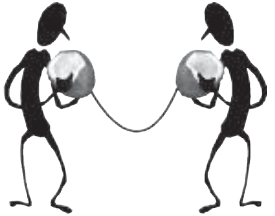


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**Our new Favorite Letter from a Reader**  
  
Warmest regards to my favorite Keys publication,  
  
Ur jokes in the New Years publication are possibly the most witty ones ever in my decade here. The root beer joke particularly ticked my fancy. I lost my fridge magnets in the storm (30 years of travel). Furniture is easy to replace. Not magnets. They mean more!  
  
I thought I'd take that long to collect more magnets, but now I'm gonna run over to Latitude 25 and buy a few... so I can "fridge love" some of these gems. Thanks. Keep up the good work. Visit islamorada more. We all read you. Not just Key Largo. Laughter is certainly therapeutic. Much appreciation.  
  
*Angela*  
Bartender, Kaiyo  
(formerly Old Tavernier)



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It is so good to see our old friends every year. This year many of them arrived in their shorts, flip flops and sunglasses to find those of us who live here year round bundled up in our hooded down jackets and scarfs, still shivering in the 50 degree cold snap that lasted about a week. We'd sit at the tiki bar with our teeth chitter chattering while holding on to a frozen mug of beer with gloved hands all the while apologizing for the weather. Just then, wouldn't you know it, a tourist inquires about a wave runner rental. One of us stutters "Go-o-od-d God, m-m-m-man! There is a small craft advisory out there and I even have white caps in my to-to-to-toilet!" The next day the sun is shining and it is back to 78 degrees, water sports are in full swing, people are fish-ing and swimming and Life is Good!

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What in tarnation is up with Pennecamp Coral Reef State Park? It has been 5 months since hurricane Irma and trash is still piled up in front of it! Why won't they haul away their yard rub-bish?

Don't waste your money paying their entrance fee when you can snorkel and dive with one of the thou-sands of privately owned companies up and down the Keys that take pride in their businesses.

Would you trust the safety of your family to a state park who won't even clean up their mess?

**I SURVIVED FLORIDA'S  
WEEK OF WINTER**  
  
  
**1/1/2018 - 1/7/2018**  
Thanks Loralene Carpenter

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