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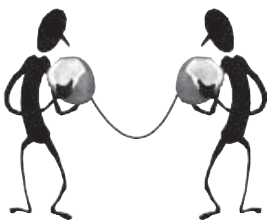
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Editorial: What is the Opposite of Love?

Nearly a decade ago when I was starting the Coconut Telegraph several people asked me how they could help me do it. I told them to please talk about me. I don't care what you say, good, bad it doesn't matter, just talk. You have to keep people talking or else you'll wind up with a boring piece of crap that we in the business call a "throw-away."

The throw-aways don't even make it into my house; they go from the mailbox to the trash can, as I pass it to get to my front door. At my age, money-saving coupons don't much matter, I can't remember to take them to the store anyway. What I need is more time to accomplish everything I want to do.

In order to keep the paper interesting I have had to piss off some people along the way. Hey, you can't please everyone. Smart business people see value in what I do because they see the results from their advertising money. See, there is a method to my madness! Stupid people don't understand it and never will.

Some even get so mad they get obsessed with me. We got a new one this month. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out. Someone actually went

to the trouble of taking my caricature off my Facebook page, and they made stickers with my picture with a circle around it and a line through it. That cost money, effort and time, folks! I feel so special!

When I found one attached to my newspaper box at Winn Dixie I peeled it off. It was rather amusing but it was hiding the beautiful cover photo.

Then I stopped by Doc's Diner where they have newspaper boxes outside and the obsessed person had put several of the stickers

on a box belonging to Marr Properties! It wasn't even my box! They defaced someone else's property!

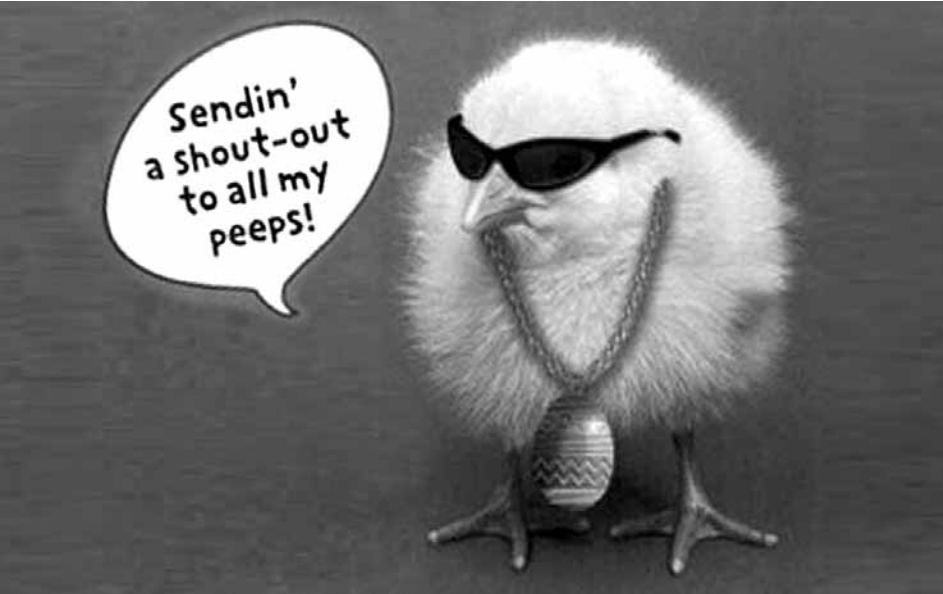
These stickers are the exact size and shape of some stickers that a senile old woman was passing around town a few years back, trying to get people to buy her free drinks. Could it possibly be the same crapulent fermented demented dimwitted dingbat? Well let me tell you I feel the Love!

Surprisingly the opposite of love is not hate. Hate is a strong emotion very much like love and you can get obsessed with both. The opposite of love is indifference. And frankly scallop, I really don't give a clam.

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Dear Anny Bannanny,

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Yours truly, Going Buggy

Dear Buggy,

Anny Bannanny did a little research and here is what Wiki had to say about them: The Madagascar hissing cockroach, also known as the hissing cockroach or simply hisser, is one of the largest species of cockroach, reaching 2 to 3 inches at maturity. They are from the island of Madagascar off the African mainland, where they can be found in rotting logs. It is one of some 20 known species of large hissing roaches from Madagascar, many of which are kept as pets, and often confused with one another by pet dealers.

How about that! Those suckers are even bigger than Palmetto bugs! I think if I saw one hissing at me I'd crap my pants right there on the spot! Holy shamoley!

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Spring is in Full Bloom!

Hello Readers, Happy Easter and Happy Earth Day! Up Your Hair is here to tell you this month's beauty trends. Hair, makeup, and nails, find out how to get that runway look here!

As the flowers bloom so do our wardrobes, pull out those colorful camis and matching flip flops, spring is in! Cute dresses and sandals, jean shorts and flower tops, the possibilities, and accessories, are endless!

Here's how to wear your hair: try a cool ponytail, braid, or a bun, keep it sleek and simple or give it some messy body, a quick and easy 'do.

As we clean up Spring, we're cleaning up our look. It's time for those natural earth tones, light pastels and deep forest hues.

Bring out your eyes with a natural beige and light purple matte lipstick, or try a deep green eye shadow with a peachy pink gloss. Bring out the hidden forest nymph in you and try something new, maybe pull it together with that new cut you've been thinking about!

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April 2015

WINNERS

1st Place Winner:
RIGGER NIX
Proud Parents: Jennifer & Jack Nix
of Key Largo

Rigger is 1 year old and came to us from the Labrador Retriever Rescue. He was an owner surrender from Miami, because his owners were traveling too much for work, leaving him home alone. He came for a visit to meet our animals - TayTay (a yorkie) and Macho (our cat) - and he never left!!! We fell in love with his gorgeous dark eyes and his love of life.



Rigger has adapted well to his life in the Keys and loves boat rides and swimming and following his Daddy, Jack, everywhere he goes!

2nd Place Winner:
OTIS BAUER
Proud Mom, Lisa Bauer of Key Largo

"My name is Otis Baxter Bauer. I'm 5 years old. I was a rescue dog. I'm the most energetic and happy dog. I love going for long walks. I always welcome every person that comes to my house with giant kisses. I love everybody. I also have a pretty rad mohawk that grows on its own."



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Scam Busters!

Do not be a victim! The latest scams:

One of the more prevalent scams involves the caller saying they work for the IRS and a federal complaint has been filed against the victim. The scammer then says the victim can take care of the problem by making a payment immediately. The scammer tells the victim not to tell anyone about the scam due to security concerns and the scammer stays on the phone and walks the victim through the process of sending the money via Western Union to what turns out to be a fictitious bank account.

The other prevalent scam involves the caller placing a fake job ad on Craigslist where the victim has replied. The scammer and victim exchange a few emails then the scammer tells them they must send some sort of payment immediately or risk losing the job. The victim sends the money to the scammer and the scammer makes off with the money.

An electric company scam via phone wherein the scammer advises the victim that their utility bill is overdue and that payment must be made over the phone in order to avoid the utilities being shut off.

An IRS scam via phone wherein the scammer advises the victim that they owe back taxes and that they must pay the overdue taxes with a credit card over the phone during that phone call or risk having the bank foreclose on the home the next day.

A Craigslist apartment scam wherein the scammer lists what appears to be a vacant apartment on Craigslist, waiting for someone to call about it, and then advises the caller that there has been significant interest in the apartment and that the only way to reserve it is to send money via Western Union immediately.

Consignment Shops - Do not leave your belongings without a signed copy of a list of your items. If you do not receive payment for your items or receive them back, call the Sheriff's Department.

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Bailey



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Lucy

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Charles Bernard Kincaid

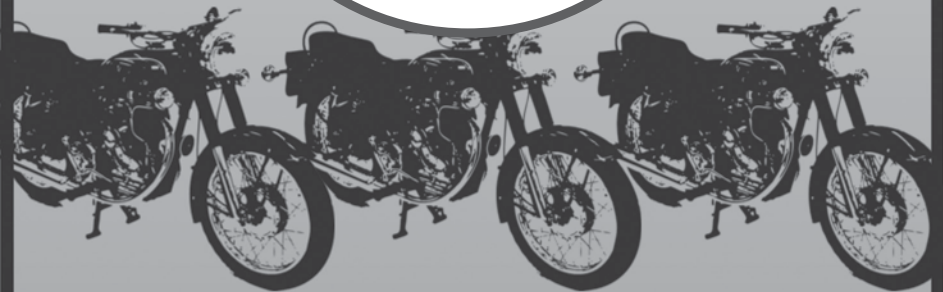
Chuck leaves behind his wife (Lucy Kincaid), his daughter (Heather Vargas), two sons (John Al Kincaid and Ricky Hardyman), three adopted daughters (Ashley Fuller, Jessica Fuller, and Leah Walls), his sister (Karen Wood), his son-in-law (Robert Vargas), and four grandchildren.

Chuck was a gifted man - his many talents varied from guitar playing to making people laugh even at the most uncomfortable of moments. Everyone who knew Chuck knew that he had a story to tell. He had touched many lives during his journey here on Earth. May he rest in peace with his brother Mark.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please contact Adam or Paul of Sharkey's for more information.

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**Art Box Artist of the Month:
Ms. Donnie Spielman**

Several months ago I took a wire-wrapping course offered at The Art Box. Donnie Spielman taught the class, and I left with a magnificent gemstone pendant I had created myself. You need not bring anything because it is all included in the price of the course; Donnie brings it all with her. Here is her story in her own words....

"This is a hobby that I totally love! It started almost 5 years ago when I began beading and then discovered the beauty of rocks and the awesome surprises that they hold inside. It started with tumbled rocks, then I bought a tumbler and started tumbling my own. From there I learned to cut or slab my own rocks and make cabochons. (Cabochons are stones that have a flat back and a smooth polished dome) They can be set by creating a bezel of copper or silver to set them in or wrapped with wire to make a pendant that can be hung from a cord or chain. Cutting, grinding and polishing a rock from start to finish is something that I find shuts my mind right down and relaxes me. Sometimes it seems I am a little out of place with my hobby down here in the Keys where everything is sand dollars and seahorses, fishing and everything having to do with oceans, boats and seafood, but this is my art and I love it. I also love creating beautiful pieces for others to wear, so I guess you could say I create wearable art."

Over the years Donnie taught herself and credits friends along the way for their help, for which she is grateful. "It is always challenging to learn something new and right now I am learning metal smithing. With metal smithing I am able to create bezels into which I can set my cabochons, or cabs as we call them. In working and forming the metal I am also able to add some forms of sea life to my art by using a rolling mill. So many new things to learn and so little time to play!"

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Cabochons

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Igor and Red Elvies rock out at Gilberts. What a party!



Lee Sharp at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill Saturdays 1 to 5.



Elks Installation

The Florida Keys Elks Lodge #1872 installed the new officers for 2015-16 on March 22nd. Pictured left to right: Steve Randel, Larry McNamara, Brian Taylor, Terry Bouquenoy, Roberta Buckheit, Sherill Bothen, Ray Eubanks, Pat Eubanks, Patricia Burke, Jane Ferguson, John Mavis. Not pictured Jody Randel.

Do your part or shut the x!#% up.*

Almost since the beginning of the Coconut Telegraph 9 years ago, we have been donating a half-page ad to the Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 106 and as a result, many cats and dogs have been adopted. The other newspapers and so-called magazines (that are basically all ads) charge advertisers to "sponsor" the space. The newspapers make money on it! In the course of time, our donation in dollars amounts to nearly \$30,000! Over the years I have had the privilege to see firsthand how the UKHS at MM 106 and Marcia Garrettson operate.

People who visit there will first notice these things: Take the sniff test. It is sparkling clean and sanitary. When you visit you will

notice everyone is busy. No one is sitting down. All the animals up for adoption are healthy and have all their shots and been vaccinated. No risk of taking home an animal that might infect your other pets. They also operate as Animal Control. When a feral cat died on my dock, they disposed of it for me. They got called to a crazy animal hoarder's house. Feces 4" thick on the floor, cats unfed in cages. A total of 33 cats had to be euthanized because they were sick and/or in respiratory failure. Only a few recovered and were adopted.

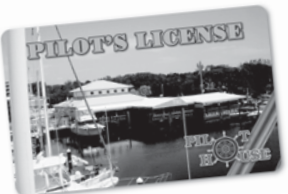
Those of us who remember what it was like around here before Marsha took over remember the thousands of feral cats. You could

not go to an outside restaurant without several sickly looking cats circling your table begging for food, and a day never went by where there wasn't at least 1 cat splattered on the highway. It was a big problem. Marsha's free spay and neuter clinic took care of it. The feral cats were trapped by volunteers, fixed by Marsha and taken back to where they came from. The feral cat population has been greatly reduced. My friend Mr. P's beloved dog named Bear got old. She was nearly blind and deaf, incontinent and could barely walk. She was suffering. Mr. P lives on a small fixed income and could not afford the veterinarian's euthanization fee of \$221. He called Marr-velous Pets. "Sorry,"

*An Extra Dose of Editorial

they said, "we don't do that." He called Carla at the MM 102 Humane Society and she sent him to Marcia. There is no fee at the MM 106 UKHS. Mr. P gave them a small donation and Bear went over the rainbow bridge with dignity and love while we shed tears of sadness. Marcia never turns an animal away. What do you think the mythical "No Kill" shelters do when an animal is sick and suffering? Sit and watch it suffer? One time I stopped in to visit Marsha, The Fish House owner Doug Prew and his children were there volunteering. They cleaned cages and spent time with the animals. We need more people like that!

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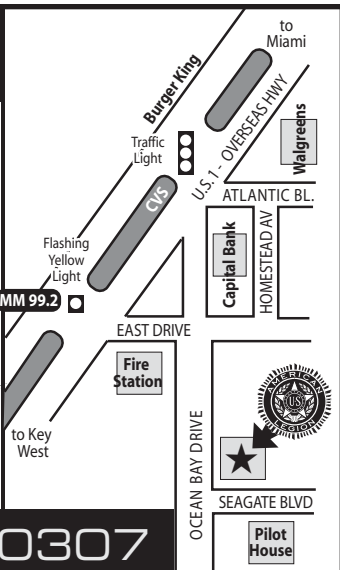
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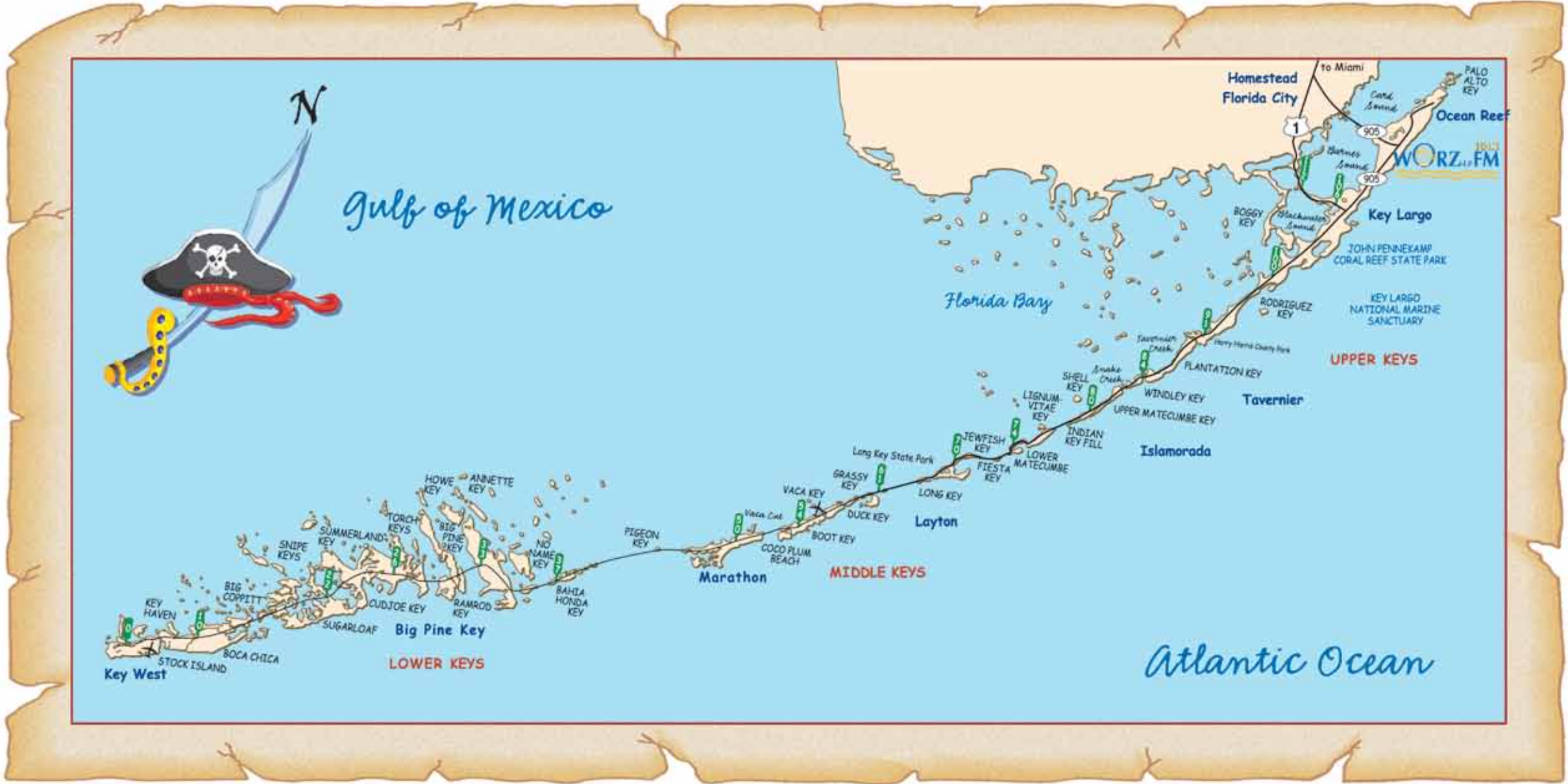
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"Although hydrogen sulfide gas" (produced when bacteria breaks down food) "is well known as a pungent, foul-smelling gas in rotten eggs and flatulence, it is naturally produced in the body and could in fact be a health-care hero with significant implications for future therapies for a variety of diseases," Dr. Mark Wood said in a university release.

Although the stinky gas can be noxious in large doses, scientists believe that a whiff here and there has the power to reduce risks of cancer, strokes,

heart attacks, arthritis, and dementia by preserving mitochondria. (Mitochondria are parts of a cell that convert energy for the cells to use).

Researchers are even coming up with their own compound to emulate the smell's health benefits.

"We have exploited this natural process by making a compound, called AP39, which slowly delivers very small amounts of this gas specifically to the mitochondria," Professor Matt Whiteman, of the University of Exeter Medical School said. "Our results indicate that if stressed cells are treated with AP39, mitochondria are protected and cells stay alive."

So instead of getting upset the next time you catch a whiff... be thankful.



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Do you know the difference between margarine and butter?

Both have the same amount of calories. Butter is slightly higher in saturated fats at 8 grams; compared to 5 grams for margarine.

Eating margarine can increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter, according to a recent Harvard Medical Study.

Eating butter increases the absorption of many other nutrients in other foods.

Butter has many nutritional benefits where margarine has a few and only because they are added!

Butter tastes much better than margarine and it can enhance the flavours of other foods.

Butter has been around for centuries where margarine has been around for less than 100 years .

Margarine is very high in trans fatty acids.

Margarine triples risk of coronary heart disease. Margarine increases total cholesterol and LDL (this is the bad cholesterol) and lowers HDL cholesterol (the good cholesterol).

Margarine increases the risk of cancers up to five times.

Margarine lowers the quality of breast milk. Margarine decreases immune response as well as insulin response.

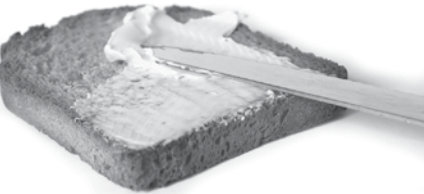
And here's the most disturbing fact: margarine is but one molecule away from being PLASTIC... and shares 27 ingredients with PAINT!

These facts alone were enough to have me avoiding margarine for life and anything else that is hydrogenated!

Open a tub of margarine and leave it open in your garage or shaded area. Within a couple of days you will notice a couple of things:

* No flies, not even those pesky fruit flies will go near it (that should tell you something)

* It does not rot or smell any different because it has no nutritional value ; nothing will grow on it. Even those teeny weeny microorganisms will not find a home to grow.



Why? Because it is nearly plastic . Would you melt your Tupperware and spread that on your toast?

This is interesting ... Margarine was originally manufactured to fatten turkeys. When it killed the turkeys, the people who had put all the money into the research wanted a payback so they put their heads together to figure out what to do with this product to get their money back.



It was a white substance with no food appeal so they added the yellow coloring packets and sold it to people to use in place of butter. At first, housewives had to mix the yellow color in themselves.



"As for butter vs.margarine,
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—Joan Dye Gussow



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Centennial Bank recently hosted Junior Bankers from Key Largo. Haily Perry, almost 10, and Jasper Rabyor, just turned 9, spent the morning at the with Centennial Bank's Lorenzo Ortiz, Kathy Elmore, Joy Pullen, and Stephanie Scuderi learning about counting cash, running the drive-thru and other retail banking activities. The exciting part of the day came when they held up crisp hundred dollar bills for the camera.



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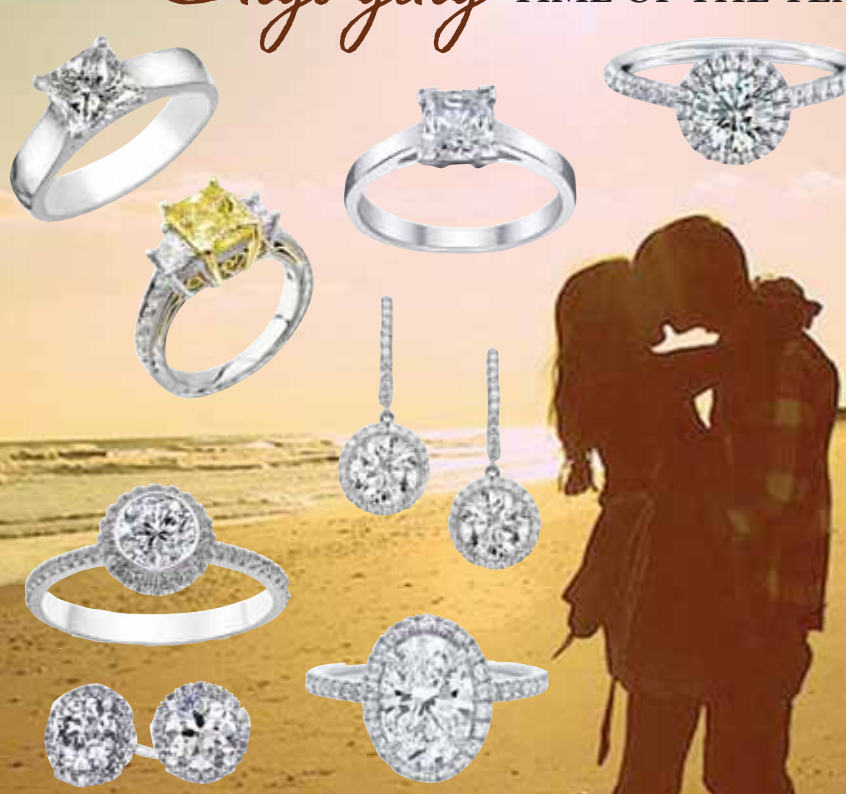
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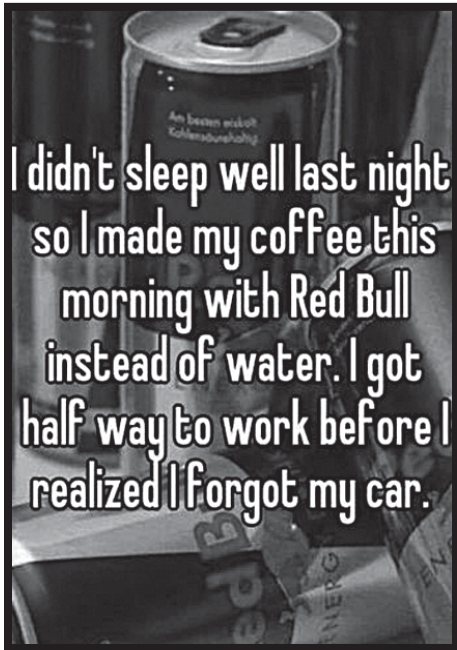
2 boneless chicken breast
1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 ½ teaspoon curry powder
6 chopped dried apricots
1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
2 tablespoons chopped sweet onion
1/4 cup toasted almond slivers
salt
fresh cracked pepper

Bake the breasts in a 375 degree oven until cooked through. Cool. (Can be prepared the day before.)

Cut the chicken into cubes. Mix the curry into the mayonnaise and add the chicken. Mix in the apricots, celery, and onion. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve on the greens and sprinkle with almonds.

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Mensa Problem

Some years ago, there was a Mensa convention in San Francisco. Mensa, as you may know, is a national organization for people who have an IQ of 140 or higher.

Several of the Mensa members went out for lunch at a local cafe. When they sat down, one of them discovered that their salt shaker contained pepper, and their pepper shaker was full of salt.

How could they swap the contents of the two bottles without spilling any, and using only the implements at hand?

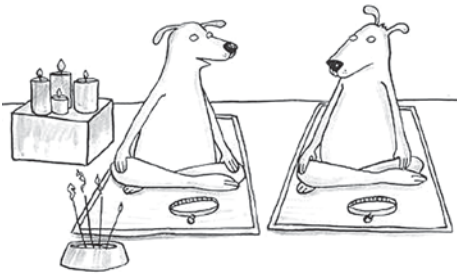
Clearly - this was a job for Mensa minds.

The group debated the problem and presented ideas and finally, came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw, and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution. "Ma'am," they said, "we couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt and the salt shaker pepper."

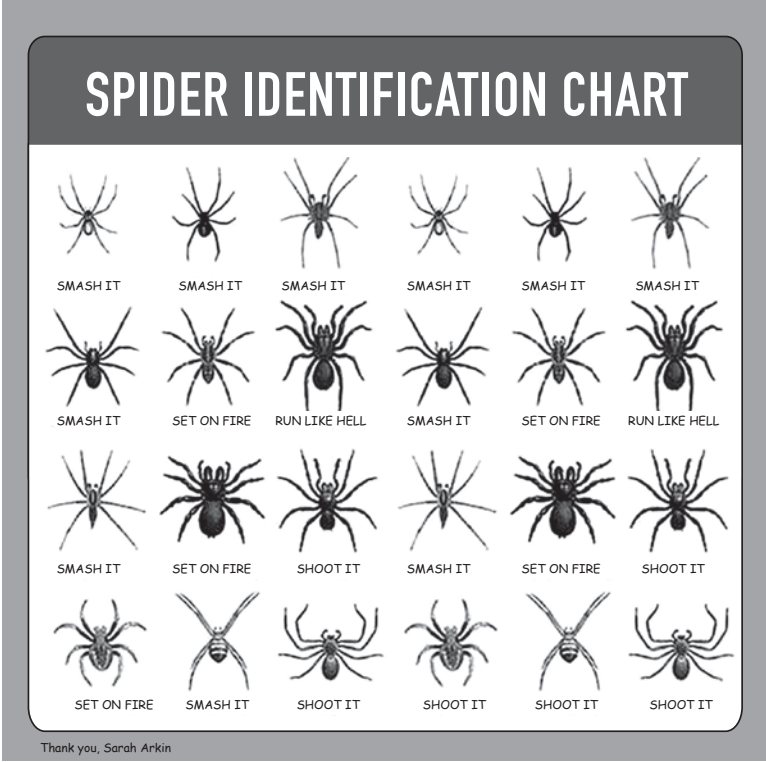
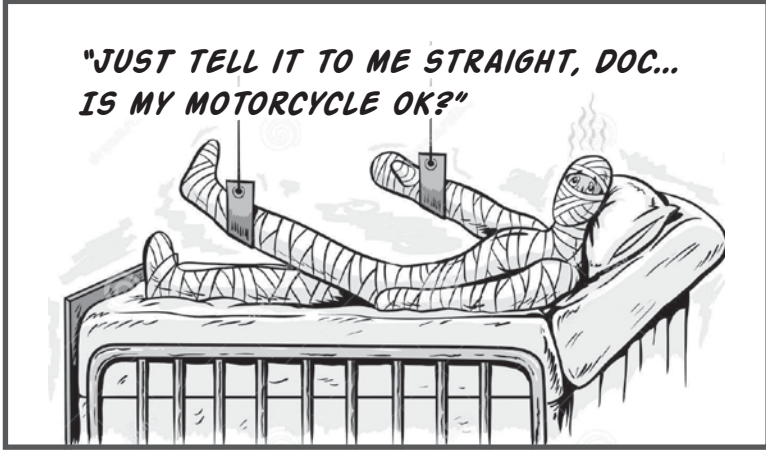
But before they could finish, the waitress interrupted. "Oh— sorry about that." She said as she leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of both bottles and switched them.

There was dead silence at the Mensa table.

Thank you Doug Myers!



"The key to meditation is learning to stay."



Thank you, Sarah Arkin

50 SHADES OF GREY

Four guys have been going on the same annual fishing trip for many years.

Two days before the group is to leave, Ron's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going this year.

Ron's mates are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do?

Two days later the three friends get to the camping site to find Ron sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire. He is sitting and having a cold beer.

"Shit Ron, how long you been here, and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last night. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my living room chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and asked, 'Guess who?' I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a nightie. She took my hand and pulled me into our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. Well she's been reading *50 Shades of Grey*...

On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did.

And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

So, here I am!



Be Smarter

A customer at Green's Gourmet Grocery was marveling at the proprietor's quick wit and intelligence.

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"I wouldn't share my secret with just anyone," Green replies, lowering his voice so the other shoppers wouldn't hear, "but since you're a good and faithful customer, I'll let you in on it. Fish heads. You eat enough of them, you'll be positively brilliant."

"You sell them here?" the customer asks.

"Yes! Only \$4 each," says Green.

The customer buys three. A week later, he's back in the store complaining that the fish heads were disgusting and he isn't any smarter.

"You didn't eat enough" says Green.

The customer goes home with 20 more fish heads.

Two weeks later, he's back... and this time he's really angry.

"Hey, Green!" he says. "You're selling me fish heads for \$4 apiece, and I could buy the whole fish for \$2. You're ripping me off!"

"You see?" says Green. "You're smarter already!"

Thank you Thad Bowling!

ROBERT

Before



After



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Robert lost his glasses.

Food has replaced sex in my life. Now I can't even get into my own pants.



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A Tattooed Lady

A woman walks in to a tattoo parlor and tells the artist she would like two tattoos, one of Robert Redford on her left upper thigh, and one of Paul Newman on her right upper thigh. After hours of work, the tattoo artist is finished and holds a mirror between her legs for her to view.

The woman says, "I don't know if these really look like Paul and Robert, and I ain't paying' for this if it isn't right!" She tells the artist she will go just outside the business and ask someone walking down the street if they know who the two men are on her thighs, if they answer correctly, she would pay.

She soon sees a man walking down the street, so she pulls up her skirt and asks him, "Can you tell me who the man on my right thigh and the man on my left thigh are?"

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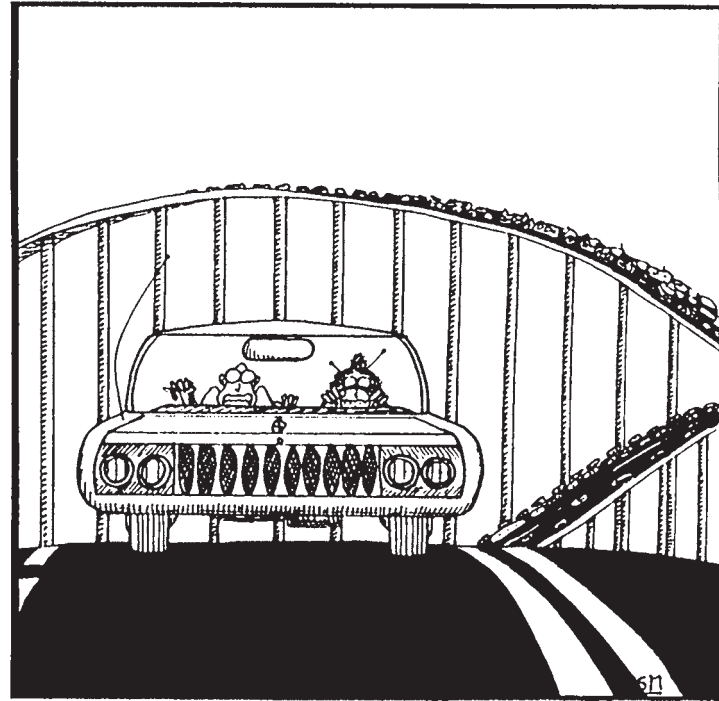
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At some point in our lives, we are likely to find ourselves asking for help, perhaps from no one in particular, and without knowing where help could possibly come from. We may have raised our eyes skyward or whispered our need under our breath only to find that somehow we were heard, and the help we needed arrived. It might have come in the form of a person who appeared at the right time, or perhaps it came in the form of luck, chance, or divine intervention. However assistance appears, these are times when we can be sure that there are angels watching over us.

We may find ourselves asking for their help with simple things—like finding a parking spot or to watch over loved ones—but then we forgot to call on them when we found ourselves alone or in pain. We don't need to be aware of them to receive their assistance, but there is comfort in the knowledge that they are there for us when we need them. And when we remain open to their presence, we can call on them whenever we need them to connect and be nurtured by their ethereal and heavenly energy.

As symbols of grace and gentle encouragement, they can offer us comfort as they enfold us in their wings or lift our spirit as they take flight. We may be warmed by their glow, guided by their gentle nudges or inspired by their whispers in our ears. We may hear the name of our angel and feel a personal connection, but it isn't necessary. All they need is to be heard, to see us benefit from their guidance and perhaps to hear a word of thanks sent their way every now and then. Whether they appear in the guise of a helpful stranger, or as a thought that suddenly occurs to us, angels are our loving guides from the spiritual realm, who with a brush of their angelic wings help us to make the most of our human experience by balancing it with the spiritual awareness that all things are possible and that we are not alone.

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- For most effective play, the club should have a firm shaft. Course owners are permitted to check shaft stiffness before play begins.
- Course owners reserve the right to restrict club length to avoid damage to the hole.
- The object of the game is to take as many strokes as necessary until the course owner is satisfied that the play is complete. Failure to do so may result in being denied permission to play the course again.
- It is considered bad form to begin playing the hole immediately upon arrival at the course. The experienced player will normally take time to admire the entire course, with special attention to well formed bunkers.
- Players are cautioned not to mention other courses they have played or are currently playing to the owner of the course being played. Upset course owners have been known to damage players equipment for this reason.
- Players are encouraged to bring proper rain gear for their own protection.
- Players should assure themselves that their match has been scheduled, particularly when a new course is being played for the first time. Previous players have been known to become irate if they discover someone else playing on what they consider to be a private course.
- Players should not assume a course is in shape for play at all times. Some players may be embarrassed if they find the course to be temporarily under repair. Players are advised to be extremely tactful in this situation. More advanced players will find alternative means of play when this is the case.
- The course owner is responsible for the manicuring and pruning any bush around the hole to allow for improved viewing of, alignment with, and approach to the hole.
- Players are advised to obtain the course owners permission before attempting to play the back nine.
- Slow play is encouraged. However, players should be prepared to proceed at a quicker pace, at least temporarily, at the owners request.
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County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy at ribbon cutting of Monroe County Permit Office at Ocean Reef Club.



Judy and Dan Campisi from Connecticut stopped by the Big Chill for Happy Hour.



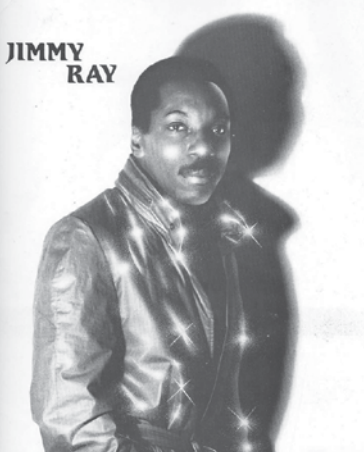
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