

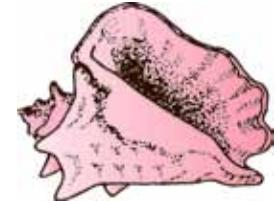
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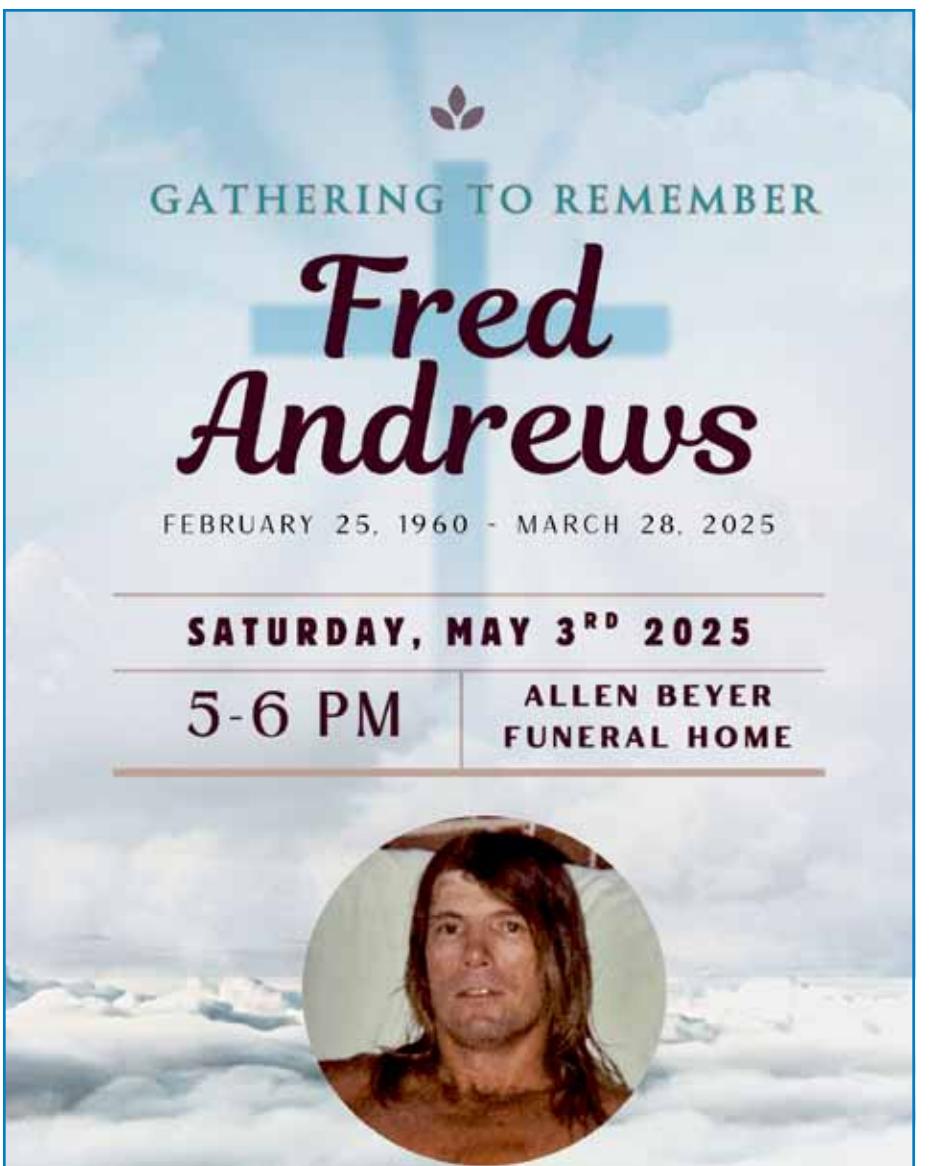
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Random Daydreaming —

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

I had a bench seat in my pickup trucks, my dad's 1977 Malibu Classic station wagon had bench seats, as did a lot of cars of that era. (We called it the pie wagon because it was big enough to get a piece. Couldn't really call it a shaggin' wagon as the best it did was the occasional piece.)

Couples sat next to each other. There weren't any seat belt laws back then, as I seem to enjoy pointing out. Though after having been thrown through several windshields before I was 20 years of age, I started wearing a seatbelt., preventing serious injuries more than once. At any rate...

I was having the wife's car serviced at the dealership because I'm too dilapidated and inflexible to be able to do it myself anymore. I couldn't help but notice that all of the vehicles have center consoles now. No wonder romance is not what it used to be. Half the fun of driving somewhere is feeling up your date, getting a little stinky pinky action on the way, maybe get a little wound up and pull off to the side on a little side street somewhere...

Now everybody is absorbed into the small screen and an entire world of algorithmically suggested material to keep a soul stirred up, not informed. Some people seem to prefer to spend their time angry, defensive and uptight. Seems unnecessary with the availability of medical marijuana but alas it's not for everybody obviously.

I reckon these days though, you'd be hard pressed to be left alone long enough to get some without someone checking to see what it is that you're up to. Unless you live in the country. People

that don't get enough don't act right. It's a known fact. Just look at me. My wife seems to be OK though...

The new remedy on the horizon for the lonely hearted is an amalgamation of robotics, AI, realistic quantitative speech generators coupled with high tech transducers that mixes chest resonance with throat articulation and ultra realistic, new space age synthetic, self healing skin. A smart sex toy that also acts as your personal assistant. Do you enjoy boobs and penises? You can mix and match attachments to fulfill all of your fantasies.

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Note: We had to abridge this article for space. See Luke's online blog for the full story! www.lukesommerrglenn.com

Luke Sommer Glenn is a local entertainer and Conch Character.



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gut... All right, that's the gear head in me raging. Volume makes tone!

People will have to have permission to breed. The need for a large, ignorant and disposable workforce will be gone, with AI and robots doing all the unpleasant/dangerous work.

Just when everything is going right with the unsightly poor removed from the cities, social standing laws ensuring everyone does their part to maintain an orderly society, wearing the appropriate attire in public, using only the approved language according to the societal guidelines. Those that live on the fringe face a bleak and uncertain reality.

Then one day, the sun might release an electromagnetic pulse so intense that it destroys all the technology that the world has grown so dependent upon, and as all the systems fail, the satellites crash into each other and the corporeal and the artificial alike, gawk with gaping mouths at the techno remains showering the Earth in multicolored streaks of burning debris...

All the digital currency disappears in an instant along with all things that depend upon electrons for energy.

When it's all over with, mankind will have been reset 20,000 years, falling into small groups of disorganized tribes competing for resources and knowledge.

Another cataclysmic event will reset that society until one day the Sun eats the Earth.



The female heron leaving the nest. Heron wingspan can reach 5'10"

A wide spectrum of wildlife, both local and migratory, depends on the rich, natural environment of the Florida Keys, but for most of us, their presence goes largely ignored. Small discoveries, usually while in the presence of "naturalist" friends, led to my interest in writing about nature and often I get alerts regarding wildlife from neighbors.

In late February I got an email from former photography student Mary Lou Krause: "Carol... there is a Great White Heron nesting on the island near our condo. At this time she has her babies. Might be a nice picture."

The island Mary Lou was referring to is a native outcrop of mangroves next to a protected mangrove forest. It lies a hundred yards offshore of Pumpkin Cay condominium complex. Though it has no official name, the neighbors call it "Pumpkin Cay Island" because of where it is located. Her condo is a great viewing spot for observing marine life such as bottlenose dolphin, sting-rays, turtles, brown pelicans and this pair of Great White Herons and three babies in their nest.

Pumpkin Cay Island checks all the appropriate boxes for ideal nesting bird habitat; it has sturdy branches to build a nest made of sticks, and is surrounded by water, with a seagrass bottom full of fish and crustaceans. Nesting birds feel safe there because of the distance created by the channel between the mangrove island and the sea-walled shoreline. There is some human traffic... small boats tied to cleats, a few fishing stations, the

occasional dog walker... but this doesn't seem to bother the herons.

The tidal flow from the ocean through Pumpkin Creek provides clear, clean water essential for wading birds, who very slowly forage in the shallow water, waiting for a fish to spear with their sharp bills. Herons will hunt during day or night; the most important factor is the varying tidal depth of the water.

Mindful not to get too close for fear of disturbing the birds, I set up my camera with long lens a hundred feet behind the seawall. There was one very large adult heron visible in the nest. It was late afternoon and the soft light lit up its feathers in contrast to the green mangroves. I didn't see the babies right away, but soon noticed yellow beaks and



A male heron and three babies in the nest at early morning. Both parents take turns feeding the babies.

Critters in Our Midst: Nesting Herons

by Carol Ellis



Two babies climb higher in the nest and become more visible. A third baby hides low in the nest.

black eyes popping up from beneath the adult's long light yellow legs. First I saw one rather bold baby, climbing up to the rim of the stick nest, its fluff feathers lit by the sun, then a second came into view, and the finally a third, clearly the most elusive, occupied the lowest portion of nest.

For the next few days I visited the herons during morning and late afternoon, and was fortunate to get photographs of both adults, in their natural environment, going about their everyday duties. This Great Blue Heron (white morph) nest on Pumpkin Cay Island is in the northernmost range for these birds, exclusively found in the Florida Keys and the Everglades.

One morning I could see momma heron patiently waiting on the nest for her partner to return with food, and to give her a break from tending the nest. Moments before he arrived, she rose up in the nest, stretching her long neck. Soon her mate swooped in and they stood close with necks and chest touching. After a little "mutual

Nesting Herons... CONTINUED



The female (at left) enthusiastically greets the male returning to the nest.

appreciation" time, the female flew over to the seawall. As she perched on the seawall, she turned her head in the direction of the camera, with one leg raised, outstretched claws, and looked straight at me, as if to say "Can't I get a moment of peace?"

I loved this photo (right) so much that I printed it life-size, and placed it where I would frequently walk by it, make eye-contact and say "Hi!" This is the largest heron in North America, 39"- 52" tall with a wingspan of 5'10".



The heron made me smile, and it needed more of a name than "big bird."

What better way to get a name than display the heron at an event full of children and adults? I held a contest at the Eco Fair at Ocean Reef, where I was doing a book signing for "Critters in our Midst".

This heron was printed life-size, and featured in a "Name the Bird" contest. It received the name "Pumpkin" since it lives at Pumpkin Creek.

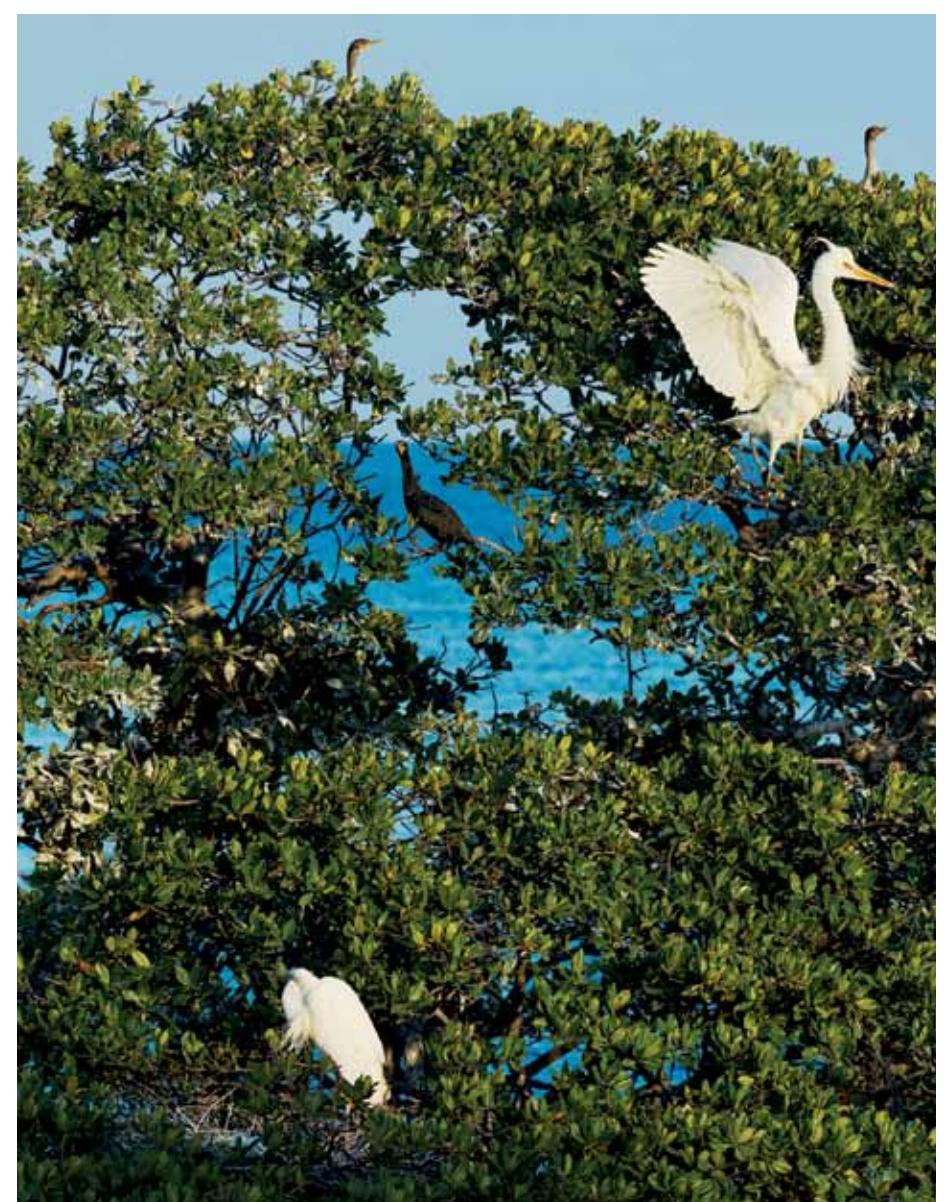
See "Conch Characters" on page 23 for pictures of the naming event and winner.



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From more than 50 entries, the winner was Katherine Yalamanchilli, age 10. The name suggested was "Pumpkin", and the three babies: Casey, Lola and Trey. The entry name stood out because it referred to where the heron lives - Pumpkin Cay. Katherine has a room at home decorated with stuffed animals, and she is excited to read "Critters in our Midst".

Despite the vast changes made by man to modify and occupy the coastline, most species can live nicely in proximity to humans as long as their most basic ecological needs are met: food, shelter and nesting sites. Habitat loss accompanying human development poses a great threat to wildlife, and water quality degradation is harmful particularly for wading birds.



Pumpkin Cay Island is ideal habitat for birds. A male returns in the late afternoon with food for his mate and three babies.

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Family Tradition Floats On

by Karen Beal

Decades ago, the romance and adventure of living in the Florida Keys was palatable. When Janice Pare moved here from Chicago as a newly-wed with her husband who loved to fish - they knew they had found paradise. Fifty-six years later, Janice is still loving her Key Largo community and island life. One remnant of that spirit of adventure has remained in the form of the legendary "message in a bottle" floating out to sea.

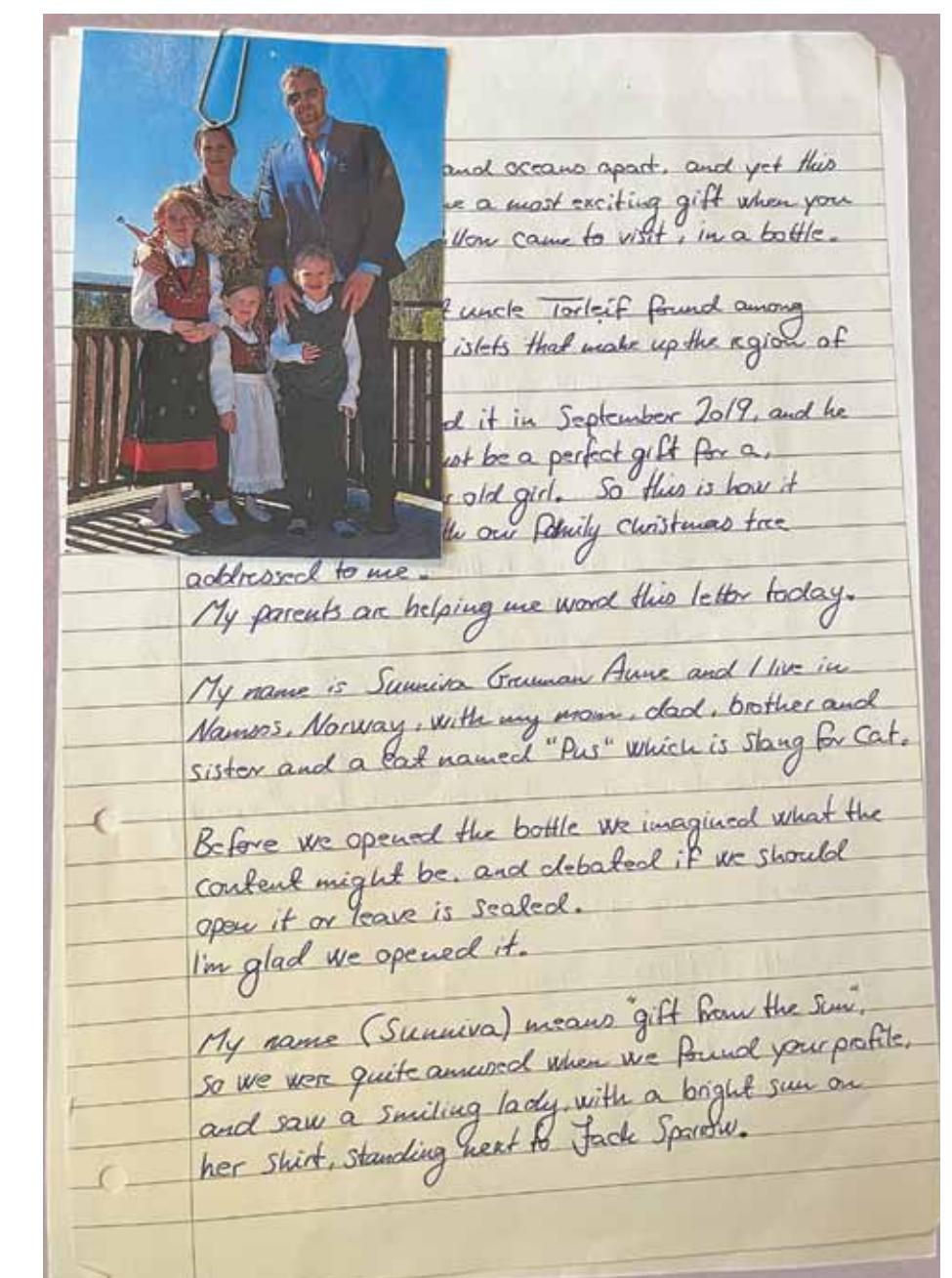
Over the last 10 years Pare has launched 20 special bottles into the current and 7 have rewarded her with responses from near and far. The bottles are unique crescent moon shaped. In years

past, she would find them in yard sales and thrift stores. Now they are rare to find around town and the fancy bottles likely come from Amazon. The messages vary, some are hand written and some printed out. Each one tell a little bit about Pare and the Keys and encourages the reader to let her know who they are and where they found the bottle.

The project has become a family affair. Son, Jim War-naar, seals the bottles carefully so they make the trip across the seas. Grandson, Captain and Mate Dillon War-naar launches the bottle from the Fantastic II sport fishing charter, where he works with Captain Justin Hopper. If



Janice Pare with one of her unique message bottles.



Hello, My name is Janice Pare. I am 79 years old. I live in Key Largo Florida.. In the fabulous Florida Keys. Just below Miami.

If you find this message in a bottle, please call me at 305-451-3528. If it is found in many years from now and I am not around, please call my grand son Dillon War-naar, at 305-407-0842. He is also in Key Largo, Florida.

I am doing this for fun and want to see how far my message in a bottle travels.. I have so far had four found. Two near Miami, one on Grand Turk Island and the farthest was found in Norway.

I hope this will be fun for you and you will enjoy telling everyone about it..
Cordially, Janice Pare

they have a young fisherman on that day, they get the honor of tossing the bottle into the current. With 5 grandchildren, 3 greats - and twins on the way - this Keys family tradition could go on for a very long time.

Seven bottles of the 20, often floating for years, have been found and people responded to the message. Usually an excited phone call will prompt an hour-long conversation and a new long-distance friendship. As expected bottles are found either on a beach or sparkling in the ocean. As one would expect, several bottles were found along the Florida coast: Caesar's Creek/Dade County,

Key Biscayne, Daytona and Jupiter. A little farther away, one bottle was found by a couple on Corolla Beach in North Carolina and Grand Turks Island.

The most surprising find was noted in a letter from Norway. The 9 year old girl wrote eloquently about her great-uncle finding the bottle along their shoreline and saving it as a Christmas gift for his niece. She appreciated the romance and adventure that the bottle contained. "We are generations and oceans apart, and yet this Christmas you sent me a most exciting gift when you and your grandson came to visit - in a bottle."

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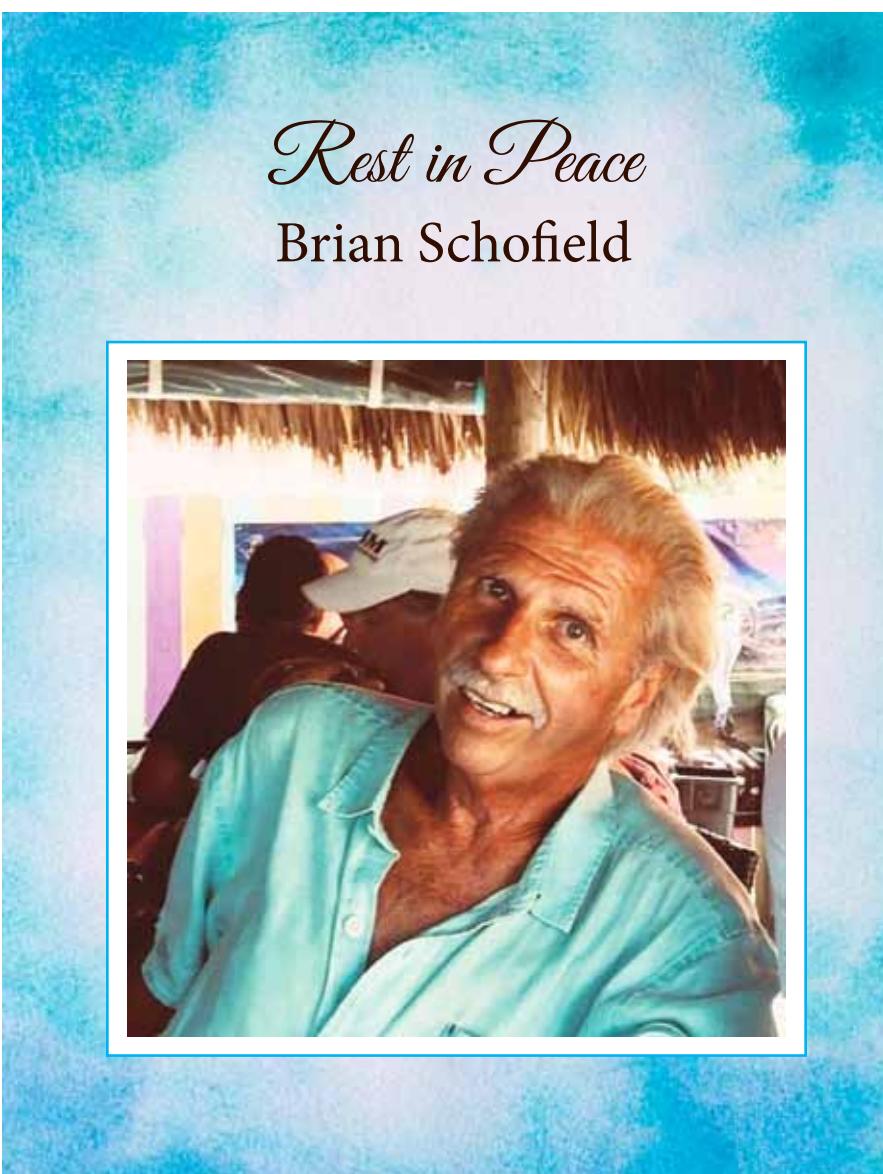
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Breaking your family patterns may be the most important work you do and the most challenging.

It is easy to believe that in leaving our childhood homes and embarking on the journey of adulthood, we have effectively removed ourselves from harmful and self-perpetuating familial patterns. In looking closely, however, we may discover that our behaviors and beliefs are still those that were impressed upon us during our youth by our parents, grandparents, and those that preceded them. We may find ourselves unconsciously perpetuating cycles of the previous

generations, such as fear of having enough, not showing affection, and secrecy patterns. Yet the transmission of negative patterns from one generation to the next is not inevitable. Breaking the pattern is a matter of overcoming those values imprinted upon us long ago and replacing them with pure love, tolerance, and conscious awareness.

The will to divest yourself of old, dark forms of familial energy and carry forth a new loving energy may come in the form of an epiphany. You may realize that cer-

tain aspects of your early life have negatively affected your health, happiness, and ability to evolve as an individual. Or you may find that in order to transcend limiting beliefs, irrational behavior, and emotional stiltedness, you need to question your values and examine how your family has impacted your personality. When you understand how family cycles have influenced you, you can gain freedom from those cycles.

In order to change, you must give yourself permission to change. Breaking family patterns is in no way defiance or betrayal. Trust yourself implicitly when determining the behaviors and beliefs that will help you overwrite the generation-based value system that limits your individual potential.

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Earth Day the Keys Way

by Karen Beal

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In March, Deb Riolo, of BellaNonaArt, donated art work for a fundraiser Caputo was organizing. Conversation lead to the idea of working with the kids on an Earth Day project. Riolo accepted the challenge and the collaboration began.

Donations of paint came from Berry's Benjamin Moore, KLI, and Riolo's own supplies. The artist painted the background of the two murals: the lower half of mangroves on one and the globes of the hemispheres on the other.

Keeping the Earth Day theme, the mangrove mural included sponge prints of leaves, pods and flowers pressed by students, raising awareness of the Keys' fragile ecosystem.

Science teacher Jessica Graham came up with the inspir-



Everglades Ambassadors filled in the KLS mural with Earth Day hand prints and memories.



ing idea of using children's handprints to create a mural of the world. Riolo worked with KLS Everglades Ambassadors to scale the design onto the wall. On Earth Day students added blue and green handprints to complete the global mural. As

Riolo stated "The kids are literally leaving their handprint at this year's KLS Earth Day event."

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Ms. Caputo, admiring the work of her students, was heard to say, "I truly hope we'll collaborate on more murals for KLS in the future."



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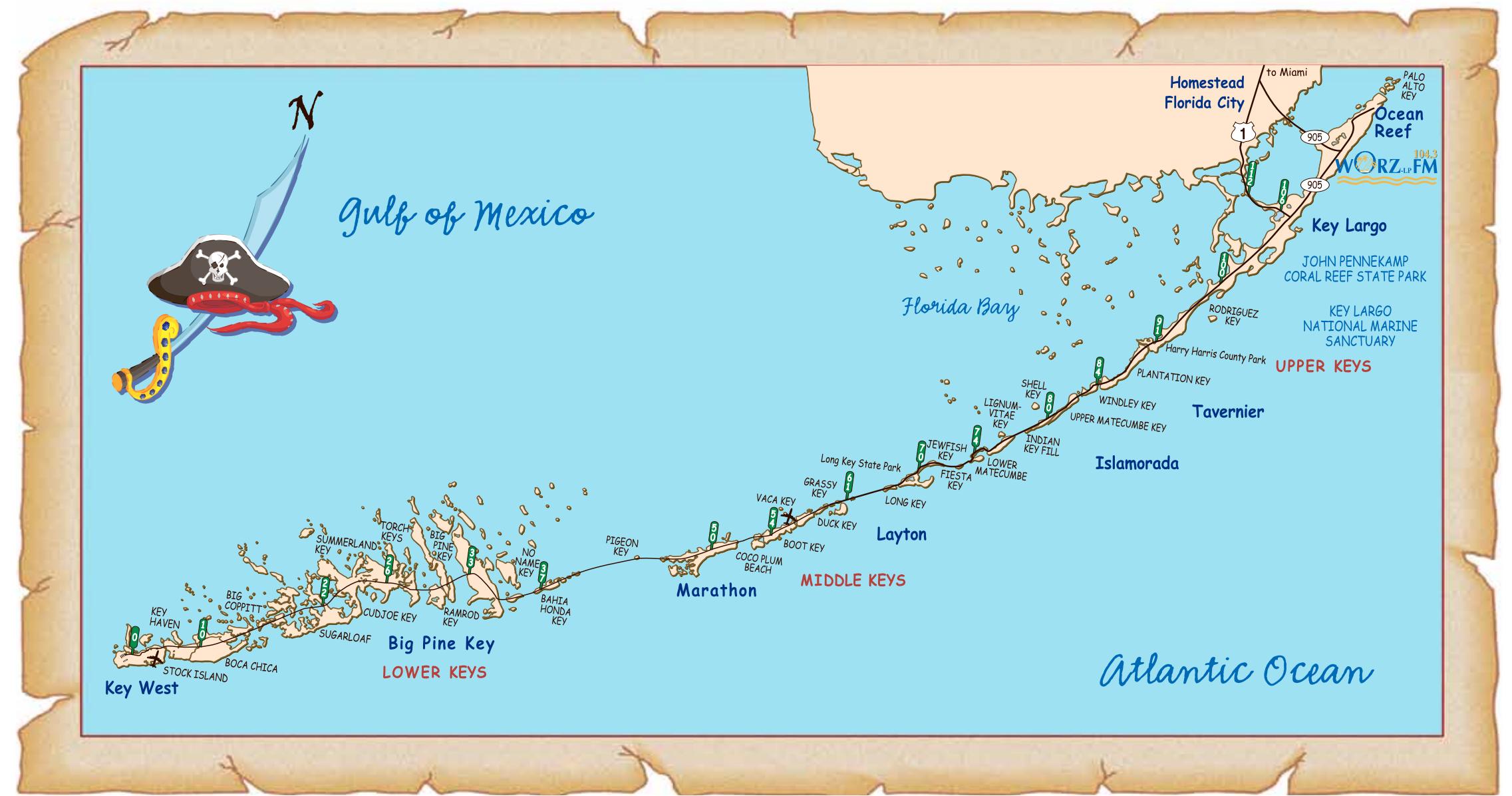
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May Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

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.

KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY • TRADEWINDS SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE

SPECIAL EVENTS

John David Hawver Art Exhibit (Community Room) extended through May!
Come and see the amazing work of **John David Hawver**, who lives and works by the ocean in Islamorada. He paints his poetic visions, finding inspiration in nature's design.

May 1, 2pm Great Decisions:

International Cooperation on Climate Change. Discussion after a brief video on the topic. Visit the library for an article on the topic to read ahead. Sponsored by the Friends of the Key Largo Branch Library.

May 5, 4-6pm Chess Club. We provide chess sets; you provide the skill. Chess players of all levels are invited. Ages 6-11.

May 6, 4pm LEGO Club: Challenge: Comic Book Scene, Ages 6-11. Supplies provided.

May 7, 9am-12pm 1st Wednesday Plant Clinic Plus. Master Gardener Volunteers will be at the Key Largo Library to answer your gardening/landscape queries.

sphero



May 9, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics with Sphero Lab.

Come meet Sphero, an adorable robot that rolls with a lot of personality. Start driving and coding this ball of fun! Explore and see what you can do! Supplies provided. Ages 8-16.

May 19, 5-7pm Free Hands Only CPR Class led by certified registered nurses from Baptist Health.

May 13 at 10:30am

EMT Storytime is rolling in! Join us for a morning of fun, movement, and stories—PLUS a special visit from our local EMTs and their ambulance! Key Largo Library's Storytime is designed for ages 0-5 and includes songs, a read-aloud, ambulance tours, and adorable photo ops.



May 13, 4pm STEM: Rocket Science May is a month with celebrations for astronomy and aerospace. Join in by making and racing balloon rockets! Supplies provided. Ages 8-14.

May 15, 2-4 pm Adult Craft

April showers bring May flowers! Get creative this spring with a hands-on craft! Join us for a Pressed Flower Votive Lanterns workshop. Supplies provided. Free/open to adults. Space is limited—stop by or call the Library 305-451-2396 to reserve your spot or visit KeysLibraries.org.

May 30, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics with Sphero Lab. Come meet Sphero, an adorable robot that rolls with a lot of personality. Start driving and coding this ball of fun! Explore and see what you can do! Supplies provided. Ages 8-16.

May 20, 4pm LEGO Club:

Challenge: Depths of Space. Ages 6-11. Supplies provided.

May 21, 1-3pm Homeschool Meet & Greet

Build and race balloon rockets, mingle with other homeschool families, and enjoy a snack. All supplies provided.

May 23, 3-5pm Rolling into Robotics with Sphero Lab. See May 9 for description. Ages 8-16.

May 27, 6pm Books & Bites will discuss James by Percival Everett at Num Thai Sushi Bar & Restaurant.

Borrow a book from the library or download from the Libby app.

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COME TAKE A CLASS!

The Key Largo Library has a variety of offerings, ranging from Book Club and Arts & Crafts for adults to LEGOS and STEM programs. Scan the code to see the complete schedule.



The Library will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

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



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Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. Hosted by AHEC.

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Why God Made Moms!

Answers given by second grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related..
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.



If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

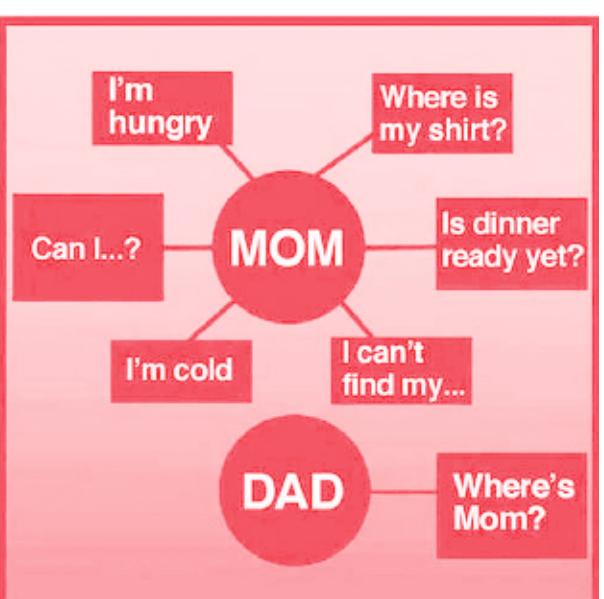
1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends..
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

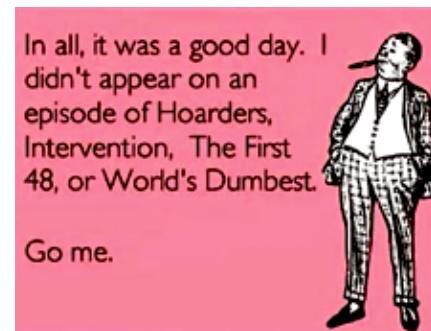


Dear Lord, I need a favor for Mother's Day:
Would you hug my mom and kiss her on the cheek, and tell her it's from me?

Coco'Nut' Funnies

Elton took 4 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow. The presenter said, "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of the last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks!" Elton replied.



A PIRATE WENT TO THE DOCTOR AND SAID "I HAVE MOLES ON ME BACK." THE DOCTOR AID "IT'S OK, THEY'RE BENIGN."

THE PIRATE REPLIED "COUNT AGAIN, I THINK THERE BE TEN."

FUTURE HOUSE PLAN

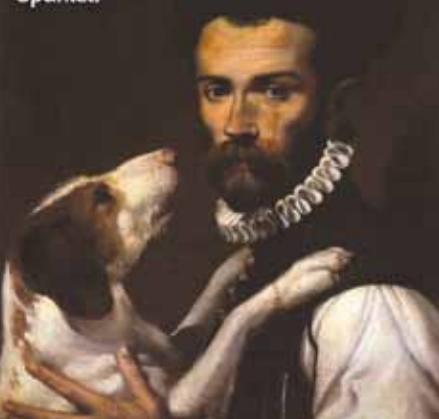


HOW TO COOK CRACK AND CLEAN A CRAB

STEP ONE: USE COMMAS



A guy asked me if I wanted to pet his Cocker Spaniel. Feel kinda weird about it now. I should have chosen the Spaniel.



My dog swallowed up my entire bag of Scrabble tiles, so I took him to Vet to get him checked out.

No word yet.



An elderly gentleman went in for his routine check-up. The doctor smiled and said, "Well, sir, you're in fantastic shape for your age! Anything bothering you?"

The old man scratched his head. "Well, actually, doc, there's something kinda strange." The doctor leaned in, curious.

"Every time I make love to my wife," the old man continued, "after the first round, I'm burning up, sweating like a sinner in church. But after the second time, I'm freezing, shivering like I'm stuck in the North Pole. What do you think is going on?"

Now this was an interesting case. The doctor, intrigued, decided to examine the wife as well. After a thorough check-up, he reassured her, "Ma'am, you're in perfect health. Do you have any concerns?"

She shook her head. "Nope, I feel just fine."

Still puzzled, the doctor said, "Well, your husband mentioned something unusual. He says after the first time you make love, he's burning up, and after the second time, he's shivering. Do you have any idea why?"

The elderly woman let out a deep sigh, rolled her eyes, and chuckled.

"Oh, that silly man..." she said with a smirk. "That's because the first time is in August... and the second time is in January!"

Mother: can you please fix my computer

Me: *leans back in chair* well... well... well... if it isn't Miss 'Get Off That Computer' Years 1994 to 2006

You know what the biggest problem with pushing all-things-Al is? Wrong direction. I want Al to do my laundry and dishes so that I can do art and writing, not for Al to do my art and writing so that I can do my laundry and dishes.

THE CLOSEST I GET TO A SPA DAY IS WHEN I'M DRAINING PASTA AND THE STEAM SMACKS ME IN THE FACE!



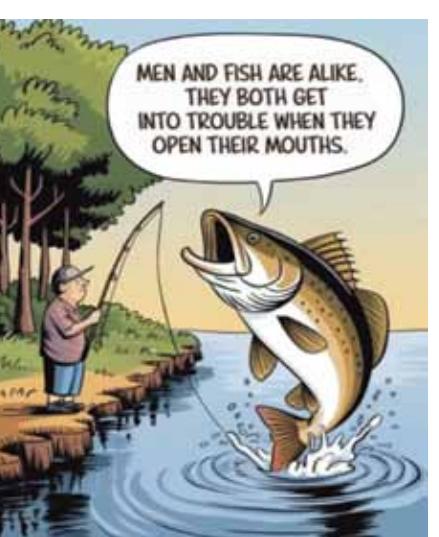
"I don't have any answers. I'm a non-prophet."



I was watching a show called "Ten Ways to Avoid a Shark Attack." Surprisingly, "Stay Out of the Water" didn't make the list.

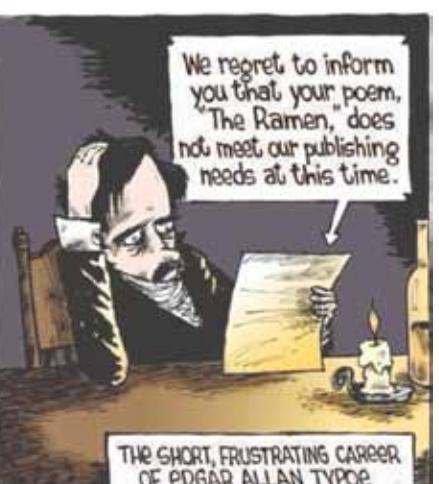


I'M ALL FOR BEING THEIR MOM AND FEEDING THEM AND STUFF BUT PLANNING DINNER EVERY NIGHT FOR 18 YEARS JUST SEEMS A LITTLE EXCESSIVE.



my bedtime routine with my first born. massage, stories and blanket tuck in.

bedtime routine with 3 kids: chocolate cake for breakfast for whoever goes to bed first.



I read that eggs are overly expensive cuz bird flu is killing a ton of chickens.



A Florida State Trooper pulled a car over on US 19 in Clearwater, Florida. When the Trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a magician and juggler, and was on his way to St. Petersburg to do a show for the Children's Hospital. He didn't want to be late.

The Trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him, then he wouldn't give him a ticket. He told the Trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

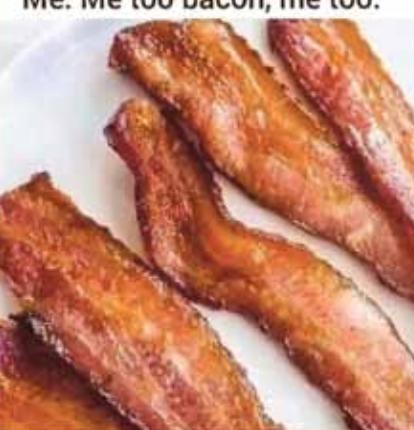
The Trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler said he could, so the Trooper got five flares, lit them and handed them to him.

While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the State Trooper's car. A drunken good old boy from Key Largo, got out, watched the performance, then went over to the Trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in.

The Trooper observed him and went over to his car, opened the door asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well just take me to jail, cause there ain't no way I can pass that test!"

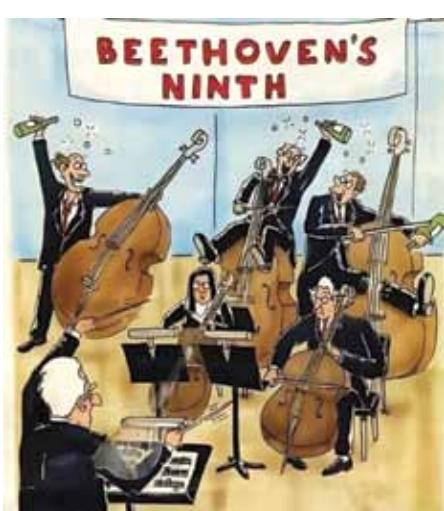
Bacon is 73% fat and very salty. Me: Me too bacon, me too.



Do they have restaurants in Japan where American people cook in front of you with lawn chairs and a grill?



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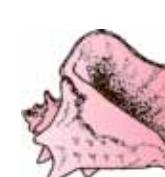
Conch Characters / Around Town



Contributing author and photographer Carol Ellis with her booth at Ocean Reef's recent Eco Fair, where she had a "Name the Bird" contest (see article, pages 4-5 for the whole story).



Fred the Tree, a local celeb-tree, and his younger brother came out to support the 7-Mile Bridge runners in April.



Above: Katherine Yalamanchilli, age 10, named the heron "Pumpkin" and the babies Casey, Lola and Trey. Her prize... a signed copy of Carol Ellis' book "Critters in our Midst."



Mickey Frankel is a local active artist who will be celebrating her 100th birthday soon. The Art Guild of the Purple Isles gifted her with a Lifetime Membership and Mickey quipped "You are going to lose money on this. I plan to live to 110!"



Check out Katherine Archer's book! (Snorkel McCorkle Facebook)



The Key Largo Library's Singer Songwriter Concert Series ended with Katherine Archer as she entertained with original songs and even created a song on the fly with a cue from the audience! If you have a suggestion for a musician for next season, stop in and give Cary some contact information! Photo: Jill Zima Borski.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Singers and Songwriters at Sundowners - Jim Halfpenny, Gary Phillips, Alan Truesdell and Taylor Moore.



(2017) Jimmy Johnson's got a big one!



American Legion at the 2013 Charity Fish Fest to benefit St. James the fisherman's Children Center and Episcopal Church.

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a calm body of water. The sky is filled with warm, orange, and yellow hues, transitioning into darker blues and purples at the top. A mermaid with long blonde hair and a green and blue patterned tail is positioned in the center-right, swimming towards the left. She is wearing a small, light-colored bikini top. The water reflects the warm colors of the sunset. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a beach or shoreline is visible. The overall atmosphere is tropical and relaxing.

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