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Editorial: Circle of Love

Just when 23-year-old Coral Shores graduate Brittney Baker's dream of becoming a dolphin trainer was about to come true, she had a tragic car accident.

By the time you have this newspaper in your hands she will have been in a coma in ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami for 2 months. She is being treated for massive head injuries and multiple broken bones. As soon as she is stable enough she will need to have spinal surgery to repair a broken back. Brittney was tossed about that car like a rag doll and her recovery is going to be a very slow process, if she recovers at all. The accident happened April 7th at MM 100. Most people would not have survived such a horrific accident but Brittney has youth and strength to her advantage and that is what has kept her alive and got her through several surgeries and infections already.


Brittney is the child of John and Jennifer Baker of Key Largo. Jennifer Baker is the manager of Dolphin's Cove and her husband John is currently only employed part time. Over the years the Baker family has been active in so many community benefits and events - they are too numerous to mention here. Jennifer Baker is the type of person who won't say no. She will not give up until she finds a way to make it work. It is that kind of character and determination that she has passed on to her only child, and I believe, this what has kept Brittney alive and fighting.

Every day since the accident John Baker, Brittney's dad, commutes one and a half hours to the hospital, roughly 130 miles round trip, and her mom Jennifer follows after work. You can imagine the expense, just in gas alone. There is no time to stop and make a sandwich because every minute, every second, with Brittney counts.

The expense is astronomical but if it was your child or loved one you would do it too. There is a site on Facebook "Britt's Battle" where people can donate money to help with Brittney's medical expenses as she does not have any insurance. In an effort to help Jennifer and John with their traveling expenses we are going to be offering "Good Karma" bracelets to be worn as a "constant reminder to keep the circle positive and loving."

The bracelet pictured comes in a beautiful mesh jewelry bag with a tag attached featuring a photo of Brittney. Suggested donation is \$10 each. These make great gifts too. If you would like to be part of the "Circle of Love" please contact me (305-304-2837) or Judy Curtis (305-394-0249).

The Florida Keys are composed of a series of over 100 miles of fragile islands that have weathered many storms. We enjoy our paradise but when hard times befall one or all of us we pull together as there is strength in numbers. Every one of us counts.



Rotary Club of Key Largo Welcomes New Members



(L-R) Jennifer Miller, Incoming Rotary President, Patty Sparks Representative Holly Raschein, Katrina Lavine, Rotary President

The Rotary Club of Key Largo inducted two new members into their Club in May: Representative Holly Raschein, from the Florida House of Representatives and Patty Sparks of ST Sparks Construction. Both women are very active in the community and are role models for their civic involvement.

The main objective of Rotary is service – to local communities and throughout the world. Key Largo Rotary meets at the Hilton Key Largo every Wednesday at 7:30 am. Further Information can be found at [www.keylargorotary.org](http://www.keylargorotary.org).

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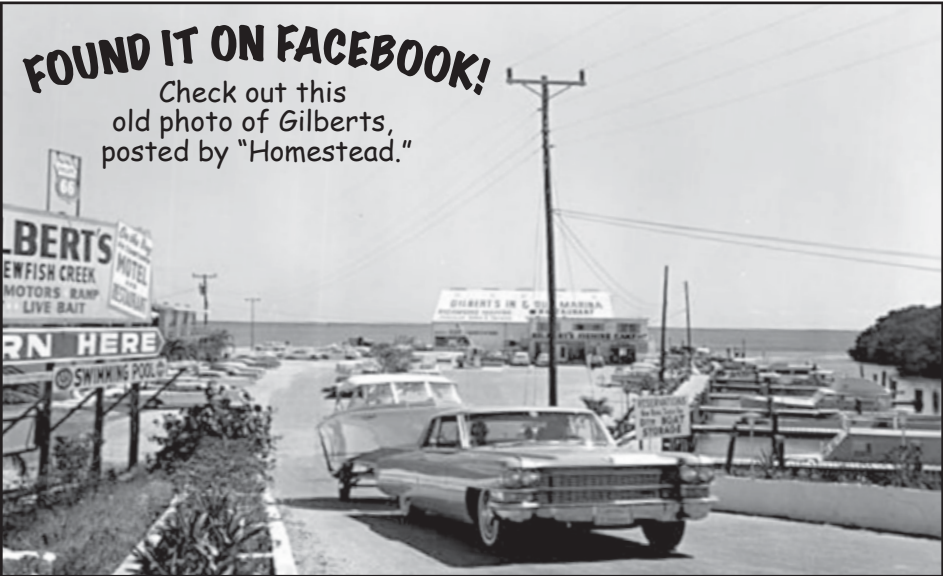
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# The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenski



As boaters, my husband and I are always looking for easy and delicious boat meals. This recipe is one of our favorites. Serve this pork dish over rice or noodles and enjoy!

Sandi's recipes are featured monthly in the Coconut Telegraph. For previous issues go to <http://www.theconchtelegraph.com>.



## Pork with Mustard Sauce

- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced
- pat of butter
- 1 ½ to 2 pounds of pork (you can use an inexpensive cut such as pork shoulder blade or pork chops.)
- vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon of flour
- 1 beef bouillon cube melted in one cup of water
- 1 tablespoon of yellow mustard
- salt
- pepper

Melt the butter in a large skillet. Add the onion and sauté until soft. Remove from pan. Pat the pork dry with paper towels to remove the moisture. Heat the oil in the same skillet and brown the pork on both sides. Sprinkle the flour over the meat, return the onion to the pan, stir in the bouillon mix and mustard. Stir well. Cover and simmer ½ to 1 hour until the meat is tender. Add salt and pepper to the taste.

Serve with a green vegetable and you have a great meal.

## Hunk of the Month

Russ Cullen  
Attorney Extraordinaire!



## Medical Terms and Redneck Definition

- Artery - The study of paintings
- Bacteria - Back door to cafeteria
- Barium - What doctors do when patients die
- Benign - What you be, after you be eight
- Caesarean Section - A neighborhood in Rome
- Cat scan - Searching for kitty
- Cauterize - Made eye contact with her
- Colic - A sheep dog
- Coma - A punctuation mark
- Cyst - To give someone in need a helpin' hand
- Dilate - It sure beats dyin' earty
- Enema - Not a friend
- Fester - Quicker than someone else
- Fibula - A small lie
- Impotent - Distinguished, well known
- Labor Pain - Getting hurt at work
- Medical Staff - A doctor's cane
- Morbid - A higher offer
- Nitrates - Rates of pay for working at night, normally more money than days
- Node - To have been acquainted with
- Outpatient - A person who has fainted
- Pap Smear - To insult or belittle your own father
- Pathology - The study of trails
- Pelvis - Second cousin to Elvis
- Post Operative - A letter carrier
- Recovery Room - Place to do upholstery
- Rectum - Crashed 'em and totaled 'em
- Secretion - Hiding something
- Seizure - Roman emperor
- Tablet - A small table
- Terminal Illness - Getting sick at the airport
- Tumor - One plus one more
- Urine - Opposite of you're out



Waterspout over Bahia Honda Bridge. Photo contributed.

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SATURDAY JUNE 5

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SATURDAY JUNE 15

### Anni Piper Australian Blues Superstar

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SATURDAY - JUL 6

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SHIT HAPPENS

Close-to-complete Ideology and Religion Shit List

**Taoism:** Shit happens.

**Confucianism:** Confucius say, “Shit happens.”

**Buddhism:** If shit happens, it isn’t really shit.

**Zen Buddhism:** Shit is, and is not. What is the sound of shit happening?

**Hinduism:** This shit has happened before.

**Islam:** If shit happens, it is the will of Allah, kill the person responsible; and blame Israel.

**Catholicism:** If shit happens, you deserve it.

**Protestantism:** Let shit happen to someone else.

**Presbyterian:** This shit was bound to happen.

**Episcopalian:** It’s not so bad if shit happens, as long as you serve the right wine with it.

**Methodist:** It’s not so bad if shit happens, as long as you serve grape juice with it.

**Congregationalist:** Shit that happens to one person is just as good as shit that happens to another.

**Unitarian:** Shit that happens to one person is just as bad as shit that happens to another.

**Lutheran:** If shit happens, don’t talk about it.

**Fundamentalism:** If shit happens, you will go to hell, unless you are born again. (Amen!)

**Judaism:** Why does this shit always happen to us?

**Calvinism:** Shit happens because you don’t work.

**Seventh Day Adventism:** No shit shall happen on Saturday.

**Creationism:** God made all shit.

**Secular Humanism:** Shit evolves.

**Christian Science:** When shit happens, don’t call a doctor - pray!

**Unitarianism:** Come let us reason together about this shit.

**Quakers:** Let us not fight over this shit.

**Utopianism:** This shit does not stink.

**Darwinism:** This shit was once food.

**Capitalism:** That’s MY shit.

**Communism:** It’s everybody’s shit.

**Feminism:** Men are shit.

**Chauvinism:** We may be shit, but you can’t live without us...

**Commercialism:** Let’s package this shit.

**Impressionism:** From a distance, shit looks like a garden.

**Idolism:** Let’s bronze this shit.

**Existentialism:** Shit doesn’t happen; shit IS.

**Stoicism:** This shit is good for me.

**Hedonism:** There is nothing like a good shit happening!

**Mormonism:** God sent us this shit, and this shit is going to happen again.

**Wiccan:** As it harm none, let shit happen.

**Scientology:** If shit happens, see “Dianetics”, p.157.

**Jehovah’s Witness:** May we have a moment of your time to show you some of our shit?

**Moonies:** Only really happy shit happens.

**Hare Krishna:** Shit happens, rama rama.

**Rastafarianism:** Let’s smoke this shit!

**Zoroastrianism:** Shit happens half on the time.

**Church of SubGenius:** BoB shits.

**Agnostic:** Shit might have happened; then again, maybe not.

**Satanism:** SNEPPAH TIHS.

**Atheism:** I can’t believe this shit!

**Nihilism:** No shit.

**Narcisism:** I am the shit!

*And of course we must add...*

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Shit happens-one day at a time!

Bartender of the Month: John Brehm at Bayside Grille

The Coconut Telegraph's Bartender of the Month John Brehm is a bartender extraordinaire... and so much more! Brehm, who was born in Miami and raised in the Keys (where his family has resided since the 60s), is also Robert DiGiorgio's (owner of Cafe Largo and Bayside Grille) right-hand man. "When John is not behind the bar at Bayside serving our specialty house-made cocktails, he helps manage the businesses. He orders food and liquor, keeps the place running smoothly and you can even find him happily cooking in the kitchen of either restaurant," says DiGiorgio with a smile.

"John recently completed the industry's most prestigious bartender course, “BarSmarts Advanced.” The course was designed exclusively for Pernod Ricard and is an invitation-only, comprehensive mixology education." "It is the premier certification in the United States," says DiGiorgio, and he adds, "the BarSmarts Advanced course only has about 2000 graduating

students across the nation so it is really quite an accomplishment to be chosen."

When John is not at Bayside Grille or Cafe Largo he is at home working or spending time with his family. He and his wife Amy have a four-and-a-half year old, and another on the way, due on Halloween. They own and operate their own company, "Ugly Fish Apparel." If you are looking for screen printing, heat press, direct garment printing, vinyl signs or just about anything like that, they can do it. You can email them at [KeysPrinting@gmail.com](mailto:KeysPrinting@gmail.com) for a quote.

John would like to invite everyone to stop in and try a specialty signature drink. The signature infusions available at press time (they may vary day-to-day) are:

Bing Cherry Infused Whiskey, Cucumber-Jalapeno Infused Tequila, Pomegranate Infused Tequila, Key Lime Infused Rum, Pineapple-ginger Infused Rum, Bacon Infused Bourbon, Home-made Hibiscus Simple Syrup, and The Ultimate Bloody Mary Vodka Infused

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Here John is pictured with his Infused Bloody Mary Vodka. It is a mouth-watering combination of herbs and spices. Just add tomato juice for an incredible Bloody Mary, which is also pictured above with a smoked paprika rim and fresh lime.

with horseradish, jalapeno, garlic, pickle, onion, and celery.

John's favorites are the Havana (jalapeño-cucumber tequila) Margarita and the Ultimate Bloody Mary. This is a must-do for my bucket list!

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- Bath towels & wash cloths
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- First aid supplies
- Bus passes (Keys transit)
- Gas cards

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- Shampoo, conditioner, bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors
- Deodorant

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- Blow dryers

**Children’s Needs**

- Books
- Art & school supplies
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices

- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
- Children’s underwear in assorted sizes & socks

The Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse in the Florida Keys. *Our mission is to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims and abusers to appropriate, effective programs and services.*

Barajas Named First State Bank Employee of the Quarter

Sonia Barajas, First State Bank of the Florida Keys Tradewinds Branch Teller, was named the Bank's Employee of the Quarter

for her initiative, work ethic, and positive attitude.

Raised in Key Largo and a graduate of Coral Shores High School, Barajas worked for First State Bank of the Florida Keys from 2007-2011 as a part-time Teller for the Key Largo and Tradewinds Branch Offices. She returned in 2012 to the Tradewinds Branch as Teller.

"Sonia's pleasant attitude and dedication to her customers and our Bank have made her a valued employee and we are proud to recognize her as Employee of the Quarter," said Laura Brown, Assistant Vice President Key Largo and Tradewinds Branch Manager.

The Pirates on the Water would like to thank everyone who donated, helped and attended... making the MASH benefit event for the Good Health Clinic a huge succes. Above, Judy Curtis in character.







# Jefferson Starship Guitarist Mark “Slick” Aguilar Waits for Liver Transplant

Mark “Slick” Aguilar has been the lead guitarist in Jefferson Starship since 1992 and he is only the third person to hold that position in the 40-year history of both Jefferson Airplane and Jefferson Starship. This year marks 28 years Slick has played with Paul Kantner, Marty Balin, and company since he started with them in 1984. Before 1984, he was lead guitarist with David Crosby and before that, with KC & the Sunshine Band. His melodic and tasteful guitar playing has soared the music of Jefferson Airplane & Jefferson Starship longer than the Airplane’s legendary Jorma Kaukonen and Starship’s Craig Chaquico combined.

Last fall, Slick was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. Due to complications of this disease, his liver is not functioning properly. Doctors have given him a 50/50 chance of survival in the next two years if he does not receive a liver transplant.

This news has forced Slick to step back from doing what he loves, which is playing music, and put his effort, attention and ambition towards surviving. “I have been in this business for 35 years. I am now unable to tour with Jefferson Starship. I had been hospitalized for ten days while they were on tour. If I had gone on tour with them, it probably would have killed me. The doctors have me on several different meds and what that is basically doing is keeping me alive until I can get a liver transplant. I have spent a lot of time planning and being evaluated so when a liver becomes available, I will be ready.”



Time is significant for Slick, his family and friends. “It’s going to be a pretty heavy duty operation and the recovery could take 9 months to a year, plus someone has to be with me 24/7,” he said.

Continuing to speak openly, Slick shares his thoughts for seeking help in the form of donations so this will be possible. “I do have insurance but it will not be enough to cover all of the expenses. I am a working musician and right now because of my health, I’m not working at all. Being a musician is a great job and I love what I do but not all of us are paid like Paul McCartney. It’s a decent living but not enough to cover something as big as a liver transplant. Donations in any amount are going to be helpful. I’ve never had to do anything like this

before but with the way the situation is, I have no other source of income.”

It should also be noted that Slick is not paid any type of royalties from the bands or individual artists he plays with. He receives straight pay at a flat rate for doing a gig and that is how he earns his pay. As if facing one’s own mortality, suffering from a debilitating illness and losing the job you love was not overwhelming enough, Slick is now faces a monumental amount of medical and day to day living expenses, with no source of income. He may also have to relocate to another state to receive the transplant.

Slick talks to David Crosby every few days. David had a liver transplant several years ago and provides friendship and support. “He’s

my coach, because he knows what I am going through,” said Slick.

David Crosby and some of Slick’s other famous friends jumped onboard to perform a benefit concert at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco on February 24, 2013. 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales and merchandise went directly towards Slick’s ongoing medical and day-to-day living expenses.

Besides David Crosby, Jefferson Airplane/Starship singer Marty Balin, Country Joe McDonald and Big Brother and the Holding Company were all scheduled to play.

Other fundraising efforts are also in the works. Hofner Guitars has generously donated a HA-GA04 acoustic guitar which was autographed by the stars of the benefit and raffled after the show.

A second guitar, a Fender Squire Bullet was donated by the San Francisco Guitar Center store. It was also autographed by the stars of Slick’s benefit and auctioned online to the highest bidder.

For more information or to donate, visit Slick’s website: slickaguilar.com/

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The Big Chill, viewed from the water, on a beautiful Key Largo afternoon!

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# Sovia-Crandon New Development Director for VNA/Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Florida Keys is pleased to welcome Kim Sovia-Crandon as the new Development Director. Kim brings over 25 years of leadership experience, most recently as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer for the Good Health Clinic in Tavernier and as the Florida Keys Congressional Aide to U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for the past 6 years. “We are fortunate to have Kim join our team at this exciting juncture in our history, as we move forward to ensure we remain the dominant provider of home health, hospice and palliative care in the Florida Keys,” said Jody Gross, President/CEO of VNA/Hospice. “Unlike other providers, we are a charitable organization that covers the entire County. Kim will facilitate the development of new



funding sources that will help to fulfill our mission, which includes providing for all who need care, to include the indigent and working poor.” Kim’s other professional accomplishments include WCTH/Thunder Country station manager and regional sales coordinator for Clear Channel Communications South Miami Dade/Florida Keys market group; President and CEO of the Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce; Executive Director of the Deering Estate Foundation; Vice President, Marketing and Public Relations for Homestead Air Force Base Federal Credit Union; and Conference Center Liaison for the Dept. of Defense at Homestead Air Force Base. Kim resides in Key Largo and will be located at VNA/Hospice’s Tavernier office.

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If you are somebody that tends to live practically, excitement may overwhelm you at first. To ease the anxiety that prevents you from incorporating all that you find exciting into your life, acknowledge that you are alive right now in this time and every moment matters. When you choose to do more of what excites you, even if your choices requires you to make certain sacrifices, your daily life will soon be imbued with exhilaration, pleasure, and optimistic anticipation.

To understand what excites you, you may need to observe and ponder your reaction to the activities, events, circumstances, and concepts that make up your life. What makes your pulse race, what makes you want to get out of your chair and take action? Try to avoid getting too wrapped up in life's details; their tedium may cause you to plod through your existence unaware of prospective excitement.

Once you have created a substantial list of what excites you, find ways to integrate each item into your routine. You will soon find yourself riding a wave of excitement that lifts you up and makes life truly worth living. What excites you in your life?

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Forty five students in Mr. Richard Russell's Commercial Fishing Course recently completed an intensive, eight-week Boating Safety and Seamanship course at CSHS.

The course was the brain child of Mr. Russell and Chief Warrant Officer Jaret C. Mats, the commanding officer of Coast Guard station Islamorada.

The students were drilled in all aspects of seamanship including rules of the road, boat handling, weather, marine electronics, Federal and state boating laws, and aids to navigation.

Special presentations were put on by Mary Tagliareni (Deputy Director of the National Marine Sanctuary) and Officer Bob Dube of the FWC.



Coast Guard Station Islamorada Petty Officers teamed up with Jim Marcotte CG Auxillary Public Education Staff Officer and his teaching team to present the comprehensive course.

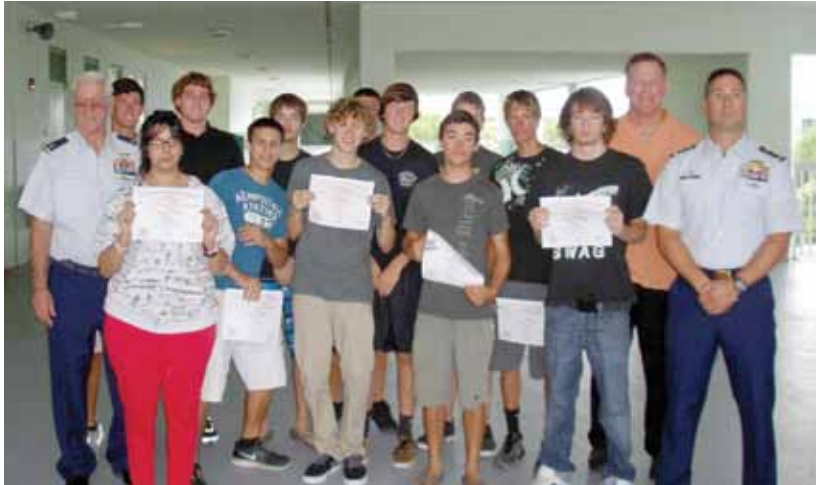
The students were awarded Coast Guard certificates of completion and will be issued Florida State safe boarding cards by the FWC.

This is the first time such an outreach has been made in a public high school and is prompted by the high maritime accident/incident rate we have here in Monroe County.

Plans are now being made to present an expanded program in the fall that will include hands-on training aboard CG AUX boats.



## Coast Guard and Coral Shores High School set precedent in offering Boating Safety and Seamanship Course



The students pictured are the certificate earners from the commercial fishing classes split between the 3rd and 4th period at Coral Shores High School. There were too many to fit in one classroom! In the orange shirt is their teacher, Mr. Richard Russell. Men in uniform are Jaret C. Mats (C.O. of Station Islamorada) and James T. Marcotte, the Public Education staff officer for the AUX flotilla attached to station Islamorada.

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Wesley House is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the safety, well-being and development of children by educating, supporting, and meeting the needs of families.

For more information visit [www.wesleyhouse.org](http://www.wesleyhouse.org).



Pictured L-R: First State Bank SVP/Branch Administration Manager Daisy Naseiro, Zeena Ram, Wesley House Licensing Counselor, and First State Bank SVP/Senior Lender Jeff Smith.

# Don't forget to honor the men in your life!

The word "daddy" is not defined by whether or not a man has a biological child. You can never produce a child and be a Daddy, likewise you can have 20 kids and never be a "daddy".

A Daddy is a man who cares for a child's both physical and emotional needs. He puts the child's wants and needs ahead of his own.

A true Daddy is hard to come by, but a truly special thing.

# Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is June 16th



Conch Characters



Cathy and Buffy don festive hats for the Kentucky Derby Party.



Congressman Joe Garcia and Bob Thomas at the American Legion on Memorial Day.



Karaoke at Gilbert's Resort is back again every Tuesday night with Jim. Welcome back!



Sheriff Rick Ramsey cleans up the side of the road in Islamorada. Thank you Sheriff Ramsey!



Island Time Cruise with Singers and Songwriters. Photo by Cheryl Talbert.



Jon Dreaver from the Art Box painting with Pasta Panteleo for Project Inspiration at the Florida Keys Children's Center.



Jim Hill & Tim Dee "Trop Rock" duo at Sundowners during Music Fest.



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Thank you Ted and Vivianne for entertaining the folks at the American Legion BBQ to benefit Oklahoma tornado victims.



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Montana State Trooper Allan Nixon #658 responded to a call: there was a car off the shoulder of the road outside Great Falls, Montana. He located the car, stuck in deep snow and with the engine still running. Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver's door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty vodka bottle on the seat beside him.

The driver came awake when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rearview mirror, and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked

the gear shift into 'drive' and hit the gas.

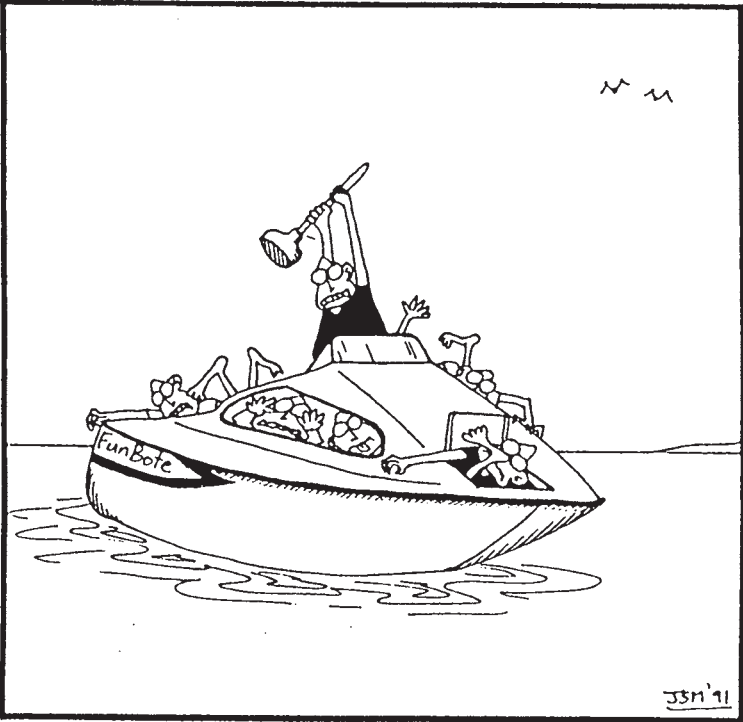
The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked, thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled, "PULL OVER!"

The man nodded, turned his wheel and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man from North Dakota was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour.

Who says troopers don't have a sense of humor?

## Left Field

by J.S. McKinna



"The broker said this boat sleeps eight, and by heaven it's going to sleep eight!..."

## THINGS YOU'LL NEVER HEAR A MAN SAY...

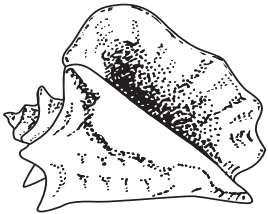
1. "Does this hunter's outfit make me look fat?"
2. "Do you think he is prettier than me?"
3. "My wife never listens to me."
4. "I'll have the light vinaigrette salad and a diet soda."
5. "Why don't we go to the men's room and freshen up?"
6. "No, I didn't see the game last night. I was watching QVC."
7. "Looks like it's time to buy some NEW underwear."
8. "Okay, who left the toilet seat up?"
9. "I'VE GOT MY FATHER'S THIGHS!"
10. "The dog ??? No, that was ME."

- Reynolds

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## Dear Anny Bannanny

Dear Anny Bannanny,

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Yours Truly,  
Ex-Buca Babe

Dear Ex-Buca Babe,

It sounds to me like you are doing the right things. He is a STALKER! Make sure all your friends know this and tell them they should refuse to talk to him about you. You need all the support you can get! This is the Keys, Babe, there are plenty of fish in the sea.

Have you seen all the hunky fishermen we have? Good golly, put your little black dress on and go find yourself a big one. Attach yourself to him. Not only will flabman stay away but you will have fresh fish to savor every night on your dinner table and the hunky fisherman flopping around on your bed like a fish outta water. Yee-ha, you go girl! But seriously....

Anny Bannanny dated a stalker once years ago. It took me a few moves and trading in cars to get rid of the guy. Eventually he will realize he will just keep getting arrested if he lives in this county, so he will have to move. Contact your local Domestic Abuse Center for advice. If you see him following you, drive straight to the Sheriff's Department. Statistics say that 76% of women killed by their intimate partners were stalked by their partners beforehand. Stay safe!

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## Profile of a Stalker

The Stalker Profile Breakdown:

- 1/3 ex-spouses or lovers
- 1/3 acquaintances
- 1/3 strangers



There are certain traits which stalkers seem to have in common. Typically the stalker is an unmarried white male. Stalkers are frequently rejected lovers and often are chronic failures in social or sexual relationships.

Stalkers won't take "no" for an answer. At the bottom of their heart they still believe that the victim will eventually "come around." Because they have little sense of self or identity if they are rejected, they feel as if they have nothing. Consequently, as long as the continue pursuing their victims, the stalkers can convince themselves they haven't been completely rejected yet.

Stalkers display an obsessive personality, and they may have an additional disorder, such

as erotomania, paranoia, schizophrenia, and delusional thinking.

Stalkers are above average intelligence. They will often go to ingenious lengths to track down a victim, or obtain information they're looking for. In addition, stalkers many times use their intelligence to throw others off their trail. For example, a stalker in Florida allegedly tapped into his victim's telephone line and then called himself in an effort to make it look as though the victim was harassing him.

Stalkers are usually loners. Most stalkers don't have any relationship outside the one they are trying to reestablish or the one they have imagined exists between them and their victim.

Stalkers don't display the discomfort or anxiety that people should naturally feel in certain situations. Normal individuals would be extremely embarrassed to be caught following other people, going through their trash looking for information about them, leaving obscene notes and other inappropriate behavior displayed by stalkers. Stalkers however, don't see this as inappropriate behavior, but only as a means to gain the person's love.

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