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If you saw boats churning out 50 foot rooster-tails between Nov 11th and Nov 15th, that was the Florida Powerboat Club's annual Poker Run to Key West. Over 80 boats tied up to the dock at Gilbert's on Thursday the 12th for lunch. Boat enthusiasts and Keys locals stopped by to see the awesome machinery, models, and mayhem for which these boat owners are famous! To their credit, they all respected the no wake zone area by Gilberts. Photo by Rob LeBrun.

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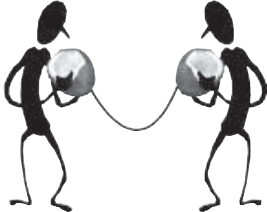
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Editorial: Christmas Joy from the Coconut Telegraph

Is Christmas a joyous time for you? Or are you stressed? Overspending on presents, pressure from loved ones, prolonged proximity to difficult family members and loneliness can all build your stress level. However, it doesn't have to be so. Christmas is meant to be fun and joyous. This year, take charge and make it work for you.

1. Choose to believe that everything will go well. If you thought the Christmas party was going to be boring, then think instead that it will be fun. Think positively.

2. Watch that credit card. Don't overspend to have a good time. Hide it and use your cash sparingly.

3. Work out a sensible budget, so it doesn't undermine the whole of 2016 for you. Christmas is only as commercialized as you let it be. Remember, YOU are the greatest gift you can give - it requires no money whatsoever.

Do everyone in your life a favour and suggest they curb their gift expectations. Go even further, and suggest that they give some cash to a chosen charity instead of a gift to you.

If you must give a gift and you are uncertain about what to buy, then give a gift voucher. Avoid the extra stress of anticipating whether they will/won't like your gift.

4. Make the best of yourself for all those exciting parties and dinners. Look your best, get that wardrobe in shape and to get a hair cut.

5. Stop worrying about how the house is going to look when you have visitors and family in. There is no need to create that perfect Christmas as seen on TV. Make everyone feel welcome and be a happy, relaxed host.

6. Accept your relations just as they are. They mean well and they are doing the best they can with their current level of awareness, knowledge and understanding.

7. Create an alternative Christmas meal - rather than slaving over the usual cooked feast, be creative and limit the work.

8. If you are going to be on your own over Christmas, see it as an opportunity for freedom and space to enjoy the festivities even more. Perhaps you can connect with other people on their own, and have a communal Christmas lunch.

9. Spend quality time with your significant other and plan some time off from housework.

10. Volunteer time and contribute to others. Focus on others and spread good vibes all around you. Think who you can help - maybe a neighbor with food shopping or babysitting.

Remember, it is the giver who gets the gift. To quote a Christmas film (Scrooge), 'We act a little nicer, we smile a little easier, we cheer a little more. For a couple of hours out of the whole year we are the people we always hoped we would be.'

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Following the incredible show that John Popper put on at Gilbert's in September won't be easy, but the guys at Gilbert's and Island Rock Entertainment are certainly trying hard. The next concert features two unique performers joining The Regs on Saturday, December 19th from 7-11pm. Local band Loose Cannon" will open the show, and The Regs will go on shortly thereafter. There is never a cover charge for Gilbert's patrons.



Corey Glover is best known as the lead singer of Living Colour, a very successful heavy metal band in the late 80s. Their 1989 hit "Cult of Personality" won a Grammy for best rock performance, and the band won the MTV award for best new rock group. Living Colour just finished up a nationwide tour opening for Aerosmith, and Corey is

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Our "Man of the Millennium" - Hyperbaric Dick

Key Largo legend
"Hyperbaric Dick" Rutkowski
recently celebrated his
85th birthday at Skippers.
In 2013 he won the
Reaching Out Award in Las
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practice in Southern Mississippi. This is where he met his wife, Lisa, and she began working with him. Through the years he missed the beauty and lifestyle of the Keys, so one day the family packed their bags and moved back to the Keys.

Dr. Lansden practiced at The Florida Keys Center for Plastic Surgery in Tavernier for seven years, where he was Chief of Surgery at Mariner's Hospital. During the recession, Dr. Lansden went to cover the need for a facial and hand trauma at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute, where he received an appointment as Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery for Florida State University. Now, after six years he is returning home to the Florida Keys.

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A Tribute to Jack Snipes AKA Big Dick

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for dating a white woman. He joined the Marine Corps and did his duty in Vietnam.

When Jack returned to the U.S., he decided to give music a try. He attended a Roy Orbison concert and got to meet the artist backstage. Soon Snipes was playing host to Orbison, taking him to all the Jacksonville night spots. After hearing Jack sing, Orbison gave him his blessing and encouragement.

From Jacksonville Snipes moved to Daytona where he met club owner Mike Pinner

ranting redneck version of an Andrew Dice Clay-type routine that entertained so many audiences there in the 80s and 90s. Everyone that knew him will tell you it was a carefully crafted facade that kept him smiling all the way to the bank.

Snipes made the news again not long before he retired. In 2009, 22-year-old Brandon Dowdy wanted to see Big Dick and the Extenders so badly that he stole a 120-ton locomotive and took a 7-mile joy ride to make it the the Redland



The Upper Keys community lost Jack Snipes in late October. He was truly an enigma. With his band, he was the raucously crude and rude Big Dick of "Big Dick and the Extenders," shouting obscenities, spewing x-rated jokes faster than a speeding locomotive, and known to literally pound people on the head with a 2-foot-long dangling rubber dildo. It was all in fun and all part of his fabulous musical show 6 nights a week at Woody's night club in Islamorada for many years, a "must see" for all locals and tourists.

During the daylight hours he changed the name of the band to "Big Richard's Family

Fun Band" and he still rocked the house. Missing was his raunchy persona and instead he was the real Jack Snipes, one of the nicest men you'd ever want to meet.

Jack had a heart of gold and was always first to volunteer to play benefits to help others. Jack so enjoyed giving, that for his birthday one year his wife Christine gifted him with a non-profit foundation so that he could give more to charity.

Snipes was born in South Carolina but grew up in Jacksonville, FL. His mother was Cherokee and his father a bootlegger. He attended Paxton High School and was captain of his swim team. At the University of Arkansas he was the star defensive line-man of the football team. Jack left college before graduation, after being racially harassed



The "Extenders," over the years, were comprised of just about every professional musician who ever passed through the Upper Keys. Too numerous to mention, they contributed to the bands reputation as one of the best!

who introduced Jack to the Orlando area. As his fame grew, so did his amphetamine addiction, so he moved to Lakeland to dry out. During that time Mike Pinner bought J's in Islamorada, changed the name to Woody's and called Snipes out of retirement to headline the club.

Jack took great pleasure in honing his unique take on a

Tavern to catch the show. He got to see the show but



got busted by Homeland Security!

Jack Snipes passed away at age 72, but his legend lives on. There will be a memorial and celebration of life on Sunday December 13th at the Lorelei Restaurant in Islamorada from noon to 4 and at

Woody's from 5 to 9. Don't miss it!

Special thanks to Thad Bowling for most of the photos on this page.



If you're familiar with Big Dick's body of work, you can just imagine what's being said at this 2012 benefit.



It's time again for the annual 'Stella Awards'! For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased it. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right?

That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stellas for this year:

SEVENTH PLACE

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

SIXTH PLACE

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was some-

THE STELLA AWARDS

Submitted by Trader Dick

one at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

FIFTH PLACE

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish.

Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish!

FOURTH PLACE

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard.

Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

THIRD PLACE

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a

jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth.

Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000... oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure.

Ok. Here we go!!

FIRST PLACE

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned.

Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home.

While most of the Stella cases are for real, there are reports of the Winnebago one above being an Urban Legend. We're not sure; it's good entertainment either way. Here are some other frivolous lawsuits from legalzoom.com.

In 1992, 23-year-old Karen Norman accidentally backed her car into Galveston Bay after a night of drinking. Norman couldn't operate her seat belt and drowned. Her passenger managed to disengage herself and make it to shore. Norman's parents sued Honda for making a seat belt their drunken daughter (her blood alcohol level was 17 - nearly twice the legal limit) couldn't open underwater. A jury found Honda seventy-five percent responsible for Karen's death and awarded the Norman family \$65 million. An appeals court threw out the case.

In May 2003, Stephen Joseph of San Francisco sued Kraft Foods for putting trans-fat in their Oreo cookies. Joseph wanted an injunction to order Kraft to stop selling Oreos to children. Once the media caught wind of his lawsuit, the media blitz became too much for him to handle. He dropped the suit.

In 1991, Richard Harris sued Anheiser-Busch for \$10,000 for false advertising. Harris claimed to suffer from emotional distress in addition to mental and physical injury. Why? Because when he drank beer, he didn't have any luck with the ladies, as promised in the TV ads. Harris also didn't like that he got sick sometimes after he drank. The case was thrown out of court.

In 1996, Florida physical therapist Paul Shimkonis sued his local nudie bar claiming whiplash from a lap dancer's large breasts. Shimkonis felt he suffered physical harm and mental anguish from the breasts, which he claimed felt like "cement blocks" hitting him. Shimkonis sought justice in the amount of \$15,000, which was denied.

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JACK SNIPES

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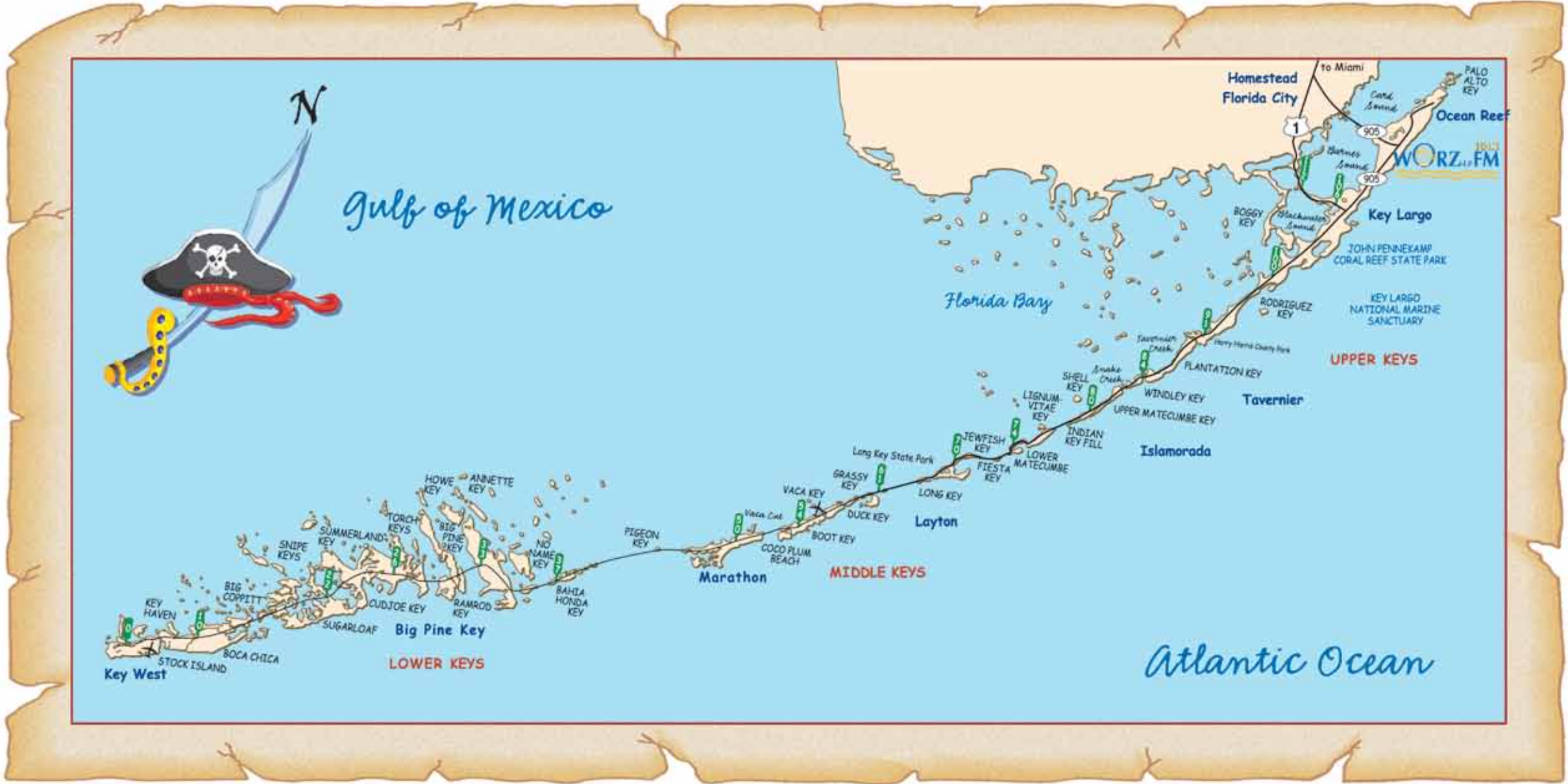
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The holidays have descended upon us and now is the time to celebrate with family and friends. It is the time of year that we all rejoice in food. Get together, happy hours, and meals make December a tasty month. One of the ways that I like to celebrate is the giving of gifts in the form of food. Whether it be a special cake, pie, cookies, or bread, it is always a welcomed gift. My mother-in-law served this chocolate treat at last year's family Christmas Eve. If you aren't a chocolate fan you will find this recipe a winner.

Happy holidays to all!

PEPPERMINT BARK CANDY

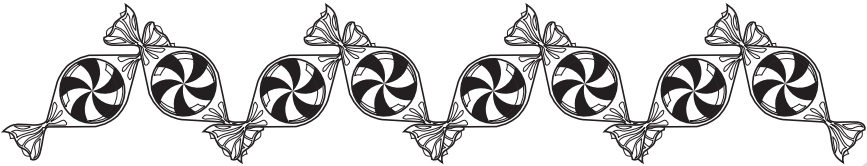
- 3 (four ounce) packages white chocolate
- 2 (four ounce) packages semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup crushed hard peppermint candies (about 13 candies)

Place wax paper on a cookie sheet. Slowly melt the white chocolate on low heat in a saucepan stirring constantly (if you have a double boiler that works great.) Spread the white chocolate into a thin layer on the wax paper. Refrigerate 10 minutes.

While the white chocolate is cooling, melt the semi-sweet chocolate using the same procedure.

Spread the semi-sweet chocolate over the white chocolate. Sprinkle with the marshmallows and peppermint pieces. Place back into the refrigerator for 4 hours or until firm. Break into pieces or cut into shapes using a cookie cutter then serve.

The candy can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.



PUNOGRAPHY

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
When chemists die, they barium.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.
Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
Broken pencils are pointless.
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
Velcro - what a rip off!
Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.
Venison for dinner? Oh deer!
I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

Conch Characters



Ariel of Iconic Women of Rock photobombs some fans, while performing at Gilbert's.



Beautiful hostesses Maggie and Tori at the Pilot House.



This sign can be spotted at Bayside Grille on the beach!



Country Music Night - first Friday of the month at Gilbert's. And every Friday they serve a fantastic rib dinner including a beer for only \$9.99.



Gilbert's Resort GM Rob LeBrun presents Julie Cuneo of the American Cancer Society - Making Strides for the Florida Keys a check for \$3200 in October. Gilbert's has pledged \$1 from every "Boobie" drink sold to help support breast cancer awareness. In the 6 months since its introduction, the "Boobie's" popularity is growing every day.



Things you ONLY see in the FLORIDA KEYS. I was leaving the Mariners Hospital gym early Sunday AM when I saw this scene in front of the hospital. They had just done a CT scan on a sick dolphin and it was going back to Dolphins Plus. One of the hospital staff said to me, "They are part of our community too." I do love my hospital. Photo by Frank Derfler.



John Donnelly of American Legion Post 333 presents Sheriff Ramsay with a plaque thanking him for his continued support and dedication to The Wounded Warriors.



Gilbert's manager Rob in his bacon jacket!



Sunset at Gilbert's.



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Featured Artist of The Month: **Paula Leftwich**

"The world is just so full of things to paint!" Even as a very small child, Paula saw the world in terms of "pictures," and always wanted to draw and paint them.

Animals, especially birds, were an early attraction for her. Her mother still has many "works" she created early on; one of the earliest is a crayon drawing of a pelican sitting on a dock post. An odd choice for a young "Army brat" living in Ger-

practice. She moved to The Gulf Coast of Mississippi in the early 1990s, where she again worked as a veterinary technician, and started a dog training business. Painting was always a constant, however, and she focused on painting the native birds of the region.

Hurricane Katrina devastated the area and her small town in 2005. Not only did she lose her home and virtually every possession, but



many, where certainly no pelicans reside! (Who knew she would spend much of her adult life near southern coastlines where pelicans abound?)

Paula is entirely self taught, and worked with several mediums before discovering acrylic paints. She loves the vibrancy and versatility of acrylics, and their rapid drying time lends itself well to her style of repeated layers and fine detail.

Like many artists, Paula worked a variety of jobs throughout the years, in New Orleans I worked for a company that imported European estate items and jewelry, then later as a veterinary technician in an exotic animal

also lost all the art in her home studio, as well as everything she had hanging in local galleries. Paula remember one of the very first "care packages" she received afterwards had a drawing pad and an inexpensive set of acrylic paints ... she was SO happy to have



that! Being able to paint again sustained Paula through the very difficult recovery and rebuilding process.

Moving to The Florida Keys nearly 4 years ago was a dream come true for Paula. "I knew I was going to love it here, but I didn't realize how it was going to change my art... The very first time I went snorkeling and saw the fish, the reef, all that LIFE under there I knew I wanted to paint it."

Suddenly it was like an entire new world opened up for her. Underwater photography quickly became a new hobby and a way to capture "moments" that she revisits on canvas; the huge Goliath Grouper that nearly swal-

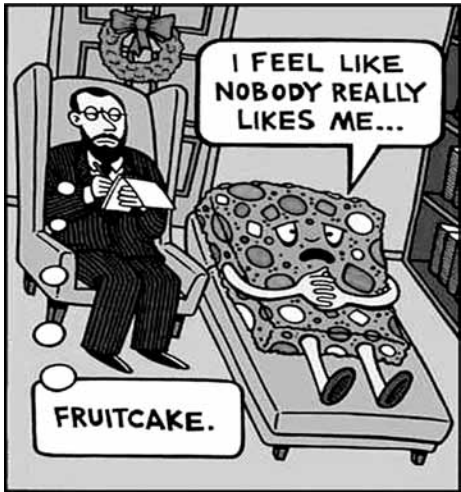
lowed her camera, the boldly colorful parrotfish, the Queen Angelfish playing peek-a-boo under the stag-horn coral.

Birds still show up in Paula's work, however. The Keys offer a variety of birds to paint, the majestic osprey, comical ibis, and of course, her old friend, the pelican!

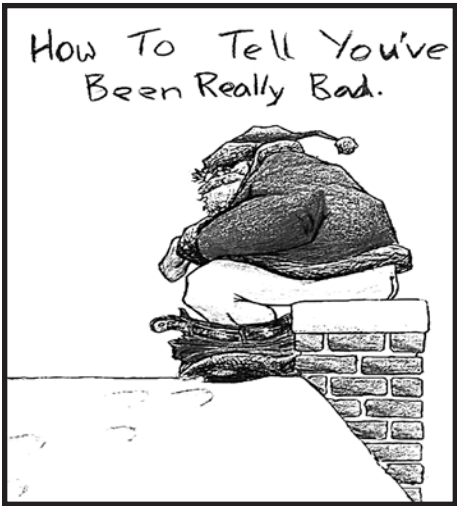
Paula Leftwich is a member & advisor in the Florida Keys Council of the Arts Member, Art Guild of the Purple Isle. She shows at Art on a Whim Gallery in Islamorada, and soon will be in Shady Palm Gallery (Marathon). Visit her website, PaulaPaints.com, or at PaulaPaints on Facebook.



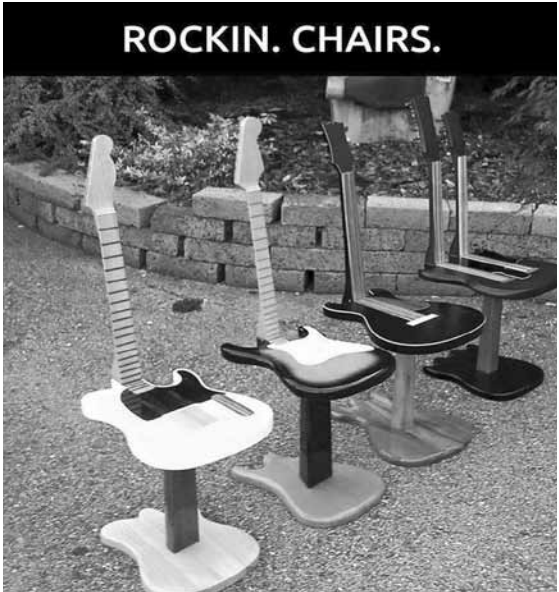
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All of the other reindeer *USED* to laugh and call him names.



Coco-nutty Holiday Gift Ideas



How Republicans and Democrats Celebrate the Holidays

Republicans say “Merry Christmas!”
Democrats say “Happy Holidays!”

Republicans help the poor during the holidays by sending \$50 to the Salvation Army.

Democrats help the poor by giving \$50, one buck at a time, to pan-handlers on the street.

Democrats get back at the Republicans on their Christmas list by giving them fruitcakes.

Republicans re-wrap them and send them to in-laws.

Democrats let their kids open all the gifts on Christmas Eve.

Republicans make their kids wait until Christmas morning.

When toasting the holidays, Republicans ask for eggnog or mulled wine.

Democrats ask for a Bud.

Democrats do much of their shopping at Target and Wal-Mart.

So do Republicans, but they don’t admit it.

Republican parents have no problem buying toy guns for their kids. Democrats refuse to do so. That is why their kids pretend to shoot each other with dolls.

Republicans spends hundreds of dollars and hours of work decorating the yard with outdoor lights and Christmas displays.

Democrats save their time and money, and drive around at night to look at *other* people’s lights.

Democrats’ favorite Christmas movie is “Miracle on 34th Street.”

Republicans’ favorite Christmas movie is “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Right-Wing Republicans’ favorite Christmas movie is “Die Hard.”

Republicans take the price tag off expensive gifts before wrapping.

Democrats also remove price tags off pricey gifts ... and reposition them to make sure they are seen.

Democrats wear wide red ties and green sports jackets for the holiday season.

Republicans do too, but they wear them all year round.

Republicans enclose indulgent, wretchedly maudlin form letters about their families in their Christmas cards, at least once.

Public ridicule from Democrats usually discourages them from doing it again.

Democrats’ favorite Christmas carol is “Deck the Halls.”

Young Democrats’ favorite Christmas carol is “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.”

Republicans’ favorite Christmas carol is “White Christmas.”

Young Republicans’ favorite Christmas carol is “White Christmas” for different reasons.

Cheapskate Republicans buy an artificial Christmas tree.

Tight-fisted Democrats buy a real tree, but they wait until the week before Christmas when the lots lower their prices.

Green Democrats buy a real tree with roots, and then replant it after New Years.

Republicans first began thinking like Republicans when they stopped believing in Santa Claus.

Democrats became Democrats because they never stopped believing in Santa Claus.

Democrat men like to watch football while the women fix holiday meals.

On this, Republicans are in full agreement.



Christmas Carols for the Psychiatrically Challenged

Schizophrenia --- Do You Hear What I Hear?

Multiple Personality Disorder --- We Three Queens Disoriented Are

Dementia --- I Think I'll be Home for Christmas

Narcissistic --- Hark the Herald Angels Sing About Me

Manic --- Deck the Halls and Walls and House and Lawn and Streets and Stores and Office and Town and Cars and Busses and Trucks and trees and Fire Hydrants and...

Paranoid --- Santa Claus is Coming to Get Me

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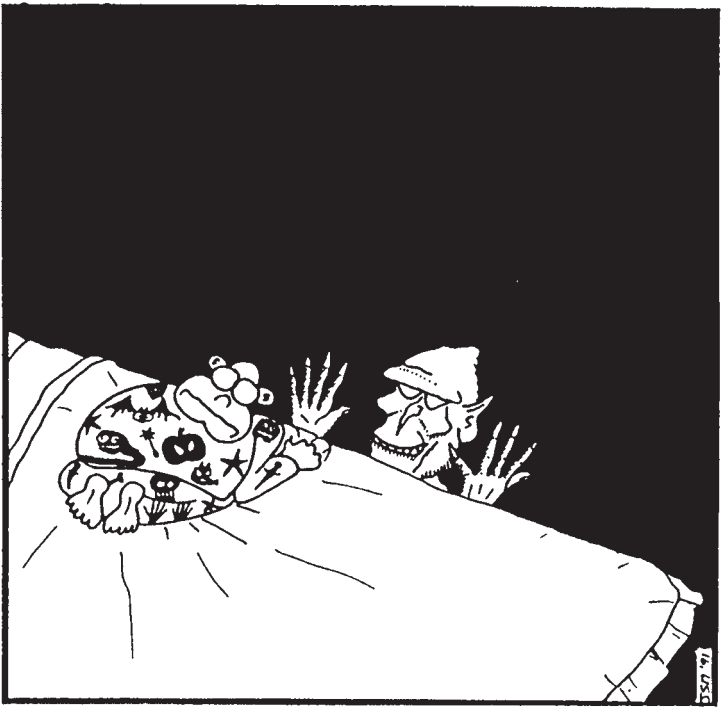
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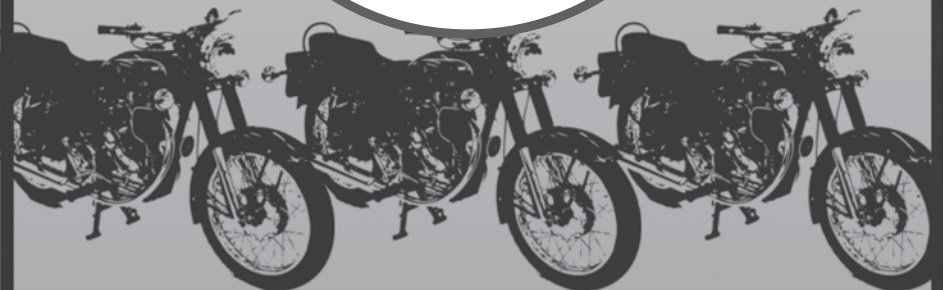
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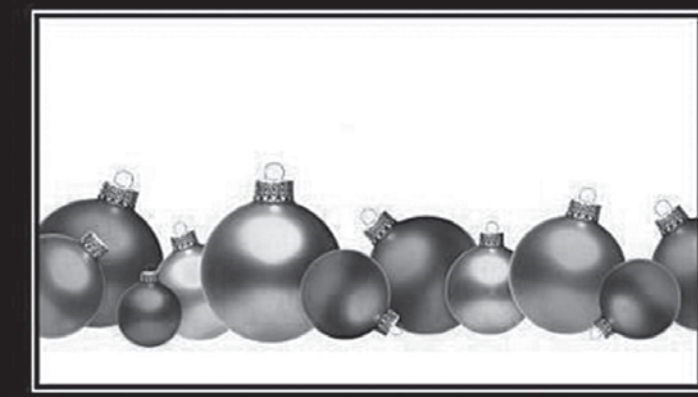
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13 ECLIPSE 1-6 (CLASSIC ROCK DANCE BAND)	7 DALTON COLLINS 12-4	8 "HALF PRICE APPS" 4-7PM "THE BEATLEMAN" JIMMY O'SHEA 5-9	9 "HALF PRICE APPS" 4-7PM SCOTTY MEYER 5-9	10 LADIES NIGHT! 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFTS, WELL) DJ REGGAE RONNIE 6-10	11 RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99 HEADFIRST 7-11 (NEW FROM BROWARD)	12 HARD LIQUOR BAND 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm STONE MOJO 7-11
20 MR NICE GUY 1-6 (STAFF FAVORITE)	14 DALTON COLLINS 12-4	15 Closing at 5pm for Staff Holiday Party	16 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9	17 LADIES NIGHT! 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFTS, WELL) DJ REGGAE RONNIE 6-10	18 RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99 RETROSKY 7-11 (ROCK & 80'S ROCK)	19 LUKE SUMMER GLENN BAND 12-4 THE REGS 7-11 WITH SPECIAL GUESTS COREY GLOVER (LIVING COLOR) AND THE LEGENDARY DRUMMER OF BAD COMPANY SIMON KIRKE!
27 THE FLYERS 1-6 (FEATURING AMAZING GUITARIST PATRICK FARINAS)	21 DALTON COLLINS 12-4	22 "THE BEATLEMAN" JIMMY O'SHEA 5-9	23 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9	24 LADIES NIGHT! 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFTS, WELL) DJ REGGAE RONNIE 5-9 (Closing @ 9pm)	25 Christmas Dinner \$15 RIBS & BEER 5-9PM \$9.99 REGGAE NIGHT WITH "BAGA TRICKS" 7-11	26 STONE CRABS 1-5PM Michael Trixx 8pm ROGUE THEORY 7-11 (AMAZING ROCK BAND FEATURING AN ELECTRIC FIDDLE!)
	28 DALTON COLLINS 12-4	29 "THE BEATLEMAN" JIMMY O'SHEA 5-9	30 SCOTTY MEYER 5-9	31 LADIES NIGHT! 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFTS, WELL) THE REGS 8-1	NYE PARTY with THE REGS 8pm-1am FREE HOURLY PRIZE GIVEAWAYS! Coolers of beer & baskets of booze FREE FAVORS & CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT!	



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