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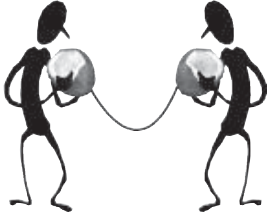
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We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Next thing I hear he is on his Facebook tirade of terror again this time threatening to throw flaming bags of shit at my house! And he claims to be a good citizen. The alleged felon probably does know the DCF, ATF, FHP, and KEYSSO well by now. Publicly threatening and harassing a media person is crazy!

Many times I haven't agreed with what a public person has had to say but I don't harass them or threaten to throw fiery feces at their house. I don't wish them dead. I respect their right to their opinion and their courage to say it. It is called Freedom of Speech.

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Key Largo Rotary is a three-share supporter of

the Upper Keys Foundation which encourages student athletes to serve our community by using their time and their energy to give back to the individuals, groups and causes in need. Key Largo Rotary recognizes and thanks both Coach Holly and all the students who sent up tents, laid out parking lots, strung pretzel necklaces, logo'ed water bottles and simply supported the cause!

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 [keylargorotary.org](http://keylargorotary.org).

Editorial: If the Shoe Fits... Wear It!

One of the strangest things I have experienced in my 9 years as publisher of this newspaper is that, although I do not mention any names when I write about a combination of people, there is always one idiot who runs around town taking credit for being a jerk. Indignantly they clutch the paper in their sweaty, balled-up fist shaking it in the air yelling "that's about me!" to anyone who will listen. A few years ago Key Largo author and Pilot House bartender Ed Carboni wrote an article called "Living La Vida Douche Bag" about a conglomeration of not so nice people he has known and we published it. I thought I would hear complaints about using the term "douche bag" but instead we had people calling and saying they knew the person! One guy even claimed to be the douche bag!

Ed has since expanded the article and published it in a book that just came out. See page 11 to find out how you can get your autographed copy of Ed's latest book or stop by the bar and see him personally. Speaking of douche bags, it brings to mind something that happened to me recently. Several years ago an egotistical local singer in a band on stage vocally degraded my newspaper and me in front of hundreds of people more than once on a Sunday at Gilbert's Resort because he was angry he had never been nominated for "Entertainer of the Month;" a feature article this newspaper does regularly to honor deserving musicians. He also left me a message blasting me for photographing the band's amazing guitarist. That's when the fight was on and I wrote an

editorial in May 2010 titled "Tip the band and give the Munchkin a Lollypop", which you can read at [www.theconchtelegraph.com](http://www.theconchtelegraph.com). I thought it was over then, but every chance the little narcissist has he continues to run me down and my newspaper on Facebook. Recently he was arrested for alleged possession/sale of synthetic drugs. Last month's editorial touched on the subject. Then last week I was literally run down when my car was broadsided in a car accident. My vehicle was totaled. I received first-class treatment at Mariner's Hospital and also by our highly-trained, fabulous local ambulance crew. I am truly blessed to be alive and to have great friends. Thank you Kitty, Tony, Jane, and Sue for being there and everyone who sent well wishes.

When the malicious munchkin alleged pill pusher heard I got hurt, he went berserk! He wrote horribly misspelled rants on Facebook and he wished me dead, he even called my phone the morning after I got out of the hospital to harass me! When I realized who I was talking to I said "Aren't you in enough trouble?" "Why?" he asked. "You just got busted for selling some kind of synthetic drug and we just had a local teenager die from drugs recently!" He calmly said, "All they got me for was possession of some weed and X. I don't know about any kid that died." I said "You got busted last month too!" He said "So, what does that have to do with anything?" I yelled "YOU ARE A MORON!" and disconnected the call.

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# Love Your Look for February

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!

What goes up must come down, and why not take it down into a loose "barely there" bohemian chic wave? A natural effect with light wavy curls is rocking runways and the Keys. Pull this look together with a



Anne Hathaway sports the Pixie.

hair embellishment to give it that couture effect - flowers, lace, headbands, or a crystal pin.

Trying out the edgy pixie cut is a must for this month's fashion dos. Think "low-maintenance chic."

As Valentine's Day is upon us, how can you go wrong with the bombshell red? From nails to lips, get away with glamour! When we hear red, we think bright, but that's not always true. Try a dark red lip color with your up-do or a light pink with your beachy waves. Whichever you choose, you can't go wrong.

Mark the month of whimsy and try a few new looks, after all it's the season of love and why not love the new you?!

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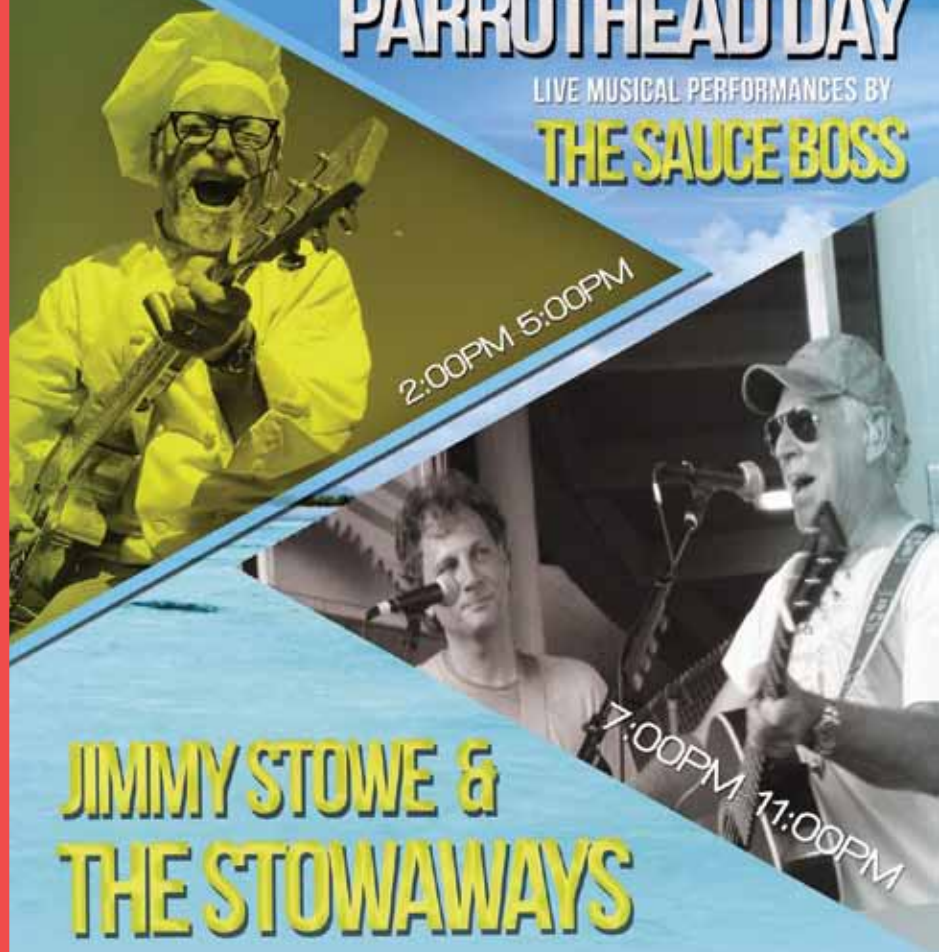
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# Time to Quit!

One of the greatest feelings in the world is to inspire others to do something positive for themselves. It has been a year and a half since I quit smoking. I did not intend to quit when I quit, I was only testing out the Ego brand vaporizers my friends Howie and AJ are selling at Keys Vapors (next to the Dollar Tree).

I never, in a million years, thought I could quit a 3-pack-a-day habit. From the minute I carefully measured the right nicotine level, I never picked up another cigarette. I never even wanted one. It has now been 18 months.

Approx. \$70 a week x 78 weeks = \$5,460 in cigarette savings. That isn't counting what I save on health insurance as a non smoker. My

lungs feel more clear every day. Yes, I gained weight, but if I can quit smoking I can do anything.

These are some of the justifications I have heard against quitting this easy way:

Q. Those vaporizers are expensive aren't they?

A. The starter kit is about \$50. You will naturally add batteries and try out different flavors but **you will still be saving money!**

Q. Those chemicals are supposed to be bad for you.

A. Anything in excess is bad for you, even water! The cigarette companies are losing money from all the people successfully quitting with this method so they are spreading negative propaganda to reinforce your addiction to nicotine and smoking.


The chemicals in cigarettes are a lot worse.\*

Q. They say people can get pneumonia from the vapor.

A. Really? Do you know anyone who got it directly from the vaporizer? Theoretically it could happen, but I don't know anyone it happened to. I suppose you could find a million excuses to keep smoking.

If you don't do it for yourself do it for the ones you love.

\*Breathing even a little tobacco smoke can be harmful. Of the more than 7,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke, at least 250 are known to be harmful, including hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, and ammonia. Among the 250 known harmful chemicals in tobacco smoke, at least 69 can cause cancer.



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SATURDAY

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Mar 28: Homemade Jamz Band

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Treasure Hunting in Key Largo, for Landlubbers

The Florida Keys have always been a haven for treasure hunters. Whether you are scuba diving deep waters in search of shipwreck gold or bargain hunting our unique island shops, nothing quite beats the thrill of finding something special.

Key Largo's flea markets are a great place to start.

The U-Haul Flea Market at the cut (MM103.5) has seen better days. Twenty five years ago it was on a roll but it has been a downhill roll. The market has only a few dealers. The manager explained to me that people are renting storage space just to store items they sell on Craig's list so there are fewer dealers.

The good dealers left are Jack's Used Bicycles and the lovely Merle, who has the most delightful, gently used clothing at her charming shop called Lunatique. The downside is that the location is hot and dusty, it's hard to park, among the trailers, and walking among the pot-hole, rocks and boulders is treacherous. It is open Friday thru Sunday but only a few of the dealers open every week.

The Lion's Club Flea Market, open Sundays only, can be hard to find. Look for it oceanside at the traffic light at MM 100, behind the bank. There is a wide range of mostly new items there in the parking lot. It stretches around the corner and down a busy road. Be careful walking with children and watch for traffic. Get there before 2 or you'll miss it!

The Island Market Mini Mall located at MM 102 inside/outside the Dollar Tree Shopping complex is by far the best and most versatile and rewarding shopping experience on the island.

Outside there is a food court, car wash, fresh fruit and vegetable market, seafood market (fresh from the fishermen!), vapor dealer, orchids, flowers and plants, lawn statues an antique/thrift shop and a teak furniture outlet. Sometimes there are vintage cars on display.

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My favorite shops are, well, all of them! The Amish Cheese and canned goods shop has wonderful stuff, the bakery items are delicious, the artists are amazing, you can get handmade soaps, healthy organic teas, jewelry, fabulous nautical signs and all kinds of items at the best prices, the latest style island sun dresses and clothing, collectables... whew!

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Art Box Artist of the Month: Diane Whitney Smith



The Art Box's featured Artist of the Month for February is Diane Whitney Smith, a retired art teacher from Havertown, PA (near Philadelphia), now residing in Key Largo. She is inspired by the beauty of the Keys.

Diane taught middle and high school art for 35 years and also taught adults ceramics and Photoshop for 25 years, as well as a summer art program for elementary art students. She earned her Masters degree at Temple University and continued her education with post graduate courses at the University of the Arts.

Diane started out as a painter, learning oils, acrylics and watercolor. Lately she has been working in ceramics, and has found inspiration in her travels, as well as in the works of other with - of all things - gourds!

Photography is another obsession and inspiration. She enjoys photo restoration, manipulation and enhancement. Yet another outlet for this talented artist is making art from found objects and creating jewelry.

She describes her style as realistic with a touch of optimism. She says, "I also love surrealism. My strengths are in color and volume. My art is multifaceted. It is hard to chose just one thing when you see beauty everywhere."

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8. The Pope asks you for tips on celibacy.
7. You get a heart shaped box filled with palmetto bugs.
6. Instead of roses you get a poisonwood plant.
5. The last time you had sex was during the Regan Administration.
4. Everyone admires your beard - and you're a woman.
3. The local tatoo artist wants to ink the letter "L" on your forehead.
2. You hear voices all around you whispering... "She is not taking her meds..."
1. The tag on your lingerie reads "Victoria's Secretions".

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I have this old dog, he's lazy, he smells, he's on the couch most of the day snoring. His farts smell really bad, he doesn't know any tricks other than licking himself, and how to slobber, he slept through my car being vandalized one night.. the list goes on. He has been a very faithful companion for the last six years, however, my new girlfriend has had enough of his snoring, farting, and drooling. I guess the straw that broke the camel's back happened the other night when he jumped on the bed in the middle of the night and pushed her off the bed, then he just laid down and started snoring. So as hard for me it is to do this, and it brings tears to my eyes, I must make this offer for free... to good home... or possible

trade. Along with this deal come some accessories, that I will include: three closets full of purses and matching shoes; 3 1/2 bathrooms full of "make-me-pretty" and "do-I-smell pretty now" supplies; a monthly game of "guess my mood" every morning for about a week; and enough fingernail polish to repaint the USS Missouri four times. So please call me, text me, or just stop on by, with a couple of U-Hauls for the baggage... and if you act fast I will even throw in the 1967 Chevy Camaro, that was recently totaled by the insurance company. It still has the original lipstick on the steering wheel from when she was redoing her makeup as she rear-ended the cop car.

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JW JONES BAND. Don't miss it!

Blues at Sea concert with Nashville recording artists, the JW Jones Band, direct from Ottawa, Canada. (Robert DiGiorgio is bringing these guys to town to play the Blues Fest, and the Cruise is the finale for their tour here.)

Catch them at Bayside Grille on Tuesday or Wednesday, Feb. 3-4, or enjoy an intimate evening on board Island Time with Bar B Q dinner at sea on Thursday Feb 5th — an unforgettable evening, up close, with blues great JW Jones. Seating is limited 453-0001.



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The show will be at the Key Largo Library Community Room, on Friday and Saturday, February 6th and 7th 2015, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. It is free and open to the public. Quilts made by the guild will be on display with a ballot given to each visitor to vote for quality and design. Please join us, enjoy



and vote! Members of the public who would like to learn how to sew, make a quilt or just enjoy trading techniques are welcome to join the Florida Keys Quilters at the Key Largo Library Community Room every Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

# Russian Group Igor and Red Elvises to perform at Gilberts on March 1



Igor's unique brand of humor combined with guitar-based rock'n'roll makes audiences want to sing, dance, scream and shout.

Igor and Red Elvises is a group that is constantly in motion and evolving. Singer, songwriter, guitarist and showman extraordinaire Igor Yuzov is perpetually globe-trotting, and in the process he finds scores of wildly talented, entertaining musicians to bring into the fold of this international party band.

Red Elvises started as a Russian group, playing what they dubbed "Siberian Surf Rock." Since then the band has included musicians from many other countries. Everyone who performs with them for any length of time brings something different both energetically and musically.

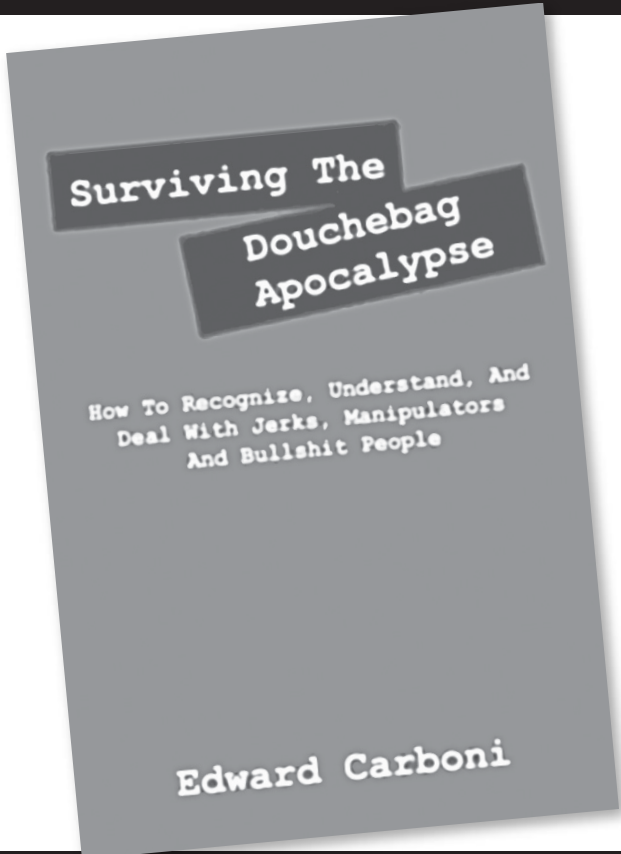
At various times shows have included keyboards, accordions, sax, clarinet, trumpet, flute, banjo, mandolin, tuba and other instruments. Fans expect to be surprised at shows again and again, however, the roots of Red Elvises remain the same: Igor's unique brand of humor combined with guitar based rock'n'roll that makes audiences want to sing, dance, scream and shout.

German born, Igor Yuzov grew up in the former Soviet Union, where folk music was the norm and rock'n'roll was illegal. A rebellious streak, led him to seek out the forbidden records. As soon as it became possible, Igor left for America with his folk band Limpopo. The "Crazy Russian Folk'n'Roll" group were personally greeted by Ronald Reagan and won Ed McMahon's 'Star Search.'

Red Elvises began in 1995 after Igor dreamed that Elvis Presley came to him and told him to start playing rock'n'roll. Not one to say no to the King, Igor and his friends started playing on Santa Monica's 3rd Street Promenade. Their street music days did not last long, however, as they drew such huge crowds that the City of Santa Monica brought them to court and ordered them off the streets!

Since then Red Elvises have been constantly touring, with occasional breaks to record an album or take part in film and television projects. This constant work for two decades has gained them a world-wide following, with successful tours in North America, Europe and Russia.

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**How it works**  
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# SISTER AMNESIA'S COUNTRY WESTERN NUNSENSE Jamboree

The Key Players, Upper Keys Community Theater group, presents Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree. This musical comedy is fast-paced and corny with plenty of sight gags.

The play is presented as a promotional tour for Sister Mary Amnesia's newly released album, "I Could've Gone to Nashville."

After regaining her memory, Sister Amnesia realizes she is Sister Mary Paul, a former country singer. Reverend Mother, feeling that one should not waste God-given talent, gets Sister Mary Paul a recording contract and now she is on a national tour.

Introducing two new characters, Sister Mary Wilhem (the convent nurse), and Father Virgil Manly Trott (Sister Leo's real-life brother), this show is filled with hysterical one-liners and



Deanna Engler plays Sister Robert Anne, 'troublemaker extraordinaire,' who sneaks a fellow troublemaker into the show: Sister Mary Annette.



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Conceived by Key Players' newest Board Member, Jeremy Wilken, this spectacular set is a sight to behold.



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The Reverend Mother won't allow Sister Mary Leo (Kathy Miller) to twirl around in a tutu, so she learns to twirl a rope instead.

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**CHOCOLATE PANCAKES WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE**

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	3/4 cup milk
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour	1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup chocolate chips
1/8 teaspoon salt	unsalted butter
2 whole large eggs	whipped cream
1 large egg yolk	

In a large bowl mix together the cocoa, flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Whisk in the eggs, egg yolk, milk, oil, and the vanilla until well blended. Stir in the chocolate chips. Place a pan on medium heat then add a pat of butter. After the butter melts, use a ladle to scoop the batter into the pan (my pan made four pancakes at a time.) If the pancakes run together just use a spatula to separate them. Cook the pancakes until bubbles appear on the top. Turn the pancakes and cook until they spring back when gently pressed. Pay close attention to the heat, as they can burn quickly. Remove from the pan and keep warm on a plate covered with foil. Prepare the pancakes in batches adding a pat of butter to the pan prior to a new batch.

**Strawberry Sauce**

This sauce can be used for many dishes including strawberry shortcakes and ice cream. Prepare the sauce before beginning the pancakes.

1 pound strawberries, washed, with the tops trimmed off	Slice the berries. Place in a bowl, add the water and sugar. Mash, leaving some chunks.
1/3 cup water	Stir, mixing well. Serve the pancakes with the sauce and a dollop of whipped cream.
3 tablespoons (or more) sugar	





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## Think Fast!

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator...'

Some old men can still think fast!

## Valentine's Hallmark Sentiments for Keys Men

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- 9. Our love will never become cold and hollow, unless, one day, you refuse to swallow.
- 8. If you think that hickey looks like a blister, you should check out the one that I gave your sister!
- 7. This feels so good, it feels so right, I just wish it wasn't \$250 a night.
- 6. You're a woman of style, you're a woman of class, especially when I'm spanking your big-round ass.
- 5. Before I met you, my heart was so famished, but now I'm fulfilled... SO GO MAKE ME A SAMICH!!!!
- 4. Through all the things that have come to pass, our love has grown... but so has your ass.
- 3. You're a honey...and a cutie, I just wish you had J-Lo's "booty."
- 2. I don't want to be sappy or silly or corny, so right to the point, let's do it, I'm horny!
- 1. I bought this Valentine's card at the store, in hopes that later, you'd be my whore.



## How to say "I love you" in 25 languages

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- Spanish  
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- French  
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- German  
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- Japanese  
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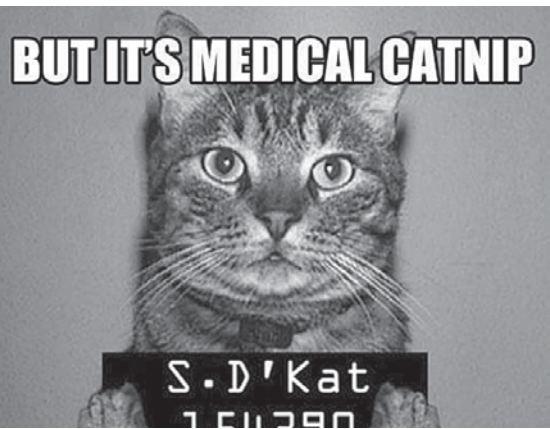


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# Leaving a Relationship The Direction of Happiness

Leaving a long-term relationship is hard but a necessary step to achieving what you want in your life.

One of the hardest decisions we ever make in life is leaving a long-term relationship that just isn't working. When attempts at repairing and working out issues aren't working, it may be time to examine moving on. We are emotional creatures, and when our heartstrings are tied to those of another, separating from that person can feel like an act of courage.

It is not something most of us will take lightly, and many of us will struggle with our desire to stay in a relationship that is unfulfilling simply in order to avoid that pain. We may question whether the happiness we seek even exists, and we may wonder if we might be wiser to simply settle where we are, making the best of what we have.

On the one hand, we almost relish the idea that true happiness is not out there so that we can avoid the pain of change. On the other hand, we feel within ourselves a yearning to fulfill our desire for rela-

tionships that are vital and healing. Ultimately, most of us will follow this call, because deep within ourselves we know that we deserve to be happy. We all deserve to be happy, no matter where we find ourselves in this moment, and we are all justified in moving, like plants toward the light, in the direction that leads to our greatest fulfillment. First, though, we may need to summon the courage to move on from the relationship that appears to be holding us back.

Taking the first steps will be hard, but the happiness we find when we have freed ourselves from a situation that is draining our energy will outshine any hardship we undergo to get there. Keeping our eyes trained on the horizon, we begin the work of disentangling ourselves from the relationship that no longer fits. Every step brings us closer to a relationship that will work, and the freedom we need to find the happiness we deserve.

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## Letter to the Editor:

### Learn from the Robert Ornelas Tragedy

Hi Denise,

I read your paper every month and enjoy the fact that you speak your mind and tell the truth.

I'm sure you have heard about Robert Ornelas, the Coral Shores student who passed away recently. I have read the stories and it makes me sad that this kid isn't being portrayed properly. I had the privilege of working with him, and he was a good kid. He would hug you and tell you he loved you, before you left work. He came from a good, hard working, and loving family. Unfortunately he made a mistake and lost his life. I'm sure most people who live here, including me, could have had a misfortune like this.

I feel like this story should go a different way. I have heard, and this is not fact, that Robert was the 5th kid to have the same symptoms of rage and being out of control from drugs in our community, but he was the first to die. We can not keep letting this happen. I think we need to speak out about how we are not going to stand back and watch our kids go down. Maybe we locals need to band together and make a statement. This can be a learning experience for everyone, especially Robert's classmates.

I may just be too close to the whole situation and taking everything to heart, but I have a child and am raising him here because of what a great place we live in. I know drugs are everywhere but maybe we can all make a stand and help our kids be smarter and avoid them.

Thank you for listening/reading.

—Sarah Scheer

Dear Sarah,

You are absolutely right. Robert Ornelas death was a terrible tragedy. It could easily have been your child or mine. With your permission I am printing your letter in hopes that it will raise awareness of the problem. Perhaps our schools and police officers could step up more to educate our children about the dangerous drugs in our community. A few seminars a year doesn't cut it, they need it drilled into their heads every day. The police are working hard to rid our streets of these drugs and the dealers but they need our help too. Call Crime Stoppers 1-800-346-TIPS.

—Denise



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Former Artist of the Month Craig Beattie with some of his original designs at Art Under The Oaks in Islamorada.



Key Largo Merchant's Stone Crab & Seafood Festival -- another huge success! Photo by Emilie Caldwell Stewart.



Rick Ford looks on as Key West Navy sailors take turns diving in vintage dive gear by Sharkey's Pub and Galley Restaurant.



Olive Morada booth at the Florida Wedding Showcase at the Islander Resort in Islamorada.



Mayor Sylvia Murphy cutting the ribbon for the new bike land on State Road 905 with David Ritzy and Claude Kershner. Photo by Susan Ptomey.



The Pirates on the Water had a get together at the Legion to paint toilet seats to be placed on Toilet Seat Row on the bay. Bill Nally holds the Coconut Telegraph toilet seat.



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Belated Birthday wishes to Patty at Doc's Diner!

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From North Carolina, Brooke moved to Key Largo in November 2014, after honeymooning in Marathon with her husband Stefan. Stefan is the manager of Mrs. Macs Kitchen 2 and a former black belt Taekwondo instructor.

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8 <b>THE DROPOUTS</b> 1-6	9 <b>DALTON COLLINS</b> 12-3	10 <b>WHOLE MAINE LOBSTER NIGHT! \$9.99</b> <b>BOBBE BROWN</b> 5-9	11 <b>WHOLE MAINE LOBSTER NIGHT! \$9.99</b> <b>HARRY FRENCH</b> 5-9	12 <b>SCOTTY MEYER</b> 12-4 <b>LADIES NIGHT!</b> 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFT, WELL) <b>DJ ALEX</b> 5:30-9:30	13 <b>BOBBE BROWN</b> 1-5 <b>THE REGS</b> 7-11PM	14 <b>PARROTHEAD DAY</b> <b>THE SAUCE BOSS</b> 2-5PM Michael Trixx 8pm <b>JIMMY STOWE &amp; THE STOWAWAYS</b> 7-11PM
15 <b>MR NICE GUY</b> 1-6 (STAFF FAVORITE)	16 <b>SCOTTY MEYER</b> 12-5	17 <b>WHOLE MAINE LOBSTER NIGHT! \$9.99</b> <b>BOBBE BROWN</b> 5-9	18 <b>WHOLE MAINE LOBSTER NIGHT! \$9.99</b> <b>HARRY FRENCH</b> 5-9	19 <b>SCOTTY MEYER</b> 12-4 <b>LADIES NIGHT!</b> 6-9PM (FREE WINE, DRAFT, WELL) <b>DJ ALEX</b> 5:30-9:30	20 <b>BOBBE BROWN</b> 1-5 <b>ROGUE THEORY</b> 7-11PM (NEW FROM DELRAY BEACH)	21 <b>EVAN GRUSHKA</b> 1-5 Michael Trixx 8pm <b>80'S NIGHT WITH "STEREOTOMY"</b> 7-11 (NEW FROM FT LAUD)
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