CAPTIVA, Fla. — Five-poppy colors, toy trains, Christmas lights, ringtones on the sound system, nana servers in Scout uniforms — oh, and did we mention the desserts? The Bubble Room on Captiva Island has been packing them in since 1979 when the Farquharson family set up a few tables in their living room, added some vintage togs to live up the place, and started serving meals. Today the restaurant has three floors, five dining rooms, and more than 3,000 vintage items on display. Toy trains cling around suspended tracks, chandeliers with red and green bubble lights twinkle and vintages walls and ceilings are plastered with movie graphics from Hollywood’s glamour years, and Christmas decorations stay up all year.

The restaurant still serves several original menus items offered by the Farquharsons, including Bubble Room Brunch. It’s a seven-course garlic bread — sticky buns, and Captain’s move in the main course (Rumble bread and sticky buns come with every brunch). The breaking points focus on local seafood, meat, and poultry but the restaurant is perhaps best known for its desserts, all made on site. Among the favorites are chocolate cake with white chocolate ice cream; chocolate chip cookie; banana bread; and banana pudding served with an almond-brown sugar crunch, covered with orange crème caramel sauce. Just enough to take the edge off.

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Ask to look within, 97 percent of those polled said they know the “Free App for US Reentry” or “Texter” drivers, yet 61 percent also admitted to getting angry or feeling threatened by other vehicles too closely, and 28 percent have even gotten into arguments. Perhaps most extreme are the 4 percent of drivers who reported leaving the highway to engage with another car driver, and the 13 percent who have had to take evasive maneuvers to avoid them.

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