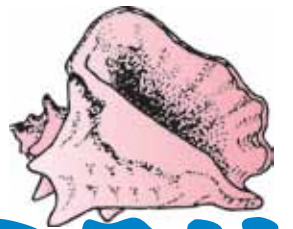


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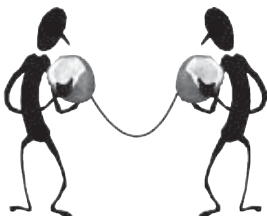
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To find wreaths of mangroves, t'was not very hard,
for mangroves grew in every back yard.

In front of the houses, Dads and Moms were
adorning the hibiscus' and coconut palms.

The sleeping kiddies were dreaming in glee,
hoping to find paddle boards under the tree.

They all knew that Santa was well on his way,
in a Keys Cruiser, instead of a sleigh.

And soon he arrived and started to work,
he hadn't a second to linger or shirk.

He whizzed down the stretch and zoomed up the road,
in a rusty old pick up, delivering his loads.

The tropical moon gave the Keys sky a glow,
and lighted the way for old Santa below.

As he jumped from the truck he gave a wee chuckle,
he was dressed in shorts with an Ivy league buckle,

There weren't any chimneys, but that caused no gloom,
for Santa came in through the screened in room.

He stopped at each house.... stayed only a minute,
emptying his sack of stuff that was in it.

Before he departed, he treated himself
to a glass of Captain Morgan hid up on the shelf.



Pets & Piña Coladas

This month marks the 19th year for pets and Pina Coladas at Keys Kritters, the Upper Keys' Community Pet Store in Key Largo. This event is a favorite among locals and their pets.

As you can see from the photos of last year's event it is enjoyed by young and old who bring a wide variety of pets to get a family photograph with Santa Bob Hutchinson. They give a \$5 donation that benefits the Upper Keys Animal Shelter at MM 102, and just to make the holiday season a little more jolly, your donation includes a Piña Colada!



Santa, Lucky, Laronda Oloizia and Kozmo Kramer.

In the Keys, he found that by incorporating the Piña Coladas, served by Luke Popp a.k.a. Jack Frost, participation tripled. Now that's Keys spirit for you!

Last year they took 450 photos during the two-day event in the Keys Kritters parking lot at MM 100.5. People and pets come from as far away as Miami and everyone has a great time.

"At first we were concerned that the dogs might not get along but we found that with as many as 75 on leashes outside they all mellowed out and it is always a huge success" says Majeska.

Mark these dates on your calendar - Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring your dog, cat, bird, iguana, monkey, hamster, etc. and join the fun!



Carol & Ken Schriver of the Sunshine Band with Santa and their cat, KC.

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Saturday, Dec. 16 SPANK THE BAND 1-5 PM	Saturday, Dec. 16 MAINSTREET 7-11 PM	Saturday, Dec. 23 THE STONE CRABS 1-5 PM	
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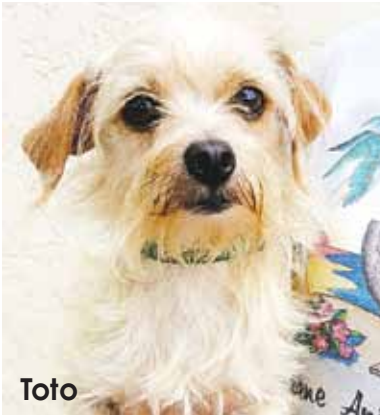
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8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores.
7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials."
6. Family coming to stay with you.
5. Family and friends from out of state calling.
4. Buying food you don't normally buy... and in large quantities.
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3 -Breakfast 10am -Bingo 2-5 pm -Happy Hour 4-6 pm	4 -Happy Hour 4-6 pm -Show me the \$\$ - 6 pm	5 -Members Appreciation 1/2 off prices all day -Show me the \$\$ - 6 pm	6 -Happy Hour 4-6 pm -Show me the \$\$ - 6 pm	7 -Happy Hour 4-6 pm -Bingo 7 pm	8 -Happy Hour 4-7 pm	9 Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony (Open 11am) -Noon Free Food \$1 Drafts all day -Show me the \$\$ - 7 pm -Ladies Night 7-9 pm
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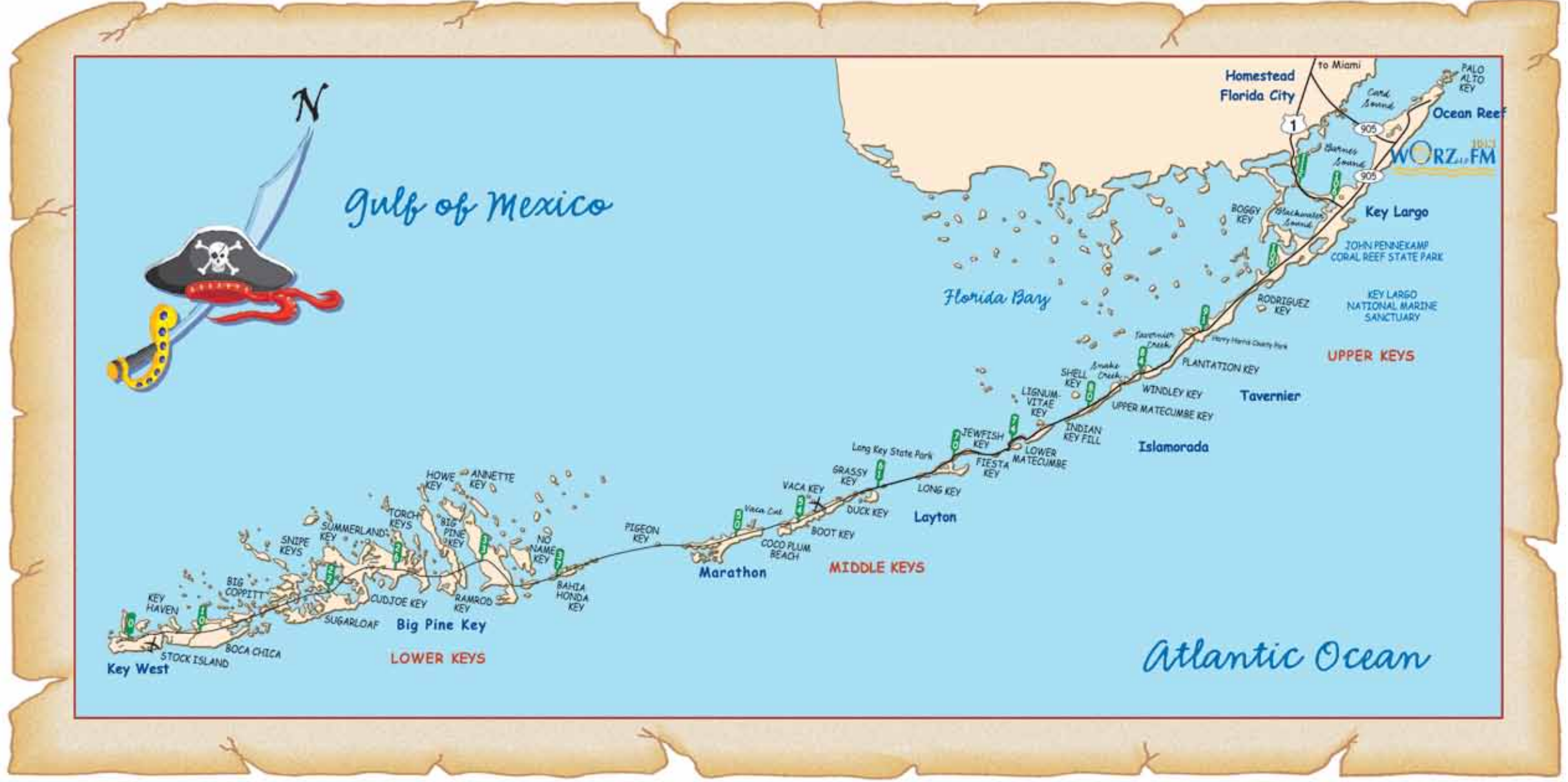
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If we don't change what isn't working in our lives, we will continually have the same day over and over again.

We have all had the experience of realizing that something in our lives is not working. This knowledge can come as a sudden realization or a nagging feeling of doubt that grows stronger, waking us up to the fact that something needs to change. Some people have a tendency to act rashly and make sweeping changes before even understanding what the problem is.

Other people fear change, so they live with the uncomfortable awareness that something needs to shift but won't do anything about it. Between these two extreme responses lies a middle way that can help us powerfully and gracefully change what isn't working in our lives.

The first step is remembering that your life is made up of parts that belong to an interconnected whole. Changing one thing can change everything. Because of this, small changes often have a big effect.

Sometimes much bigger changes are necessary, but the only way to know for sure is to take the time to really understand the problem. Examine your life as an entirety--your work, your relationships, where you

live--and determine what specifically is not functioning the way you would like. Once you have figured out the problem, write it down on a piece of paper. For example, "I am not happy with my relationship" or "I don't like my apartment."

The next step is to figure out the adjustment you would like to make and how you can go about making this change.

If you are unhappy with your relationship because you spend too much or not enough time with your partner, you may want to discuss this problem with them and come up with a compromise. On the other hand, if you realize your relationship is not working to such a degree that it needs to end, begin working through that process. Writing down the truth can be a powerful catalyst for change.

The key to making changes that work is to accept the necessity of change as part of life. As we change, we may find it necessary to fine-tune our relationships, work, and living situations. Our lives are living, breathing entities that reflect our dynamic selves.



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Rumor has it though, it can be a real bitch to start in the morning! Some have reported that on cold winter mornings, when you really need it, you can't get it to turn over.

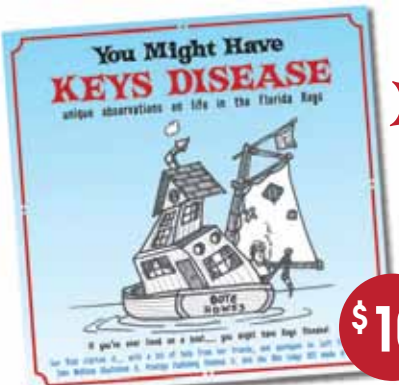
New models are initially fun to own, but very costly to maintain, and horribly expen-

sive to get rid of. Used models may initially appear to have curb appeal and a low price, but eventually have an increased appetite for fuel, and the curb weight typically increases with age.

Manufacturers are baffled as to how the size of the trunk increases, but say that the paint may just make it LOOK bigger.

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Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

Surviving Hurricane Irma, Part 2: Back on the Island

The drive down the stretch was amazing, everything looked the same as before Irma. I really don't remember much of the drive, as I was still too occupied visualizing my poor boat laying on her side in the mangroves, masts broken, shredded halyards and rigging everywhere.

Once we got to the bridge I started noticing how brown everything was, and leafless. There was debris everywhere as you drove off the bridge, the cleanup crews were already hard at work and the roads weren't in bad shape. The thing I couldn't get my head around was how denuded every tree was.

We finally turned down our street, driving over a lot of tree branches, couldn't park in the driveway, had trouble getting to the front door. The roof looked intact, all the shutters were still closed. Lonnie was shaking pretty badly by the time he got the shutter off the main entrance, he opened the door and ... I felt cold air! The ceiling fan was moving, the power was on! We were in shock, no water in the house, none of the multitude of downed trees hit the house.

Do you believe in Karma? I do! On our way home from the west coast we stopped in a rest area to let the pets stretch and tell us how

much fun they were not having. A lone man in a large white truck with a sweet little dog came up to us and, looking rather sad, asked if we happened to have any extra gas. I'd forgotten we had two gas cans in the back, about seven gallons left. I didn't know if I'd need it to get home due to no electricity for the gas stations, Lonnie and I looked at each other and both said, "it's yours." We refused money and said, "Just pay it forward."

I'm trying really hard to help Lonnie get the pets into the house and open up the house a bit, but I'm looking at the lagoon and all the destruction in it. I have to get out to the sound and see if I can see She Breeze's masts above the mangroves. I finally break away and locate one of our kayaks, you would not believe the mess this lagoon was.

When the storm surge of five to seven feet coming out of Largo Sound hit the line of homes on the shore, it pretty much took everything on the lower floors and carried it into the lagoon. So dodging all the floating debris, I made my way out the channel, then I saw a big problem, a 37 foot

sailboat was rudder down in the channel, her aft end completely submerged. It had apparently washed up on a piling in the channel and there it sat, stuck between the piling and the side of the channel.

Kayaking past it, I realized I was not going to be able to bring She Breeze back in to her dock. The dock was no longer together anyway. By this time I'm kind of laughing /crying hysterically, but I just keep paddling out. I'm half way to the channel markers in the sound and I still do not see her masts. I'm paddling like a mad woman, I just have to make it to the first channel in Pennekamp's marina.

I see her masts, fanf*#ingfantastic!!!

OK, so the wind generator is missing two of the three blades, and her main and jib halyards are shredded. Also, why is the main boom sitting on the deck, the topping lift wire split? But it's ok, She Breeze is floating, all the water is still on the outside. I proceed to do a happy dance on her deck like nobody's watching and start thinking about where the hell do we go from here!!!!

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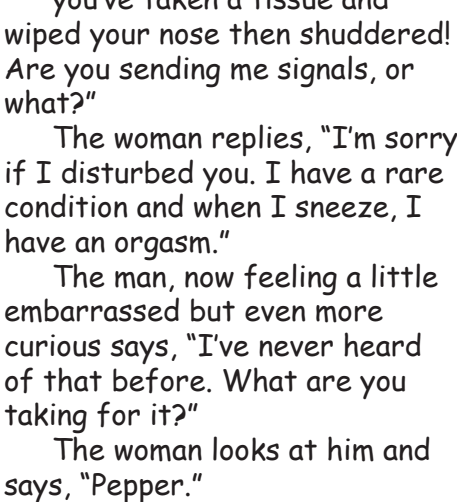
A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?" The clerk asks, "What denomination?" The blond says, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 22 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 6 Baptists."



Christmas Trees and Onions
A family is at the dinner table. The son asks his father, "Dad, how many kinds of boobs are there?" The father, surprised, answers, "Well, son, there are three kinds of Boobs. In her 20s, a woman's are like melons, round and firm. In her 30s to 40s, they are like pears, still nice but hanging a bit. After 50, they are like onions."
"Onions?"
"Yes, you see them and they make you cry." This infuriated his wife and daughter, so the daughter asked, "Mom, how many kinds of willies are there?"

The mother, surprised, smiles and answers, "Well dear, a man goes through three phases. In his 20s, his willy is like an oak tree, mighty and hard, in his 30s and 40s, it is like a birch, flexible but reliable. After his 50s, it is like a Christmas Tree."
"A Christmas tree?"
"Yes - the root's dead and the balls are just for decoration."

A man and a woman are sitting beside each other in the first class section of the plane. The woman sneezes, takes a tissue, gently wipes her nose, and shudders quite violently in her seat. The man isn't sure why she is shuddering and goes back to reading.
A few minutes pass. The woman sneezes again. She takes a tissue, gently wipes her nose and shudders quite violently in her seat.
He turns to the woman and says, "Twice you've sneezed and twice you've taken a tissue and wiped your nose then shuddered! Are you sending me signals, or what?"
The woman replies, "I'm sorry if I disturbed you. I have a rare condition and when I sneeze, I have an orgasm."
The man, now feeling a little embarrassed but even more curious says, "I've never heard of that before. What are you taking for it?"
The woman looks at him and says, "Pepper."



Why Men Wear Earrings
Did you ever wonder why earrings became so popular with men?
man is at work when he notices his co-worker is wearing an earring. The man knows his co-worker a normally conservative fellow and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense."
he man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings."
"Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly.
His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?"
"Ever since my wife found it in my truck."

I always wondered how this trend got started; now I know!



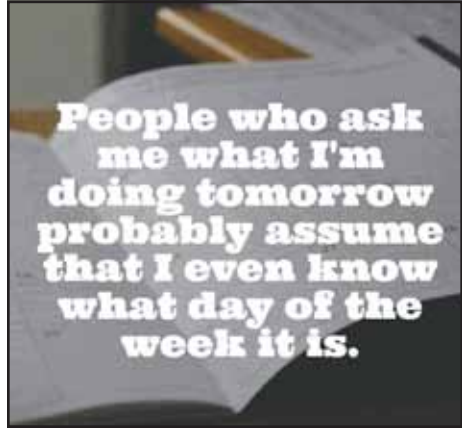
I don't understand how I can remember every word from a song from 1984, but I can't remember why I went into the kitchen.



If by "crunches" you mean the sound potato chips make when you chew them, then yes, I do crunches.



WOMAN'S REVENGE
'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.
As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.
'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked.
'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'



When women get to a certain age, they start accumulating cats.
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Pam and Patrick of Sweetwater greet a visiting friend at Sharkey's.



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The Miami Brewing Company produces the Shane Duncan Band beer called "Life's Snooze Bar" and the band had a special Keys release party at Gilbert's.



etwood Mac tribute band "True Rumour" left everyone at Gilbert's in awe..



Robert DiGiorgio and rep from DiGiorgio Wines, at Cafe Largo's 25th celebration.



ternational Rockstar Igor, of the Red Elvise
plays drums during the show at Gilbert's.



Cement artist at work. Check out the new Tiki at Gilberts, and see what he did

AVENGE OR REVENGE? *Avenge* is a verb. To *avenge* is to punish a wrongdoing with the intent of seeing justice done. *Revenge* can be used as a noun or a verb. It is more personal and less concerned with justice and more about retaliation by inflicting harm.

I'M SORRY OR I APOLOGIZE? An apology is a formal admission of doing something that shouldn't have been done. It may or may not be heartfelt i.e. a person may apologize without feeling any remorse. "I'm sorry" is a truer admission of regret. It is what we may call a heartfelt apology. If someone says they are sorry but do not feel remorse, then they are lying.

SYMPATHY OR EMPATHY? Sympathy implies a feeling of recognition of another's suffering while empathy is actually sharing another's suffering, if only briefly. Empathy is the ability to "put ones self in another's shoes".

KNOWLEDGE OR WISDOM? Knowledge is information of which someone is aware. It is also used to mean the confident understanding of a subject and the ability to use it for a specific purpose. Wisdom is the ability to make correct judgments and decisions. Wisdom is gained through experience.

Why do brunettes like their dark hair color?
-It doesn't show the dirt

Why didn't Indians scalp brunettes?
-The hair from a buffalo's butt was more manageable.

Why are brunettes so proud of their hair?
-It matches their mustache.

Why is the color brunette considered evil?
-When's the last time ya saw a blonde witch?

How can you tell a brunette is lonely?
-Check her for a pulse.

What did the frustrated brunette say to her uninterested lover?
-"What part of 'yes' don't you understand?"

Why did God create brunettes?
-So ugly men wouldn't feel left out.

What do brunettes miss most about a great party?
-The invitation.

Where do brunettes get the hair for a transplant?
-From their underarms.

What do you call a good-looking man with a brunette?
-Gay, married, or a hostage.

Why do brunettes have to pay an extra \$2,000 for a breast job?
-Because the plastic surgeon has to start from scratch.

Choosing Love Over Suffering

We have problems. BIIIIIG ones. Problems which seem impossible to scale. Gun violence, racism, sexual assault, climate change, bigotry, hate crimes, untreated mental health, tribalism, a culture of judgement and entitlement.

In my years of personal development and professional counseling, I have learned it is impossible to legislate morality or forcibly create peace and love. Healing comes when we become willing to take full responsibility for the circumstances in our lives. In that moment, we suddenly have limitless possibilities leading us to growth. Our lives are the product of millions of choices; things we did, things we didn't do.

What if we focused our attention, choices and actions on being loving? I am not talking about a mushy spineless form of love. Love is persistent and inherently embodies boundaries. If we are blaming others, we are stuck. Blame lies by telling us "you cannot heal unless other people change".

My heart is saddened at the most recent mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, TX. There is no quick fix for the pain our planet is facing. My commitment is to do my part. When I discuss gun laws, mental health or victims' rights; I will do so in a way that is not self-seeking or easily angered. I will not be rude. I will trust, hope and persevere. This is how we will shift a lifetime

of pain and suffering, through true and full personal awakening.

To find out if you are part of the solution or part of the problem, check out the poem below. This is not religion. It's a litmus test for creating change within ourselves in order to allow greater change beyond ourselves.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

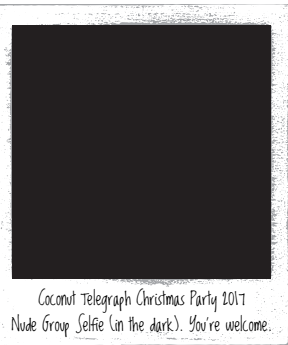
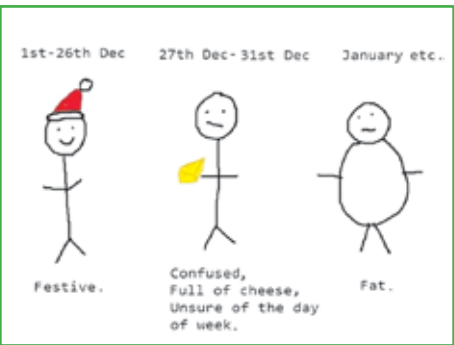
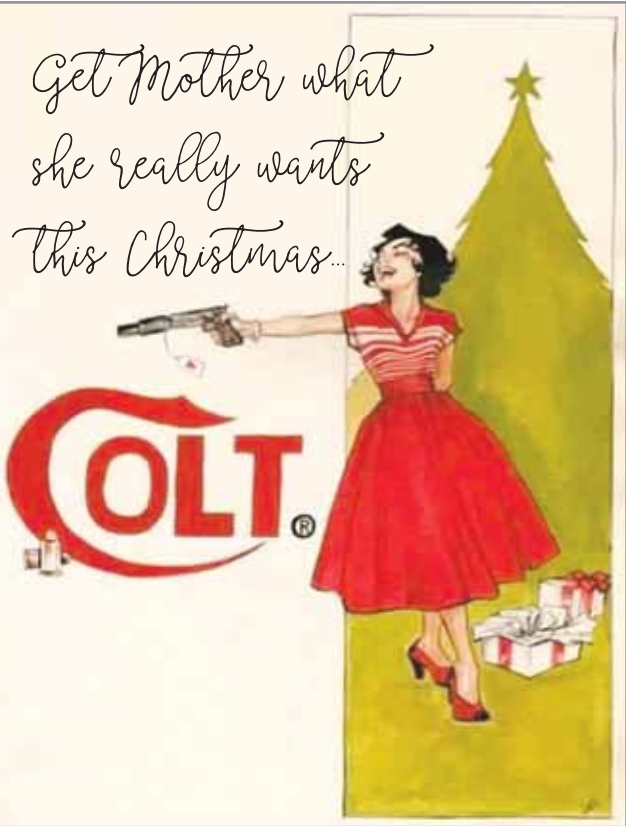


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—1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Christmas: a "Handy" Guide to Portion Sizes

Many people over indulge at Christmas. Simply remember these hand gestures and you will be able to keep your festive consumption at sensible levels.

	WINE In a single sitting you should consume no more glasses than the number of fingers on hand. Include both hands if necessary.		SHERRY TRIFLE Stop when you point aggressively at the Christmas Angel decoration and argue with it about the true meaning of Christmas.
	CHOCOLATE Press thumb / index finger together. Look through the gap and eat whatever you see while wandering round the house.		TURKEY Mr. Finger says you can eat as much turkey as you want because it's been a really, really bad year.
	CHEESE A block that fits between extended thumb and little finger is enough. If not, cut larger block down middle and measure both halves.		MINCE PIES Any even number is ok. Always have a spare box to prevent finishing on an odd number.



The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenksi

Here we are in the holiday season and for me that means baking. I love to make holiday treats and share them with family and friends. They make a wonderful gift. Most of my baking involves cookies and what better time of the year to produce some of these awesome treats. Here are two of my favorite recipes. They are both so yummy that I usually double the recipe. As a hint, use parchment paper on the cookie sheets. It makes it easier to remove the cookies. So, try them both and happy holidays to all!

SNICKERDOODLES

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon



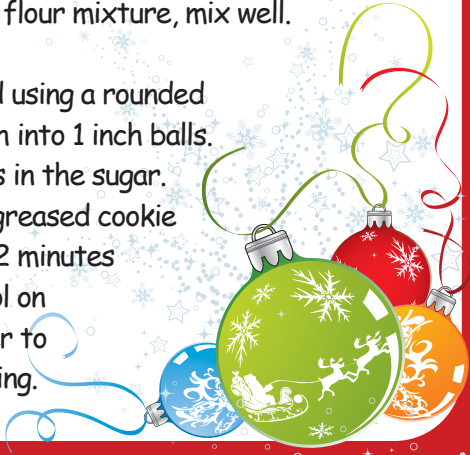
Heat oven to 400°. Thoroughly mix the butter, shortening, sugar, and the eggs. Blend in the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt. Shape the dough by using a rounded teaspoon into balls. Mix the 2 tablespoons of sugar and the cinnamon in a separate bowl. Roll each ball in the cinnamon mixture. Place 2" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 - 10 min. or until set. Let cookies cool for a few minutes then remove from the cookie sheet cool on a rack to cool further.

MOLASSES CRINKLES

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| 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour | ½ cup shortening |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | ½ stick butter, softened |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 1 cup packed dk. brown sugar |
| ¾ teaspoon ground ginger | 1 large egg |
| ½ teaspoon ground allspice | ½ cup molasses |
| ½ teaspoons ground cloves | ¾ cup sugar |
| ½ teaspoon salt | |

Heat the oven to 375°. Blend the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, cloves and salt. In a separate large bowl, (using an electric mixer) beat the shortening, butter, and brown sugar for about 3 minutes or until well combined. Add the egg and molasses, beating again until well blended. Add the flour mixture, mix well.

Dampen your hands and using a rounded teaspoon, roll the dough into 1 inch balls. Dip one end of the balls in the sugar. Place 2" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 - 12 minutes until golden brown. Cool on the sheet then transfer to a rack for further cooling.



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