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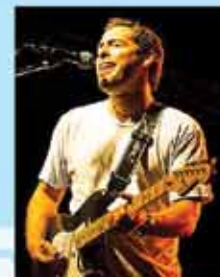
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Albert Castiglia: April 30th

Song of the Year: Bad Year Blues! Young but with a depth and breadth of experience, Castiglia may yet become a major force behind a blues and blues-rock rebirth.

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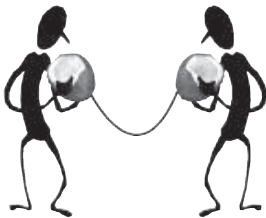
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Editorial: A Gift of Love

Several years ago Sue Beal wrote down some stray thoughts that we published in parts in the Coconut Telegraph. Those of us who have lived here a while get a chuckle out of what we call "Keys Disease," an affliction that occurs in those who enjoy our islands so much that they begin to feel that they are on



One of John McKinna's illustrations.

a permanent vacation. In the Help Wanted classified sections of local papers, some businesses advertising for help have actually put in their ad "No Keys Disease Need Apply."

We, the hard working residents here, think it is hilariously funny and true. I knew this would make a great book and I set out to publish it. Sue Beal said she did not want any profit from it. We decided to donate it to charity. Along came John McKinna, a musician and a syndicated cartoonist, who volunteered to do the cartoons for our book collaboration.

Together we decided that what the Upper Keys needed was a fund for musicians in

need. Most of them do not have other jobs to fall back on, they often do not have health insurance and when they get sick or hurt there is little to help them other than their friends. We plan to help them pay their bills when they are not able to.

Our local musicians work hard, playing in the heat, and sometimes rain and wind, just to entertain us... and we want to give back to them. John McKinna's recent passing broke our hearts, but he had left this legacy, a gift of love for us and his fellow musicians.

Gilbert's Resort gave a very generous grant to get the book published. The book is small but mighty. There will be a book signing and benefit

at Gilbert's Resort on Monday, May 23rd from 5 to 9. We have some great musicians lined up, who have volunteered to play (more are still needed) and there will be raffles and a silent auction (donations are still needed). Contact me at 305-304-2837 if you can help.

More benefits are planned for the future. 100% of all monies go to the Musicians Relief Fund, B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge, PO Box 255, Tavernier, FL 33070-0255. You can also donate by check.

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Bartender of the Month: Karen Nutter, Pilot House

Rarely does a bartender come as highly recommended for Bartender of the Month as Karen Nutter. She is indeed the epitome of a great bartender as well as an exotic beauty. The customers love her, because she is fast and always cheerful and happy to see them. She greets them with a dazzling smile, remembers their names and favorite drinks, and genuinely cares about them.

From Detroit, Michigan, Karen moved to the Keys 15 years ago; on a day she will never forget, it was Septem-

ber 11, 2001. Originally her goal was to become a teacher and she worked various jobs while attending college in Miami. During that time she began working at the Ocean Reef Club where she received excellent bartender training. She discovered it was fun, the money was great and she didn't really want to be a school teacher after all, so she made it a career.

For the past three and a half years she has been working full-time at the Pilot House Glass Bottom Bar, a favorite of the locals. In her

off time, she enjoys spending time with her cat and bunny rabbit, or paddle boarding throughout the Keys.

When asked what she enjoys most about the Pilot House she replied, "The customers and my co-workers DJ and Barb, I really miss Eddie who is off on a sailing trip. We have a great happy hour from 4 to 7 daily and locals night is every Wednesday. My manager Dave Roth comes up with some great drink specials, our food is excellent and we have awesome entertainment. Wednesdays is the Luke Sommer Glen Band, Thursday we have Jimmy Ray, and weekends are great too. This month we had Tim Charron!"

Check out their website, PilotHouseMarina.com, for more info.



Editors note: While I was there I ordered the orgasmic "grilled" chicken wings. Oh My God! They were the best chicken wings I have ever had in my life! Tell Karen the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



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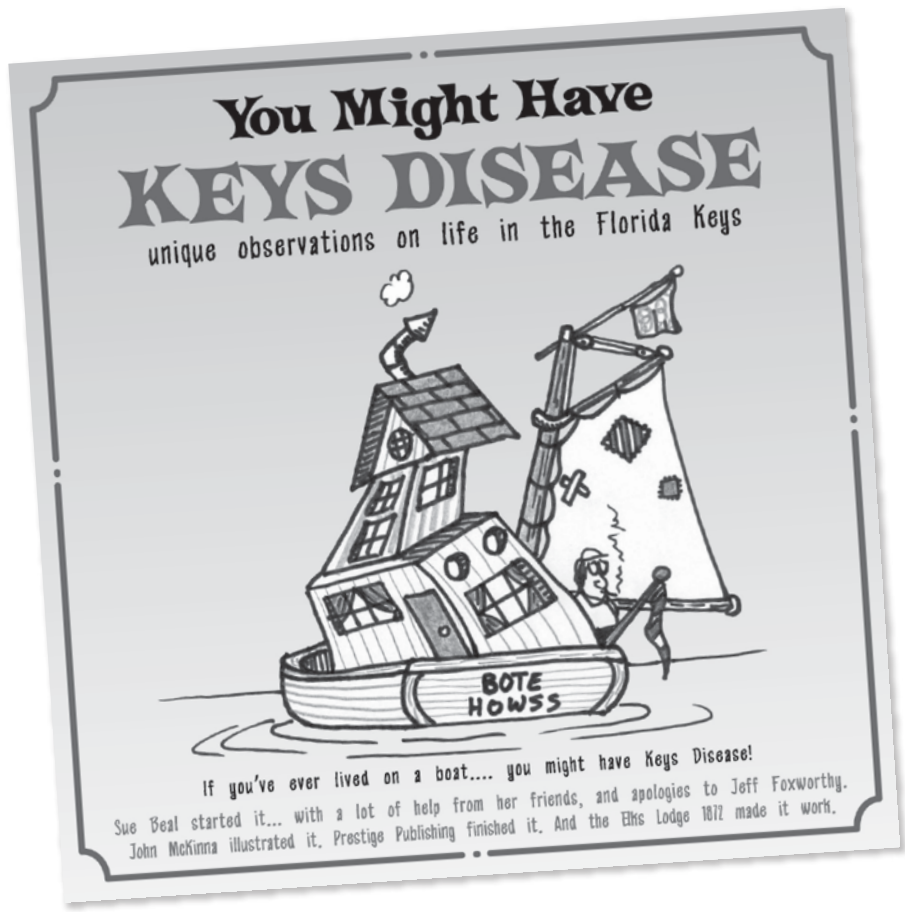


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This 32-page book was created with the idea of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys. It was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

The book started as a collection of random observations by Sue Beal, on our life here in the Keys. It grew when she shared them with others, as people chimed in with their own observations.

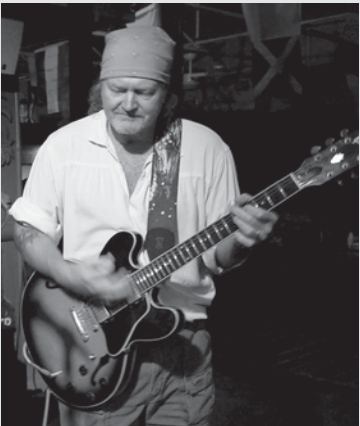
Denise at Prestige Publishing saw the potential to publish the thoughts as a book, and asked John McKinna to make some cartoon illustrations. With John's

recent passing, we were inspired to find funding (thanks to Gilbert's Resort) and a non-profit to handle the funds. (Thanks to Elks Lodge #1872 in Tavernier.)

That left the way clear to actually print and publish the book!

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented and world-class musicians. Even though our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net to help when disaster strikes and they cannot work. All proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

DEDICATED TO **JOHN MCKINNA**



Teresa McKinna will also be on hand to sign books!

John was not only a fine musician, but also a sailor, a commercial diver/welder, oil well firefighter and best-selling author. He was a professional musician for forty years, playing lead guitar, bass guitar, banjo, drums and flute.

He was Operations Manager/Technical Supervisor of the Jules' Undersea Lodge's habitat from 2002 until his death in 2016. A former offshore oilfield commercial diver with a 20-year career in deep-gas diving, focusing on construction and repair of oil rigs, he was ideally suited to the job.

John was also an internationally published author, with six bestselling novels to his credit, including three popular diving thrillers and three WWII historical novels.

John showcased his sense of humor in his cartoons, which were syndicated, and they continue to run monthly in the Coconut Telegraph.

John and his wife Teresa were year-round residents of Key Largo and enjoyed spearfishing, snorkeling, diving, sailing, and kayaking together.

He gave generously of his time and talents to help those in our community, including drawing the illustrations for this book.

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Sue Beal gets the blame for this book. She can't take all the credit; once the topic came up, other people chimed in and added their perspectives on living in the Keys. She merely wrote it down.

As a graphic artist in Key Largo, she is used to collaborating on projects. And stepping up to take the blame!

Seriously, Sue started collecting these little observations on Keys life years ago. She's lived in the Keys for 30 years now, and still gets surprised by this or that little detail that shows us the uniqueness of this island chain that we call home.

She lives in Key Largo with her husband, JC and the requisite number of cats. Sue will be available to sign books at the May 23rd event.

A special thank-you to Gilbert's Resort:

Not only are they hosting this event, but Gilbert's also funded the first printing of the Keys Disease book! What a wonderful way to support our local musicians... in addition to all the work they provide for them!!




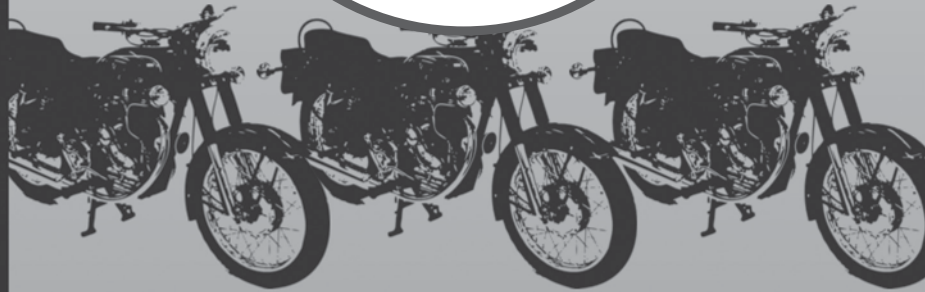
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1. San Jose Mercury News

An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girl friend's windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged, blowing a hole in his gut.
2. Kalamazoo Gazette

James Burns, 34, (a mechanic) of Alamo, MI, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police describe as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft."
3. UPI, Toronto Sun

Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death. A police spokesman said Garry Hoy, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early Friday evening as he was explaining the strength of the buildings windows to visiting law students.

Hoy previously had conducted demonstrations of window strength, according to police reports. Peter Lawson, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the Toronto Sun newspaper that Hoy was "one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man association.

(A person has to wonder what the dimmer members of this law firm are like.)

4. News of the Weird

Michael Anderson Godwin made News of the Weird posthumously. He had spent several years awaiting South Carolina's electric chair on a murder conviction before having his sentence reduced to life in prison. While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell attempting to fix his small TV set, he bit into a wire and was electrocuted.
5. The Indianapolis Star

A cigarette lighter may have triggered a fatal explosion in Dunkirk, Indiana. A Jay County man, using a cigarette lighter to check the barrel of a muzzleloader, was killed Monday night when the weapon discharged in his face, sheriff's investigators said. Gregory David Pryor, 19, died in his parents' rural Dunkirk home at about 11:30 PM. Investigators said Pryor was cleaning a .54-caliber muzzle-loader that had not been firing properly. He was using the lighter to look into the barrel when the gunpowder ignited.
6. Reuters, Mississauga, Ont.

A man cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his condominium apartment in this Toronto suburb slipped and fell 23 stories to his death. "Stefan Macko, 55, was standing on a wheelchair when the accident occurred," said Inspector Darcy Honer of the Peel Regional Police. "It appears that the chair moved, and he went over the balcony," Honer said.

Finally, THE WINNER !
Race To The Death, 2014, NY

For most people the danger of a high speed road is common-sense obvious, and few people will attempt to

cross a major highway. On racetracks the danger is even more obvious: when cars inside a compact oval are moving faster than freeway speeds, common sense shouts in your ear, "Do not walk!"

...And then there is Kevin Ward.

In a rage that defied common sense, he decided to confront the driver who bumped him. Not only did he exit his vehicle without consideration for the slippery dirt track, and put out of his mind corner drifting, but he also failed to consider the black color of his uniform and helmet and their near-invisibility on a dimly lit racetrack at night... all factors that would instill the fear of death in many drivers.

...Then there's Kevin Ward.

Even during a yellow flag the race cars move quickly, and Sprint Cars cannot turn or stop on a dime as the track is made of dirt. After climbing out of his vehicle and walking onto the middle of the track, Kevin spotted his target and made many gestures as the driver was coming around the bend. However the offending driver did not see the figure in the dark jumpsuit. His car was behind another race car in single file during the caution lap. The car in front of him dodged Kevin in the nick of time. The next car, the car that had knocked Kevin out of the race, attempted to dodge the shadowy figure but it was at that point that Kevin's luck ran out.

In an attempt to swerve, the car slid sideways and the back of the vehicle impacted against Kevin and knocked him flat. He was down and out, a tragic end to the last race of Kevin's life.

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CRÈME BRULÉE, THE PERFECT DESSERT

When ever I would go out to dinner, if it was on the menu, I'd order crème brûlée for dessert. That is until I discovered how easy it is to make at home. Translated from French, the words "crème brûlée" mean burnt cream. It is an elegant, rich, but not heavy dessert, and the portion is just right. Prepare the custard in the morning and chill it all day. It will be ready to serve for dinner.

All that is left to do is to brown the sugar prior to serving. To brown the sugar, you can place it under the broiler, or use a cooking torch. The sugar crust makes the dessert. Use a heavy granulated sugar such as raw sugar, or mix 1/2 cup of brown sugar with 1/4 cup of regular sugar and spread evenly over the custard dishes. Place the custard cups under the broiler (or use a torch) and watch constantly as the sugar browns rapidly. Can be served warm or cooled. Enjoy!

WHITE CHOCOLATE CRÈME BRULÉE

- 5 large egg yolks
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 3 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped

Whisk egg yolks and 1/4 cup of sugar in a medium bowl. Bring the cream and remaining 1/4 cup sugar to simmer in a saucepan. Reduce heat to low. Gradually add the chopped chocolate and whisk until smooth. Whisk the chocolate mixture into the yolk mixture. Add vanilla. Pour the custard into four 10-oz. custard cups. Place the cups in a large baking pan and add enough hot water to cover halfway up the sides of the cups. Bake 1 hour in a preheated 300° oven, until set. Remove custards, cover and refrigerate until dinner. When ready to serve, sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon of sugar over each custard. Broil or torch until sugar caramelizes, about 2 minutes.

RUM CRÈME BRULÉE

- 4 cups whipping cream
- 1 cup + 10 teaspoons sugar
- 1.5 T. vanilla extract
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 large egg
- 2 T. dark rum

Whisk the cream, 1 cup of sugar, egg yolks, egg, rum, and vanilla in a large bowl. Divide mixture among ten custard cups. Place the cups in a large baking pan. Fill pan with hot water so that it reaches halfway up the sides of the cups. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 50 minutes. Remove and cool. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Sprinkle the remaining sugar on the custards. Broil or torch until the sugar caramelizes.

COCONUT CRÈME BRULÉE

- 1 3/4 cups heavy cream
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 large whole egg
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2/3 cup packed, flaked coconut
- toasted lightly to a golden brown
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown or raw sugar

In a saucepan heat the cream, milk, and vanilla bean over medium high heat until it just comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Steep the vanilla bean 10 minutes and with a sharp knife scrap the seeds into the milk mixture. Discard pod.*

In a bowl whisk together the yolks, whole egg, and the half cup of sugar. Mix well. Add the milk mixture in a steady stream, whisking. Skim off any froth. Pour the custard in eight half-cup ramekins. Crumble the coconut and add. Place the ramekins in a baking pan and add enough hot water to the pan to reach halfway up the sides. Bake in a 325° oven for 40 minutes (custard should be set). Remove and cool. Refrigerate custards for at least 4 hours or overnight. Sprinkle sugar over the top and broil or torch until the sugar caramelizes.

* place the empty pod in your sugar bowl to add a vanilla flavor to your sugar

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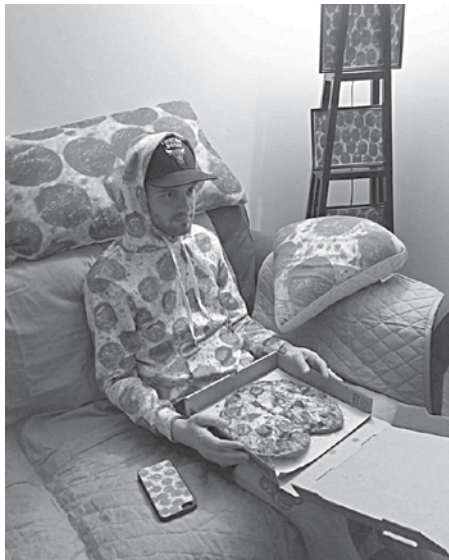
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Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

Everybody in the Keys knows the sailboat people, whether it's seeing them come and go out of the marinas or seeing them dinghy in from a boat out on the hook. Some of you may be curious of their choice of lifestyle, or jealous, or just sick of seeing them. Me, being a person living on a sailboat at a dock, I might just have a little insight into the whys and hows of some of this. Let me tell how I became one of the "boat people."

I come from the corporate world; pumps, pantyhose, eight-to-five crowd. We've all been there, living for the weekend. I decided to retire a little early, to quote a friend, "everyone should retire early and often." It wasn't a simple or an overnight decision; I had a mortgage, debts, and an aging mother to take care of.



So it was a two-year plan Get the house ready to sell, get rid of the accumulation of years of being a landlubber. I have been in love with sailing since I have been an adult, reading every cruising and sailing magazine in publication that I could get my hands on. So it was easy to see myself on a sailboat cruising around the world, or at least the

Caribbean. I took up the mantra of "not going to need that on a sailboat," whenever I was cleaning out the house, the garage, my personal life. I have been here in the Keys living on my boat for almost ten years; it is a daily adventure. Living on a vessel on salt water is one of the harshest places you can live; salt water being very corro-

sive by nature, then you add electricity to the mix. Now not only do you have to worry about keeping the water on the outside of your hull, you have to worry about stray electrical current leaking out of your boat or somebody else's vessel. Why is that a bad thing? Stray current corrosion has been known to eat underwater metals away in a matter of hours. Boats sink at the dock and out on the hook every year due to this condition. Believe me, many a day I ask myself, "What were you thinking?"

So I've made my coffee, I'm up in the cockpit watching the sunrise over the Mangroves, listening to the wild green parrots of the Keys scream at each other as they fly overhead, looking down into the calm, sometimes clear water of my lagoon... and remember why I chose this place and this unusual lifestyle.

Artist of the Month: Daisy Ellis, Upper Keys Belly Dance Instructor



This month's featured artist of the month is a performing artist. Daisy Ellis is an Upper Keys belly dance instructor, performer, and choreographer. She lives in Tavernier and has been belly dancing since 2004.

With a background in ballet, Daisy first became interested in belly dancing during the Shakira craze. After years of training, she began performing onstage and found a genuine passion for the art of belly dancing. Because there are so many regions of the world that practice belly dancing, there are many different forms, such as Assaya/Cane Dance, Gypsy, Egyptian, and Turkish style. Following training and performing, Daisy began instructing and teaches the Egyptian and Turkish styles of belly dance. Most recently, Daisy has formed the Key Largo dance troop which meets to practice in the Pilates in Paradise studio space in Key Largo. She is working in collaboration with percussionist and the Upper Keys Hand Drummer George Parker. George has added a few musicians to balance sounds with the grace and elegance of the

performing dance art, creating what they call Culture in the Florida Keys Drum and Dance Collaboration.

Daisy aspires to grow this collaboration as well as her classes and studio spaces.



Daisy's Key Largo belly dance troop performed in March at the first annual Seafood and Art Show in Islamorada. Her next major performance is at the Miami Belly Dance Convention & Gala on August 26.

If you're interested in seeing Daisy perform, joining the belly dance movement, or have any questions about class times and locations, please contact her via email floridakeysbellydancer@gmail.com or call 786-368-7438.



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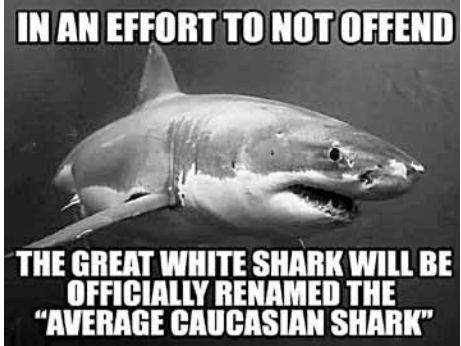
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Ancient Monks

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church, by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript.

So, the new monk goes to the old Abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up!

In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives, in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years.

Hours go by and nobody sees the old Abbot.

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him.

He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the bloody R!"

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old Abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old Abbot replies, "The word was ... CELEBRATE!"

Thank you Trader Dick!

Coco'Nut' Funnies



Salesmen on the Golf Course

A man playing on a new golf course got confused as to what hole he was on. He saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her and asked if she knew what hole he was playing. She replied, "I'm on the 7th hole, and you're a hole behind me, so you must be on the 6th hole." He thanked her and went back to his golf.

On the back nine, the same thing happened, and he approached the lady again with the same request. She said, "I'm on the 14th, you are a hole behind me, so you must be on the 13th." Once again he thanked her.

He finished his round and went into the clubhouse and saw the lady sitting at the

end of the bar. He went up to her and said, "Let me buy you a drink to show my appreciation for your help." He started a conversation and asked her what kind of work she did. She said she was in sales, and he said he was in sales also. He asked what she sold.

She replied, "If I told you, you would only laugh." "No, I wouldn't," he said. She said, "I sell tampons." With that he fell off his chair, laughing so hard.

She said, "See, I knew you would laugh." "That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied. "I'm a toilet paper salesman, so I'm STILL one hole behind you!"

Thank you Doug Myers



English is a funny language

An oxymoron is defined as a phrase in which two words of contradictory meaning are brought together:

1) Clearly misunderstood

2) Act naturally

3) Exact Estimate

4) Found Missing

5) Small Crowd

6) Fully empty

7) Pretty Ugly

8) Seriously Funny

9) Only Choice

10) Original Copies

And the mother of all: 11) Happily Married

Bath Night in Scotland

A Scottish couple took in an 18-year-old girl as a lodger. She asked if she could have a bath, but the woman of the house told her they didn't have a bath, although if she wanted to, she could use a tin bath in front of the fire. "Monday's the best night, when my husband goes out to darts," she said.

The girl agreed then to have a bath the following Monday. After her husband had gone to the pub for his darts match, the woman filled the bath and watched the girl get undressed. She was surprised to see that the lass didn't have any pubic hair. She mentioned this to her husband when he came home.

He didn't believe her, so she said: "Next Monday, when you go to darts, leave a little early and wait in the back garden. I'll leave a gap in the curtains so you can see for yourself."

So the following Monday, while the girl again got undressed, the wife asked: "Do you shave?"

"No," replied the girl. "I've just never grown any hair down there. Do you have hair?"

"Oh, yes," said the woman, and she pulled up her nightdress and showed the girl that she was most generously endowed in the hair department.

The girl finished her bath and went to bed.

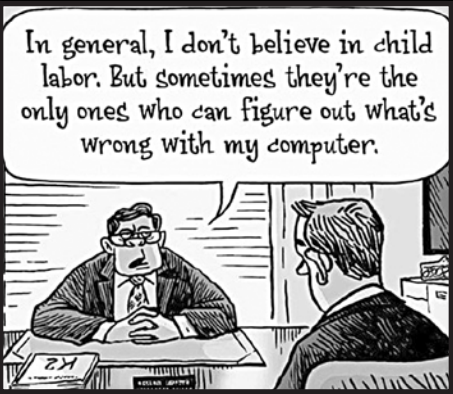
Later that night, when the husband came in, the wife asked him, "Well, did you see?"

"Yes," he said, "but why the hell did you have to show her yours?"

"Why are you worried about that?" she said. "You've seen it often enough."

"I know," he said, "but the dart team hadn't!"

Thank you Trader Dick!



EXPENSIVE MEMORIAL

A woman's husband dies. He had \$20,000 to his name. After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery she tells her closest friend that there is no money left.

The friend says, "How can that be? You told me he had \$20,000 a few days before he died. How could you be broke?"

The widow says, "Well, the funeral cost me \$6,500. And of course, I had to make the obligatory donation for the church and the organist and all. That was \$500 and I spent another \$500 for the wake, food and drinks, you know. The rest went for the memorial stone."

The friend says, "My word! What would that be... that's... over twelve thousand for the memorial stone??? My God, how big was it?"

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Mr Nice Guy rocks the crowd at Gilbert's. Photo by LeBrun.



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3. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.
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5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.
6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.
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Stone Soup The Wisdom of Sharing

Imagine a world in which we all shared our gifts and bounty with each other rather than focusing on self preservation.

There are many variations on the story of stone soup, but they all involve a traveler coming into a town beset by famine. The inhabitants try to discourage the traveler from staying, fearing he wants them to give him food. They tell him in no uncertain terms that there's no food anywhere to be found. The traveler explains that he doesn't need any food and that, in fact, he was planning to make a soup to share with all of them.

The villagers watch suspiciously as he builds a fire and fills a cauldron with water. With great ceremony, he pulls a stone from a bag, dropping the stone into the pot of water. He sniffs the brew extravagantly and exclaims how delicious stone soup is.

As the villagers begin to show interest, he mentions how good the soup would be with just a little cabbage in it. A villager brings out a cabbage to share. This episode repeats itself until the soup has cabbage, carrots, onions, and beets—indeed, a substantial soup that feeds everyone in the village.

This story addresses the human tendency to hoard in times of deprivation. When resources are scarce, we pull back and put all of our energy into self-preservation. We isolate ourselves and shut out others.

As the story of stone soup reveals, in doing so, we often deprive ourselves and everyone else of a feast. This metaphor plays out beyond the realm of food. We hoard ideas, love, and energy, thinking we will be richer if we keep to them to ourselves, when in truth we make the world, and ourselves, poorer whenever we greedily stockpile our reserves.

The traveler was able to see that the villagers were holding back, and he had the genius to draw them out and inspire them to give, thus creating a spread that none of them could have created alone.

Are you like one of the villagers, holding back? If you come forward and share your gifts, you will inspire others to do the same. The reward is a banquet that can nourish many.



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Gunfight Rules

"Peace is that brief glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading."

In a gunfight, the most important rule is ... HAVE A GUN! These are shooting tips from various Concealed Carry instructors. If you own a gun, you will appreciate these rules... If not, you should get one, learn how to use it and learn the rules.

RULES

- 1 Guns have only two enemies: rust and politicians.
- 2 It's always better to be judged by 12 than carried out by 6.
- 3 Cops carry guns to protect themselves, not you.
- 4 Never let someone or something that threatens you get inside arm's length.
- 5 Never say "I've got a gun." If you need to use deadly force, the first sound they should hear is the safety clicking off, or the hammer cocking.
- 6 The average response time of a 911 call is 23 minutes; the response time of a .357 is 1,400 feet second.
- 7 The most important rule in a gunfight is: always win -

there is no such thing as a fair fight. Cheat if necessary. Second place doesn't count.

8 Make your attacker advance through a wall of bullets ... you may get killed with your own gun, but they'll have to beat you to death with it because it will be empty.

9 If you're in a gun fight: If you're not shooting, you should be loading. If you're not loading, you should be moving. If you're not moving, you're dead.

10 In a life-and-death situation, do something ... it may be wrong, but do something!

11 If you carry a gun, people will call you paranoid. Nonsense! If you have a gun, what do you have to be paranoid about?

12 You can say "stop" or any other word, but a gun pointed at someone's head is pretty much a universal language, and you won't have to press 1 for Spanish, or 2 for Chinese, or 3 for Arabic.

13 If you have to shoot, shoot to kill. Never leave an enemy behind. In court, yours will be the only testimony.

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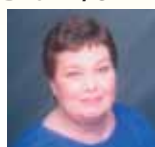
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