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Sharkey's is getting ready to celebrate their 17th anniversary, with their Rockin' the Dock Party. Food, fun, prizes, drink specials & live music all day! See page 7 for more information. Congratulations, Paul, Adam and all the hardworking staff!

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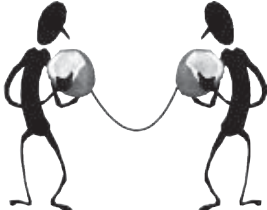
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Editorial: Are you "Angry" or are you "Mad"?

Is your anger rational or irrational? The definition of being angry is having a strong feeling of or showing annoyance, displeasure, or hostility while the definition of mad is being mentally ill or insane. How can you tell if you are crazy? It is the length of time it takes you to get over something. Does it take you minutes? Hours? Days? Years? Can other people drive you crazy? Only if you let them. Mentally sound people can debate without going to extremes. They listen to the others' perspective and end the discussion agreeing to disagree with respect whether it be religion,

politics or personal. I know a guy who gets so upset over politics he will start throwing punches whether he is arguing with a man or a woman. Here is another guy... he wakes up in the morning in a foul mood as he grabs a hot cup of coffee and opens the laptop. Bingo! Someone on Facebook has voiced an opinion he doesn't agree with. Immediately he is angry and furiously writes his opinions onto that person's page. A discussion ensues with several other people and it isn't going in this man's favor. His anger continues to heighten and eventually he totally loses it and attacks the "friend," insulting them personally and professionally. He has

virtually downgraded his status from just voicing an opinion to becoming a cyberbully and gone over the threshold from angry to being downright foaming-at-the-mouth, raving mad. His true colors are blazing for all to see and it reflects badly on his persona and professionalism to the public who read it. The consequences? Gone is the respect he worked his whole life to attain, while his malicious words spread through cyberspace like a vile, black, malignant melanoma rooted on the tip of his nose, oozing hate. Now he has to cut off his nose to spite his face. People will never look at him in the same way again. They avoid him like the plague. His phone

stops ringing. It is a weak man that bullies a woman. What happens next? Does he furiously rant on his own page? Has he become obsessed? Does he badmouth her every chance he gets? Does he slash her tires? Exactly how sick is he? We shall see. Life is like a boomerang - what you throw out comes back at you. Note: We are all entitled to our opinions without having to belittle another person. If another persons views that greatly disturb you, stop following them, unfriend them or just plain block them. No one is allowed go bonkers on my page and I will not tolerate hateful remarks or abuse towards me, my family, my friends, or the POTUS.

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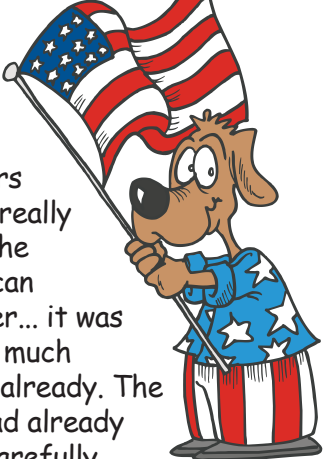
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10 Facts To Ruin Your July 4th



1. The "All-American" sport of baseball probably came from England. Evidence suggests that the first recorded game was played by the Prince of Wales in 1749.

2. So did apple pie... England was eating apple pie before America was even a thing. We copied the English recipes.

3. The tune of our national anthem comes from an old drinking song... you guessed it... from England. It was lifted from a song written in 1770 for a London gentlemen's club.

4. The Pledge of Allegiance was basically a gimmick intended to sell more flags. The words "under God" were added during the Red Scare in the 1950s.

5. Canadians own the Mall of America.

6. Bald eagle screeches are actually pretty weak. The classic sound is actually a red-tailed hawk.

7. Settlers didn't really tame the American frontier... it was pretty much tamed already. The land had already been carefully cultivated by Native Americans, according to Charles Mann's book 1491.

8. Like hot dogs? Lewis, Clark and Co. consumed over 200 dogs during their journey across America. Lewis and Clark preferred elk, beaver tail and buffalo. But when there was no attractive alternative, they settled for dog meat.

9. Like imitation hot dogs? President Johnson would frequently pull his "Johnson" out at inappropriate times.

10. Independence Day is actually on July 2.

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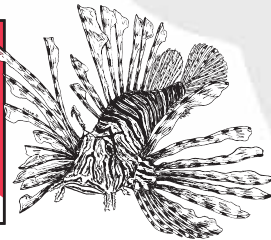
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Florida Keys Elks Lodge Sixth Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament Winners



The Florida Keys Elks Lodge recently held the Sixth Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament with 44 boats and 113 anglers. What a great day on the water. This event each year proves to be the best charity fundraiser for the Keys Lodge. The combined weight of 3 fish would determine the winners. Pictured are Rebecca Brito, Michala Laufle and Brittany Block, all from Tavernier, the big winners.



Abigale Varela, fishing with her cousin, was the top junior angler. Thanks everyone, for helping us help others.

Brave Spirits

As spiritual beings having human experiences, we are on an important mission to learn and grow here on earth.



Most of us are familiar with the idea that we are not human beings having spiritual experiences; instead, we are spiritual beings having human experiences. We hear this and even though we may experience a resounding yes in our bodies, we may not take the time to really acknowledge the truth of these statements. Integrating this idea into how we view ourselves can broaden our sense of who we are and help us appreciate ourselves as brave spirits on an important mission to learn and grow here on earth.

As spiritual beings, we are visitors in this physical realm. The fact that we came here and lost all memory of what happened to us before we were born is one of the many reasons that it takes so much courage for a soul to incarnate on earth. This is why spiritual inquiry so often feels like a remembering, because it is.

Remembering that we are spiritual beings is part of the work that we are here on earth to do. When we operate from a place of remembering, we tap into the wisdom that our spirit accumulated even before we stepped into this

lifetime. Remembering who we are can give us the patience to persevere when we become overwhelmed or frustrated. It can give us the courage to work through the most daunting challenges and help us trust the ancient wisdom we carry that is offered to us by our intuition.

We have chosen to be on earth because there is something we want to learn that can only happen by inhabiting a body. Some of us are here to repay a debt, learn about love, or teach forgiveness. Most of us are here for a combination of reasons, we carry this information in our souls, all we have to do is remember. As you go through your journey, try not to forget how brave you are, being here now. Honor yourself.

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Women in Business: Marian Warnike, KISS Distributing



Marian Warnike is the kind of business person who has been quietly and consistently doing a great job for over 35 years, behind the scenes, and the public isn't even aware of her or her company. We decided to let you in on our "trade secret" - Marian at KISS!

Marian moved to the Keys in 1980 from Alpena, Michigan, and in 1988 took a job working for Gary Kish, in his company called Kish Distributing. Kish Distributing warehoused and supplied items to tourist shops, resorts and other stores, things related to tourism and fun in the sun - like sunglasses, hats, sunscreen, disposable cameras, tee shirts, coolie cups, bandanas... that sort of thing. Marian drove a van up and down the Keys delivering inventory and taking orders.

Sometimes, a resort or bar would ask for a custom order, like coolies with their location or logo, or a special tee shirt design. Marian learned to take those custom orders and have the products made. It was at this time that she met Sue Beal, who does her artwork. Marian wanted us to be sure to mention that having that alliance has helped her gain success! (Thanks, Marian!!)

In 1994, Marian bought out Gary Kish and took over the whole business. She changed the name to KISS Distributing, and the logo changed to a pair of red lips. You may have seen it on posters and tee shirts through the years, as Marian has supported many community causes, especially revolving around fishing tournaments and the Islamorada Moose's activities.

Marian was located in Key Largo on Laguna Avenue for the first 20 years, in a warehouse behind Waldorf Plaza. A few years back, she moved her office to Tavernier.

She still delivers to accounts up and down the Keys, but custom work has become the major part of her business. She makes

custom tee shirts, coolies, embroidered items, bumper stickers, and many other promotional items. And it's not all for gift shops any more - many folks like to have custom coolies or tees for their casual Keys wedding, for their boat or business, a special event or other occasions. She has customers in the Bahamas, Alabama and Ohio, in addition to Florida and the Keys.

One of the best things we can say about Marian is that she is the most trusted source of promotional items in the Keys. A mature professional, she delivers every time. She still has one of her first customers - Key Largo Princess Glassbottom Boat - she's on the second generation of owners with them! Marian also fondly mentioned her long-term relationship with Robert is Here in Homestead, having watched his family grow up, while supplying the shop's needs. You have seen her tee shirts on people all over town... to mention a few of her more

well-known customers, there's Robbies, Fiesta Key, Moose Lodges throughout the Keys, the Elks, the American Legion, Sunshine Key Resort, T-Shirt City, both Chambers of Commerce, the Village, and of course, the Coconut Telegraph.

Marian is proud of and amazed at her 6 grandchildren, and enjoys spending time with them whenever she can. And when she isn't working or seeing family, she likes to fish. Over the years, she has fished many of the Keys tournaments, but lately she's been broadening her fishing experience. She took a trip to Homer, Alaska recently and fished for salmon and halibut. Look at the catch in the pictures - she slayed!! Her prize catch was a 51 lb. halibut, the biggest one in the picture. She is looking forward to a Louisiana adventure; she wants to go for redfish there.

You can reach Marian Warnike at 305-393-4425 or kissdistributing@gmail.com

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Left: The halibut catch from Marian's Alaska trip.

Right: How did this diminutive lady haul in that monster halibut? Just part of her charm (and experience!)



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John Cooper: New Director



John Cooper, of Islamorada, a retired international banker and 18-year full-time resident in the Keys, has joined the Matecumbe Historical Trust's board of directors. He is a visiting lecturer on business ethics and international business at Florida International University's Business School.

The Matecumbe Historical Trust Corp. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the education, history and preservation of the Florida Keys. MHT President Barbara Edgar said Cooper is a great addition to the board. He was immediately elected to serve as Treasurer.

TOYS FOR TOTS

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Sounds of the Keys



Paul doesn't just play drums, he can sing too! Shane Duncan doesn't just sing, he can play drums too. It's always a great time when the Shane Duncan Band plays at Gilbert's Resort.



This young man was thrilled to push some buttons and hear the smooth saxophone up close and personal. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Gypsy Lane rocked the Gilbert's stage in June. See them again this fall! Photo by Rob LeBrun.



The Coconut Cowboys ham it up for the camera. Catch them again on August 4th at Gilbert's Resort. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Capt. Josh and Bassman Bill at Snooks. Photo by Video Dave.



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Saturday, July 14
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Saturday, July 21
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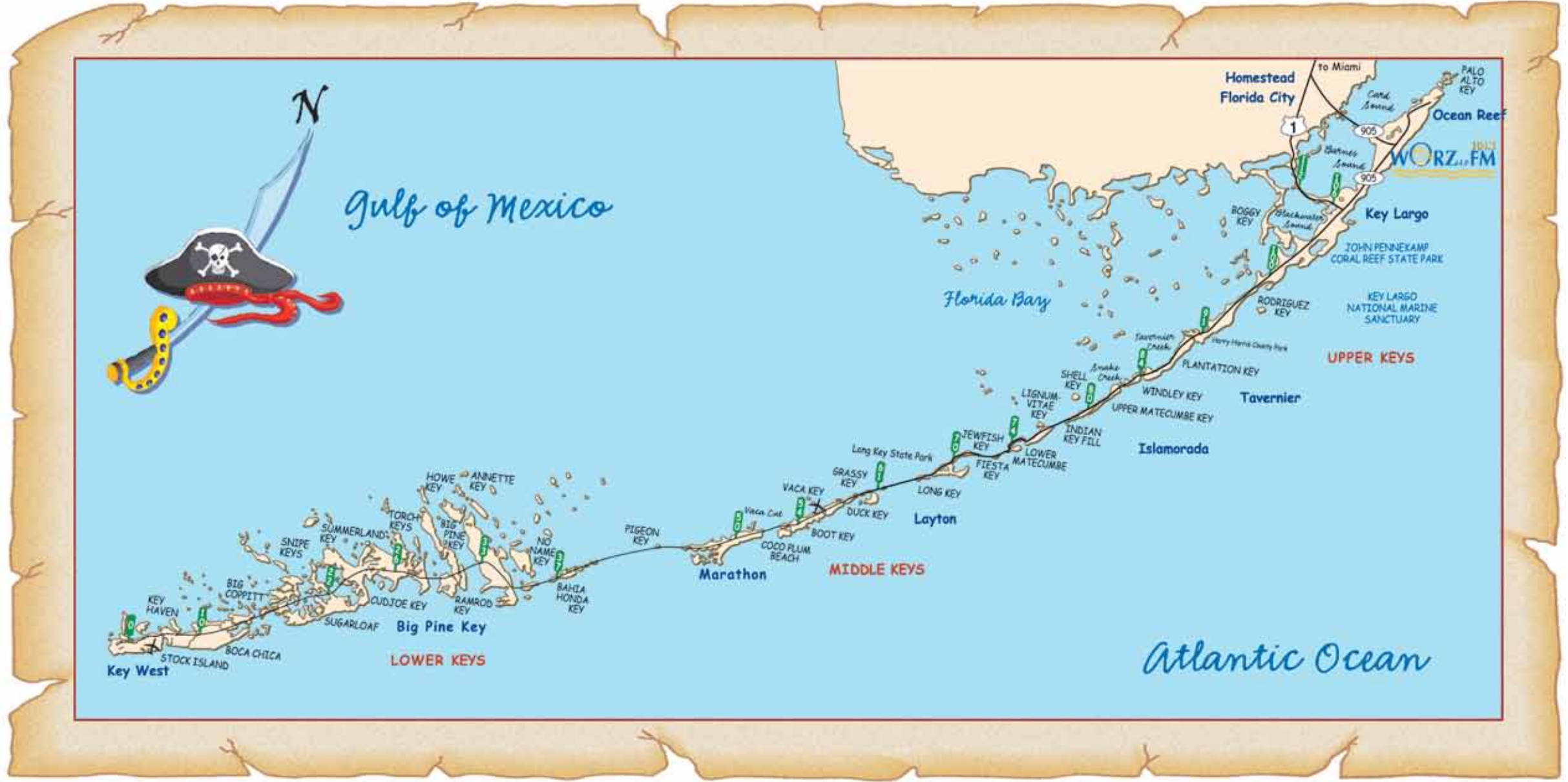


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Sid at Sharkeys, master of the grill!



Greetings from Tiffany at Shipwrecks.



Bartender Jenny at Big Chill.



Bob Cullin of Key Largo Canvas on a job.



You never know when a Conga line will break out at Gilbert's Resort. Photo: Rob LeBrun.



A birthday TOH-st for local keyboard musician TOH at the American Legion, with Sue Beal. Congrats!



Smiling Bartender Chad Dobson at Pilot House.



Ralph at Snooks with an amazing ice sculpture.



David at Bayside Grille, a favorite of the locals.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office Marine Theft Prevention



- Remove the keys from the boat; if it is on a lift, turn the breaker off in the house to disable it.
- Install motion sensor lights. Make sure areas around the boat are well lighted.
- Install surveillance cameras and make sure they will capture the face of an intruder. Cameras are often installed too high and only capture the top of a suspect's head or the brim of the hat he is wearing.
- Whether on a trailer or in a canal, make sure your boat can be seen by neighbors and/or deputies patrolling the neighborhood.
- Remove the steering wheel if the boat wont be used for a long time.
- Install a GPS tracking device on your boat and/or engines.
- Install a boat alarm. Alarms are very effective at preventing equipment and boat
- Disconnect the batteries to disable the trim / tilt function. Keep the engine down, touching the ground so the lower unit can't be removed.
- If the boat is on a trailer, chain the rims together or boot one of the wheels to prevent the entire boat and trailer from being stolen.
- Keep a trailer hitch lock on at all times.
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- Back the boat close to a house, wall, or other stationary object.
- Keep valuable electronics in a secure location. It might be a hassle, but it will save you thousands of dollars in the long run.
- Engrave your driver's license number or make a distinctive marking on your valuable property for identification.
- Take pictures and record serial numbers if available.
- Don't leave fishing and diving equipment unattended outside. It only takes a thief a minute - literally - to take it.
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Signs of the Times

We suspect some of these are not for real, but which ones?



Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

It happened over a year ago, but President Vladimir Putin called President Trump with an emergency: “Our largest condom factory has exploded!” the Russian President cried; “my people’s favorite form of birth control! This is a true disaster!”

“Vladimir, the American people would be happy to do anything within their power to help you,” replied the newly elected President..

“I do need your help,” said Putin. “Could you possibly send 1,000,000 condoms ASAP to tie us over?”

“Why certainly! I’ll get right on it!” said Trump.

“Oh, and one more small favor, please?” said Putin. “Yes?”

“Could the condoms be red in color and at least 10” long and 4” in diameter?” said Putin.

“No problem,” replied Trump and, with that, he hung up and called the President of Durex. “I need a favour, you’ve got to make 1,000,000 condoms right away and send them to Russia.”

“Consider it done,” said the president of Durex.

“Great! Now listen, they have to be red in color, 10” long and 4” wide.”

“Easily done. Anything else?”

“Yeah,” said Trump, “Print ‘MADE IN USA, SIZE MEDIUM’ on each one.”

Forget war parties. If we build a casino, they’ll hand over their money faster than we can pour drinks.



The Fourth of July holiday is here! We can finally play our favorite guessing game: Firework or Gunshot?



Earl and Bubba are quietly sitting in a boat fishing, chewing tobacco, and drinking beer when suddenly Bubba says, “Think I’m gonna divorce the wife – she ain’t spoke to me in over two months.”

Earl spits overboard, takes a long, slow sip of beer and says, “Better think it over; women like that are hard to find.”



Overheard: “I’ve often been asked, ‘What do you old folks do now that you’re retired?’ Well...I’m fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it”

An old guy was in Costco the other day, pushing his shopping cart around when he collided with a young guy who was also pushing a cart. He said to the young guy, “Sorry about that. I’m looking for my wife and I guess I wasn’t paying attention to where I was going.”

The young guy says, “That’s OK. It’s just a coincidence. I’m looking for my wife, too. I can’t find her and I’m getting a little desperate.”

The old guy said, “Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?”

The young guy says, “ Well, she is 24 years old, tall, with long blond hair, green eyes, long legs, big boobs and she’s wearing tight white shorts, a halter top and no bra. What does your wife look like?”

The old guy said, “Doesn’t matter. Let’s look for yours.”

Most older men are helpful like that.

PLEASE TIP YOUR MUSICIANS... THEY’RE SO BROKE, I SAW FOUR OF THEM SHARING A CIGARETTE IN THE PARKING LOT!

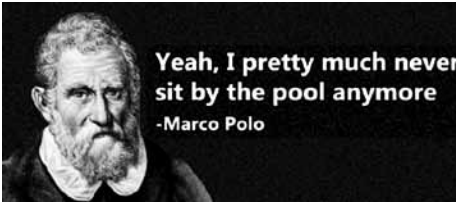
My wife has been missing a week now. The police said to prepare for the worst. So, I had to go down to Salvation Army to get all of her clothes back.



I like my coffee so strong that it wakes my neighbors.



After many years of marital bliss, tension enters the Kent household.



When your wife says she needs a new broom, it’s best not to ask if she broke the last one in a crash landing.

And The Lord saith unto John, “Come forth and receive eternal life”

...but John came fifth and won a toaster.



It is just this simple!!

At breakfast, the man asked his wife, “What would you do if I won the lottery?”

She replied, “I’d take half, and then I’d leave you.”

“Great,” he said. “I won \$12 yesterday. Here’s \$6. Stay in touch.”

Taking Viagra for my sunburn. It doesn’t cure it, but it keeps the sheets off my legs.

TEXAS SHERIFF’S EXAM

A young Texan grew up wanting to be a lawman.

He grew up big, 6’ 2”, strong as a longhorn, and fast as a mustang. He could shoot a bottle cap tossed in the air at 40 paces.

When he finally came of age, he applied to where he had only dreamed of working: the West Texas Sheriff’s Department.

After a series of tests and interviews, the Chief Deputy finally called him into his office for the young man’s last interview

The Chief Deputy said, “You’re a big strong kid and you can really shoot. So far your qualifications all look good, but we have, what you might call, an “Attitude Suitability Test”, that you must take before you can be accepted. We just don’t let anyone carry our badge, son.”

Then, sliding a service pistol and a box of ammo across the desk, the Chief said, “Take this pistol and go out and shoot: six illegal aliens, six ambulance-chasing lawyers, six ‘meth dealers, six Muslim extremists, six Democrats, and a rabbit”

“Why the rabbit?” queried the applicant.

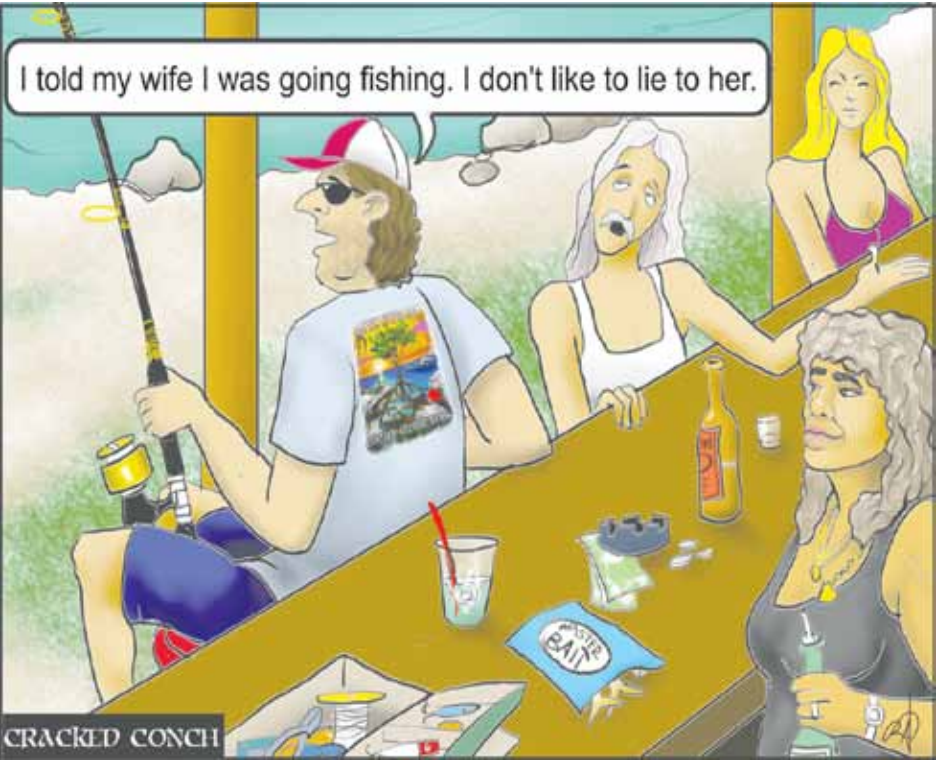
“You pass,” said the Chief Deputy. “When can you start?”

Thank you Trader Dick!



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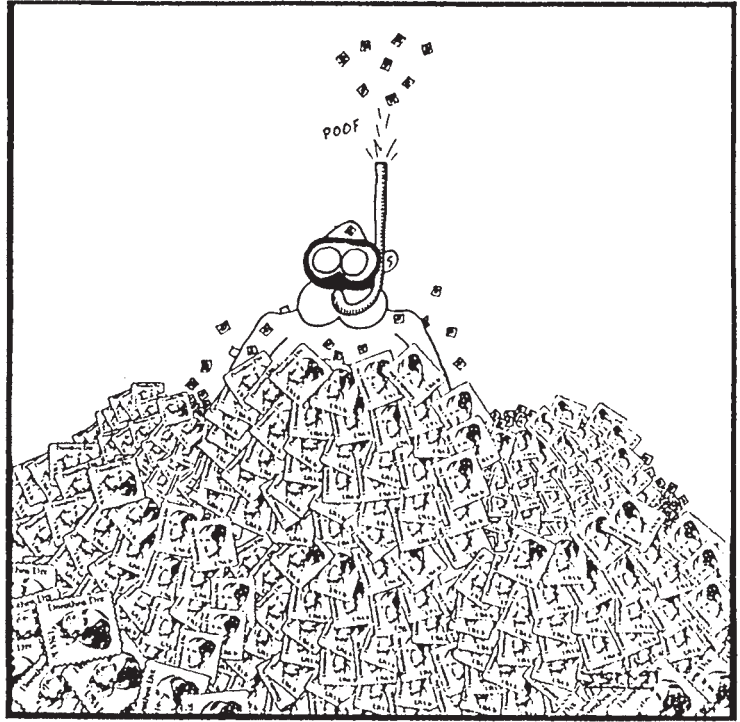


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by J.S. McKinna



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Which is It?

Do you have confidence or self-worth?

Let's get some clarity so you can answer this question honestly. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me "I don't have low self-esteem" I could've retired years ago.

Here's the deal: being good at something gives you confidence.

That's vastly different than self-worth. Confidence develops over time as you master a skill set. Every time you learn something new, your confidence grows. The longer you do something well, the more confident you feel.

Self-worth is an entirely different animal. Self-worth is a sense of worthiness regardless of how confident you are.

For instance,

— if you lost everything that gave you confidence, would you still feel good enough?

— if you couldn't do your job or parent or walk or talk, would you still feel worthy?

Humans rely heavily on the good feeling of confidence and undervalue the importance of innate worthiness.

When we judge ourselves or others based primarily on performance, we are judging unfairly.

Remember, life is a messy, risky thing that rarely goes the way we plan.

Living in a performance-based culture undercuts self-care, relationships, and the importance of vulnerability.

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

I judge my car based on performance. I loathe judging people in that way. Meaning, if my car breaks down, it needs to be fixed so that it can do its job. But...

PEOPLE ARE NOT OBJECTS

We are not meant to be used or expected to perform flawlessly. We are beings. With a deep abiding awareness of our meaning. But, we forget. We forget that even in our sorrow or sickness we are worthy. Even when we can't perform, we are still worthy. When we make mistakes while learning, we are still worthy.

YOU ARE WORTHY! xoxo

To the divorced, you are worthy. To the aging and decrepit, you are worthy. To the new parent who can't get their shit together, you are worthy. To the addict, you are worthy. To those of you who are terrified to be judged or honestly seen, you are worthy. To the anxious, depressed and hopeless, you are worthy.

Don't get me wrong, the world may tell you otherwise. But you don't have to believe them.

Friendship between women: A woman doesn't come home one night The next day she tells her husband she had slept over at a girl-friend's house. The husband calls his wife's 10 best friends. None of them know anything about it.

Friendship between men: A man doesn't come home I one night. The next day he tells his wife he had slept over at a friend's house. The wife calls her husband's 10 best friends. Eight of them confirm he had slept over, and two claim that he is still there.



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So what's your answer?

Do you have confidence, self-worth, both or neither? I'd love to know! If you want to know more about tapping into self-worth; I've got you. Give me a jingle or drop me a line.

Not one drop of my self-worth depends on your acceptance of me. It depends on my acceptance of myself.

WE SHOULD START REFERRING TO AGE AS LEVELS, BECAUSE "I'M AT LEVEL 88" SOUNDS WAY MORE BADASS THAN JUST BEING AN OLD PERSON.

Autocorrect makes me say things I didn't Nintendo.

The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenski

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



PULLED PORK

4-6 lbs. Boston Butt
or Pork Shoulder
2 limes
garlic powder
cinnamon



Slice the meat to the bone 3 or 4 times depending on size.

Squeeze the juice of the limes over both sides of the pork. Sprinkle the garlic power liberally over the whole roast, then the cinnamon, and pat down into the meat. Bake in the oven or smoker, fat side up, at 300 degrees for 6 hours.

Let cool for 30 minutes. Cut the roast into chunks, and using two forks, begin to pull the pork apart. Mix with your favorite Bar-B-Q sauce in the amount that suits your preference.

Serve with extra sauce on the side for dipping.

If there is any left, it is even better the next day. We usually pair this with baked beans and cole slaw.



It seems that the 4th of July celebration has also become a time for pork in one form or another. Today's recipe for pulled pork has been a staple around our house for years. Either in the oven or in the smoker, it is easy and delicious.

It was the first thunderstorm of 2018, and it was a doozie! My phone started buzzing at me and told me there was a tornado warning for our area. Being on a sailboat with a 60-foot mast is exciting and terrifying at the same time. There is no sleeping until this monster passes; you do a lot of reading and praying to the deity of your choice.

In the early years of living on She Breeze, I would run from one end of the boat to the other making sure the hatches were all closed. Then I would grab all the electronics, i.e., my laptop, my GPS, and the chart plotter, and put them into the oven! I had read somewhere that the oven acts like a Faraday cage, so just in case lightning strikes, supposedly electronics will not be affected if they're in the oven. (Note to self, remember to remove items from oven before you do any baking!)

After 10 years of putting up with the thunder storms, I am a bit more relaxed when they roll in. I've hard-wired my electronics into my helm, so it would be very difficult to put them in the oven. Many years ago, there was a lovely man on a small sailboat here in the lagoon with us. He was preparing to sail to Central America, and I was envious.



Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

One night a storm kept building, and I was nervously trying to read until the monster passed. I fell asleep and was awakened by a large and very scary noise. I jumped out of my bunk, looking around and listening for the dreaded sound of water rushing in through a blown-out through-hole in the bottom of the boat.

Nothing, phew, sigh of relief I go back to sleep. In the morning I go up on deck and look around, just another beautiful day. Later I heard lightning did hit this man's boat. It fried all of his electronics, his batteries and all the wiring in his boat. His boat was very near to my She Breeze, very short mast. Oh the randomness of lightning! He wasn't injured but his boat never did go on the trip.

west the whole dock moves. I believe the only thing holding us in place are the boats on this doomed dock.

The reason I haven't gone down to find this line earlier, is because it once caused me a bit of a situation. I was taking She Breeze out sailing, we were all ready to leave the dock, all lines were aboard or so I thought... and yep, forgot that dang aft line.

There I was, freaking out thinking the steering or the transmission was not working. I realize now I must be a constant source of amusement to my neighbors!



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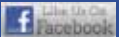
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