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Rest in peace, John McKinna! This amazing, multi-talented artist, musician and writer surprised and saddened our community with his unexpected passing in February. More about John inside on page 7.



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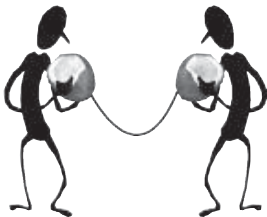
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Editorial: IRS Scam Alert!

Marshall Walker, owner of H & R Block in Key Largo, told me about a recent scam that has affected many people in the Upper Keys. Someone posing as an IRS agent calls and says that you owe the IRS a sum of money and that you need to pay it now or face serious charges. When you answer the phone,



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Thank you Mr. Walker.


they already have much of your personal information, credit information, family and neighbors' names, etc. They instruct people to use a credit card or to go to the bank and send them the money immediately while they stay on the phone.

H & R Block has gotten many calls from people who have been scammed out of their money. Marshall Walker asked me to let the public know that the IRS would never call you. Walker says "If you receive such a call you should hang up immediately and report it to the Monroe County Sheriff's office. Do not under any circumstances give the scammer any information."

Tourist season is here. Keep yourself safe and remember to always lock your car.

Locals - Do not consign your items with anyone who will not give you a contract and a list of your items. If they refuse to give you a list, take your items and leave! If you have antiques, take them to Jacobsen's in Homestead and you will receive a check when your items sell. If you have jewelry, take it to Coral Financial & Pawn at MM 103. Check out their other fine items too.

Boat owners - a friend of mine gave a canvas shop in Key Largo a check for \$1,000 to make him a boat cover 2 years ago and has still not received



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the product. The creepo canvas guy refuses to answer my friend's calls. Not a surprise. Before you hire someone do a quick investigation on the Monroe County Sheriff's web-site via Clerk of the Court. How often have they been sued? Ask a local where they got their work done. Go to local marinas and ask who has the best reputation and provides quality workmanship.

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Drowning the Shamrock Refers to Trefoils

The phrase "drowning the shamrock" comes from the tradition in which a shamrock worn on the lapel for the holiday was tossed into the last drink of the evening.

St. Patrick's Day Beers Were Forbidden for Decades in Ireland

From 1903 until 1970 all pubs were closed on the holiday due to religious observances.

The Shamrock is Not the Symbol of Ireland.

That honor goes to the harp. Now a popular icon of the holiday, the shamrock was used by St. Patrick to teach the Holy Trinity.

St. Patrick's Day Rakes in a Lot of Green

The average amount American St. Patrick's Day revelers will spend this holiday is \$36.52 per person, for a combined \$4.6 billion, according to a report by the National Retail Federation.

"Everyone is Irish" on St. Patrick's Day, but 33.3 Million Really Are

According to the most recent census data, 33.3 million U.S. residents claim Irish ancestry, which is seven times Ireland's total population

There are No Female Leprechauns

If Irish folk tales are to be believed, the mystical beings are expressly male.

Beantown Started the Party in U.S.

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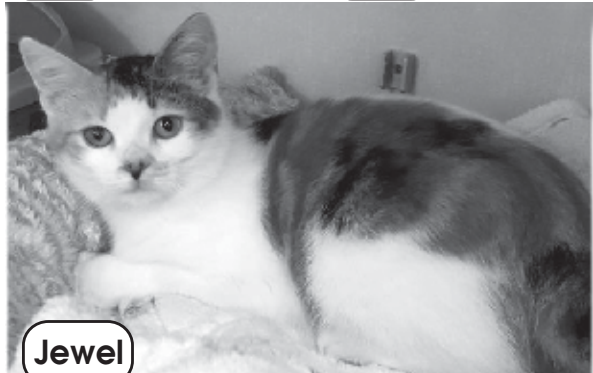
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John McKinna: Community and Friends Mourn the Loss of a Great Man

John McKinna's accomplishments during the time that he was with us on this earth were astonishing. Most of his close friends and the people who knew him were in awe of him, this writer included. Here is what some of his friends had to say.



John was a commercial diver for 20 years.

"John was not only a fine musician, but also a sailor, commercial diver/welder, oil well firefighter and best-selling author. He was a professional musician for forty years. He played lead guitar, bass guitar, banjo, drums and flute. During what he described as his classic rock period (from 1974 to 1982), he played with three bands. They toured throughout the northeast and midwest US, as well as Canada. The group produced eight albums during that time."



"John McKinna was Operations Manager/Technical Supervisor of the Jules' Undersea Lodge habitat. He was responsible for all systems relating to the upkeep and underwater management. He had served in that capacity since 2002, and along with his wife Teresa, was one-half of the team that kept JUL/KLUP operating safely and effectively well into the 21st century."

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John and Teresa were featured on the cover of the Coconut Telegraph in 2012, with an article about Jules Undersea Lodge.

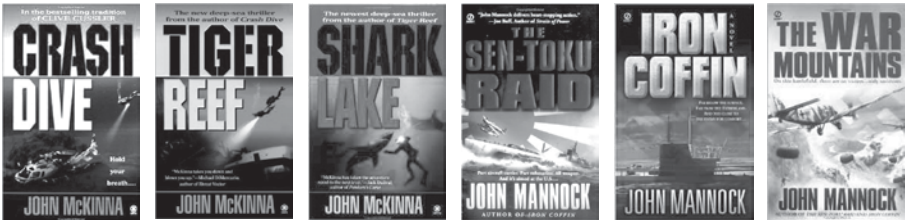
"John was an internationally published author, with six bestselling novels to his credit, including three popular diving thrillers and three WWII historical novels. He and his wife Teresa were



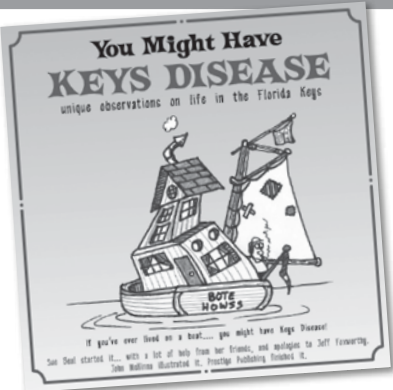
year-round residents of Key Largo and enjoyed spearfishing, snorkeling, diving, sailing, and kayaking whenever their busy schedules would permit."

"Author, Artist, musician, soldier, son, husband... and too many more to mention... one of the most brilliant and interesting men I have had the pleasure to know. I'll miss his wicked sense of humor hiding under a genuine kindness. A truly authentic old soul. Gone too soon."

A Celebration of Life for John is planned to take place at the Island Grill Mandalay in the near future.



John McKinna was the acclaimed author of six novels, available on Amazon: *Crash Dive*, *Tiger Reef*, and *Shark Lake*, under his own name, and writing as John Mannock there are three more: *The Sen-Toku Raid*, *Iron Coffin* and *The War Mountains*.



Editors note: John Mckinna was also a syndicated cartoonist and the Coconut Telegraph has been running his cartoons every month for several years. Over the last 2 years Sue Beal, myself and John collaborated to publish a book written by Sue titled "You might have Keys Disease..." and John drew and donated the cartoons for this. Our original goal was to donate our proceeds to a scholarship for local musicians but we recently changed it to starting a fund for local musicians in need, because so many of them do not have medical insurance and need help when they cannot work. 100% of proceeds from this book will begin that fund through the Elks Club. Future plans include concerts for the Upper Keys Musicians Fund. Sponsorships are needed.

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Key Largo restaurateur Robert DiGiorgio, owner of Cafe Largo and Bayside Grille, was surprised to be nominated to be on The Food Network’s popular show, **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**. The show, which has been running on the network since 2007 features Guy Fieri as the host.

In 2010, the New York Times reported that Fieri brought an "element of rowdy, mass-market culture to American food television", and that his "prime-time shows attract more male viewers than any others on the network."

Fieri began his Food Network career in 2006, after winning the second season of **The Next Food Network Star**. He was awarded a six-episode commitment for his own cooking show on Food Network. **Guy’s Big Bite**, which premiered in 2006, and continues to the present day. **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**, his second series, premiered in 2007, with Fieri traveling the country visiting local eateries. His **Ultimate Recipe Showdown**, debuted in 2008 and aired for three seasons. Fieri has appeared on other Food Network programs such as

Dinner: Impossible, Paula’s Party, Ace of Cakes, and The Best Thing I Ever Ate. Last fall, Robert DiGiorgio was contacted by Citizen Pictures to ask if he was interested in Cafe Largo being a part of the **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** show. He was interviewed and filled out paperwork. They looked at 10 dishes made at the local restaurant, also known as "Key Largo’s Little Italy." Ultimately, Cafe Largo was chosen!

On November 30th, the restaurant closed for the day, and the crew filmed for 12 hours. The menu creation that will be featured on the TV show is Robert’s signature dish, the Veal Chop Cutlet Florentine. It’s a bone-in veal chop cutlet, roasted in olive oil with layers of prosciutto and mozzarella, and a mushroom-marsala wine sauce. It is served over sautéed spinach and mushroom risotto. (This writer calls it the "Over the Top Chop" and it is her favorite dish on the Cafe Largo menu!)

On December 4th, Guy Fieri joined the crew for more filming. Guy and the crew were very interested in DiGiorgio’s state-of-the-art

pasta maker; they’d never seen one like it. Robert was happy to demonstrate the restaurant’s fresh pasta making process for them. Robert and his father Pasquale, founder of all the DiGiorgio family restaurants since 1968, were treated to the excitement of getting to know Guy, filming the segment, and seeing how the TV show is made. It will air on the Food Network on March 25, on **Guy Fieri’s Diners, Drive In’s & Dives**, Episode DV2405H. Don’t miss it!! Stop by and try the chop!! And the amazing fresh pasta!! Tell them the Coconut Telegraph sent you!



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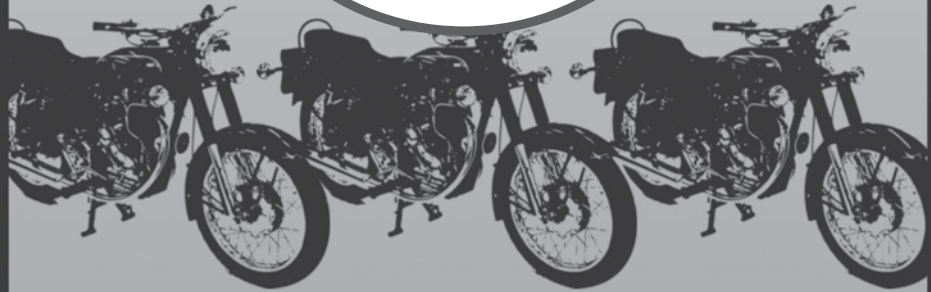
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Born in 1945 in Pikeville, KY, Kay moved to Indiana in 1950, and raised her family in Greenwood, IN. She had been coming to the Keys since 1965 and moved to Key Largo permanently in 1989.

Kay's parents were Gene and Carolyn Damron, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, John Groothand, her sons, Tim Thacker, of Jacksonville, FL and Todd Thacker, of Lake Mary, FL and her daughters-in-law Carrie and Danielle, her half brothers, Gene Damron and Gary Hunt, and her half sister Nancy Taylor. She had 7 grandchildren: Sarah, Jacob and Cole Ponder, Emma, Kylie, Mathew and Elizabeth Thacker

Kay had a passion for Key Largo and Monroe Co., and was very involved in the inner workings of the local government while being a frequent contributor to the editorial section of our local papers. She spoke truth to officials as she saw it, she spoke on behalf of many residents.

Kay was the President of Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center, VP of External Affairs for Island of Key Largo Federation of Home-

owners, and Secretary of Sexton Cove Property Owners Association. In her time in Greenwood, Indiana she was instrumental in founding and maintaining the Center Grove Little League and Center Grove Bantam Football League where she served for several years as Treasurer.

After earning her degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Indianapolis she became the Vice President of Sales with Metal Honing, Inc. Upon arrival in Key Largo, she worked as a beautician at the Ocean Reef Club and later at the Key Largo Anglers Club. She owned her own beauty salon, Casa de Kay, in the late 1960s and early 70s.




Kay was a "ray of sunshine," a loving wife, mother, grandmother, a great friend to many, and a great advocate for keeping the Keys beautiful! In lieu of flowers please make donations to VNA/Hospice of the Florida Keys.

The family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers over these last six years as Kay battled cancer. A celebration of life was held on Feb. 27 at the Murray Nelson Center.

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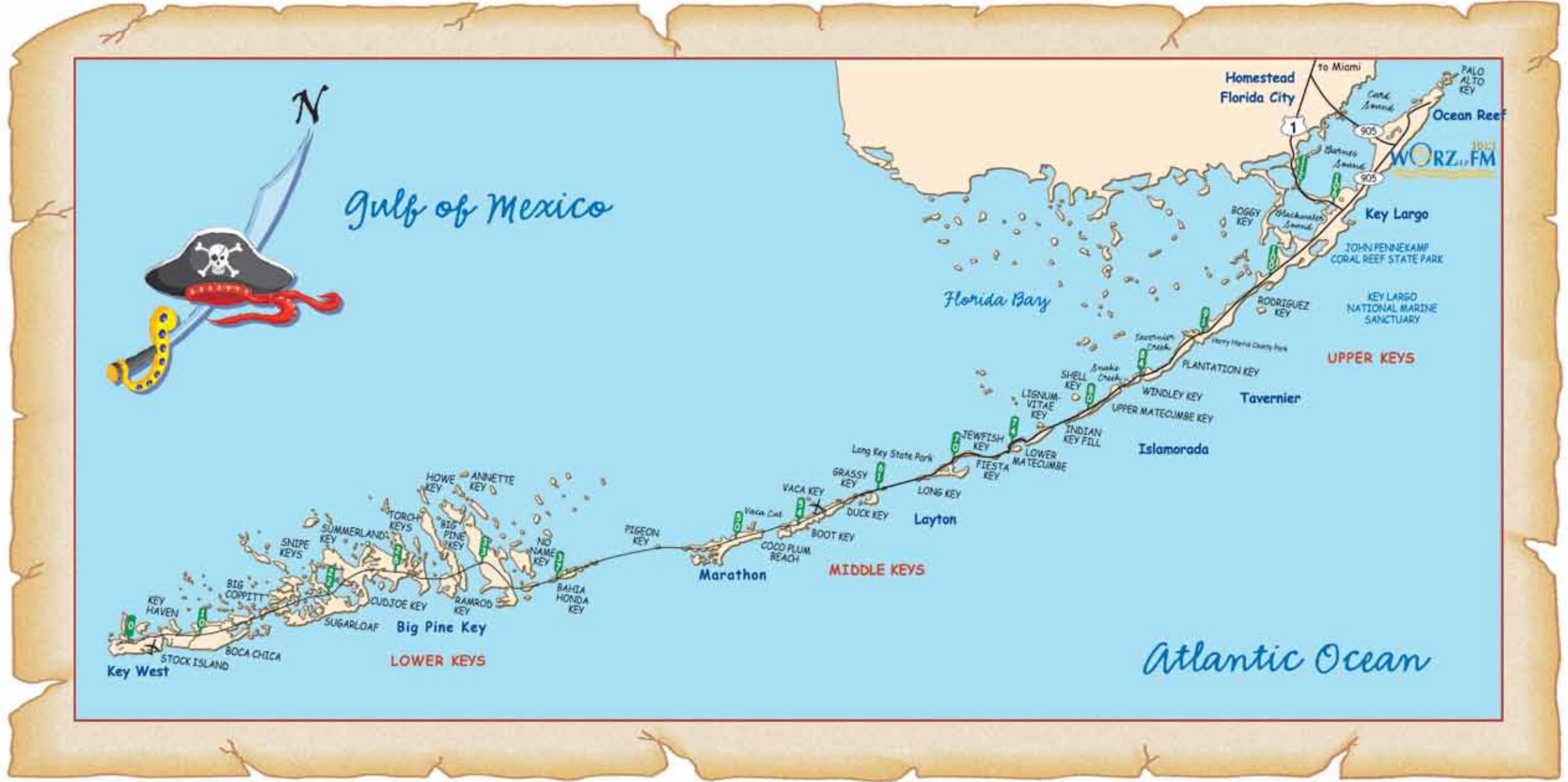
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The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczencki

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



Chicken is a staple in our house. There are many ways that one can prepare this tasty bird, and so many great recipes out there. Cooking a chicken breast requires you to add spices, flavors, and perhaps a sauce to flavor the meat. This recipe contains all three. It is an easy dish to assemble on the stove top and very tasty. Serve with wild rice and a green vegetable. Enjoy!

CHICKEN WITH A MUSTARD TARRAGON SAUCE

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 2 finely chopped shallots
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken breasts and cook through on both sides (about 5 minutes per side.)

Transfer the chicken to a platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Saute the shallots in the same skillet for 1 minute. Add the wine and mustard to the pan and bring to a simmer. Add the cream and 1 1/2 tablespoons of the tarragon. Simmer, stirring often about 3 minutes.

Return the chicken breasts to the skillet and heat through. Season the dish with salt and pepper to the taste. Serve the chicken breasts with the sauce and sprinkle on the remaining tarragon.

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Dr. Lu Elaine Johnson's birthday Bash Happy birthday Dr. Lu!



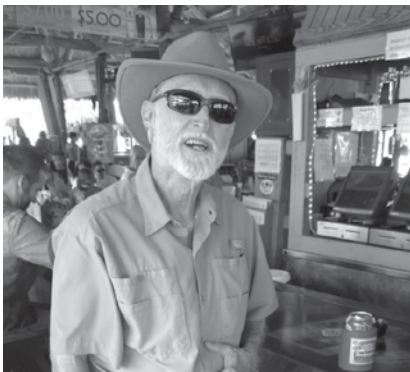
The Seafood Festival was a huge success, bringing over 10,000 people to the Keys.



A Florida Powerboat Club model takes a break for a photo shoot. Anyone can stop by for lunch and see these amazing boats when they visit.



Busy night at the Big Chill. Photo by Melanie Malefyt.



Key Largo local "Walk Around Ron" stops by Gilbert's Resort everyday, since 1984, to check out the fish and wildlife at Gilbert's. If there is a story about it, Ron knows it. Say hi to Ron when you see him!



Beautiful sunset at the Big Chill. Photo by Melanie Malefyt.



Eric Vihlen also had a good time at Dr. Lu's party!



Blind Wounded Warriors visited the American Legion in Key Largo in February.



A seaplane prepares to tie up at Gilbert's dock. You never know what you will see at Gilbert's Photo by Rob LeBrun.



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The Art Box: Big Things in Little Boxes

Jon and Joanna Dreaver have been the owners of The Art Box for more than five years, and over the years the store has acquired many faces, providing many services, from artist supplies to shipping... and even an art gallery with a frame shop! And of course, it's also a place to take art classes.

It is hard to believe that this small store can pack in so many essential services, or that they would work well together, but Jon and Joanna have made their little store a functioning work of art.

The art classes held at The Art Box are hosted by various local artist instructors like Gloria Avner and Jim Mahla as well as owner and artist Jon Dreaver.



James Mahla teaches watercolor.

Jon has been having fun teaching the Friday night 'Wine and Paint' classes for adults, and the Saturday kids classes, for quite some time. Jon chooses these two classes to teach because he says that while working with the kids it's amazing to watch their creative process at work. There is no end to the imagination the kids bring, and with the right instruction, it's rewarding to see the end of a great project... when the little artists hold up their completed paintings so proudly for their photographs.



Proud of their accomplishment.

The Wine and Paint has a similar effect, except the kids are just bigger! Many of the adults have spent their lives thinking they couldn't paint, until they sit down, let the wine take the edge off and just start painting. More often than not, they are more shocked and proud of their creations than the children.



Gloria Avner with one of her classes.

Recently The Art Box has grown more into a framing store than anything else. Island Decor located in Tavernier has closed the retail and framing aspect of the business, but owner Shanti Cope will be continuing to work with interior design clients from her new office located next door to where the gallery was. With the gallery and the framing studio closed, Shanti wants to ensure that her customers continue to receive great quality care and attention, so Island Decor's customer base is transferring to The Art Box for their framing needs.



Jon and Johanna Dreaver have many framing options for you!

Jon and Joanna look forward to all the great changes. They say that it has been an evolving shop since the day they opened the door. If you're looking for any framing, or are interested in an art class, or in booking a private wine and paint party, stop in at Plaza 101 at MM 100 or give The Art Box a call at 305-451-5461.



Adults who paint for the first time are often more proud of it than the kids!

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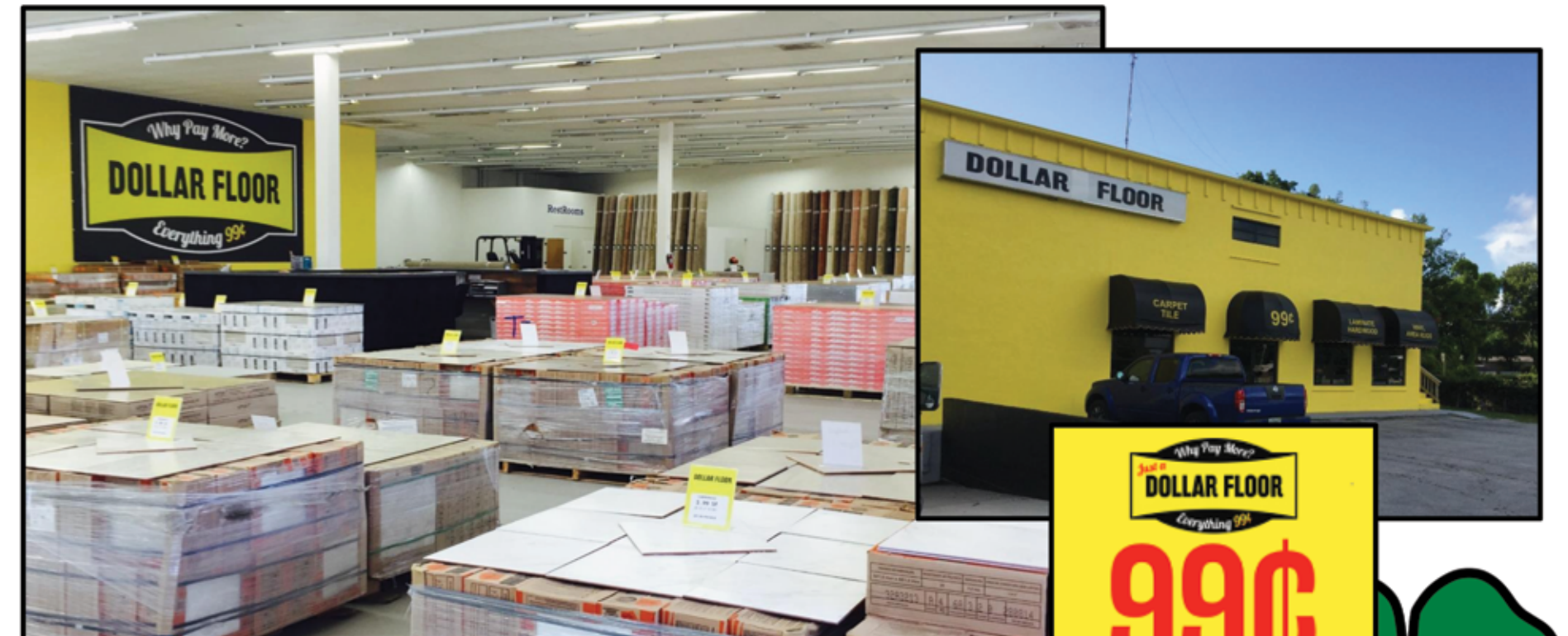


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A man boarded a plane with six kids. After they got settled in their seats a woman sitting across the aisle from him leaned over to him and asked, "Are all of those kids yours?" He replied, "No. I work for a condom company. These are customer complaints."

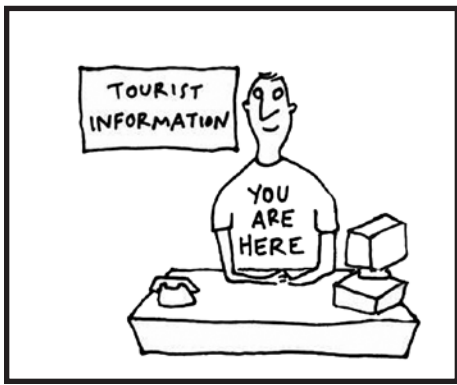
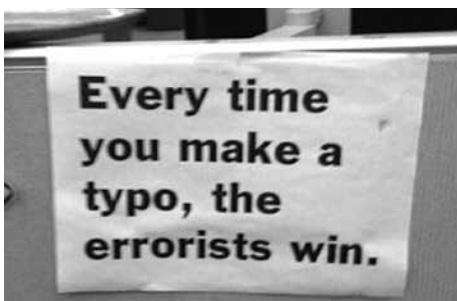
If people are talking about you behind your back, just fart!

As we wave goodbye to our younger years we must also wave goodbye to some of the fads we loved. The following combinations Do NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Mini skirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. In-line skates and a walker
13. Thongs and Depends



LADY'S YEARLY EXAM
I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basics...
"What do you weigh?" she asks.
"135," I say.
The nurse puts me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.
The nurse asks, "Your height?"
"5 foot 4," I say.
The nurse checks and sees that I only measure 5'2'.
She then takes my blood pressure and tells me it is very high.
'Of course it's high!' I scream, 'When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!'
She put me on Prozac.



THE NEWEST DIET
A woman was terribly overweight, so her doctor put her on a diet.
"I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, I am guessing that you will have lost at least five pounds."
When the woman returned, she shocked the doctor by losing nearly twenty pounds.
"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said. "Did you follow my instructions?"
The woman nodded. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."
"From hunger, you mean?"
"No, from skipping."



DID YOU KNOW THAT WOMEN USE ABOUT 30,000 WORDS A DAY WHILE MEN USE ONLY 15,000?

Yes, because we have to repeat everything!

What?

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Grammar. The difference between feeling your nuts and feeling you're nuts.

I'm Aging Gracefully!!!

I changed my car horn to a gun-shot sound. People move out of the way much faster now!

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I don't like making plans for the day because then the word "pre-meditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet...

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop irritating me!

When I was a child I thought nap time was a punishment. As a grown-up, it feels like a small vacation!



The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs working on.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do the second week.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my wife took it!

Even duct tape can't fix stupid... but it can muffle the sound!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

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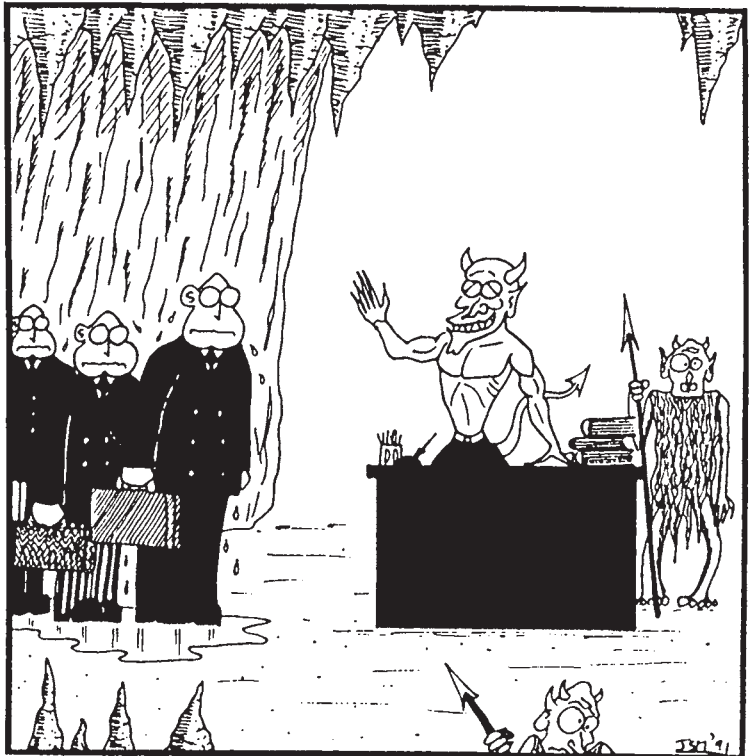
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To Miami

To Ocean Reef

Key Largo is a beautiful island with many attractions. The map shows the route from Bayside to Oceanside, with mile markers and points of interest. Key locations include Little Blackwater Sound, Barnes Sound, Blackwater Sound, Little Buttonwood Sound, Murray Nelson Government Center, Adams Cut, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Key Largo Public Library, African Queen Community Pool and Park, Mosquito Bank, Spriguel Grove, French Reef, and Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center. The map also shows various landmarks like the City of Washington, Christ Statue, and Greian Rocks. A compass rose indicates North, and a legend explains the symbols used for highways, boat ramps, points of interest, dive sites, and swim with dolphins.

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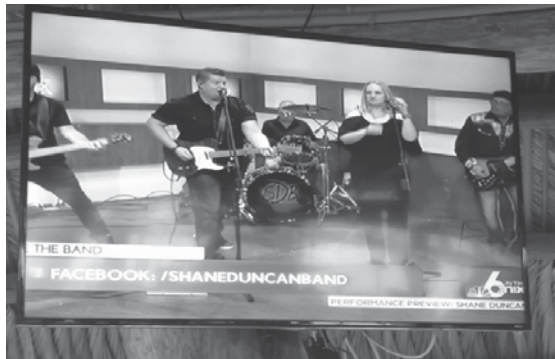
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1. Where there's a will,
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2. The last thing I want to do is
hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than
sound, some people appear
bright until you hear them
speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd
both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we
only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who
is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a
tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not
putting it in a fruit salad.

8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify...' I put 'DOCTOR.'
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive more than once.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
14. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
15. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
16. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



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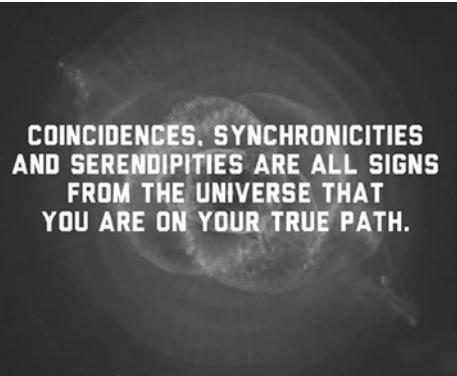
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Signs Universal Messages

The universe is always offering us signs to help us,
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The universe can often relay messages to us through signs. Often, we are too busy to stop and consider what may or may not be a sign. We may ask the universe for guidance, yet fail to recognize the sign it sends us in response.

Learning the subtle language of signs can help you interpret the guidance the universe sends your way. We all have been blessed with a connection that allows the universe to communicate directly with us.

To be able to understand the information relayed over that connection, however, it is necessary that we learn to pay attention and know what to look for.

To see and correctly interpret a sign, you must open your heart and mind to the universe and invite its guidance into your life.

Many of us are blind to the signs we receive because we expect angels or our spirit guides to speak to us in a booming voice and tell us exactly what we need to hear. But signs are usually of this earth and therefore easier to encounter. A song lodged in

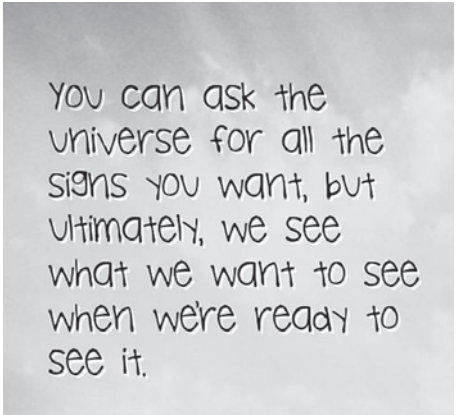
your mind or a number that seems to pop up everywhere you look after you've asked the universe for guidance can both be signs.

Signs may come through the animal world, from strangers, or jump out of a book in the form of an insightful passage. A sign may be a direct answer to one of your questions.

Other signs may point you in the right direction, warn of impending difficulties, or show you a different way. If you want the universe to send you a sign, tell it that you are ready and willing to accept its guidance.

Not everything you hear or see will be a sign. If you are receptive and patient, however, the signs you receive will become easier to recognize. It is important to listen to your intuition.

A sign can mean many things to different people, and only you can decipher a sign's meaning is for you. As you practice reading the signs and following their guidance, the universe will send more of them your way.



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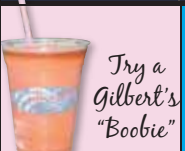
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