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3 pm
Saturday, March 11



Coach Jimmy Johnson shows off his catch! Brought to you by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida, the 6th Annual Jimmy Johnson's "Quest for the Ring" Championship Fishing Week will take over Key Largo, Florida March 8-11, 2017. The four-day event features its annual tournament schedule including the 1-Day Celebrity Pro Am, 2-Day Billfish Championship and 1-Day Sportfish Championship, hosted by Contender Boats and Garmin. It is with much excitement that in partnership with the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the 2-Day National Billfish Championship, which is the largest tournament of the week, will have a guaranteed purse of \$1 million, making 2017 the largest guaranteed tournament purse in sportfishing history.

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Highlights



**Studebaker John
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Albert Castigila

Saturday, March 18

Song of the Year Award:
Bad Year Blues!

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Beachfront
Entertainment...
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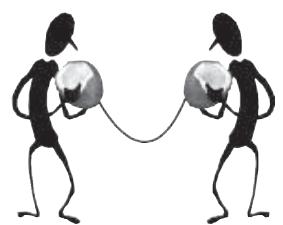
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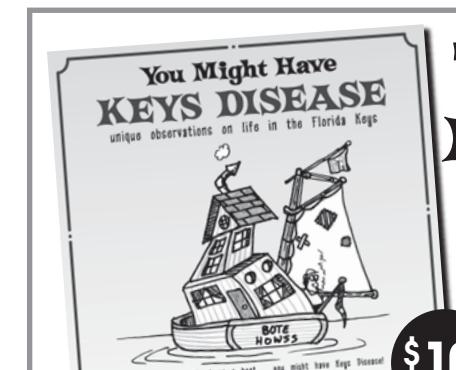
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Editorial: Where to Find Us? Come to the Elks on March 11th!

We have been getting calls that our readers are dismayed over not being able to pick up the Coconut Telegraph in Publix. The racks that housed the publications were owned by Dominion Distributing and we paid them a fee to allow us space there. Dominion sent out a letter that they would be "pulling out of the South Florida market" and they removed their racks soon after. As of now Publix has no plans to use another service so until something changes you can find the Coconut Telegraph next to Publix at First State Bank, The Mindful Mermaid Cafe and the UPS Store as well as our advertiser's locations.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Key

Largo Moose. The place is sparkling clean and it was great to see old friends. They are still working on making improvements and help is needed. Stop in and



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Insurance Hack

So, your doctor ordered a test or treatment and your insurance company denied it. That is atypical cost saving method. OK. here is what you do:

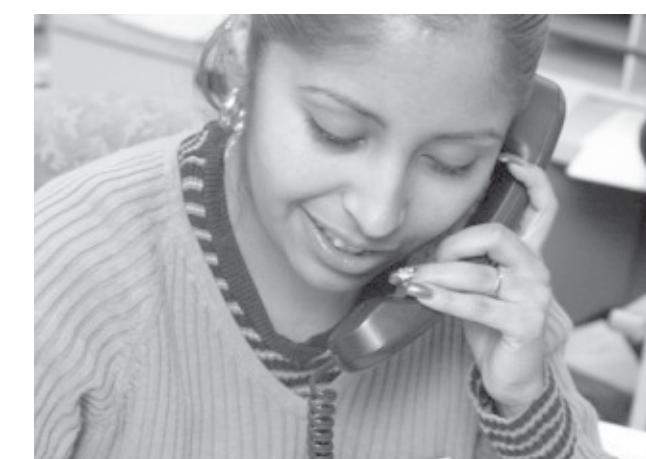
Call the insurance company and tell them you want to speak with the "HIPAA Compliance/Privacy Officer" (By Federal law, they have to have one.)

Then ask them for the name as well as credentials of every person accessing

your record to make that decision of denial. By law you have a right to that information.

They will almost always reverse the decision very shortly rather than admit that the committee is made up of low paid high school graduates, looking at "criteria words," making the medical decision to deny your care. Even in the rare case it is made by medical personnel, it is unlikely that it is made by a board certified doctor in that specialty and they DO NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS!

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More Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

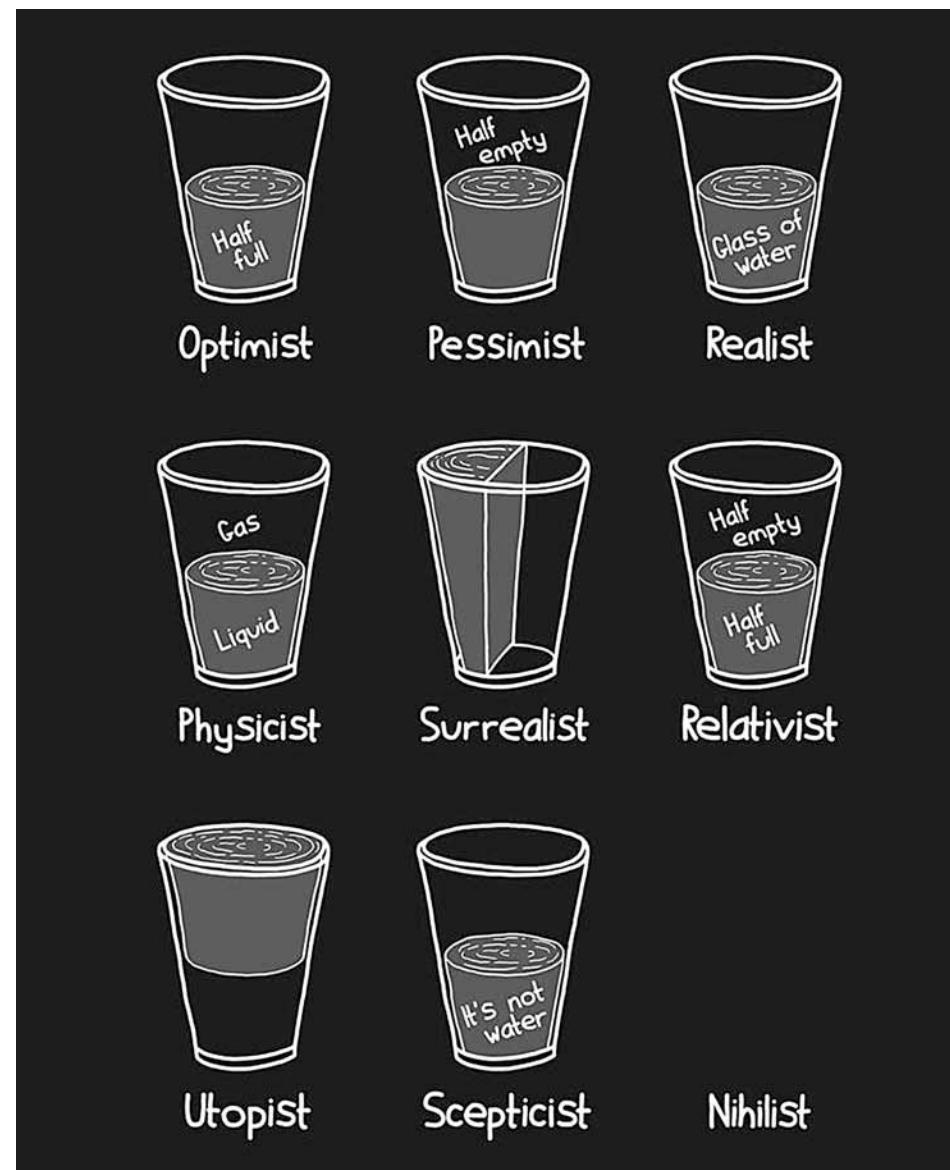
Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

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I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



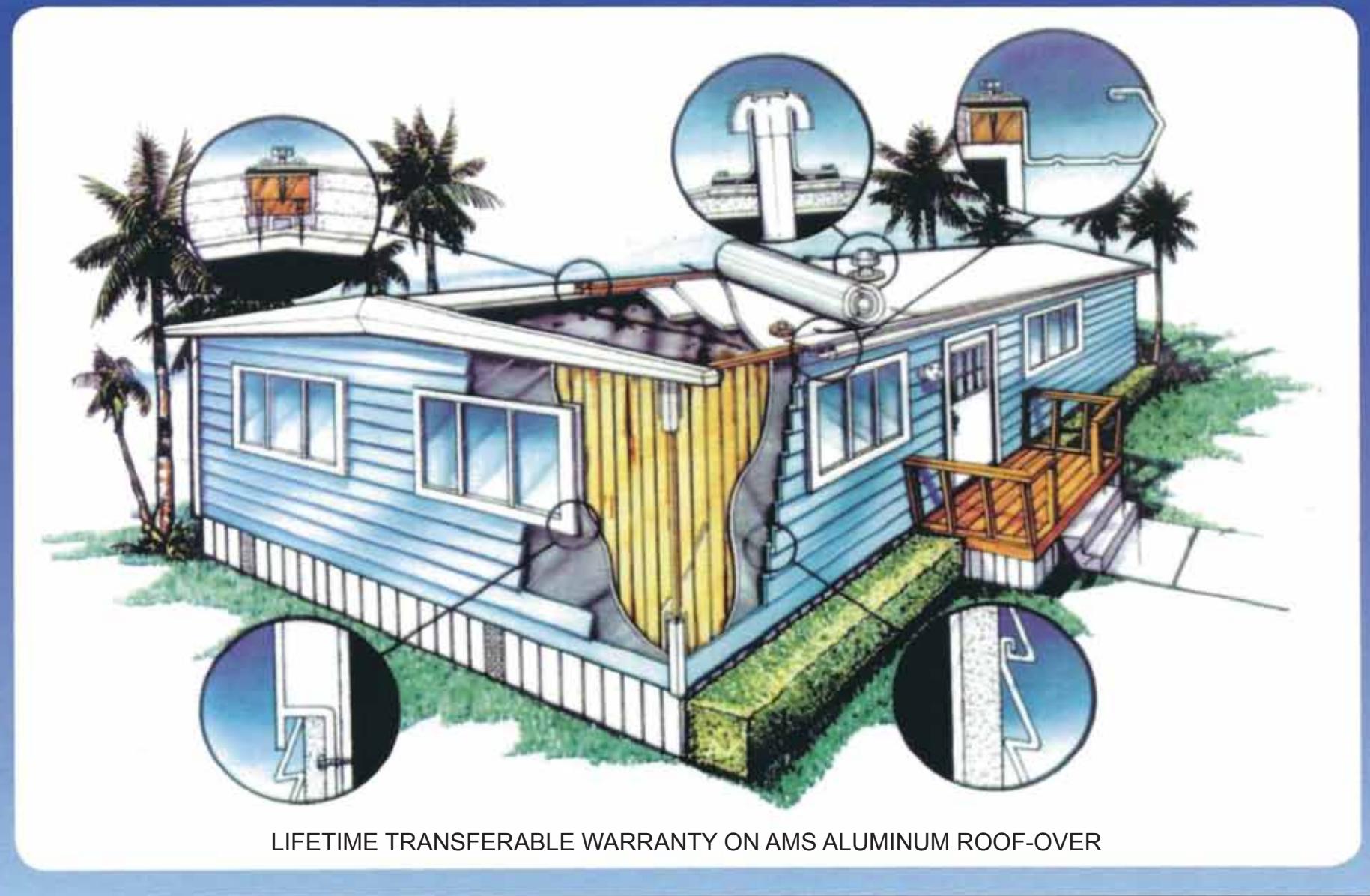
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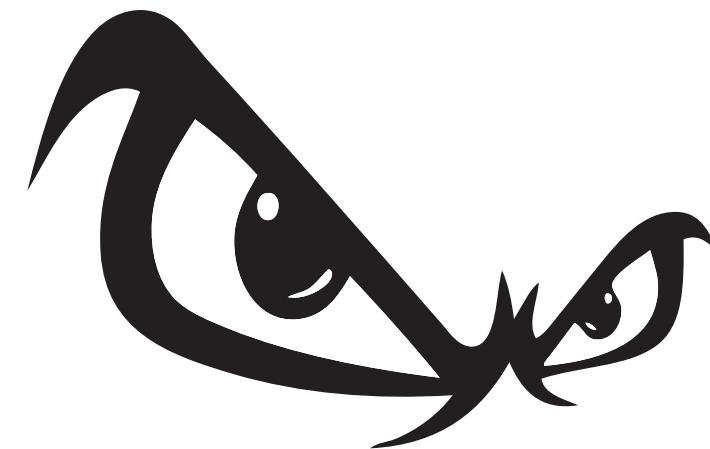
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The Evil Eye



This pendant is a bright blue talisman. Look for talismans like this at local flea markets.

Has bad luck befallen you or are you under the curse of the evil eye?

Nothing seems to be going right... your spouse is disdainful, the kids disrespectful and even your grandchildren don't want to be around you? Problems at work? Are you starting to realize that people you thought liked and respected you really don't? Do you strike back by throwing angry fits and threatening those around you? Even your dog seems to hate you? Your prostate has begun to itch and tingle? Perhaps the evil eye has been cast upon you.

The evil eye is a facial expression, a look that many cultures believe able to cause injury, misfortune or even death to the individual at whom it is directed for reasons of envy or dislike.

Is it mystical, superstition or psychological? Have you ever sat in a crowded room and something made you turn around only to look directly in the eyes of some-

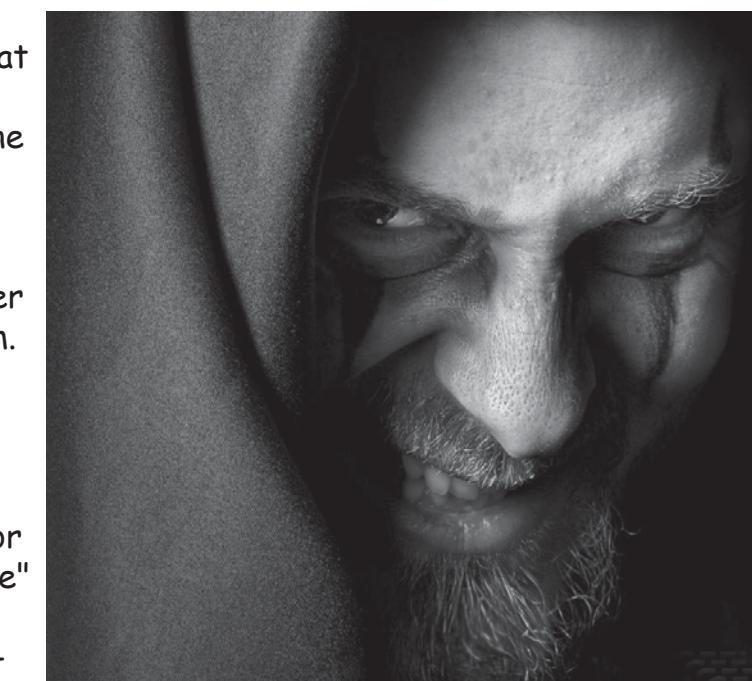
one who was staring directly at you? If it is a superstition it is one that increases with age. My mother was a firm believer in the evil eye. She truly

believed that she could slap someone with some bad mojo just by squinting her eye at them. Her ancestors came from Scotland where the term for the "evil eye" is droch shuil, meaning "over-

looking," it implies that a gaze has remained too long on the coveted object or person. In Italian it is called the malocchio and in Spanish the malojo, but the evil eye is also known worldwide.

This superstition may have some merit in psychology as it is thought that one

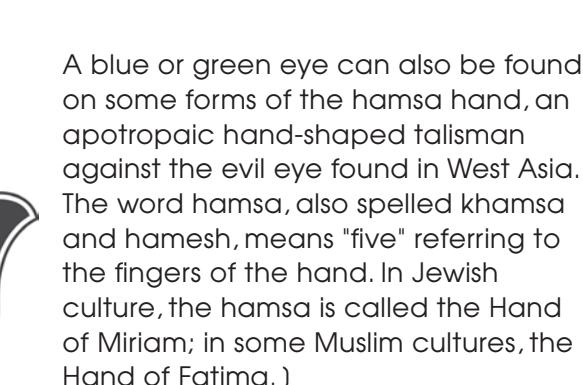
animal can dominate or be aggressive to another by simply staring it down for too long. Don't try this with a rabid crocodile.



Diagnosing the evil eye. In Eastern Europe the evil is diagnosed by dropping charcoal, coal, or a burnt match head into a bowl of water near the affected person. If the items float you are indeed cursed with the ominous evil eye.

Is there a cure for such a malady? Apparently so.

If you go to any flea market you will most likely find several vendors that carry talismans to ward off the evil eye. Disc's or balls, consisting of blue and white circles with an eye in the center are called repellent talismans or apotropaic



The Hamsa, a charm made to ward off the evil eye.

the sorcerer that sent it. They can be anything from a glass ornament to jewelry bearing glass beaded eyeballs. The sheer abundance of these talismans provoke thoughts that there just may be something to all of this.

Most bartenders and servers in Key Largo and Islamorada have possession of evil eye powers. To be on the safe side we recommend tipping 20% or more.

Here in the Keys we also have a thing called the "Hairy Eyeball." You walk into a local's club and see some poor guy propped up in a corner nodding his head and barely able to keep one watery jaundiced bloodshot eye open and it is looking right at you, gasp! What ever you do, DO NOT LOOK AT HIM! Eye contact only encourages conversation and gives him the opportunity to ask you if he can bum a cigarette or beg you buy him a drink and give him a ride. Before you know it the offensive person will slither into the chair next to you and then you're trapped and royally screwed.

For when they are persistent I keep a collection of business cards from people that I don't like, specifically for this type of situation. Pull one out, hand it to him, wink and say in a throaty sultry voice "call me later" as you quickly walk out the door and head to the nearest flea market.

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Sounds of the Keys

Beatleman at the Big Chill. (Cathy Austin)

Gypsy Lane rocks the crowd at Gilbert's Resort. (Rob LeBrun)

Tommy Braga of Sippin' Fire gets some Ocean Reef employees to help him sing at Gilbert's.

Chris O'Leary Band at Bayside Grille.

Pam Osterman and Patrick Knotts at the Buzzards Roost.

Apache Dragon made their Sunday Funday debut at Gilbert's Resort in February. (Rob LeBrun)

Dolphin Hoedown Scheduled for April 8

Pirates on the Water, Parrot Heads of the Upper Keys, will be holding their annual Spring fundraiser ("Party with a Purpose") on April 8, 2017 at Dolphins Plus Bayside at MM 101.9 (101900 Overseas Hwy.), Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream at MM 101.5 Bayside and Key Lime Products at MM 95.

The Western-themed "Dolphin Hoedown" will benefit Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder Unit, an entirely not-for-profit arm of Dolphins Plus that is on call 24/7/365 to assist with marine mammal emergencies.

The evening includes dinner by Shorty's BBQ with dessert provided by Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream. There will be live music by Koty James and the Keybillies, dancing, raffles, and silent & live auctions, as well as a dolphin show at sunset. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. They are available at Dolphins Plus Bayside at MM 101.9 (101900 Overseas Hwy.), Key Largo Chocolates and Ice Cream at MM 101.5 Bayside and Key Lime Products at MM 95.

There is a special offer of just 24 Dolphin Encounter Tickets available for \$80 each, and that price includes an event ticket. These must be reserved directly with Dolphins Plus and the Encounter will take place at 4:30 pm on the day of the event. Call (305) 451-4060 for Encounter reservations.

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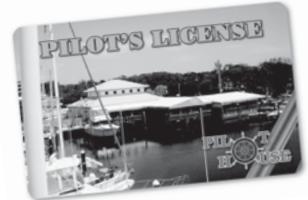


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Episode: "Succulent Sandwiches"

This trip, Guy Fieri's diggin' into succulent sandwiches! In Oakland, a real-deal butchery stacking up killer cheesesteak and off-the-chain chicken. In Modesto, Calif., a funky food truck putting pastrami on pretzel bread and cooking pulled pork in root beer. And in Key Largo, Florida, a seafood staple servin' up a sandwich that's become a local legend. (Episode: DV2407H)

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7-11 PM



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1-5 PM



Saturday, March 18
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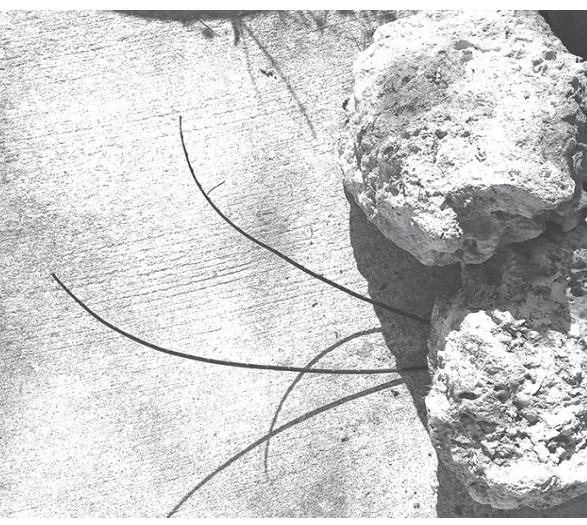
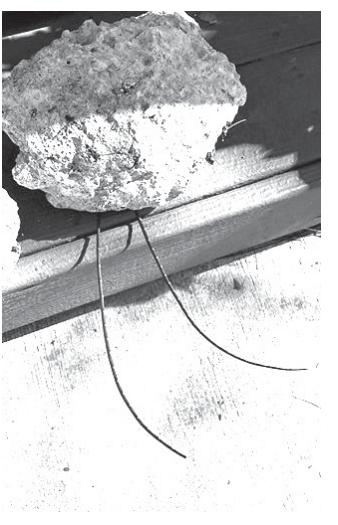


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How to give a cat a pill...

Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take

taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot.

Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom. 12. Call fire department to retrieve the damn cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little *%^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

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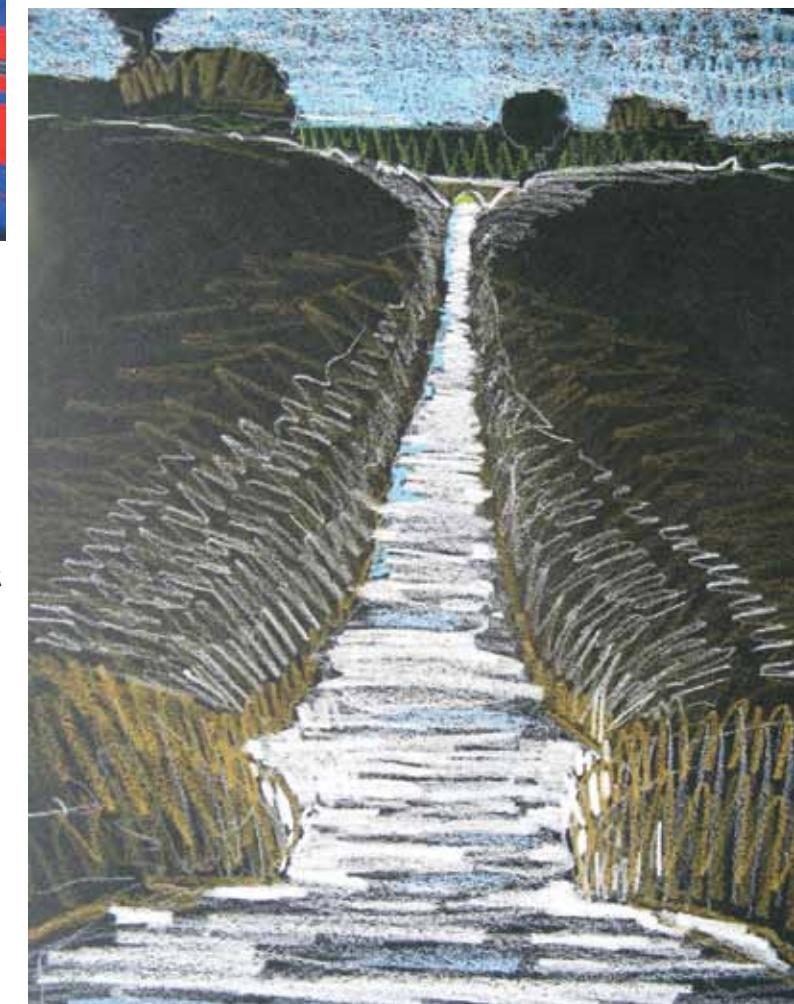
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Artist of the Month: Tim Borski

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wildlife artist



In December 2006, a group from Men's Journal magazine was at the Borski home in Islamorada photographing Tim in his art studio for an article on Keys characters (published in April 2007). This was the first time Tim was featured in a publication that had nothing to do with fishing.

Borski had humble beginnings in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and was basically on his own at age 17. Freezing in unheated cabins through several winters but enjoying ice fishing, friends and the folly of youth, Borski moved to Miami at age 23 and to the

Florida Keys shortly after that.

In the Keys, his propensity for recreating on canvas things he held dear in nature blossomed. Through fortunate circumstances, such as becoming a caretaker on Craig Key, he was able to develop as an artist without much concern for earning a living. A following for his watercolor paintings arose. With tournaments clamoring for his art as prizes for the successful anglers, he was able to sustain himself as an artist and an individual.

Branching into oils and acrylics, Borski constantly innovates. Borski was chosen as the 2015

International

Game Fish Association Artist of the Year. He also earns art awards locally, such as first place in acrylics in a Purple Isles Art Guild Art Show for a typical Borski painting, entitled "Mr. Snook." It is a detailed, 30-by-40-inch painting of a fish on a bright orange-red background.

Tim, is also an entertaining writer. He wrote an article for a fly fishing magazine about a jaunt to Ixtapa, Mexico with the person who showed him how to tie his first fly, Frank Oblak of Miami. Tim went on to become a trademarked fly tyer with about a dozen patterns to his name. Additionally, Tim wrote fly tying articles for the quarterly publication, Redbone Journal.

Borski limits speaking engagements to a few a year because of his sons, Gus (13) and Josef (16), who are really fun to be around.

Tim's website is www.timborskiart.com, and he has an Etsy site full of print options as well.



The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenki

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



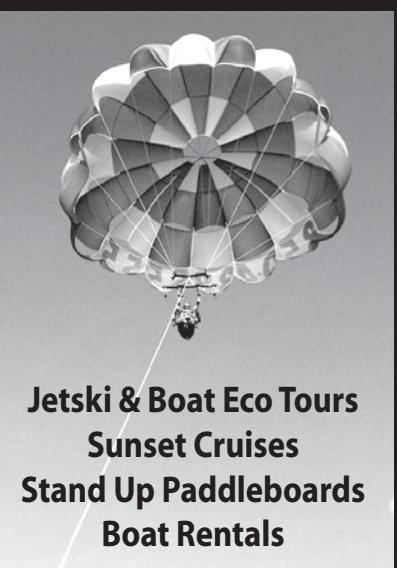
Almost every culture in the world has its own version of a potato pancake. As we begin to look forward to this year's St. Paddy's Day, I remembered this recipe from our travels there. The Irish version of a potato pancake is called a "Boxty" and it is delicious, yet easy to prepare on the stove top. It is a perfect breakfast compliment with bacon and eggs or can be served with applesauce for, as the Irish call it, "high tea." Try this dish and I am sure that you will enjoy it!

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1 pound of baking potatoes
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1 onion
1 teaspoon baking powder
Salt and pepper
2 large eggs beaten
1 teaspoon of garlic

Peel and grate the potatoes and parsnip or (carrot.) Using paper towels, squeeze as much water as possible from the grated vegetables. Peel and finely chop the onion. Add the onion to the parsnips and potatoes. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

Heat the griddle and place a pad of butter on it for each serving of potato mix. Spoon the mix onto the griddle to form a small pancake. Brown on one side, flip and brown on the other side. Can be served with a dollop of sour cream or your favorite hot sauce.

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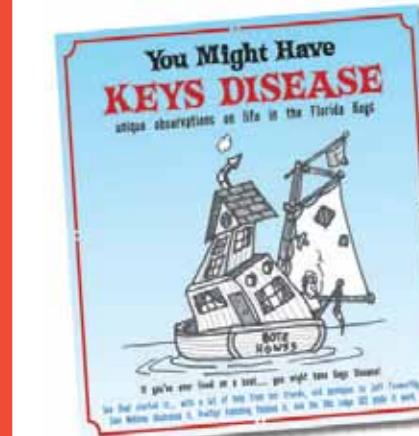
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PETE'S OBITUARY

Mrs. Pete Monaghan came into the newsroom to pay for her husband's obituary. She was told by the kindly newsman that it was a dollar a word and he remembered Pete and wasn't it too bad about him passing away. She thanked him for his kind words and bemoaned the fact that she only had two dollars. But she wrote out the obituary, "Pete died." The newsman said he thought old Pete deserved more and he'd give her three more words at no charge. Mrs. Monaghan thanked him and rewrote the obituary: "Pete died. Boat for sale."



DO IT YOURSELF

An Irishman went to Keys Kritters and asked how many budgies were in stock. "We have 99" replied the Robby, the owner. "Give us the lot" said the Irish man, paid for them and left. He went to Key Largo Canvas and had 99 pockets sewn into a jacket, put a budgie in each pocket, went up to the Jewfish Creek Bridge and jumped off. He hit the water with an almighty splash and floated there groaning until a passer-by came and asked him what had happened. "I don't know sir" he replied, "but that's the last time I try that budgie jumping."



I might have a slight drinking problem...

My husband asked me to toast some bread for him.

I raised my wine glass and said, 'Here's to bread.'

The Last Will

Doug Pinder is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him.

He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses."

"My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between MM 100 and Tavernier."

"My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bayside on Blackwater Sound."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pinder, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property."

The wife replies, "The asshole had a paper route."

Thank you Elise Henline



One Day at the Track

A bookie was at the races playing the ponies and losing his shirt.

He noticed a Catholic Priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track.

Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses.

The bookie made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race. He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next.

He bet big on it, and it won.

As the races continued the Priest kept blessing horses, and each one ended up winning.

The bookie was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited for the Priest's next blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was 100/1.

This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.

The bookie knew he had a winner and bet every cent he had on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag pulled up and couldn't even finish the race.

In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was standing.

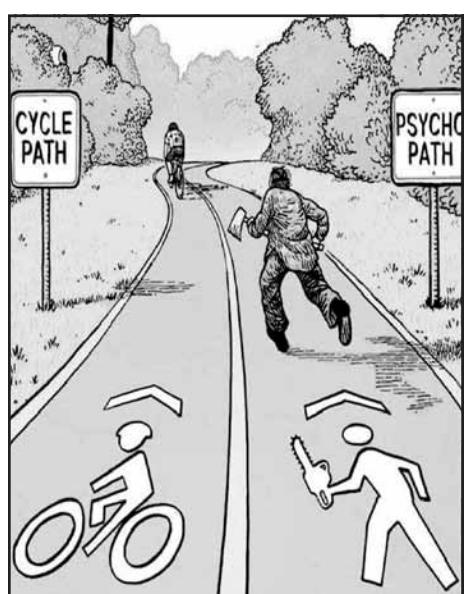
Confronting him, he exclaimed, "Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed never even had a chance. Now, thanks to you I've lost all my money!"

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. "You aren't Catholic are you my son?"

"No, I'm an atheist"

"That's the problem", said the Priest, "you couldn't tell the difference between a blessing and last rites."

Thank you Trader Dick!



Bad News, Good News

bad news first."

The cop said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in The Bories."

"Oh my God!" exclaimed Wilkens. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The sheriffs looked at each other. One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which do you want to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, an ashen Mr. Wilkens said, "Give me the

stunned, Mr. Wilkens demand-
ed, "If that's the good news, what's
the great news?"

The cop said, "We're going to
pull her up again tomorrow."



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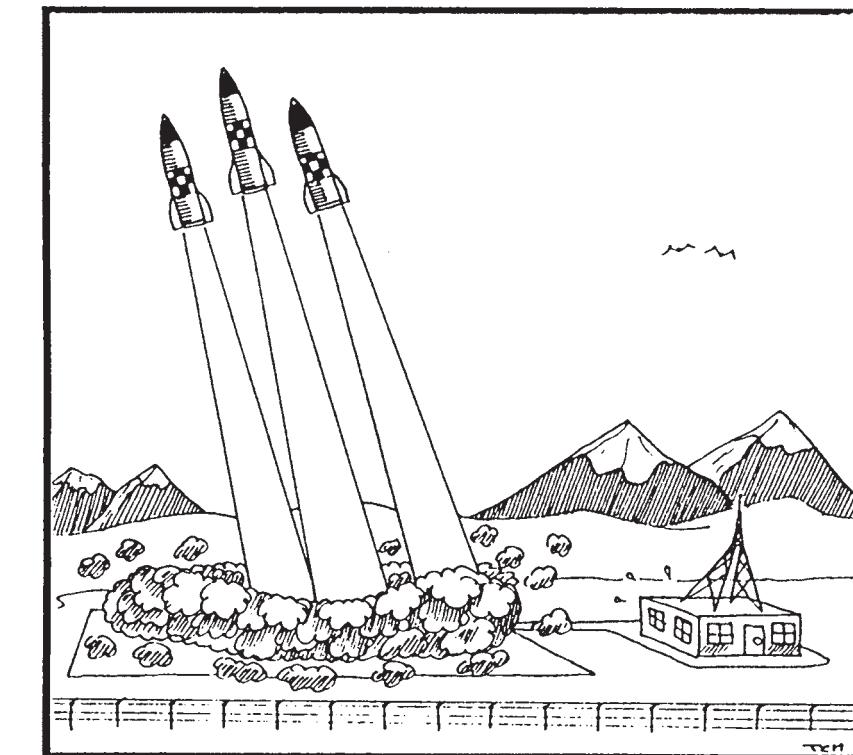
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The advertisement features a top section with seven pieces of sea glass jewelry hanging from a chain, each with a unique, hand-crafted pendant. Below this is a large, stylized blue seashell logo. The text "Key Largo" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font, with "Sea Glass Jewelry" in a slightly smaller, bold, serif font underneath. A second row of seven pendants is shown, each with a different design, including a starburst and various shapes. At the bottom, the text "Beautiful pendants made in Key Largo." is written in a cursive font. Below this, the "FLORIDA KEYS VISITOR CENTER" is listed with the address "106240 OVERSEAS HWY." and two business names: "KEYS DIVER" and "THE ART BOX", each with its corresponding address: "MM 99.7" and "MM 100.6". A small graphic at the bottom shows a compass rose with the text "D AND E ON THE MAP".

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Blues legend Taj Mahal was spotted jamming at a local bar, pictured with Jimmy Hawkins and Dale Henderson. Photo by Brenda Susan Shelby.



Rob and Lynn Mitchell
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Marcy Scott and Michelle Burke
at Sharkeys for the Ralphie Bra Walk.



Jack and Kathy Ramsey and friends at the Pilot House.



Fun people, fun place!
Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill.



The Garden Club of the Upper Keys celebrated their 65th birthday with a big party on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Garden Club members designed themed tablescape designs, and the competition was judged by (L-R): AnneMarie Anderson, Claudia Moriarty, and Sue Beal. Winning table (pictured) was by Debbie Leonard. Photo by Lonell Rice



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After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes.

As the plane took off, the young woman sitting next to him pulled out her cell phone and started talking in a loud voice:

"Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the plane".

"Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting".

"No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting

office. It was with the boss".

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life".

"Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly.

When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her cell phone in public any longer.

Thanks, Doug Myers!

Checks and Balances

When we see ourselves in other people it can be a great opportunity for growth if we are willing to do the work.



Most of us have probably come across the universal wisdom that the people who irritate us the most are expressing qualities that we ourselves have. This is why family members can be so vexing for so many of us—we see ourselves in them, and vice versa. This isn't always true, of course, but when it is, it's a real opportunity for growth if we can acknowledge it, because it is infinitely easier to change ourselves than it is to try to change another person, which is never a good idea.

For example, if we have a coworker who engages in some kind of negative behavior, like complaining or trying to control everything, we can look and see if we ourselves carry those traits.

We may have to look to other situations in our lives to see it, because we behave differently in different environments. Perhaps we don't complain at work, because our coworker overdoes it, but maybe we do it with our friends.

Maybe we aren't controlling at the office, but we're used to being in control at home,

and this is why we feel so irritated not to be in control at work. Even if we look and find that we are not engaging in the same behavior that we see as negative in others, we can still learn from what we are seeing in this person. The truth is, human nature is universal, and we share many of the same tendencies. What we see in others can always help us to understand ourselves more deeply.

Having the ability to see something in another person, and automatically bring this observation back to ourselves, is like having a built-in system of checks and balances that enables us to be continually engaged in self-exploration and behavior change.

When we see behavior we don't like, we can make a concerted effort to weed it out of ourselves, and when we see behavior we do like, we can let it inspire us to engage in imitation.

Through this process, we read our environment and let it influence us to bring out the best in ourselves.

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