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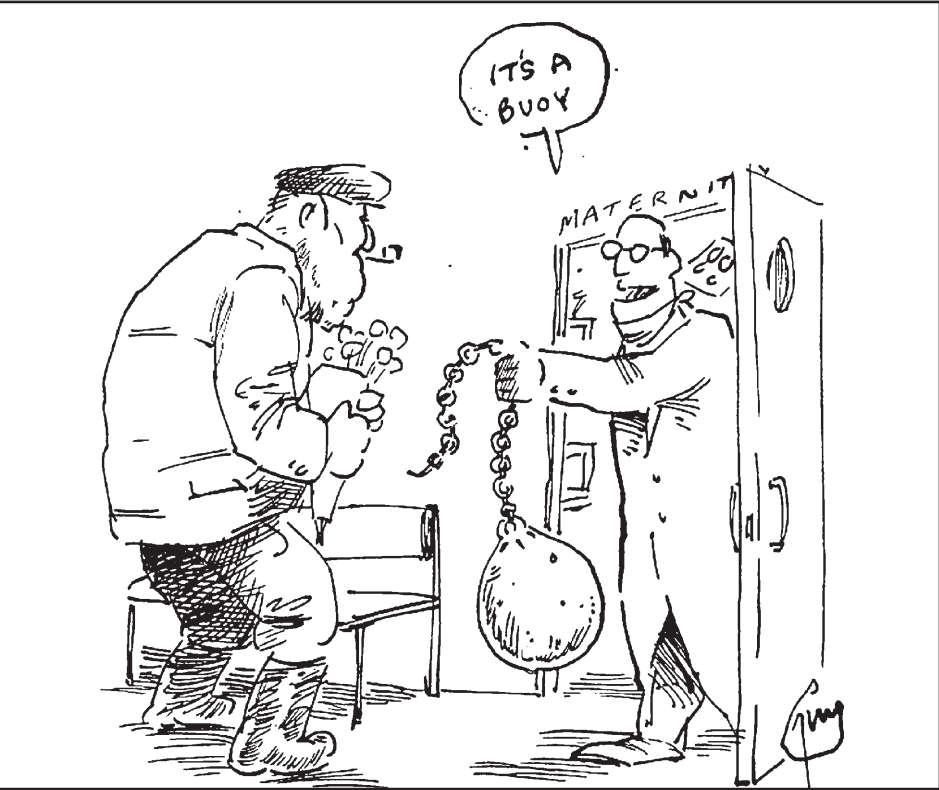
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Editorial: The Inside Scoop

There is one thing all publishers hate. Our community has several newspapers. Each one wants to be different. Let's say Joe Blow calls and offers up an "interesting story." The editor sends out a reporter to check it out. The reporter stops what he is working on and heads over to the "interesting story." He takes photos, then goes back to the office and spends some time writing the "interesting story." The editor edits and ok's the "interesting story" and it then goes to composing. The graphic artist puts it together and paginates it (makes space in the paper). The clock is ticking and it is almost press time when the publisher picks up another local newspaper and there is the

same "interesting story" on the front page! The publisher yells "Editor! Get your x#%!*x ass in here right now! STOP THE PRESS!" The editor stops scratching his ass and runs to the publisher who throws the other newspaper at him and says "Kill that stupid article and find something fast to fill that blankety blank hole!" The publisher slams his door so hard the whole building rattles and the staff start shuffling papers looking for decent "filler." This is why newspaper people drink. Imagine, if you will, that you are a big, sweaty, hairy, tattooed tow truck driver. My car just broke down on the 18 mile stretch. I call you to come and get me. Then just




to make absolutely sure I get towed soon I call all the other towing companies in the Upper Keys too. Someone else gets to me first and as they are lowering the flat bed you show up with spaghetti dripping off your chin stubble, from having your lunch interrupted. Those big old tow trucks eat gas faster than a BP fire and you are just as hot under the collar. I just cost you time and money and that ain't funny. Same principle. Unless you are promoting a charity event don't shop your story. Remember the little bouy who cried wolf?

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Dear Coconut Telegraph,
I visited Key Largo over the holidays. Since my stroke a few months back it is my habit to go out for breakfast every day. After checking out a few of the places I found Doc's Diner and went there every day. The staff was very nice and prepared my special food with no problem. It is always great to find such a cool local place with home cooking when I am traveling, versus the chain restaurants whose food tastes like it came out of a box. Thank you Patty, Gina and everyone at Doc's. I will see you again soon. Tim Griffith



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