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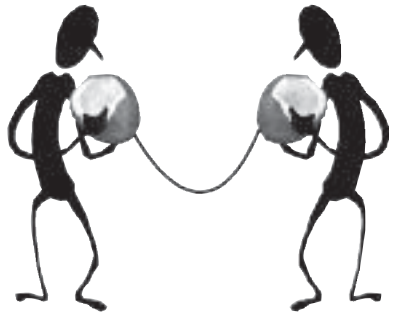
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Removing newspapers with the intent to dispose of them and cause me harm is against

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Editorial: Newspaper Caper

the law. It is attacking my business, stealing from me, stealing from every advertiser and the readers who must look elsewhere to find a paper. It is no different than shoplifting!

Taking newspapers is taking away potential customers from the businesses and organizations. Taking money away from them. Each issue of The Coconut Telegraph is extremely important to a sick person when we are providing a free ad to raise money for a benefit. For example please see page 9 for info about a benefit for our much-loved local musician Scott Youngberg. It is also important to all of the non-profit organizations that we support.

To travel around the Upper Keys looking for opportunities to steal papers and dispose of them because he didn't like an article I wrote about a murderer is pretty sick. To keep doing it for several months is certifiably insane. This guy even tried to coerce one of my customers out of advertising in the Coconut Telegraph... she told him to take his business elsewhere and never return to her store.

One witness told me the weasel has even bragged



about stealing bundles of papers from the HOSPITAL! Taking papers from sick people and veterans is about as low as you can go!

When is it ok to take newspapers?

Example: If you own a hotel or motel and want them for your guests.

Some people pick up several to mail to relatives across the country. It's common sense.

If your business would like monthly delivery for your customers call 305-304-2837. We are sorry that we are not able to provide subscriptions, instead we provide the newspaper free on the website at www.TheConchTelegraph.com.

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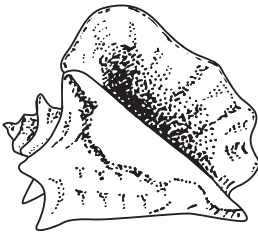
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IT IS NOT OK TO TAKE THEM TO LINE YOUR BIRD CAGE OR KENNEL. You are, however, welcome to recycle old papers left over from the previous month.

It takes a lot of time and energy to continually distribute papers throughout the month. When papers started disappearing, I ordered more from the printer, raising my print costs, for months.

We pay a monthly fee to a company that provides the rack service at Publix and we try to replenish the stock of papers every day. It is under 24 hour surveillance by a security camera as are many other places.



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If you need old newspapers, go to any recycling center and you will find all you need. There is one at MM 100 oceanside. Starting this month we will be recycling our old issues at the new FK Wild Bird Center Hospital in Tavernier.

My lawyer says that by publishing a newspaper it makes me a "public person" and that unfortunately subjects me to some "crazy ass people." I say "Hey, what the heck, its the Keys, there is craziness everywhere." However, the one thing that we locals definitely will not tolerate here is thievery.

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Personnel at the VNA/Hospice Regional office in Tavernier send a special thank you to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their \$30,000 contribution. Pictured L-R: Joy Ewing, RN; Paige Rice, RN; Kim Sovia-Crandon - Development Director; Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN - Director of Clinical Services; Rebecca Vasilenko, CNA; Nicole Weirback, LPN; and Jen Wolverton-Wade, RN, CWCN.

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Ken Schriver
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Local Young Musicians Recognized



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Students recognized by Keys Community Concert Band

During its final concert of the 2013-2014 Performing Season, the Keys Community Concert Band recognized the talents of local band students. Coming from four different schools in the Keys, these students rehearsed and performed alongside band members in the annual **Young Musicians Concert**.

Participating students:

Key Largo School: Cody Steinmetz, Javier Correa, Jonathan Williams, Seamus Dougherty

Coral Shores High School: Evelyn Betancourt, Hannah Vinney, Joel Terrill, Katarina Wronka, KellyAnn Macrombie, Kyle Estrada-Clarke, Melissa Hutchison, Nelson Coffman, Zoe Warren, and Zakary Wronka.

Plantation Key School: Marco Fucaraccio.

Marathon Middle School: Sander Adames.

Zakary Wronka was awarded the Young Musician's Scholarship. Designated for a graduating senior who has performed in our annual Young Musicians Concert, this scholarship was made possible by a grant to the Band from a local foundation. A member of the Coral Shores High School Band, Zak is a student of Band Director Robert Sax. He will graduate from Coral Shores High School and Florida Keys Community College, and will attend Florida Polytechnic University as a junior in the fall.

The Keys Community Concert Band will begin rehearsals for the next season in November, 2014. All band musicians who can play at a high school level are welcome. For more information, find the band on Facebook or call (305) 451-4530.

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FRI-SAT
Jun 27-28: **Ladies of Nashville**
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SATURDAY
July 5: **Joel DaSilva & Midnight Howl**
This New Orleans Guitar Legend played with all the greats!

SATURDAY
July 12: **Robert "Top" Thomas Band**
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SATURDAY
July 19: **JP Soars & The Red Hots**
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Art Box Artist of the Month: Mariela Estevez

Mariela Estevez was raised in Venezuela, South America and has created art as far back as she can remember. Her parents were very creative: her mother was an artist and father an engineer. Mariela attended art school in Montreal, Canada. After graduating from art

school she spent 25 years doing what she loves: creating art and teaching children. Through her work, people can see that she is passionate about art. Mariela is a mother and grandmother; she has a beautiful daughter and granddaughter. She is challenged to find the time and energy for

her work, and finds inspiration in her family. She recently moved to the Keys, where she has a studio space in which to be creative. When people view her work, it communicates that she is a caring person who cherishes life and wants to leave a positive mark on the world. Mariela never stops learning about art. She hopes to continue to make artistic discoveries and to stretch and grow. She encourages everyone to create and enjoy the process, and make your mark on the world.

You can have the opportunity to meet Mariela Estevez at the third Thursday art walk in Islamorada. Please come in and see her work at the Art Box in Key Largo.



The Art Box's summer kids art program starts June 9th and sessions are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30 am to noon or 12:30-3 pm; or both. Ages 5-12. The classes cover media from watercolors, acrylics, and drawing, to clay pottery. The summer program runs weekly throughout the summer; please call for reservations and pricing 305-451-5461.

Key Largo Rotary Club Welcomes New Members

The Key Largo Rotary Club is please to welcome its newest members, Lt. Alberto Ramirez and Henry Menendez.



Lt. Ramirez, shown here with Nancy Alvarez, is Station Commander of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, having worked for the Sheriff's Office since 1989. Prior to that he served as a military police officer in the US Army.



Henry Menendez, pictured here with Jennifer Miller and Esther Fernandez, is the owner of HNO Productions, an event production company. His team currently provides assistance in the production of the Miami Marathon and the coordination of events for Hard Rock Cafe, City of Deerfield Beach and Life Time Fitness. The Key Largo Rotary is honored to have both Alberto and Henry as our newest Rotarians. Information about the Key Largo Rotary Club can be found at www.keylargorotary.org.

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Scott has been diagnosed with a very rare form of bone cancer called *chordoma*. He went in for minor surgery in March to remove a pilonidal cyst he had since birth. A month later, the pathology revealed that it was not a pilonidal cyst after all. It was a chordoma. And, they didn't get it all.

Scott and his wife Suzie will be dealing with at least a year's worth of treatments including surgery, chemotherapy and proton beam radiation. He will not be able to perform during much of this time. There will be survival income lost.

Scott has a great positive attitude, he is young and strong and otherwise healthy. We know he will beat this and we are here to help.

Scott Youngberg has been a well-loved Keys musician for many years. He performs everywhere and contributes his time to all the various charitable causes. Scott's unique style, wit, and positive energy have made him a favorite performer everywhere.

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It had been a dangerously long time since my last mammogram. At my age you should have one every year or two but years had gone by because my last experience had not been a pleasant one.

I had gone to a hospital here in the Keys and was squeezed every which way until I had to tell the lady "Stop! No more!" I then received a bill from the hospital. I had been given a free certificate that I had provided the technician with so I ignored the bill. Then I started getting calls from a bill collector! I called the hospital and could not speak to a human but I left an angry message and that was the end of that.

A few months ago I went online to see what the new government healthcare was all about. They might as well have written the entire website in Swahili! It was so confusing I just gave up. Then one of my friends gave me a phone number for a local contact, Dixie Hummlestein, who handles the new healthcare. I called her and I found that I could afford it! The cats looked at me strangely as I did the Teaberry Shuffle half naked on my kitchen floor.

Dixie signed me up with Cigna and I went on a mission to get the most out of it. My doctor, Dr. Lawyer, accepts it and Nurse Practitioner Jessica Henry prescribed a mammogram for me. She said Mariners Hospital or Homestead Diagnostics would accept it. "Yikes!" I thought, and "Hell no! Not that again!"

But I had made a commitment to myself to better my health, so I started worrying that I would have to stuff my giant bazooms in the God-awful pannini machine again with a sadistic weightlifter in a lab coat sneering at me in a germ-ridden hospital. No thank you.

Then a friend told me to go to the Macy's store at the Falls. "Baptist Hospital has a mammogram center on the 2nd floor," she said. "The waiting room is like being in a living room and they are awesome!" Jessica Henry faxed them the prescription and I got an appointment right away.

It was just as my friend had described it. Professional, comfortable and pain free! The friendly technician made me feel right at home and her 30 years experience on the new high tech equipment had me comfortably done in only a few minutes!

I went shopping at the Falls, and after only about 2 hours I got a call from Dr. Lawyer's office that my results were back and they were negative. It was a zippy doo dah day! It couldn't have been any better unless it was a singing mammogram.



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3. The dryer has shrunk every last pair of your jeans.
4. Your husband is suddenly agreeing to everything you say.
5. You're using your cellular phone to dial up every bumper sticker that says "How's my driving-call 1-800-***-".
6. Everyone's head looks like an invitation to batting practice.
7. You're convinced there's a God and he's male.
8. You can't believe they don't make a tampon bigger than Super Plus.
9. You're sure that everyone is scheming to drive you crazy.
10. The ibuprofen bottle is empty and you bought it yesterday.



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The map illustrates the Florida Keys, a chain of islands extending from the tip of Florida into the Atlantic Ocean. The Gulf of Mexico is to the west, and the Atlantic Ocean is to the east. The map is divided into three main sections: Lower Keys (southwest), Middle Keys (center), and Upper Keys (northeast). Key locations labeled include Key West, Key Largo, Key Biscayne, and Homestead. Major roads like US-1 and SR-905 are shown. A pirate ship icon is in the top left, and a 'WORZ 104.3 FM' logo is in the top right.

A vibrant, tropical-themed banner for Keys Vapors. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. On the left, there are silhouettes of palm trees. In the center, the text "A Healthier and Cheaper Way to Smoke" is written in a white, outlined font. Below this, the brand name "KEYS VAPORS" is prominently displayed in large, blue, 3D block letters with a white outline. Underneath the brand name, "MM 101 KEY LARGO" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a smiling sun wearing sunglasses and holding a lit cigarette. Below the main text, a horizontal line separates the top section from the bottom. The bottom section has a light blue background with a white, cloud-like border. On the left, the word "Quality" is written in a large, black, serif font, followed by "ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a small illustration of a yellow fish with a black stripe, blowing a puff of smoke from its mouth. To the right of the fish, a list of products is written in a black, sans-serif font: "~REFILLABLE TANKS~", "~ATOMIZERS~DRIP TIPS~", "~RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES~", and "~E-LIQUID FLAVORS~". At the bottom right, the phone number "(305) 731-5118" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, the email address "KeysVapors@aol.com" is written in a black, sans-serif font. The entire banner is framed by a border of various fruits, including bananas, apples, and oranges, at the bottom.

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Often we get unfounded anxiety. We are stronger and more capable than we believe ourselves to be.

Our capacity to cope successfully with life's challenges far outstrips our capacity to feel nervousness. Yet in the weeks, days, and hours leading up to an event that we believe will test our limits, we can become nervous. While we may have previously regarded ourselves as equal to the trials that lie ahead, we reach a point at which they near and our anxiety begins to mount. We then become increasingly worked up, until the moment of truth arrives and we discover that our worry was all for nothing.

We are almost always stronger and more capable than we believe ourselves to be. But anxiety is not rational in nature, which means that in most cases we cannot work through it using logic as our only tool. Reason can help us recognize the relative futility of unwarranted worry but, more often than not, we will find more comfort in patterns of thought and activity that redirect our attention to practical or engaging matters.

Most of us find it remarkably difficult to



focus on two distinct thoughts or emotions at once, and we can use this natural human limitation to our advantage when trying to stay centered in the period leading up to a potentially tricky experience.

When we concentrate on something unrelated to our worry, such as deep breathing, visualizations of success, pleasurable pursuits, or exercise, anxiety dissipates naturally. Meditation is also a useful coping mechanism as it provides us with a means to ground ourselves in the moment. Our guides can aid us by providing us with a focal point wholly outside of our own sphere.

The intense emotional flare-up you experience just before you are set to challenge yourself is often a mixture of both excitement and fear. When you take steps to eliminate the fear, you can more fully enjoy the excitement.

Though you may find it difficult to avoid getting worked up, your awareness of the forces acting on your feelings will help you return to your center and accept that few hurdles you will face will be as high as they at first appear.

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Second Annual Florida Keys Dolphin Championship Winners

For the second year in a row Key West Boats took home the Championship.

Key West business owner Ed Johnston won the second annual Florida Keys Dolphin Championship by weighing in a

46.8 lb. bull dolphin on the first day of the two-day tournament. This was Ed's first tournament, and after landing the "Slammer" fish, they turned the "Signs Unlimited" boat towards Key West to make sure they got this prize fish to the weigh station in time. Interesting thing is that Ed got the fish to the weigh station two and a half hours before it opened... resulting in him pacing up and down the dock!

By taking first place "Signs Unlimited" won the \$15,000 first place prize along with an additional \$7,148 in optional entries, taking home a total of \$22,148.

Second place went to team "Twin Bruddas" out of Fort Myers, lead by Andrew Kagen, who weighed in the next biggest dolphin at 45.6 lbs., winning a total of \$7,422 in prizes.

Third place winner "The Natural" out of Marathon secured the \$4,000 number three spot along with another \$3,230 in optional entries when angler Reese Lewis landed a 44.3 lb. bull dolphin, earning him \$7,230.00.

The contest had a total 69 boats and 340 anglers throughout the Keys. Even with the high winds both days, many large dolphins were landed and the top three positions were separated by a mere 2.5 lbs. Many teams are already making plans for the third annual Florida Keys Dolphin Championship on May 15-17th, 2015.



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Bartender of the Month: Shannon Roth at Mandalay

always smiling. And that bartender is...

Shannon Roth, she is absolutely amazing and one of the best bartenders I have ever had the privilege to write about.

Shannon moved here from Ellenville, New York. Having visited the Keys every year on vacation, Shannon and her fiancé saved up their money, packed up all their worldly belongings and moved here two years ago. Shannon went to work at the Island Grill Mandalay Restaurant and Tiki Bar. In upstate New York she had worked for the renowned Roma Time Bistro in Montecello, a 5-star, fast-paced restaurant.

She traded her view of the majestic rolling mountains for the Island Grill Mandalay Oceanfront Grill and Tiki Bar... a bar that literally sits upon the ocean's edge with an unparalleled view of Rodriguez Key, the anchorage and all the vibrant colors of the Florida Keys ocean waters... where there is always enough of a cool breeze rolling in to fill your senses with the refreshing salt air.

The highly successful Island Grill is famous for their excellent food and great service. When restaurateur extraordinaire Sam Nekhaila bought the Mandalay, he naturally brought his expert Island Grill team with him. They had their work cut out for them and the result? A Conch Republic Coconut Telegraph 5 Conch rating!



Shannon invites all past and future Mandalites in to enjoy Happy Hour every day from 4 to 6 with PBR bottles at \$2, \$2.50 domestic bottle beer, \$3 wine, and \$3 well drinks. Have some \$3 peel and eat shrimp (6), \$3.00 fried clam strips, \$3 chicken wings (6), or \$4 pork sliders with that.

They are open for lunch and dinner daily 10am to 10 pm. Shannon recommends the Tuna Nachos but I salivate for the amazing prime rib special every Sunday night after 6 pm for only \$13.95. Best deal in town! Thursday is all-you-can-eat Fish Fry for \$13.95 and the rest of the week the specials change.

The Island Grill Mandalay is also known for having

superb entertainment. Monday and Thursday is the Sunshine Band, Friday is Kevin Hurley, Saturday is John McKinna and Sunday is Kenny Channel.

Come by car, boat or motorcycle, but do stop in and meet Shannon. David Roth, who is a manager at the Pilot House Restaurant, is now Shannon's husband! They got married aboard the Key Largo Princess Glass Bottom Boat in March. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

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Daddy Ray and his babies at the Mandalay

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Dear Anny Bannanny,
I have been living in the Upper Keys for many years, and I drive up and down US 1 every day, and I am curious about the Psychic Fortune Tellers. I never see any cars in front of the buildings and I never hear anything about them. What do you know about them? I'm freaking curious!

Dear Freaking Curious,
Now you've got my curiosity peaked too. I have lived here 24 years and do not know these people... and Anny Bannanny knows everybody! I don't have any friends that have had anything to say about them either. Several years ago when I worked for another newspaper I was called by one of them, who wanted to advertise. The lady had long dark hair and an olive complexion and she spoke English. She invited me into a colorful parlor decorated with crystals, flowing curtains, incense burning and tarot cards on the table. I took the ad but they never paid for it. My boss said they were probably gypsies.

Annie Bannanny is a true believer in the 6th sense. Where I come from there are many legitimate psychics, and my friends and I would confer with them regularly. My favorite is Phil Jordan from Candor, NY. He is also a police officer and helps find missing children. He is always right on. I haven't heard diddly squat about these Keys folks. I asked some of the neighbors about them, and they said they have never seen them but they live there in the building. You would think they would mingle with other business people in town, but they don't.

Anyone who would like to comment on the psychics numbered 1, 2 and 3 please leave Anny Bannanny a message at theconchtelegraph@gmail.com or visit Anny Bannanny's Facebook site. Are they real psychics or charlatans?

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

PASTA SALAD

- 1 box of pasta - I like the bow ties multicolored pasta
- 1/4 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow pepper
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup sun dried tomatoes- I buy the variety in the jar with oil. I squeeze out the oil using paper towels and slice the tomatoes
- 1/2 cup of a chopped sweet or red onion
- A bottle of salad dressing such as creamy Italian or the flavor of your choice

Cook the pasta according to the directions on the box. Cool. Add the remaining ingredients. Stir well.

Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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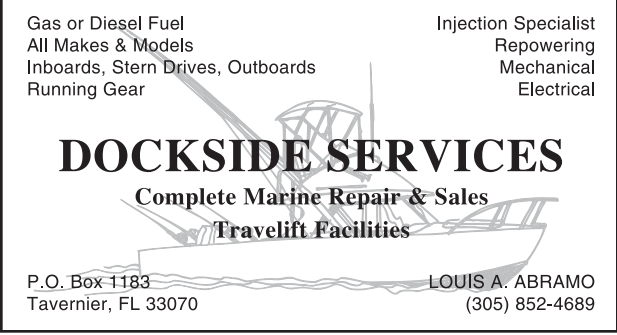
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Natalie Noone,
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Nikki Shannon
Fernandez sings
back up for
Brooks and Dunn.*



Wow! What a night on Island Time for the finale of the Key Largo Music Fest with some exceptional entertainers. Left is Dianna Corcoran - Australian female artist of the Year. Center is Megan Conner - Rascal Flatts just released her song *Aftermath*. Right is Shane Hines who co-wrote with Megan atop 20 song in Australia - *Burn the Room*. Thank you everyone for making it such a special night! (*Thanks to Rob Mitchell for the Music Fest photos.)



Stephen Salyers (L) and Jerr Gregg (R) on
Island Time Cruise Music Fest Finale.*



The amazing Candy Kane at
Bayside Grill. Photo by Gjyle Mazelin.



Always a great band at Gilbert's - this is Eclipse.



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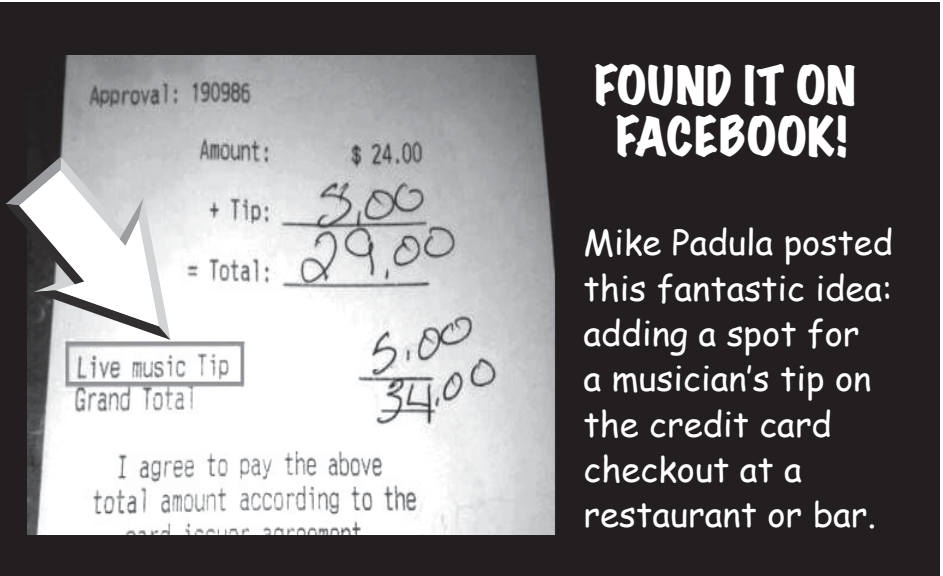
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Conch Characters



The beautiful Amy tending bar at Creekside. Photo by Bobbe Brown.



Tavernier Elks Lodge Kentucky Derby Party.



Snooks Bayside, lookin' good.



Gilbert's "pool by the pool."



How to travel the Keys on a scooter with 2 cats and 2 dogs.



Shannon at the Mandalay. She's our Bartender of the Month!



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A friend of Katharine the Great White Shark was spotted hanging out at D-Hookers.



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When it was time to take the children to the bathroom, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other. The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal.

Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one, holding on to their 'wee-wees' to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring the teacher said, 'You must be in the 5th grade.'

'No, ma'am', he replied. 'I'm riding Silver Arrow in the seventh race, but I appreciate your help.'



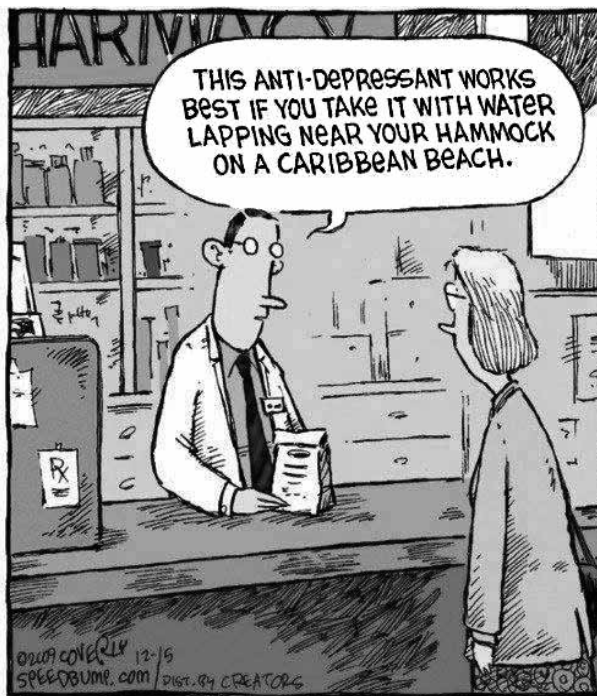
An old man calls his son and says, "Listen, your mother and I are getting divorced. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," he says. "I'm sick of her face, and I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister and tell her," and hangs up.

The son is worried. He calls his sister. She says, "Like hell they're getting divorced!" She calls their father immediately. "You're not getting divorced! Don't do another thing. The two of us are flying home tomorrow to talk about this. Until then, don't call a lawyer, don't file a paper. DO YOU HEAR ME?" She hangs up.

The old man turns to his wife and says, "Okay, they're both coming for Christmas and paying their own airfares."



A geneticist was working late one night, secretly perfecting his greatest project: a perfect clone of himself... an utter copy with no noticeable differences in personality or appearance.

Having finished his work, the geneticist took off for Maui and sent his clone to work. Within days, reports came back from his friends in the know of bizarre behavior from his doppelganger. The duplicate had cussed out the boss and his receptionist, groped all members of the research team male and female, used the Xerox to copy his genitalia -- sending the results to all the company's affiliates -- and concluded all handshakes by forcibly pressing the other's hand against the general area of his nipple, then simulating canine-fashion copulation while saying "nice to -meat- ya!"

The geneticist was horrified when he heard the news, and he immediately took the next plane back to the States. He confronted the clone in their twentieth-story office, and braving a three-minute uninterrupted litany of expletives, pushed the unreasonable double out the window, where he fell to his death.

The police arrived, and once the situation was explained, the geneticist laughed, disbelieving any statute covered the destruction of one's genetic clone.

After interviewing all concerned parties, the geneticist was arrested.

The charge?

Making an obscene clone fall.

Thad Bowling does it again!



Too Much Sex!

I couldn't help but over-hear two guys in their mid-twenties while sitting at a bar. One of the guys says to his buddy, "Man you look tired." His buddy says, "Dude I'm exhausted. My girlfriend and I have sex all the time. I just don't know what to do."

A fellow about my age (65), sitting a couple of stools down had also overheard the conversation. He looked over at the two young men and with the wisdom of years says, "Marry her. That'll put a stop to that crap".



A woman found out her dog could hardly hear so she took it to the veterinarian. He found that the problem was hair in its ears. He cleaned both ears and the dog could hear fine.

The vet then told the woman if she wanted to keep this from recurring she should go to the store and get some cream hair remover and rub it in the dog's ears once a month.

The lady goes to the drug store and gets some hair remover.

At the register the druggist tells her, "If you're going to use this under your arms, don't use deodorant for a few days."

The lady says, "I'm not using it under my arms."

The druggist says, "Well, if you're using it on your legs, don't shave for a couple of days."

The lady says, "I'm not using it on my legs either. If you must know, I'm using it on my schnauzer."



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