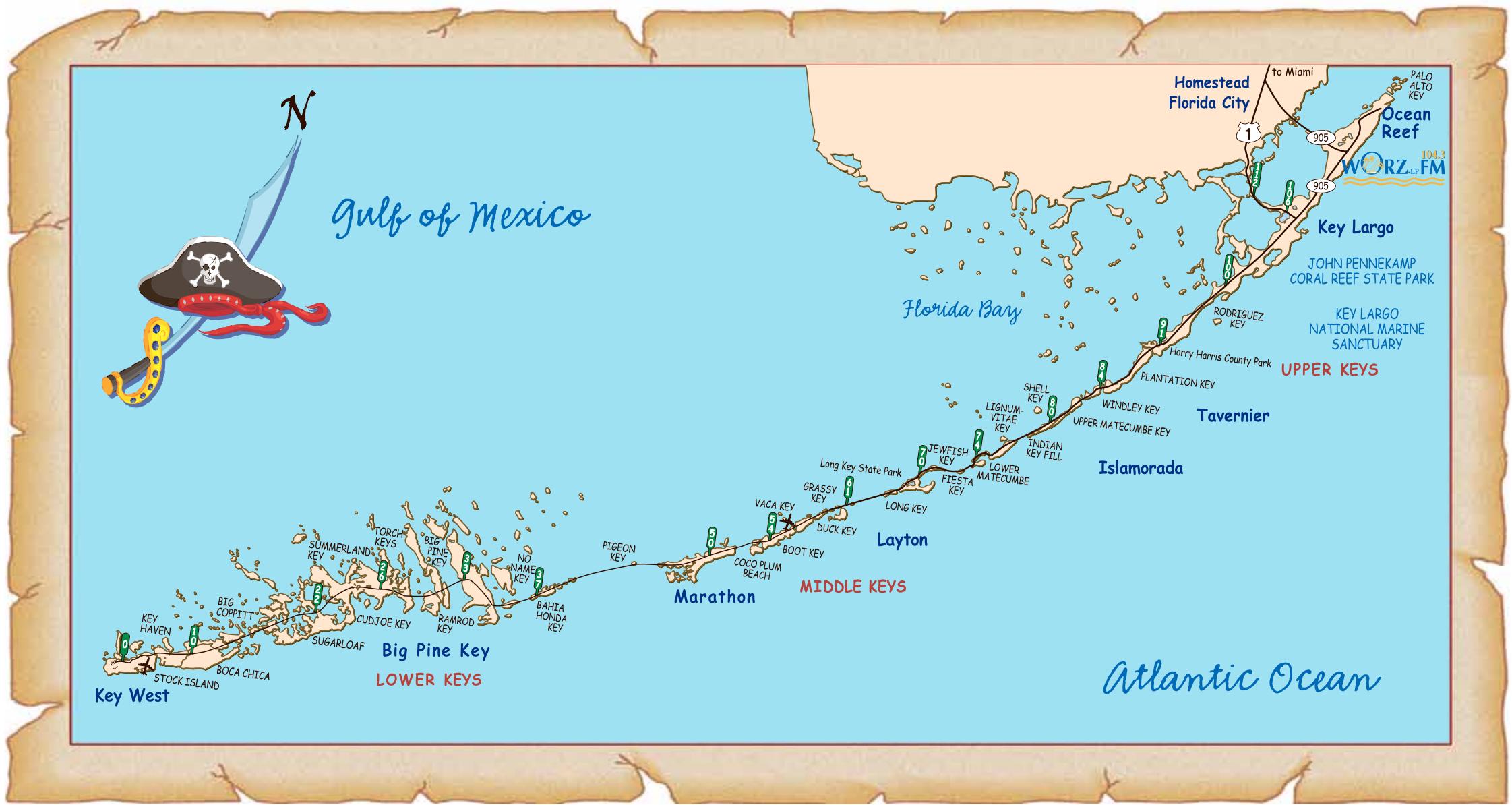
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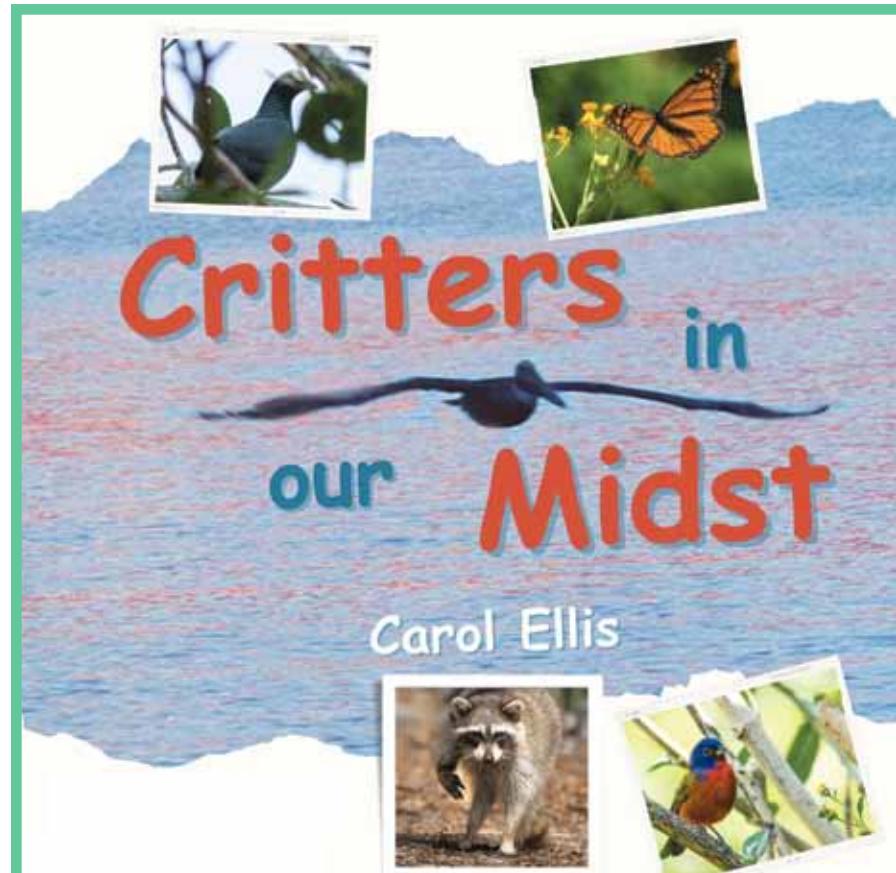
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- Religion: worships God.
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- Spirituality: unites people regardless of their beliefs.
- Religion: teaches people to be afraid of hell.
- Spirituality: teaches people to create heaven on Earth.
- Religion: based on fear and restriction.
- Spirituality: based on love and freedom.
- Religion: feels like being a single drop in the ocean.
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Saturdays - 11am 'til 2pm



### brunch menu

MOOSE BREAKFAST \$8.00  
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MOOSE SANDWICH \$8.00  
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Served w/ Hashbrown

WAFFLE BREAKFAST \$8.00  
2 Waffles served w/ Choice of Meat

BLT \$6.00

TURKEY CLUB \$6.00

**ALA CARTE**

1 Egg	\$2.00
2 Bacon or Sausage	\$3.00
Hashbrown	\$2.00
Waffle	\$4.00
Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	\$3.50
Toast (White/Rye)	\$1.50

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## June 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 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](http://KeysLibraries.org) for books, streaming movies, ebooks, events and more.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Ode to Your Zip Code** (33037 and 33070). Write the numbers of your zip code down the left side of the page. Each number determines the number of words in that line. Zeroes are a Wild Card! You can leave it blank, insert an emoji or symbol, use a punctuation mark, or... surprise us.

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**Art Exhibit in the Community Room: Gloria Avner, Key Largo painter and poet.**  
Her batik artworks have won prizes and ribbons in art shows in South Florida and coastal Maine, where she spends her summer.



**Summer Reading Program**  
June & July  
"Read the Rainbow"

Stop by the Library for a schedule of events and to pick up a bingo card - complete the bingo tasks to win prizes! Ages 6-11.

**Summer Reading Kickoff**  
Misadventures of Pinocchio, presented by Fantasy Theater Factory! This delightful theatrical twist is packed with laughs, life lessons, and vibrant characters.

**June 4, 1:30pm - Wiggle, Shake & Explore w/ MarineLab!**  
They may not have bones, but these sea critters have plenty of personality! Enjoy Invertebrates Rock Shake, a marine science program led by MarineLab; hands-on with

ocean life, cool creatures like sea stars and urchins, and fun experiments! For kids & families.

**June 3, 3 pm - LEGO Club:**  
Challenge: Yo! Yo-Yo, For Ages 6-11. All supplies provided. Note the new time.

**June 4, 9 am-12 pm - 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic Plus.**  
Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to answer your gardening/landscape queries.

**June 9-14: Celebrate Father's Day with a Craft!**  
"Read the Rainbow"

Stop by during the week of June 9 and create a superhero Bookmark for the special guy in your life. Supplies are provided.

**June 10, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics; Sphero Lab.** Meet Sphero, an adorable robot. Get started driving and coding this ball of fun. Explore this technology with us. Supplies provided. Ages 8-16.

**June 11, 10am-1:30pm Free Legal Help** for low-income residents of Monroe. (866) 686-2760 or register online [legalservicesmiami.org](http://legalservicesmiami.org). Ages 6-14.

**June 24, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics; Sphero Lab.** See June 10 for info. Ages 8-16.

**June 11, 18, 25 11am-1pm Chess Club.** We provide chess sets; players of all levels are invited. Ages 6-11.

**June 24, 6pm - Books & Bites** will discuss The Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Num Thai Sushi Bar & Restaurant. Borrow a book from the library or download from the Libby app.

**June 25, 1:30-3pm - Florida Bay Forever.** Join us for an educational, hands-on environmental program focused on one of the Keys' most vital ecosystems. Elementary kids are welcome explore the interconnected wonders of the Everglades, hardwood hammock forests, and Florida Bay—and see the connections.

Department, Key Largo EMS, or the Monroe Co. Sheriff's Office. Families will enjoy an exciting afternoon filled with team games, interactive demos, and hands-on fun with real fire trucks, rescue equipment, and police cruisers. Connect with the brave professionals who keep our community safe.

**June 20, 2pm STEAM: Electric Art.** Light up your summer with paper circuits. Using a paper template, some copper tape, a battery, and LED light, your imagination can really shine! Supplies provided. Ages 6-14.

**June 24, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics; Sphero Lab.** See June 10 for info. Ages 8-16.

**June 12, 2pm - Music, Movement, and Learning** with Patty Shukla. Combining rhythm and repetition to boost early literacy, coordination, and confidence for kids ages 6-11.

**June 17, 3 pm - LEGO Club:**  
Challenge: Summer Vibes. For Ages 6-11. All supplies provided. Note the new time.

**June 18, 1:30 - First Responder Appreciation Day** Join us in honoring our local heroes from the Key Largo Fire

The Library will be closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth

### WEEKLY EVENTS

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



**Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida**, Weds. 1pm  
Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy by AHEC.

**Tech Tutor**  
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**SBDC Weds., 2-5pm.**  
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**Sit + Sew**  
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**COME TAKE A CLASS!**  
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Monthly Community Group Meetings:  
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# Ladies Hook 110 Fish at Ladies, Let's Go Fishing's Screamin' Reels

Lady anglers from across Florida and beyond reeled in an impressive 110 offshore fish during the Ladies, Let's Go Fishing (LLGF) Screamin' Reels Tournament, May 16-18, in Islamorada. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the tournament combined fun, fishing, and female empowerment in a low-pressure environment.



Miami Vice star Olivia Brown, with Captains Brian Epstein & Skip Braden.



1st Place Jack Division Melissa Vickers, Cocoa Beach, FL on Miller Time.



3rd Place Offshore Kelly DeNone, Tavernier, on Poppa Wahoo.



1st Place Offshore Kat Farese, Dania Beach, on Marin Darlin.



Poppa Wahoo Catch: Barbara Socarras, Anna Tassia Butler, Michelle Kne, Barbara Joyce, and Kim DenBesten.



Sea Horse Catch: Michele Mobley, Anna Tassia Butler, Michelle Kne, Barbara Joyce, and Kim DenBesten.



Miller Time Catch: Pam Ridgle, Michele Mobley, Anna Tassia Butler, Michelle Kne, Barbara Joyce, and Kim DenBesten.

### WINNERS:

First Place Offshore: Kat Farese, Dania Beach, FL - 15.8 lb. Wahoo on "Marlin Darlin."

Second Place Offshore: Michelle Mobley, Orlando, FL - 12.45 lb. Blackfin Tuna on "Sea Horse."

Third Place Offshore: Kelly DeNone, Tavernier, FL - 10.8 lb. Wahoo on "Poppa Wahoo."

First Place Jack Division: Melissa Vickers, Cocoa Beach, FL - 30.1 lb. Amberjack on "Miller Time."

The top-performing private boat, "Marlin Darlin," featured an all-female crew, with captain Jeanne Towne and angler Kat Farese triumphing over larger charter teams to clinch first place offshore.

Although the inshore division was available, anglers opted to venture offshore. For several participants, the event marked exciting firsts. "I dreamed of catching a mahi someday and I did!" said Tegwin Stockdale of New Port Richey, FL. Kelly DeNone shared, "So excited to catch my first-ever mahi, tuna, and a wahoo!"



Kay Kay IV Catch: Samantha Ebling, Estelle Wolfman, Noelle Goulart, Jolene Chandler, and Susan Anthony.



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Upcoming events: register in advance at [www.ladiesletsgofishing.com](http://www.ladiesletsgofishing.com).

### Upcoming LLGF events are:

Oct. 17-19, 2025

Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar and Fishing Islamorada, FL

Nov. 22-23, 2025

St. Augustine Surf Fishing Academy Guy Harvey Resort

Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2026

Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament Islamorada, FL

# Coco'Nut' Funnies

A man goes to the doctor, worried about his wife's temper. The doctor asks, "What's the problem?"

The man says, "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my wife seems to lose her temper for no reason. It scares me."

The doctor says, "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your wife is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until she either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later, the man comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The man says, "Doctor, that was a brilliant idea! Every time my wife started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and she calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The doctor says, "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."



Why did we name it Parmesan cheese and not spaghetti confetti?! It's like we don't even try anymore.



My parents are replacing their coffee machine, which is 7 years old.

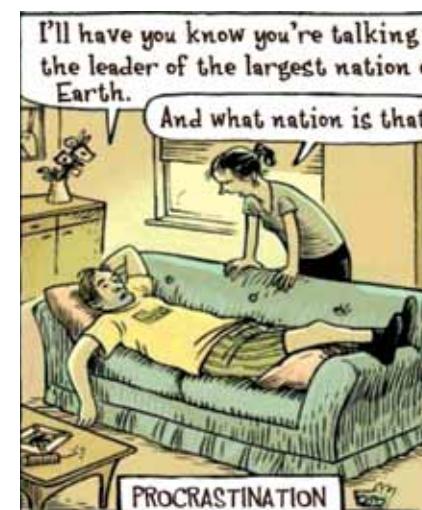
Me: that's not that old, I have sheets older than that.

Mother: well perhaps your sheets aren't getting as much action as our coffee machine.

I'm going to need an ambulance.

*Live* so that if your life was a book, *Florida* would ban it!

My husband & I were doing yard work but I started a fight so I could storm off into the air conditioning



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A Texas farmer went on vacation to Australia. He met up with an Australian farmer who proudly showed off his wheat field.

"That's nothing" said the Texan. "Back home, we have wheat fields that are twice as large as this."

Next the Australian pointed out his cattle.

"They're nothing," said the Texan. "Back home, we have longhorns that are twice as big as your cows."

Just then, half a dozen kangaroos bounded across the road.

"What are those?" asked the Texan.

The Australian replied, "Don't you have grasshoppers in Texas?"

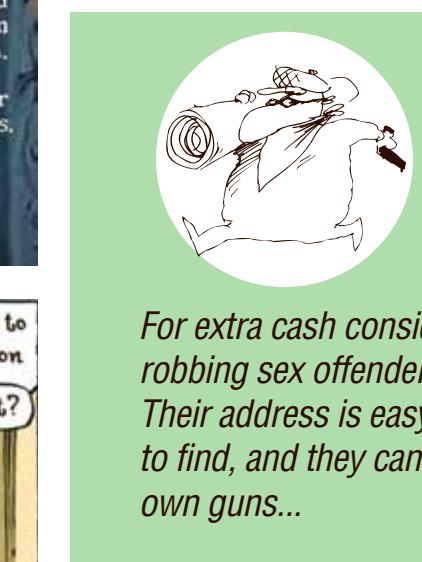


If you think swimming with dolphins is expensive, try swimming with sharks. Cost me an arm and a leg.

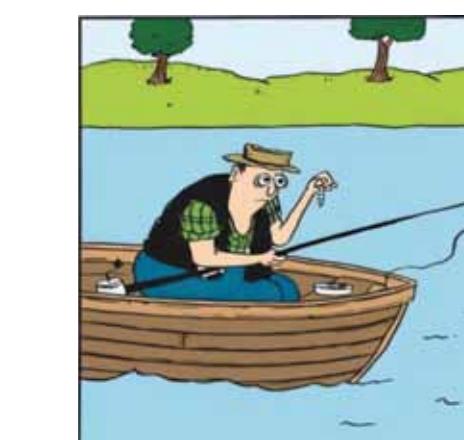
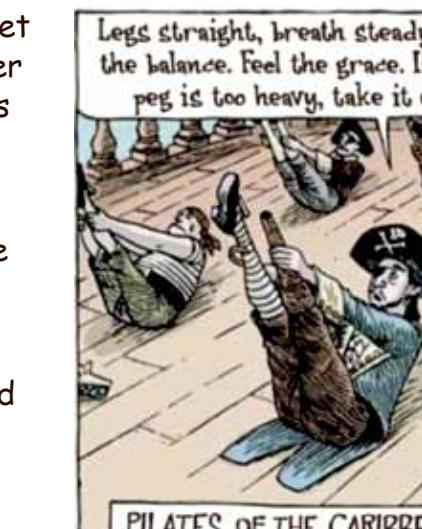
NO NUDES. SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOUR MEDICINE CABINET. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PSYCHO I'M DEALING WITH.



A CHARCUTERIE BOARD IS BASICALLY AN ADULT LUNCHABLE WHERE YOU SWAP THE CAPRI SUN FOR WINE.



Legs straight, breath steady. Feel the balance. Feel the grace. If your peg is too heavy, take it off.



Realizing that he was trying to bait his hook with a piece of his wife's pasta salad, it suddenly dawned on Dave why lunch had disagreed with him so much

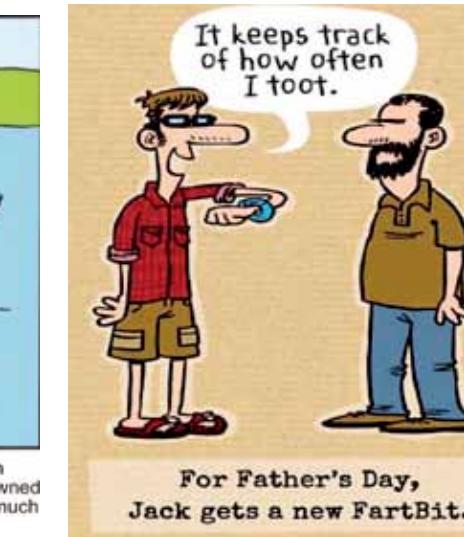
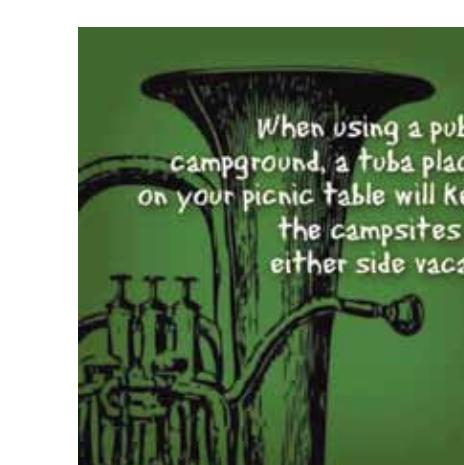
Governor: please leave your homes and evacuate immediately  
Publix: we made cakes



Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, "Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."

The doctor said, "I didn't say that.. I said, "You've got a heart murmur; be careful."



THE FIRST RULE OF THE OCD CLUB IS TO HAVE A SECOND RULE SO THERE IS AN EVEN NUMBER OF RULES.



WE ARE ENTERING THE SLOW SEASON  
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Day Drink!  
DO YOUR PART



To be truly fluent in English, you must know your shit:  
  
Dogshit - Very poor quality  
Bullshit - Not true  
Horseshit - Nonsense  
Apeshit - Rambunctious  
Batshit - Insane  
Chickenshit - coward  
Ratshit - poor quality  
No shit - Obviously  
Holy shit - mind blowing/unbelievable  
Hot shit - very good  
Dipshit - a total dumbass  
Tuff shit - Take it or leave it  
Jack shit - nothing  
The shit - perfection

A guy is driving around and he sees a sign in front of a house:

"Talking Dog For Sale." He rings the bell, and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a Labrador Retriever sitting there.

You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

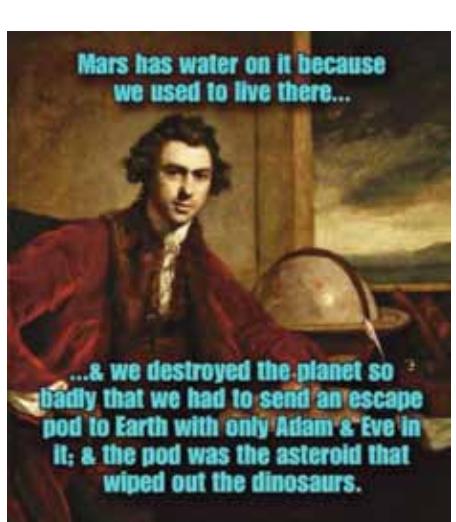
The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young, and I wanted to help the government; so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog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

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

"Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He didn't do any of that shit."



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### THE KEY PLAYERS

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### Eight Ways To Say "Your Fly Is Open"

The cucumber has left the salad  
You've got Windows in your laptop  
You need to bring your tray table to the upright and locked position  
Your pod bay door is open, Hal  
The Buick is not all the way in the garage  
Sailor Ned is trying to take a little shore leave  
You've got a security breach at Los Pantalones  
Mini Me is making a break for the escape pod

### The Iconic 1956 Chevrolet Convertible



The owner of a magnificent 1956 Chevrolet convertible, wrote to say he had restored the car to perfection over the last few years, and sent this:

On a very warm summer afternoon he decided to take his car to town. It needed gas, as the gauge was practically on empty, but he wanted ice cream, so he headed first to his favorite ice cream shop.

He had trouble finding a parking space and had to park the car down a side street.

He noticed a group of young guys standing around smoking cigarettes and eyeing the car rather covetously. He was a bit uneasy leaving it there, but people often take interest in such an old and well-preserved car, so he went off to enjoy his ice cream.

The line at the ice cream shop was long and it took him quite a while to return to his car. When he did, his worst fears were realized... his car was gone.

He called the police and reported the theft.

About ten minutes later the police called him to say they had found the car abandoned near a gas station a few miles out of town.

It was unharmed and he was relieved. It seems just before he called, the police had received a call from a young woman who was an employee at a self-service gas station. She told them that three young men had driven in with this beautiful old convertible. One of them came to the window and prepaid for 20 dollars worth of gas.

All three of them walked around the car. Then they all got in the car and drove off, without filling the tank.

The question is, why would anybody steal a car, pay for gas that they never pumped and then abandon the car and walk away?

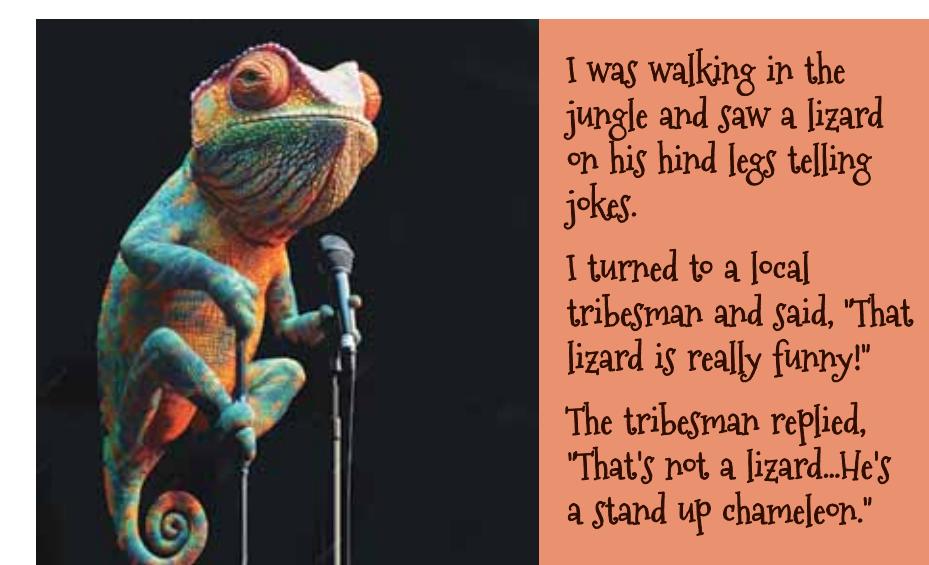
*They couldn't find where to put the gas!*

**Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet**

Jasmine Simone Stanley Carley Bernie

Dagney Chloe Aurora & Deliliah Murphy Meghan

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable fury friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes.

I turned to a local tribesman and said, "That lizard is really funny!"  
The tribesman replied, "That's not a lizard...He's a stand up chameleon."





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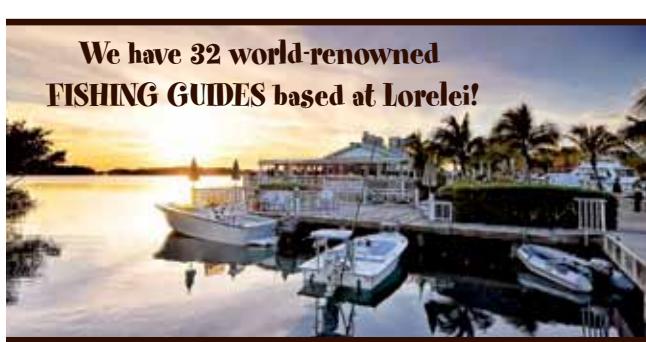
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Webb & Davidson 6-10	2 Carousers 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	3 Micah 6-10	4 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	5 Webb & Davidson 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	6 Jade Storm 6-10 Michael Trixx @Sunset	7 John Ciulla 12-3 Uncle Rico 6-10
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