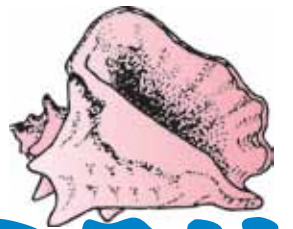


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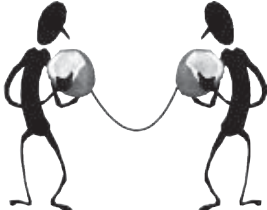
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Editorial: Keys Disease Epidemic

After visiting the Keys several times, Eric, a young man in his 20s packed up his bags and moved here. Upon arriving he looked up job opportunities on Craig's List and found one that required a clean background and a Keys Disease vaccination.

He asked his friend Chris, a friend he met at the bar ,“What is it? Do I need a shot? How much does it cost?” Chris told him that he definitely needed it. “You gotta get it and it's free,” he said, and they made plans to get together the next morning and get the ball rolling.

(Note: Keys Disease is an island term that applies to ambitious northern folks who move to the Keys. When they get here they quickly adapt to the laid-back life-style of the locals. No more shoes and socks, long pants are out; being on time is a thing of the past. Shorts and flip flop are in. Tiki bars and boats are home to the afflicted. The only known cure is to travel north across the 18-mile stretch and stay there. There is no vaccination, however, our eager-to-work young friend did not know this.)

The next morning Chris drove Eric to the Keys Visitor Center and told him to go get his vaccination. Eric went inside and told Dave, the booking agent, “I'm here for my Keys disease vaccination.” Dave looked at him like he was crazy, shook his head and said “Sorry dude, you must be looking

for the Chamber of Commerce, it's 9 doors down on your right.” Eric jumped back in the car and told Chris to take him to the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce.

By this time Eric was a bit stressed out. Once inside the Chamber building he approached the desk where an older woman was working. After waiting his turn in line Eric told the lady “I am here for my shot.” “What shot?” asked the lady. “My Keys Disease vaccination. My friend is waiting in the car and I need to get my shot!” Eric replied.

“Who sent you here?” asked the lady, “The Visitor Center sent me” replied a desperate Eric. “Look, I'm



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We've also learned, a woman traveling on Card Sound near the North end toward US 1 had a bottle thrown at her car. While it missed the windshield, damage was done and she went to the police to report seeing the man who hurled the bottle.



The authorities sent out a helicopter, and found a suspicious man, but the woman was not able to positively identify him.

The safety of Ocean Reef members and personnel is paramount. Please do not fall victim to tactics forcing you to stop your vehicle. If you see something in the road do not stop or get out to move it. Keep your doors locked and safely maneuver around the object. Please report any such incidences or anything that seems out of the ordinary to the sheriff's office.

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teacher told his mother that he would be an artist.

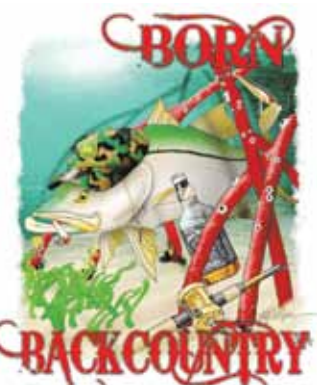
For the past 40 years most of Rodney's work is airbrushing. Wall murals, vehicles of all kinds, boats, signs, wood, metal, etc. Last year, his work won the esteemed 1st place booth contest at The Tropical Plant International Expo (TPIE) Plant Show in Miami. He was up against others who spent millions on their designs! He has a keen sense for capturing the essence of what his commissioned customers desire, and he brings it to life.

Nelson's expert airbrushing has taken him to Key West for many years where he won 1st place airbrushing on nearly naked people for Fantasy Fest. He is comfortable painting just about anything.

Nelson also paints with a brush, whether it be on canvas, wood, wall murals or just having fun with his grandkids. He is also a whiz on the computer. He can design logos, signs, business cards, vehicle wraps, banners, websites, t-shirts, and view-thru window screens, just to name a few.

In the last few years, Rodney has taught himself glass etching and is proficient at that too! He loves the challenge of something new and guarantees satisfaction.

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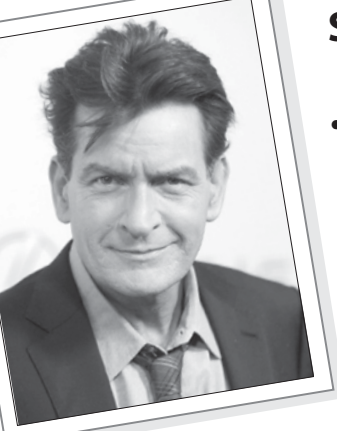
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We then become increasingly worked up, until the moment of truth arrives and we discover that our worry was all for nothing. We are almost always stronger and more capable than we believe ourselves to be. But anxiety is not rational in nature, which means that in most cases we cannot work through it using logic as our only tool.


Reason can help us recognize the relative futility of unwarranted worry but, more often than not, we will find more comfort in patterns of thought and activity that redirect our attention to practical or engaging matters.

Most of us find it remarkably difficult to focus on two distinct thoughts or emotions at once, and we can use this natural human limitation to our advantage when trying to stay centered in the period leading up to a potentially tricky experience.

When we concentrate on something unrelated to our worry, such as deep breathing, visualizations of success, pleasurable pursuits, or exercise, anxiety dissipates naturally. Meditation is also a useful coping mechanism as it provides us with a means to ground ourselves in the moment. Our guides can aid us by providing us with a focal point wholly outside of our own sphere.

The intense emotional flare-up you experience just before you are set to challenge yourself is often a mixture of both excitement and fear. When you take steps to eliminate the fear, you can more fully enjoy the excitement. Though you may find it difficult to avoid getting worked up, your awareness of the forces acting on your feelings will help you return to your center and accept that few hurdles you will face will be as high as they at first appear.


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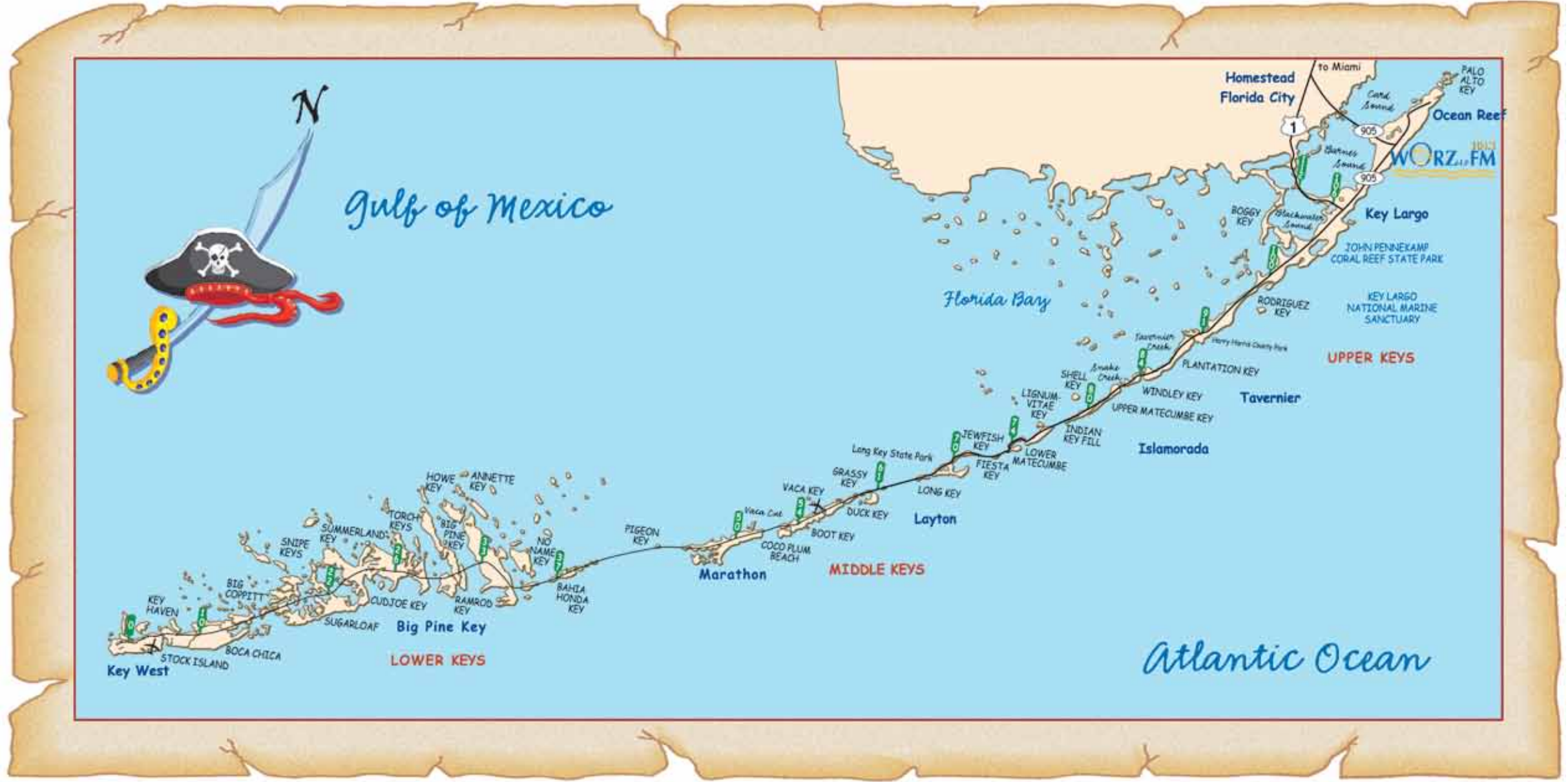
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Dealing with Loss

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Many people responded. Then there's one old guy's incredible comment that stood out from the rest that might just change the way we look at life and death:

"Alright, here goes. I'm old. What that means is that I've survived (so far) and a lot of people I've known and loved did not. I've lost friends, best friends, acquaintances, co-workers, grandparents, mom, relatives, teachers, mentors, students, neighbors, and a host of other folks. I have no children, and I can't imagine the pain it must be to lose a child. But here's my two cents.

"I wish I could say you get used to people dying. I never did. I don't want to. It tears a hole through me whenever somebody I love dies, no matter the circumstances. But I don't want it to "not matter".

"I don't want it to be something that just passes. My scars are a testament to the love and the relationship that I had for and with that person. And if the scar is deep, so was the love. So be it. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are a testament that I can love deeply and live deeply and be cut, or even gouged, and that I can heal and continue to live and continue to love. And the scar tissue is stronger than the original flesh ever was. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are only ugly to people who can't see.

"As for grief, you'll find it comes in waves. When the ship is first wrecked, you're drowning, with wreckage all around you. Everything floating around you reminds you of the beauty and the magnificence of the ship that was, and is no more. And all you can do is float. You find some piece of the wreckage and you hang on for a while. Maybe it's some physical thing. Maybe it's a happy memory or a photograph. Maybe it's a person who is also floating. For a while, all you can do is float. Stay alive.

"In the beginning, the waves are 100 feet tall and crash over you without mercy. They come 10 seconds apart and don't even give you time to catch your breath. All you can do is hang on and float. After a while, maybe weeks, maybe months, you'll find the waves are still 100 feet tall, but they come further apart. When they come, they still crash all over you and wipe you out. But in between, you can breathe, you can function. You never know what's going to trigger the grief. It might be a song, a picture, a street intersection, the smell of a cup of coffee. It can be just about anything...and the wave comes crashing. But in between waves, there is life.

"Somewhere down the line, and it's different for everybody, you find that the waves are only 80 feet tall. Or 50 feet tall. And while they still come, they come further apart. You can see them coming. An anniversary, a birthday, or Christmas, or landing at O'Hare. You can see it coming, for the most part, and prepare yourself. And when it washes over you, you know that somehow you will, again, come out the other side. Soaking wet, sputtering, still hanging on to some tiny piece of the wreckage, but you'll come out.

"Take it from an old guy. The waves never stop coming, and somehow you don't really want them to. But you learn that you'll survive them. And other waves will come. And you'll survive them too. If you're lucky, you'll have lots of scars from lots of loves. And lots of shipwrecks."

Patria McKenzie




Rest in Peace

We thought of you with love today,
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The Ocean Life series brings renowned researchers and academics to the Keys to educate, entertain, and inspire audiences of all ages. Hosted by Florida International University's School of Environment, Arts and Society and the Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center, the series features interdisciplinary experts from FIU and the Keys. This series is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Linda Kaplan at linda@fklcc.org or (305) 396-7000, or visit merc.fiu.edu. Photo by Jeffrey Cale.

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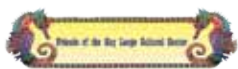
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Jeremy Kiszka, Ph.D.

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Sounds of the Keys



During a show at Gilberts, the Coconut Cowboys inspire a young boy to play in a band someday.
Photo by Rob LeBrun.



The Coconut Cowboy with Taylor King Band at the American Legion.



JC Costello joins the Thursday jam at American Legion. Photo by Video Dave.



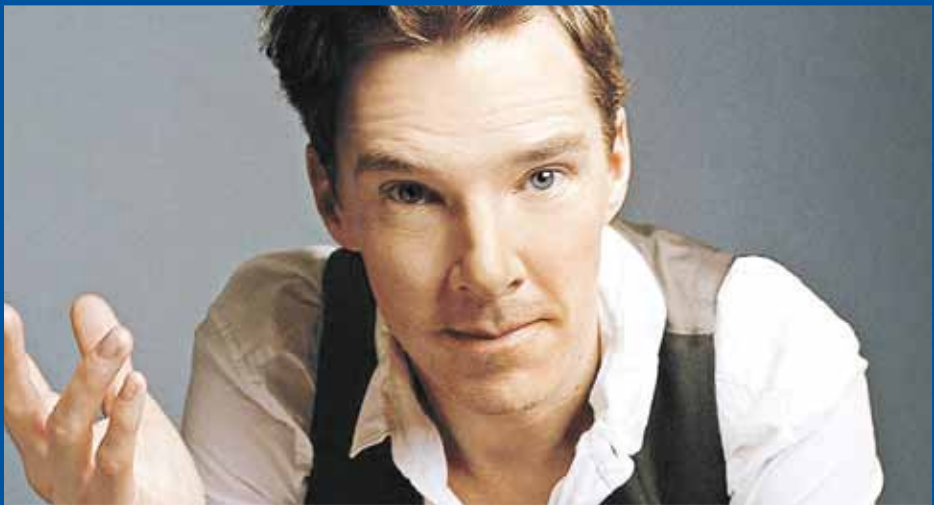
Young or old....Mr Nice Guy rocks everyone at Gilbert's.
Photo by Rob LeBrun.



The Copper Tones entertain at Bayside Grille.
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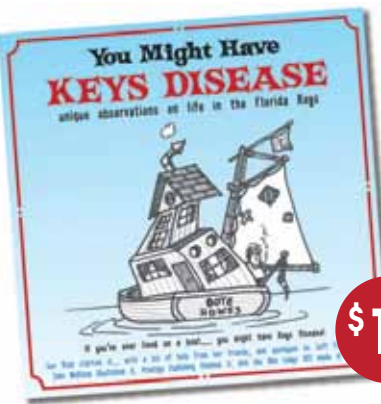


A young lady from the audience helps the band Main Street perform at Gilberts. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



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Gilberts Resort funded the printing of the first edition, so all proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help musicians in need.

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Living Dockside THE STUFFING BOX

What, you may ask, is the stuffing box? Ok, how about the packing gland? It has other names to be sure, to me it's a giant pain in my AFT!
Good play on words huh? Alright, the stuffing box is where your boat's drive shaft goes through the hull, you know where that little spinning thing is, which makes the boat move. Of course this is only if you have an inboard motor. What the stuffing box consists of is a large rubber tube attached to the drive shaft with hose clamps and a metal plate at one end, on the inside the metal plate has threads and a couple of large nuts.

Now, these nuts are what control the lubrication of your drive shaft, so it doesn't get overheated and burn up your engine, which is a bad thing. Inside one of the nuts is a space for a product called "Flax" which is square braided rope impregnated with wax and lubricant. This should keep the water on the outside of the boat. When you run your boat it should, and usually, drips, a drip every ten seconds is ok.
Mine is gushing now, it's a shower if you could stand under it! Luckily this thing is in the aft bilge, so as long as my bilge pump holds out, She Breeze keeps floating. I do so get tired of the sound of



For those arriving to the Gilbert's party fashionably late, you can park on the main access road and take the FREE air-conditioned shuttle to and from Gilbert's on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-8pm.

major dripping, my bunk is above the bilge area. Drip, drip, drip... you get the picture, I have to tighten the nuts up.
Ok, I've pulled up the floorboard and yes it's still gushing, I've got two large and very heavy pipe wrenches to loosen the packing nut from the locking nut. Did I mention these wrenches are f---ing heavy? It's not WORKING, I finally gave in and found my hammer. That did the trick, now I've got more water gushing in, PLEASE bilge pump don't give up on me now!
Ok according to the video I watched, I just have to turn the packing nut righty tighty, to get it to stop gushing. What, may I ask, am I to hold on to while turning the blasted nut? Oh goody, the rubber boot thing with hose clamps that love to cut my hands up, here I go, quar-

ter turn, still gushing, half turn, a little slower, three quarter turn, it's now at least dripping not gushing. At this point I realize I have to replace the packing in the packing nut, sh--, sh--, sh--!!!!
To summarize the project of the day, YES, it's still dripping, on the bright side that's better than gushing any day. I'm going to let my hands and back heal before I tackle that blasted packing nut again, I will keep you posted. I do keep asking myself, Why do I own a sailboat????



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The Bet

An elderly woman walked into the Royal Bank of Ireland one morn- ing with a purse full of money. She wanted to open a savings account and insisted on talking to the presi- dent of the bank because, she said, she had a lot of money.

After a lengthy discussion (after all, the client is always right) an em- ployee took the elderly woman to the president’s office. He asked her how much she wanted to deposit. She placed her purse on his desk and replied, “\$165,000.00”

The president was curious and asked her how she had been able to save so much money. The elderly woman replied that she made bets.

He showed his surprise and asked, “What kind of bets?”

The elderly woman replied, “Well, I bet you \$25,000 that your testicles are square.”

The president started to laugh and told the woman that it was impos- sible to win a bet like that.

The woman never batted an eye. She just looked at the president and said, “Would you like to take my bet?”

“Certainly,” he replied. ‘I bet you \$25,000 that my testicles are not square.”

“Done,” the elderly woman answered. “But given the amount of money in- volved, if you don’t mind I would like to come back at 10 o’clock tomorrow morning with my lawyer as a wit- ness.”

“No problem,” said the president of the bank, confidently.

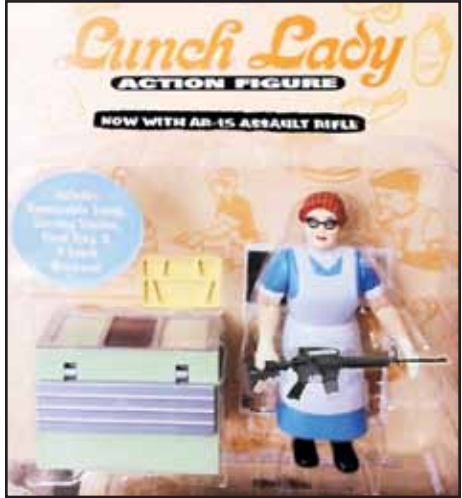
That night, the man became very nervous about the bet and spent a long time in front of the mirror examining his testicles, turning them this way and that, checking them over again and again until he was positive that no one could consider his testicles square, and reassuring himself that there was no way he could lose the bet.

The next morning at exactly 10 o’clock, the elderly woman arrived at the president’s office with her lawyer and acknowledged the \$25,000 bet made the day before. The president confirmed that the bet was the same as the one made the day before. Then the elderly woman asked him to drop his pants so that she and her lawyer could see clearly.

The president was happy to oblige.

The elderly woman came closer so she could see better and asked the president if she could touch them. “Of course,” said the president. “Giv- en the amount of money involved, you should be 100% sure.”

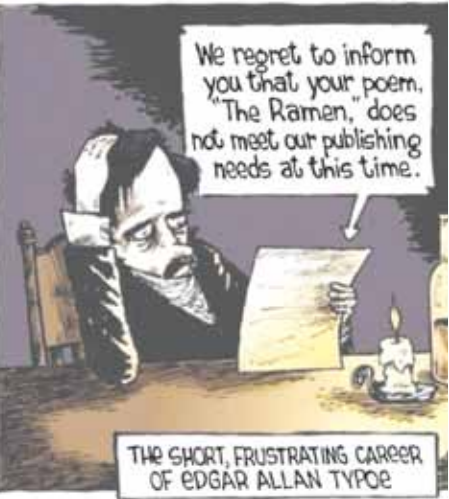
The elderly woman did so with a little smile. Suddenly the president noticed that the lawyer was banging his head against the wall. He asked the elderly woman why he was doing that, and she replied, “Oh, it’s probably because I bet him \$100,000 that around 10 o’clock in the morning I would be holding the balls of the President of the Royal Bank of Ireland in my hand.”



I START EACH DAY
WITH A GREEN
SMOOTHIE.

NO, WAIT. THE
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SAYING IT'S CALLED
A “MOJITO.”

Strange new trend
at the office.
People putting
names on food in
the company
fridge. Today I had
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named Linda.



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The Army has been looking for Her- man for 51 years!



I know right from wrong.
Wrong is the fun one.



CASTAWAYS

Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vaca- tion to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system, the Cap- tain announces: “Ladies and Gen- tlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing.

“Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. How- ever, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!”

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, “Esther, did we pay our Visa and MasterCard bills yet?”

“No, sweetheart,” she re- sponds.

Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, “Es- ther, did we pay our American Express card yet?”

“Oh, no! I’m sorry. I forgot to send the check,” she says.

“One last thing Esther. Did you remember to send the in- come tax check to the IRS this month?” he asks.

“Oh, forgive me, Abe,” begs Esther. “I didn’t send that one, either.”

Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years. Esther pulls away and asks him, “What was that for?”

Abe answers, “They’ll find us!”



I get most of my resistance
training trying to pull empty
beer cans out of new koozies.



THE OLDER
WE GET THE
BETTER WE
USED TO BE

Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighborhood boys for being stupid. Their favorite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime Little Johnny always takes the nickel. One day, after Johnny takes the nickel, a neighbor takes him aside and says, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel, even though the nickel's bigger?" Johnny grins and says, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I've made \$20"

On a single day, Washington State recently passed two laws. They are: 1. Legalized gay marriage, and 2 Legalized marijuana.

Legalizing gay marriage and mari- juana on the same day now makes perfect Biblical sense.

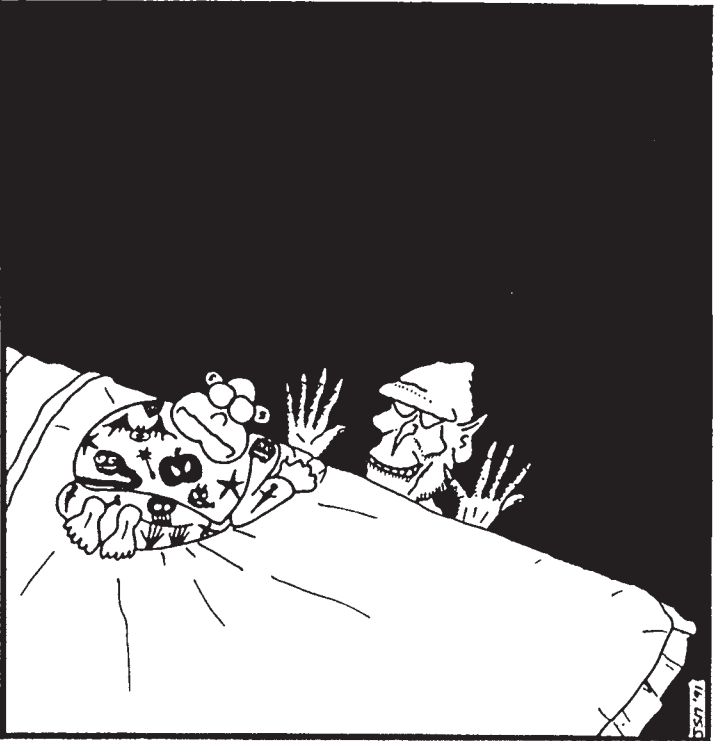
Leviticus 20:13 says: “If a man lies with another man, they should be stoned.”

Apparently we just hadn’t inter- preted it correctly before!

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The Ocean: ALL you Need to Know!

Children Writing About the Ocean!.

This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6)

Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)

If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Mike, age 7)

Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)

A dolphin breathes through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 7)

My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots, and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6)

When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the Ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle To make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)

Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)

I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)

Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think They have to plug themselves into chargers. (Topher, age 7)

When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my Willy small. (Kevin, age 6)

Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky, age 7)

On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat butt. (Julie, age 7)

The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)

My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7)

A weasel walks into a bar.

The bartender looks up and says "Wow! In all my years tending bar, I've never had a weasel stop by. What can I get you?"

"Pop," goes the weasel.

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- * Go to the funeral dressed as the deceased, and call the widow a fraud.
- * Bring a dog to the funeral and have him play dead.
- * Sign the deceased's name in the guest register.
- * Bring a shovel to the church.
- * See if it would do any good to shake him.
- * Put wax lips on the body.
- * Ask the widow how long she's been sure he's dead.
- * Tell the widow it's ok, many of his favorite TV shows were cancelled anyway.
- * Put a bumper sticker on the hearse that says, "I'd rather be breathing!"
- * Ask the widow how long it will be before she starts dating.
- * Hide behind the casket and talk to the mourners as they kneel in front of the body.
- * Send the widow a singing telegram from the deceased.
- * Ask if you can take a finger or other souvenir.
- * Tell the widow in a loud stage whisper, "I'll bet this is costing you a pretty penny."
- * Tell the widow that the body doesn't look comfortable, and he'd look better lying on his side.
- * Tell the widow you suspect foul play.
- * Put a lit cigarette in the deceased's mouth.

Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

Hula-hooping. Yup, you read that right. What was your reaction? Did you smile, cringe, furrow your brow in confusion?

Well for some of my friends, hula hooping is a source of joy and confidence. This may sound corny or pointless, but bear with me.

I was hanging out at the Florida Keys Brewing Company's beer garden last month when my friend demonstrated her advanced skill. (Yes, there are hula hoops in the beer garden!) She told me, "I had never done it before, and it turns out I'm a natural!"

As I watched her shimmy



her hips I thought - what an excellent life lesson. How many times have we said "no thank you" to trying new foods, habits, activities or hobbies? One of my besties always tells her kiddos: "the first try is to taste it, the second time is to figure it out, and the third try is to make a decision."

It's so easy to get stuck in our "boring" lives insisting there is nothing to do or that we feel uninspired. To experience joy and inspiration, we have to live! That means, taking chances, keeping it fresh and having a willingness to try new things even if it doesn't work out.

What if the thing you are resisting is really just a fear of failure. Or a false belief that you won't like it? I have

a client who was looking to make new friends by trying new things. After checking out yoga, Latin dance and a new church, she landed on competitive weightlifting. She feels stronger (obvi) but also more confident and empowered. It's been incredible to watch her learn and grow.

If you feel stumped, pick something, anything outside of your comfort zone. The sillier, the better! The point is to explore. The world and yourself There is so much more out there for you and me. And, my bet is you have amazing skills and delicious experiences just waiting for you to find them.

Shoot me an email and tell me what new thing you are going to try this week! dawn@dawnwigginstherapy.com



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Conch Characters



Dave Sheehan carries his wife's purse and gets her a beer. Christy is so lucky! Stop by and see Dave and his watersports businesses at the Marriott and Big Chill.



Actor Djimon Hounsou had breakfast at the Conch House in March!



Thank you to Callum Allison and Lisa Slaydon for all their hard work helping our community!



JC and Toh at the American Legion jam night (every Thursday 6-9 pm). Photo by Video Dave.



Magical figures: Michael Trixx and Coach Jimmy Johnson.



Caitlin Young and Zane Absten lead a coast of amazing talent in CSHS's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczeni

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



Sometimes you want something that is easy, tasty, and works great on a boat, so this is the recipe for you. My husband put this together and we enjoyed it. It is a one-pot wonder!



PORK CHOPS AND RICE

- 2 cups instant rice
- 1 10.5 oz can onion soup
- 1 cup water
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 2-4 thin-to-medium thick pork chops
- Frozen vegetable of your choice (peas, corn, green beans).
- Garlic powder to taste
- Generous sprinkle of Italian Seasonings
- Salt/pepper

In a large sauté pan, add the can of soup and cup of water, pad of butter, and bring to a boil. Stir in rice, reduce heat, and place the pork chops on top of the rice. Sprinkle the seasonings over the chops, spread a single layer of the vegetable on top, and cover.

Cook on medium heat until the rice has soaked up the water and the chops are cooked through. You may have to stir in just a small amount of water if the chops take a little longer to cook.

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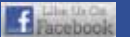
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