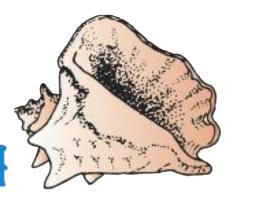
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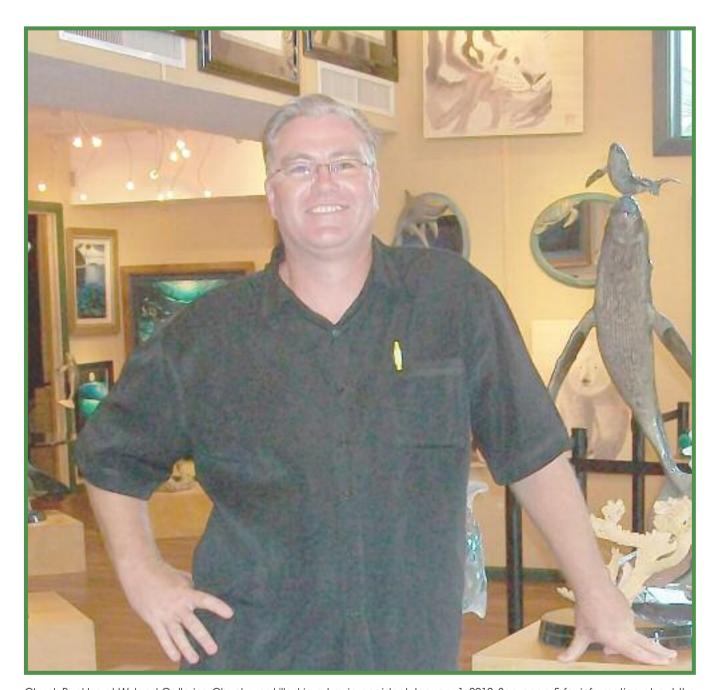
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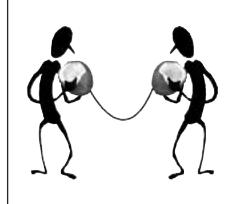
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I was sitting in a local club having a beer and taking a rest from my hectic schedule in December. Though I claim to be a tough cookie it was obvious that I was reduced to tears in public when The Sunshine Band played Christmas music so beautifully. It was my first Christmas since my mother had passed away and my heart was still breaking. A person that I haven't spoken to in years was there and couldn't resist the urge to kick me when I was down. She staggered up to me and slurred the question. "What was your favorite food your mother cooked you for Christmas?" I was shocked, speechless and horrified that someone could be so evil. My motto is "If you don't like someone, leave them alone, stay away from them". Truly evil people won't give you that common courtesy. It makes them happy to inflict pain on people that simply choose to ignore Mac is back.

new friends to come together to help and show their support.

Chuck Buckles was a friend and a hero. He was killed New Years Day saving his five-year-old son Christian and wife Michelle in a tragic bicycle accident on US 1. Chuck was able to

push Christian and Michelle out of danger but he was killed by oncoming traffic while his family helplessly watched. There will be a benefit for Chuck's family Sunday February 21st at the Pilot House. Chuck was a former employee of Wyland Galleries in Islamorada. Wyland is generously donating a \$1,000 piece of art for the auction. Because Chuck was very proud of his art background we are asking all local artists to please donate a piece of art for this cause. Please call me 305-304-2837 or Michelle Tarolli 305-451-3452 if you want to donate or help.

Coco 'Nut' Funnies

Book lovers rejoice! James T. Hall will be at Moore Books Saturday Feb. 6th at 2 p.m. to sign his books. While you are there pop your head in the back door and say hello to the White Rhino. I thank my lucky stars and house full of furniture that

The First Annual Stone Crab & Seafood Festival was a huge When the death of a loved one occurs it is a time for old and success. Congratulations to all who organized and participated.

> Valentines Day is this month. Remember the local entertainers that sing their hearts out for you by dropping a buck or two in the bucket.

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Letter to the Editor

"Drinker of the Month"

As I sat musing about my favorite newspaper of all time, "The Coconut Telegraph", I realized I enjoy everything about this paper. The stories, pictures, articles etc. Most of all I like what I call "the best of the month spots". There is the 'Artist of the Month, the 'Bartender of the Month'. 'Entertainer of the Month' and maybe a 'Business of the Month'. However, something is missing from my favorite rag. This is the Keys so, where is the "Drinker of the month"? I don't mean the person who drinks more than anyone else. He or she wouldn't deserve "The of the Month Title". The bartender's favorite, say at Gilberts, Sharky's, Snappers, Snooks, Cactus Jacks or anywhere. The customer a bar staff is happy to see. A customer who never forgets to say Hello, how are you, how's the family, also one who never forgets a gratuity. I, myself, have only missed about 20 happy hours in the last 45 years, only because hospitals don't have happy hours. Denise, lets start the "Drinker of the month". You make up the necessary criteria.

- Vince Leishman

If you have something to get off your chest or good information to share with your fellow Keys residents send a letter to the editor. Email your thoughts to The Coconut Telegraph@yahoo.com







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UPPER KEYS

Gilbert's Resort, MM 107.9 Key Largo 305-451-1133 Small sandy beach, pool, tiki bar and restaurant.

John Pennekamp State Park, MM 102.5 Key Largo 305-451-1621. Beach, aquarium, boat rentals, diving and snorkeling trips available.

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Islamorada Founder's Park, MM 86.5. Open to the public. Islamorada Beach & amenities. Includes pool, dog park, restrooms, and picnic benches.

Holiday Isle Resort, MM 84.5 Islamorada Beach and amenities open to the public, watersports, marina, tiki bar and restrooms.

Library Park and Beach, MM 81.5 behind Islamorada Public Library. Playground, picnic benches and sandy beach. Matecumbe Public Beach, MM 73.5 Islamorada Large stretch of beach for shallow swimming. No restrooms. Anne's Beach, MM 72.5 free. Oceanfront nature boardwalk, picnic tables and bathroom.

MIDDLE KEYS

Sombrero Beach, MM 50 Marathon 305-292-4650 This beachfront park is maintained by the city of Marathon.

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Little Duck Key Beach, MM 39 Marathon Located just south of the 7 Mile Bridge. Restrooms and picnic areas.

LOWER KEYS

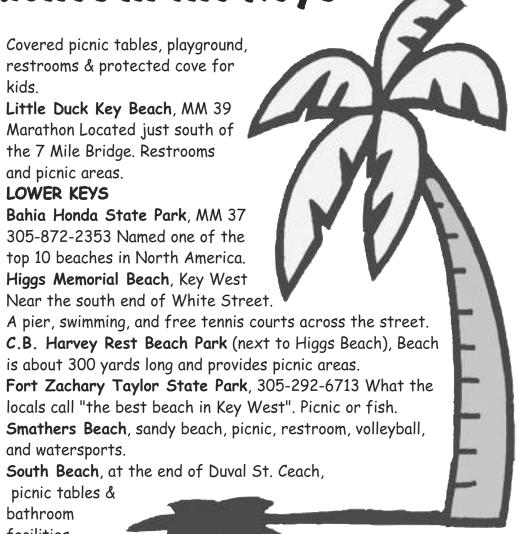
Bahia Honda State Park, MM 37 305-872-2353 Named one of the top 10 beaches in North America.

Higgs Memorial Beach, Key West Near the south end of White Street.

is about 300 yards long and provides picnic areas. Fort Zachary Taylor State Park, 305-292-6713 What the locals call "the best beach in Key West". Picnic or fish. Smathers Beach, sandy beach, picnic, restroom, volleyball, and watersports.

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Benefit for Michelle Buckles and her 5 year old son Christian whose father Chuck lost his life when he pushed them out of the way of traffic on New Years day.

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Miss Geneva (Charlene Sammis) lets John Curtis (Dewey Engstrom) know that he's not the only one packing heat. The Sermonettes Reunite! (Nancy Siljander, Marianne Billings, and Fatima DaSilva)

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attempts to get her boyfriend of $15\frac{1}{2}$ years down the aisle, Frankie's ongoing conversations with their dead mother, and Honey Raye's tendency to race to the altar at every opportunity have kept tongues wagging for years.

Frankie hopes that she can pull off one "final Futrelle occasion" with elegance and style with the help of the cantankerous wedding coordinator, Miss Geneva, who runs the local floral shop/bus depot. But on the day of the nuptials, Frankie's hope dims when she discovers Twink's alternative solution to an expensive catered wedding dinner is a potluck supper sponsored by Clovis Sanford's House of Meat.

When the prodigal Honey Raye arrives at the church in skintight gold lamé, consumed by hot flashes and a steely determination to right old family wrongs, Frankie's hope is shaken. Then word reaches the church that the couple has eloped.

The sisters pull together to find ways to keep the unsuspecting guests in the pews while a highway patrolman races off to track down the runaway bride and groom.

Starring **Charlene Sammis** Leah Sutter Nancy Siljander Marianne Billings Jim Enright Fatima DaSilva **Carolyn Bartlett Bryn Schurman** A potluck usually involves some Mystery Food.

Dewey Engstrom Ron McMahon **Nancy Wells** Feb. 13

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experiences in the Keys. Born

Pennsylvania, Michael has been

in many bands but has recently

decided to experience the solo

"My uncle always said, 'If you can write it, you can sing

It.', he always encouraged me

to be a singer." With regular

gigs at Outback Steakhouse,

in a little pool. Back in Philly

Michael started his music

career at a young age; at

for six months before his

Snook's Bayside, and Coconuts,

he has been making a big splash

twelve he started taking guitar

lessons. He took quitar lessons

teacher told him, "You're good

enough, go start a band." And

he did, forming a band in his

any bar or usually any

mother's basement with his brother David, and childhood friends. Getting their first gig at sixteen, they performed at a horseshoe tournament. After years of playing there and band lineup changes, Michael moved to Key Largo. Michael got his start here in the keys when he first started playing gigs with his band "Stereo Underground", which consist of his brother David DiMaggio, and his friend Mark Mullen. Hitting local late night spots like "Coconuts", they started to gain a following.

After a few years of playing as a band Michael decided to try his best at being a solo artist, while still playing with the band. Why did he decide to take this route, and why not sooner? "The economy, and then I got a job to fill in for Bobby Brown at Coconuts and I loved it, plus I didn't want to do tiling anymore. I stayed in the band because I enjoy

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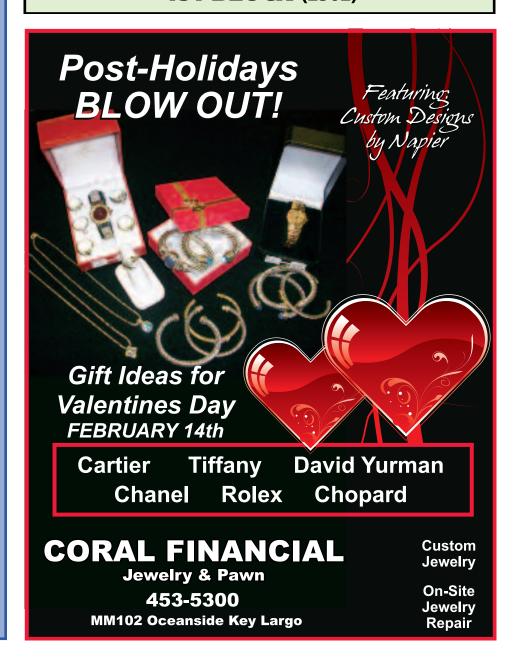
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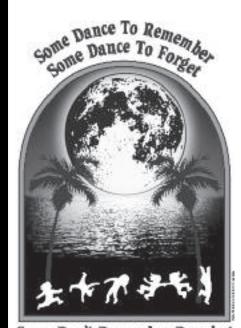
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It is only the illusion that we are separate from this great love that causes us to believe that choosing anything other than love makes sense or is even possible. In the relative, dualistic world of positive and negative, darkness and light, male and female, we make choices and we learn

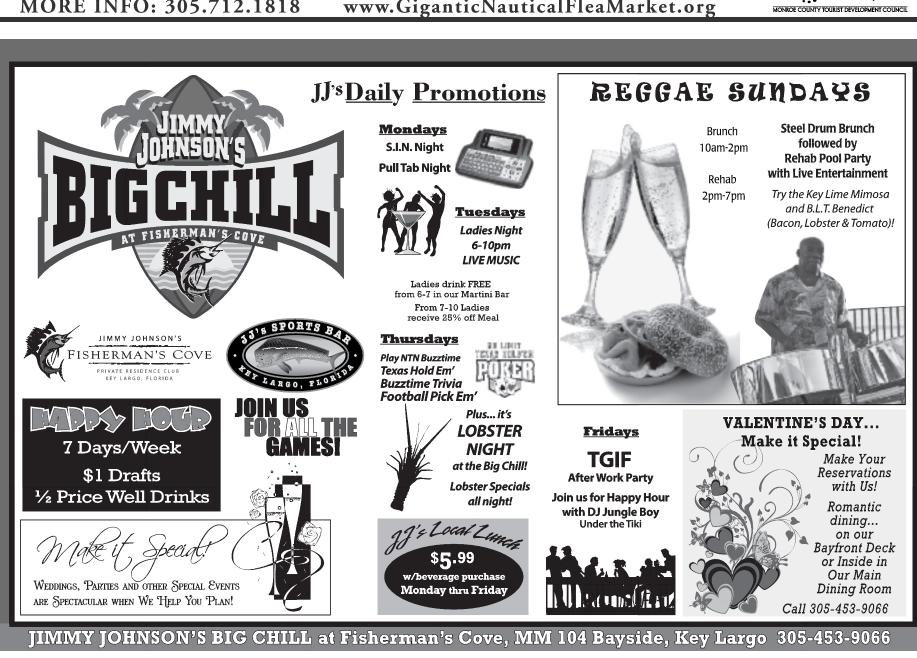
Love is often presented as from them. This is exactly what we are meant to be doing here on earth. Underlying these relative choices, though, is the choice to be conscious of what we are, which is love, or to be unconscious of it. When we choose to be conscious of it. we choose love. We will still exist in the relative world of opposites and choices and cause and effect, and we will need to make our way here, but doing so with an awareness that we are all made of this love will enable us to be more playful, more joyful, more loving and wise, as we make our way. Ultimately, the choices we make will shed light on the love that makes us all one, enabling those who have forgotten to return to the source.

> This world makes it easy to forget this great love, which is part of why we are here. We are here to remember and, when we forget to remember again, to choose love.



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- Tanner Schaab

"Tanner is a great bartender and a really nice guy, but it's his good looks that drive the women crazy", says Spencer Smith, a coworker at Sharkey's Pub in downtown Key Largo.

Originally from Portland Maine, Tanner Schaab found

his way to the Keys 10 years ago. Since landing here he worked as a bartender at the Ocean Reef Club, The Big Fish and the Pilot House before firmly planting himself at Sharkey's Pub for the last

seven years.

"You can't beat this place. It has great food and affordable drinks, that's why it's where the locals hang out here," says Tanner. "If you love sports then this is the place to be and we also have

entertainment six nights a week. The owners, Paul and Adam, really care about their customers and employees, we are one big happy family!"

Speaking of family, Tanner is the proud father of 2-yearold son Connor. When he is not working weekends at

Sharkey's he owns and operates 'Expert Carpet, Tile & Upholstery Cleaning'. When Anny Bannanny heard that she swooned, dropped her drink and fell face first on the floor. When she came to, she said, "Tanner is my dream man! He can serve

me a drink and clean my house!"

For expert bartending visit Tanner at Sharkey's Pub on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. For expert cleaning call 305-619-9697. Tell him Anny Bannanny sent you.







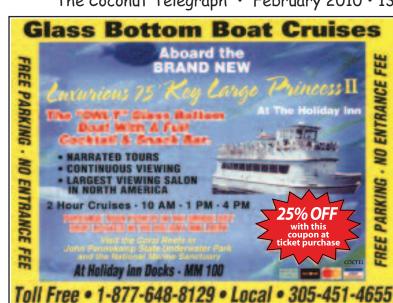
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Islamorada Full of Poop?

Dear Anny Bannanny,

I am a live aboard boat owner within the Village of Islamorada. I was recently informed that Monroe County is no longer providing pump out services to vessels in Islamorada because Islamorada is incorporated. Although I understand that Monroe County taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for our poop, what I am worried about is that many boat owners without the luxury of an economical pump out boat will dump their sewage overboard! That would really mess up the pristine waters of the Fishing Capital of the World and the surrounding waters of Monroe County. Why isn't Islamorada doing something about this? Are all the bureau-craps constipated?

Yours truly, Full of It

Dear Full of it,

From what Anny Bannanny has heard, the county has tried to strike a deal with Islamorada on several occasions but Islamorada would not comply with the county's simple request for a place to dock the pump out boat and a pump out station. Why do you think they call it the "Village of Idiots"? You are on the right track by contacting Anny Bannanny but you need to pursue this further. Call the Free Press 305-853-7277 and the Reporter 305-852-3216, and call the Islamorada Village Council, Mayor Don Achenberg, Michael Reckwerdt, Deb Gillis, Dave Boerner and Jill Zima Borski at 305-664-6400. Tell them that Islamorada needs an enema!

Sincerely,
Anny Bannanny

Quote of the Pay

"Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.

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Entertainer of the Month

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playing with my brother, Dave, and my friends Mark and Jason Conord and creating original music, I just wish I would have done this five years ago."
What is the secret to keep a band together while their lead singer is also doing solo gigs? Michael stated, "Each person has to carry some responsibility and be conscious of other people's feelings. I think the thing that breaks most bands up is egos."

So, not the typical egotistical lead singer here folks. And how does Michael feel about turning his passion for music into a full time job? "The good thing is making money doing what I love; it's the most fulfilling job I've ever had. The bad thing is sometimes treating it as job and losing some of the

excitement that made me love it in the first place." But Michael is a very eclectic musician playing covers of classic rock, alternative rock, reggae and indie, he has a diverse musical influences. "I have a lot of different influences for different reasons. My favorite singer would have to be Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam, my favorite song-writer would have to be Jeff Tweedy from Wilko, and my favorite quitarist is Jimmy Page from Led Zeppelin." On Tuesday nights Michael hosts Open Mic Night at Coconuts restaurant, so if you want to dust of your old instruments come join Michael. And if you want to hear this month's Musician of the Month you can catch him four to five days at different locations in the keys.

Hunk of the Month



Julio the Carpet Man

The Marathon & Upper Keys Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers

HelpLine in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Florida Chapter and the Alliance for Aging

announces they will be forming a Marathon Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group which will meet on the Second Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The first meeting date is Wednesday, February 10th at the Marathon Senior Center. (Turn towards the bay at the light by the Marathon Library and it's the 2nd building on the left.)

The Upper Keys monthly Alzheimer's Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The Upper Keys next month's meeting is Tuesday, February 16th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm & the Upper Keys March 16th meeting is from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Caregivers are encouraged to attend the monthly sessions to talk about the caregiver role, recharge your emotional batteries, reduce stress and gather new information. These free informal gatherings are held in the Upper Keys at the Plantation Key Senior Center (also

> known as the nutrition site & AARP building) at the Plantation Key Government Center Complex mile marker 88.8,

Bayside. And now at the additional Marathon Senior Center site (also known as the Marathon nutrition site & AARP building).

The public is welcome to attend and hugs are provided free. If there is community interest, HelpLine will start an additional daytime session. To suggest what time and day of the week you would like to attend or to obtain more information call Pam Martin at 853-0907. The Alzheimer's Association is also looking for individuals interested in starting Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Groups in other parts of the Keys. Anyone interested should call Reni Rizzo at 1-800-861-7826 for more information.

For more information contact Pam Martin, pmflkeys@aol.com; (phone) 305-853-0907; (fax) 305-853-0908.



Coconut Conch Characters of the Month



The White Party at Coconut's



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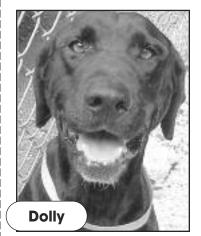
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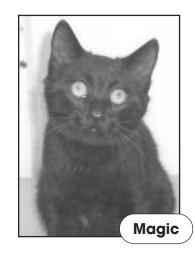
The Reef Cup at Ocean Reef was exciting this year. Bon Temps was the winner with 21 sailfish releases.



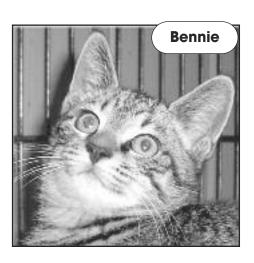
New owner of H & R Block, Marshall Walker brings with him years of banking experience.

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 furry friends home stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



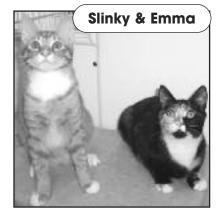














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Save the Date Black and White Ball March 27th

The Florida Keys Children's Shelter would like to remind everyone to "save the date" as preparations for the 25th annual Black and White Ball are already underway. The ball is slated for Saturday, March 27th at the Marriott in Key Largo. The reception and silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner, a live auction and dancing. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1500 for the table. The attire for the event is Keys formal or formal. The ball is one of the major fundraisers for the children's shelter. Please come join us as we celebrate 20 years of service in the Florida Keys and dance the night away while supporting a worthy cause. Contact Janey Miller at 305-852-4246 x222 to attend, donate items for the auction, or for more information.



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Dave and Christy at Pontunes Tiki Bar.



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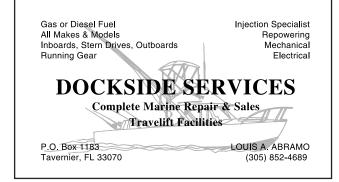
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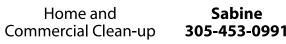








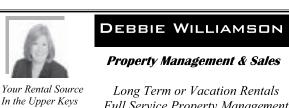








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Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

> "You'll know tonight." he said with a smile.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".



Bored at Work?

Next time you're bored at work and are buzzed by a few flies consider doing this. Kill and dry a few of the flies, then let your imagination go.





The Husband Store

A store that sells new husbands has opened in New York City, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store ONLY ONCE! There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs

She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids.

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking.

Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads: Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework.

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street.

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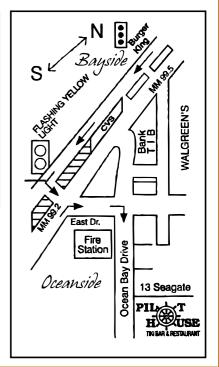
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