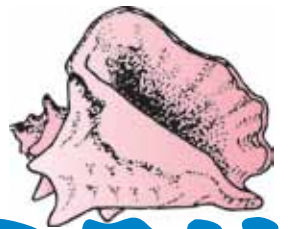


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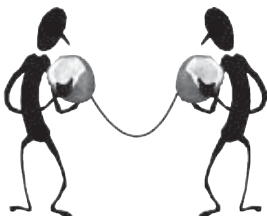
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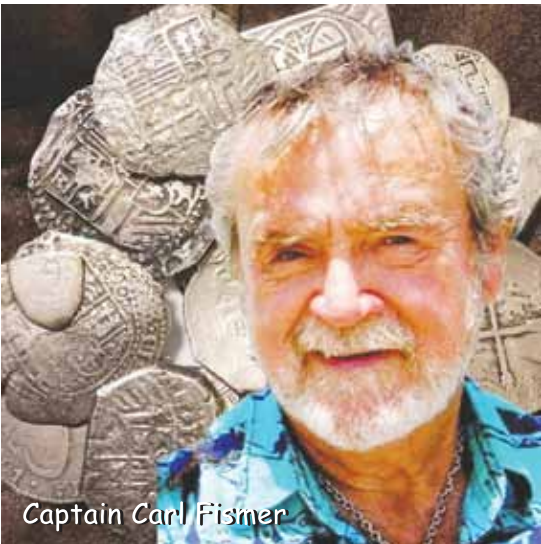
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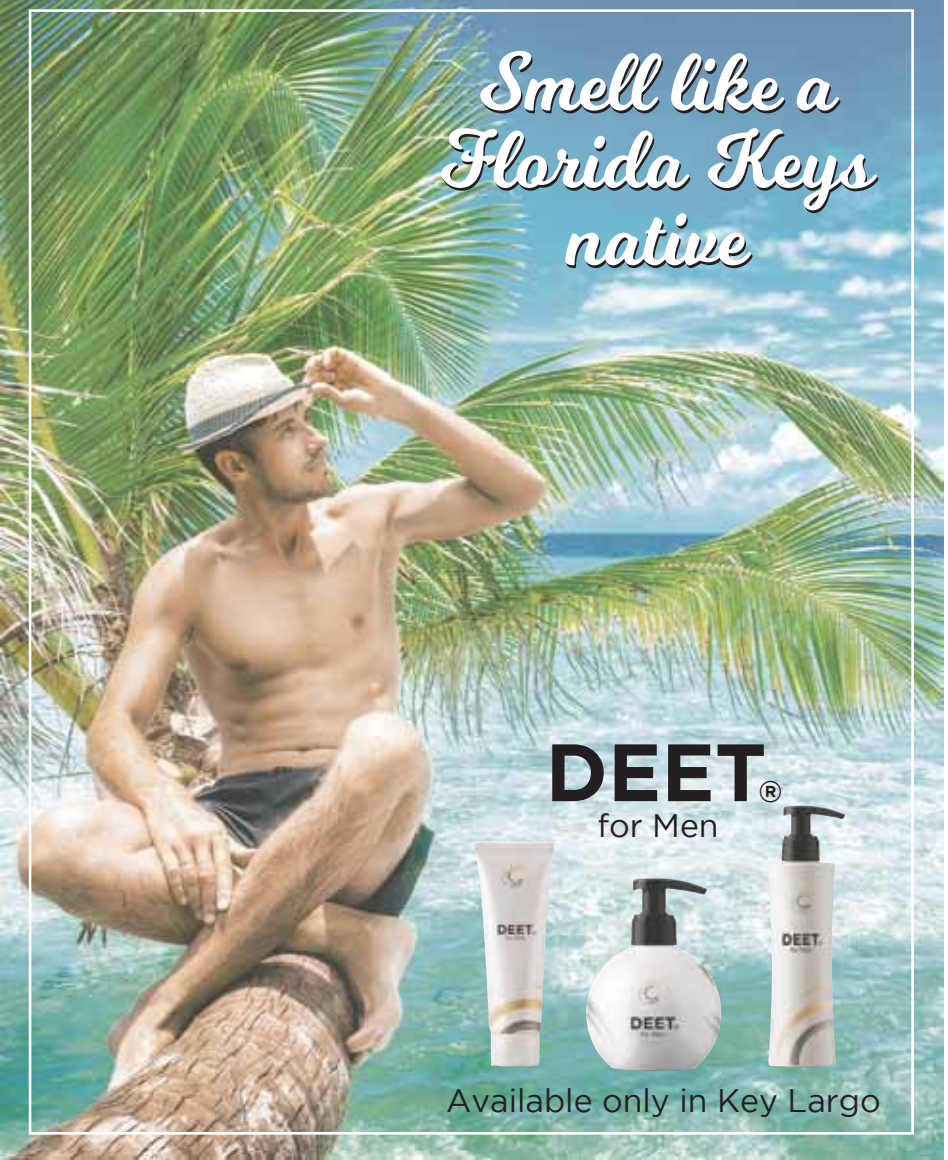
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William DePaula, local artist extraordinaire graduated from Coral Shores High School in 1996 and is also a GIA graduate gemologist who attended Florida International University. While he was away at college he had a once-in-a-lifetime chance encounter with the Dalai Lama who gave William his blessing and encouraged him to “follow your dreams.” The wise Dalai Lama recognized the creative spirit and genius in DePaula and from that point on William knew that art was his passion and calling in life.

They say that the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree... The Depaula family opened Islamorada Jewelers in 1984 and not long after moved to their Tavernier Town location. William’s father Joe is a Master Jeweler and his mother Lynn a graduate Gemologist. A few years ago they reopened



Artist of the Month: William DePaula - The Island Artist

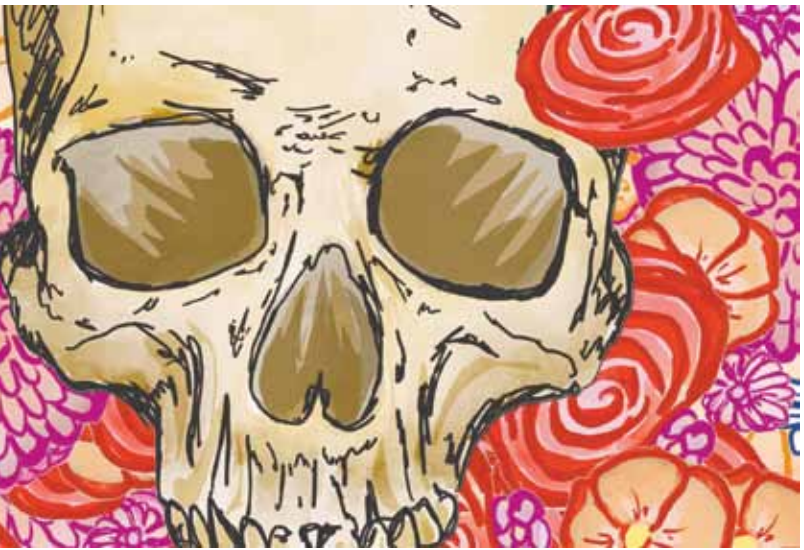
Islamorada Jewelers and that is where you will find William and his amazing original jewelry creations as well as his original paintings and prints. DePaula and his wife have also published a book of his art titled “Hula Girls,” also available at the gallery.

In high school he was voted “Most versatile” and if you visit his website www.depaulatrading.com you will be able to see more of his work, including more of his original paintings. DePaula is a self-taught artist who teaches art classes at the Banyan Tree. He also does commissions, contact him at the store or at depaulaart@gmail.com.

William and Carolyn, his wife of 18 years, live in the Upper Keys with their 3 children. His art reflects his Cuban-American heritage and his love for the beauty that surrounds him and he expresses it in his own unique way.

I have known the Depaula family for about 30 years and watched them grow. They are the most loved, trusted and knowledgeable jewelers in the upper Keys and have contributed so much to the community over the years. If you are looking for a unique gift visit either of the DePaula family stores for truly original made in the Keys Jewelry.

About his art, William says, “Lost culture is a painting that represents just that. In our modern society of making everything similar we often loose important cultures. The skull is in decay symbolizing the culture being all but dust. The feather headdress is not typical of any particular tribe or culture, it is instead a general symbol to what is being lost. When we lose these cultures we lose part of ourselves.”



My Thoughts Today

Today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her, and said, "I'm inter-ested in buying a refrigera-tor." She didn't quite know how to respond.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS ' together it spells 'Theirs.'

I decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

Socrates said, "By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher."

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it 'Pumping Rust.'

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emer-gency. I think you should write, 'An ambulance.'

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then God created Man and rested. Then God created Woman... Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

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Jack Hinson: New to the Keys! 10 Questions with Jack

- 1) Tell everyone about yourself.
- My name is Jack Hinson and I am 33 years old. I was born and raised in the Midwest, but have spent the last 5 years in New Orleans, up until a few months ago that is... when I moved to the Keys. My father and cousins are famous musicians, and they helped me start playing music when I was 3 years old. I started traveling the country with them when I was 16 years old, so I've been at this for awhile.
- 2) What genre of music do you play?
- I like to call it Americana, with folk and reggae influences. Think Dave Mathews meets Bob Dylan, with a reggae twist.
- 3) Why did you move to the Keys?
- I toured with my last band "Ocean Disco" all over the country, but I found I really enjoyed touring in the Keys. I decided to pack it up and see if I could get some solo work here, create a new band, and put down some roots in the Keys.
- 4) What do you love about the Keys so far?
- From the locals, to the bar owners, other musicians and even the tour-ists that visit... everyone is very friendly. I was able to find afford-able housing, plenty of gigs, and a bunch of new friends. I'm stoked!
- 5) What is one thing you dislike about the Keys so far?
- Ha ha! Not much really. Although my dating prospects are a little thin. It seems that most of the single
- ladies are older than me and have their heads on straight. Ha ha!
- 6) What is one thing about the Keys that you've learned since moving here?
- I wasn't here for Hurricane Irma, but I have heard all about it and have seen pictures of the after-math. I can't believe how quickly the majority of the Keys have recovered... rather than giving up. I'm impressed with the community sticking together and rebuilding. I know what Conch Strong means now!
- 7) What is your coolest experience as a musician so far?
- That's a tough one. It was really great being the opening band for Rascal Flats in Tampa, and Phish at a huge festival. But I have to say that being the opening band for Kim Carson in Europe for three months is probably the coolest so far. We went to so many countries together and it was an amazing experience playing in front of crowds of 25,000 people.
- 8) What is your most embarrassing experience as a musician so far?
- Ha ha! Back when I was a young kid traveling with my father, I got into a fight with our guitar player. On-stage. In the middle of a show. It started as a silly slap-fight, but it turned ugly quickly. We knocked down all the gear onstage and wrecked the show. The embarrass-ing part was getting fired by my own dad, and having to take a Greyhound home alone. I learned a valuable lesson from that one.



- 9) What is one thing you would like everyone to know about you?
- I will be releasing some new original music soon, that is definitely Keys inspired. Not Trop-Rock, but more like beachy-Keysy folk with reggae twists.
- 10) Where can everyone see and hear you play?
- I play often at the Islamorada Fish Com-pany, Gilberts Resort, the Overseas Pub and Sparkys Landing. If all goes well, I will also be playing at Hawks Cay when they re-open.



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Hunk of the Month



Callum Allison

Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Hosts its LLGF Screamin' Reels Tournament June 22-23, Islamorada, FL

Women, men and teens are invited to a non intimidating LLGF Fishing Screamin' Reels tournament with education June 22-23 in Islamorada, FL. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the tournament kicks off on Friday with a class on offshore fishing and conservation conducted by Capt. Skip Bradeen, plus an appetizer contest from 6-8 pm at Seaside Glass Works, Islamorada, FL.

Overall, Offshore Billfish Release, Party Boat award, Longest Inshore Fish, Wild Card prizes and more.

This tournament is perfect for novice anglers. Charter boats fill quickly so early registration is encouraged. Registration is \$85 per adult angler, \$35 for teens and includes about \$20 in gifts. Offshore charter fishing rates are on the website.

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Later in the year, LLGF will also present the October 19-21 Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar - Full day seminar, plus the Fishing Fever Tournament.

For all the details, contact: LLGF, 954-475-9068, ladiesletsgefishing.com, fish@ladiesletsgefishing.com, Facebook: www.facebook.com/ladiesletsgefishing.



Kathleen Tylman, Pompano, FL; Lisa Thornhill, Islamorada, FL; Dawna Young, Fort Myers, FL; Betty Bauman, Davie, FL; Mary Metcalf, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nicole Kalil, Fort Lauderdale, FL with mahi caught on Costa Morada.

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Common Courtesy

Common courtesy is a small gesture that makes a big difference and should be practiced as often as possible.

We often feel that we don't have the time or energy to extend ourselves to others with the small gestures that compose what we call common courtesy. It sometimes seems that this kind of social awareness belongs to the past, to smaller towns and slower times. Yet, when someone extends this kind of courtesy to us, we always feel touched.

Someone who lends a helping hand when we are struggling with our groceries makes an impression because many people just walk right by. Even someone who simply makes the effort to look us in the eye, smile, and greet us properly when entering a room stands out of the crowd. It seems these people carry with them the elegance and grace of another time, and we are always thankful for our contact with them. Common courtesy is a small gesture that makes a big difference.

An essential component of common courtesy is awareness and common sense-looking outside yourself to see when someone needs help or acknowledgment. As a courteous person, you are aware that you are walking

into a room full of people or that your waiter has arrived to take your order. Then, awareness leads to action.

A BRAVE HEART AND A COURTEOUS TONGUE. THEY SHALL CARRY THEE FAR THROUGH THE JUNGLE. MANLING. - RUDYARD KIPLING -

It is usually quite clear what needs to be done--open the door for the woman holding the baby, move your car up two feet so another person can park behind you, acknowledge your sister's shy boyfriend with a smile and some conversation, apologize if you bump into someone.

A third component is to give courtesy freely, without expecting anything in return. People may not even take notice, much less return the kindness, but you can take heart in the fact that you are creating the kind of world you want to live in with your actions.

When you are out in the world, remember to be aware of others, lend your hand when one is needed, and give this help without an ulterior motive. Through these small actions, you make this world a better place in which to live.

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THE FAMOUS TALK ABOUT SEX:

"What do I know about sex? I'm a married man." --Tom Clancy

"I believe that sex is one of the most beautiful, natural, whole-some things that money can buy." --Steve Martin

"Sex without love is a meaningless experience, but as meaningless experiences go, it's pretty damned good." --Robin Williams

"Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand." --Unknown

"My cousin is an agoraphobic homosexual, which makes it kind of hard for him to come out of the closet." --Bill Kelly

"Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night." --Woody Allen

"There are a number of mechanical devices which

increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes Benz 380SL convertible." --P. J. O'Rourke

"I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty." --George Burns

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married." --Matt Barry

"You know that look women get when they want sex? Me neither." --Drew Carey

"Life is a sexually transmitted disease." --Unknown

"Remember, if you smoke after sex you're doing it too fast." --Woody Allen

"Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope." --George Burns

"If it weren't for pickpockets, I'd have no sex life at all." --Rodney Dangerfield

Conch Characters



Gilbert's Resort executive chef Mitchell Maxwell prepares for a three hour tour in Blackwater Sound.



Captain Nick Stanczyk at Bud N' Mary's Marina with one hell of a swordfish!



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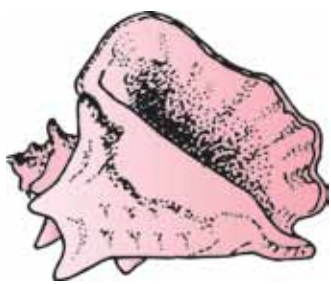
Amber, Spencer and Christina at Sharkey's.



Carl Fisser book signing at the Key Largo Moose - with Bob and Capt. Lorelee.



Mac Arnold and Video Dave at Bayside Grille.



Big Chill pizza chef Ray with the best pizza in the Keys.

Coco'Nut' Funnies

BOASTS ABOUT DADS

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

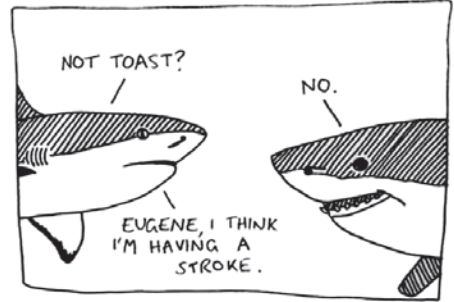
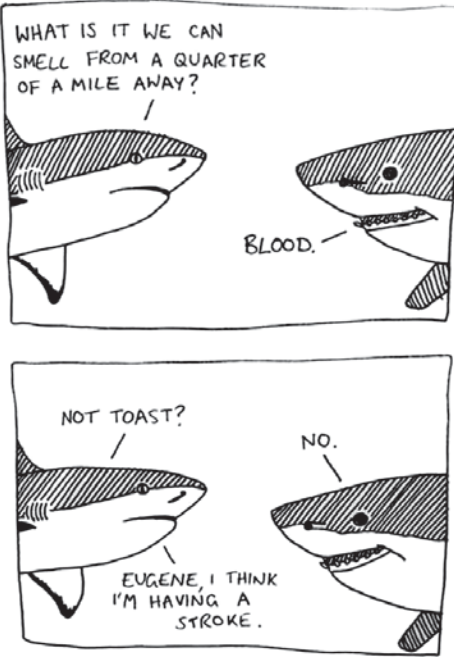
The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

Thank you Trader Dick!

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A young couple had only recently set up housekeeping when an unfortunate incident occurred.

Early one morning, the wife, drowsy from bed, went to the toilet for the morning's relief, and neglected to notice that the seat was up. When she sat, she kept going!

She was just the right size and shape so that she became jammed into the toilet past her waist with her legs sticking straight up in front of her. She cried for her husband, who rushed in, and for the next hour tried desperately to extricate her.

In this process they removed her sleeping gown, but this only left her naked and still stuck, with a particular part of her anatomy prominently visible between her splayed legs.

Finally, the couple resolved to call a plumber, despite the embarrassing nature of their problem.

When the plumber arrived, the young man let him in, but as they were walking to the bathroom, the young man realized that his wife was exposed in a very compromising and humiliating way.

Thinking fast, he ran ahead of the plumber and placed the first thing he could think of, his shoes, over his wife's exposed privates.

The plumber walked into the bathroom, took one long look, and commented, "Well, I think I can save your wife, buddy, but her lover's a goner."



THE VIRGIN BRIDE

A woman who had been married three times walked into a bridal shop one day and told the sales clerk that she was looking for a wedding gown for her fourth wedding.

"Of course, madam," replied the sales clerk, "exactly what type and color dress are you looking for?"

The bride-to-be said, "A long frilly white dress with a veil."

"Please don't take this the wrong way, madam, but such dresses are usually more fitting for the first time bride who is more innocent in the ways of life, if you get my meaning."

"WELL!," replied the customer, a little peeved at the clerk's directness, "I can assure you that a white gown would be quite appropriate. Believe it or not, despite all my marriages, I remain as innocent as a first-time bride."

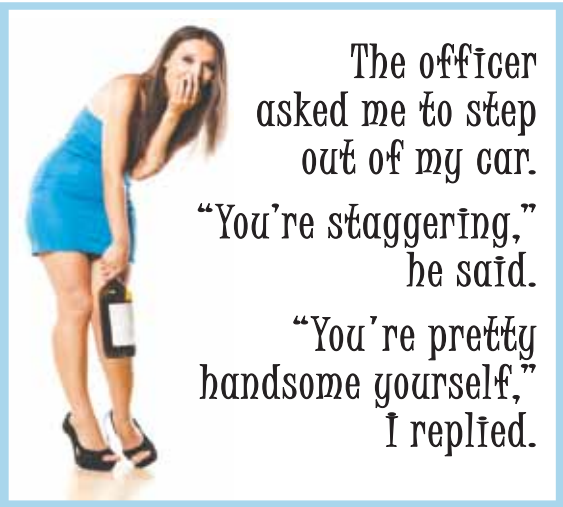
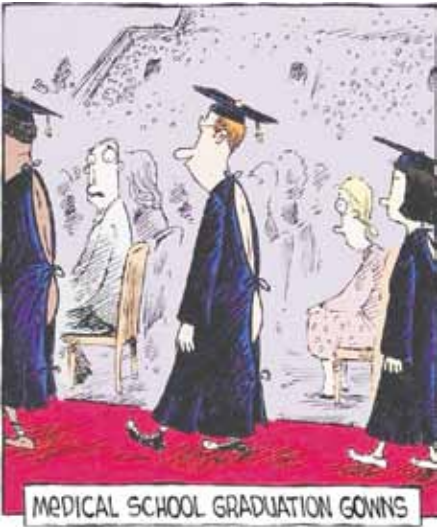
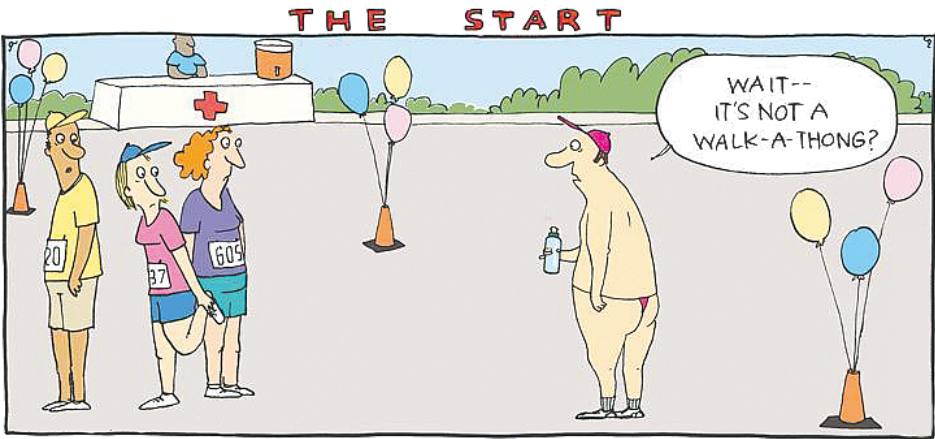
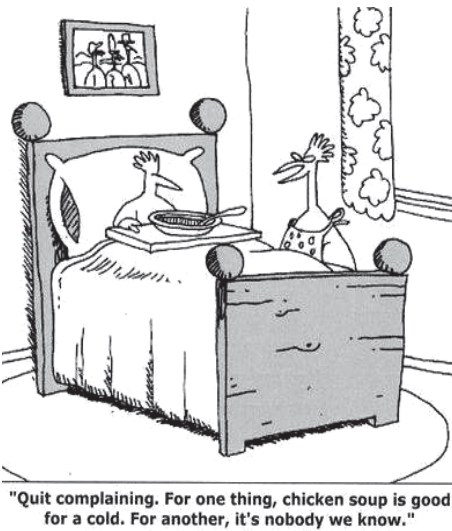
You see, my first husband was so excited about our wedding, he died as we were checking into our honeymoon hotel.

My second husband and I got into such a terrible fight in the limo on our way to our honeymoon hotel that we had that wedding annulled immediately and never spoke to each other again."

"What about your third husband?"

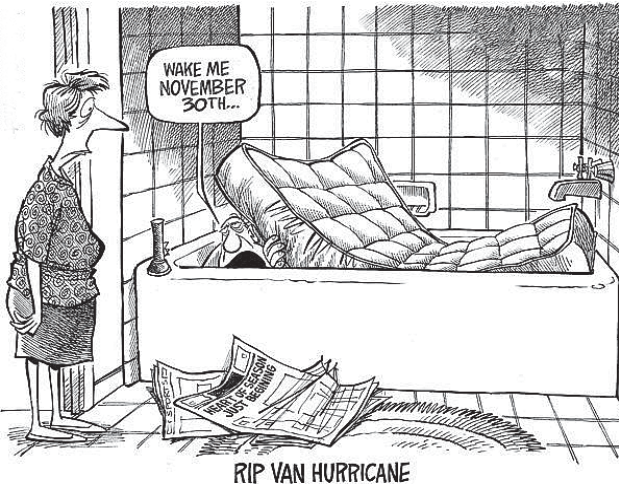
"That one was a Democrat," said the woman, "and every night for four years, he just sat on the edge of the bed and told me how good it was going to be, but nothing ever happened."

Thank you Ted Ellis

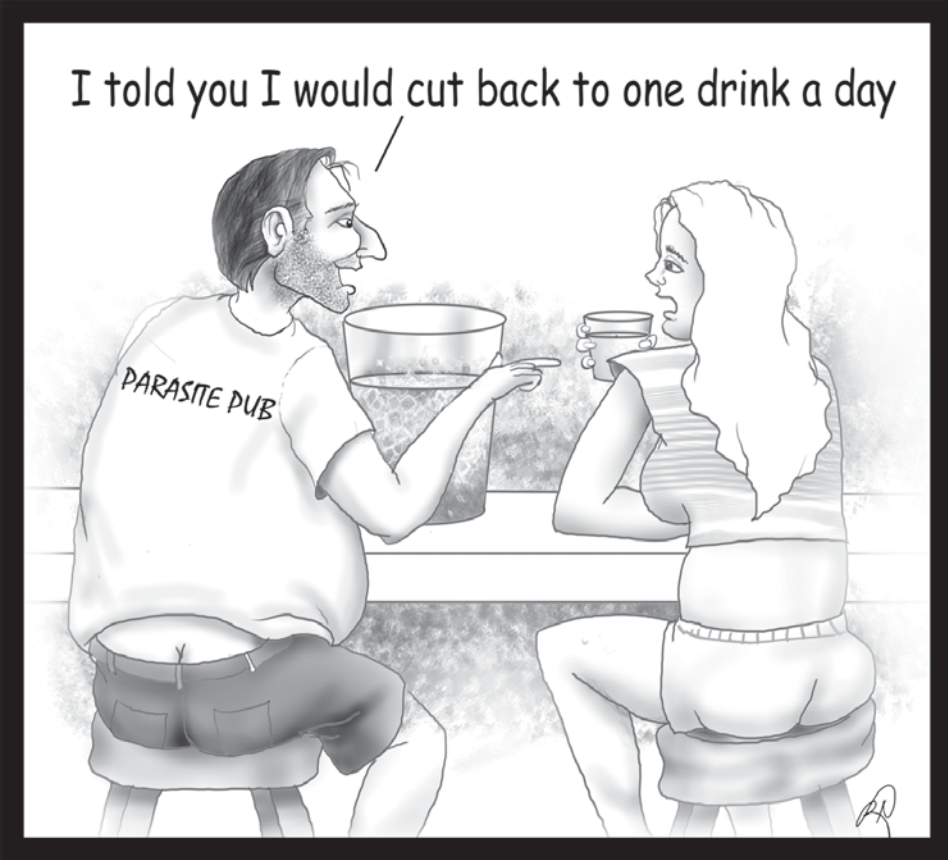


My doctor diagnosed me with anxiety and constipation. I'm worried shitless.

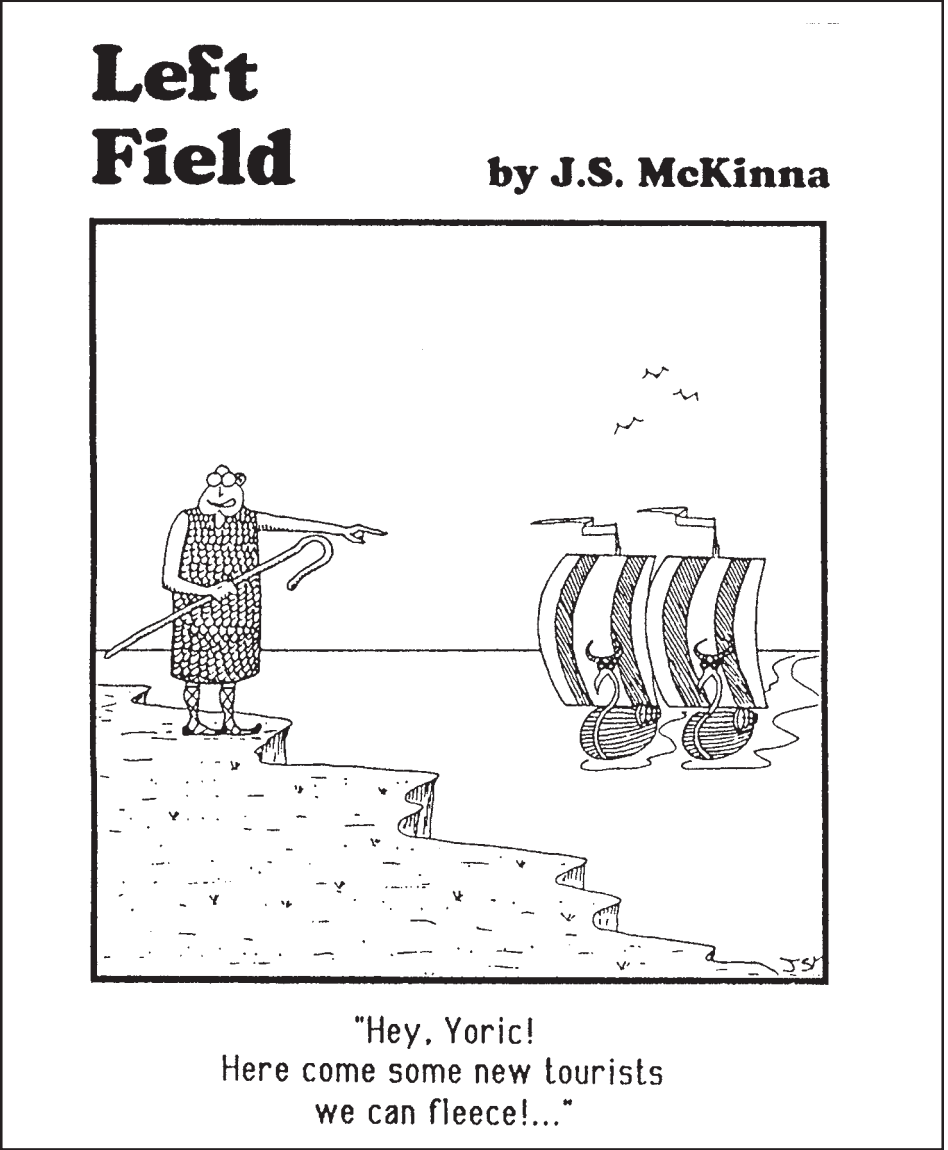
I JUST BOUGHT MY HUSBAND A 'GET BETTER SOON' CARD. HE'S NOT SICK.... I JUST THINK HE COULD BE BETTER



THE POLLEN IS SO BAD THIS YEAR THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE TRAILER PARKS ARE TURNING THEIR CRYSTAL METH BACK INTO SUDAFED.



ABOUT THE CARTOONIST, RODNEY NELSON: After coming to the Keys many times, he moved here in 1969 at age 11. He tried different jobs before becoming a full-time artist in his late 20s. He enjoys the versatility it requires to survive as an artist in such a small community, and does airbrushing to glass etching; cartoons to fine art.



JOHN MCKINNA was a local musician, a best-selling author, and a published, syndicated cartoonist. We feature his cartoons monthly.

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Dearest Dad,

I am coming home to get married soon, so get your checkbook out. I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me.

As you know, I am in Australia ... and he lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of a relationship through Viber.

My beloved and favorite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big, expensive wedding.

Lots of love and thanks.

Your favorite daughter, Lilly

— • —

My Dear Lilly,

Like Wow! Really? Cool!

Whatever ... I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal.

And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay.

Love, Your Dad

The Secret Sauce

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

"Face Your Shit"

I was recently asked to boil down my entire philosophy on relationships, growth and change. Who wouldn't want this secret sauce? A single and simple answer to solving each and every one of your problems?!

My response was this: Face your shit. Every answer you seek is inside of you. Every truth, every solution, every win and every loss. You have to be willing to face it all, the beauty and the pain; the joy and the depths of sorrow.

Too often we use relationships as receptacles for pain. You use your parents for blame, your children for your happiness, your spouse for your bad mood and your friends for your loneliness.

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AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

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This 32-page book was created in the spirit of poking fun at our life here in the Florida Keys.

Written by Sue Beal with a little help from her friends, it was illustrated by the late John McKinna, a syndicated cartoonist.

The book was published and made available for sale so that the proceeds could help local musicians and their families.

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.

Here in the Keys, we enjoy the music of so many talented, world-class musicians. Even as our community enjoys the fruits of their labors, we know the musicians have little to spare and have no safety net for when disaster strikes and they cannot work.

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The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczeni

Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly.
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It is the month of June. This month brings with it many celebrations such as graduations, engagements, weddings, and anniversaries. What better way to celebrate than with a homemade cake. Whether you are holding a party or attending one with family or friends, nothing compares with a homemade dessert. The cake recipe below is moist and delicious and has a tropical flare. Try it and I think that you will enjoy it.

PINEAPPLE CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

For the cake:

- 1/2 cup butter at room temperature
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 cups sifted cake flour (cake flour is finer)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup crushed pineapple with most of the juice drained
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 4 egg whites

Cream the butter with the sugar until light and fluffy. Sift the flour with the baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Add the flour mixture, in batches, to the butter and sugar mixture. Add the pineapple and lemon juice. Use a spoon to blend well; do not overwork. Use a mixer to beat the egg whites in a separate bowl until stiff. Fold gently into the batter. Butter and lightly flour two 9 inch cake pans. Spoon the batter into the pans. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Insert a toothpick, if it comes out clean then the cake is done. Remove from oven and place the cake pans on a rack. Let cool.

For the frosting:

- 2- 8 ounce packages cream cheese at room temperature
- 2 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Using your mixer, beat cream cheese and butter to blend. Add sugar and vanilla and mix until smooth.

When the cake is cooled, turn one onto a platter then ice with the frosting. Add the second cake on top and frost the sides and top of the cake. As an option, you may want to decorate the frosted top with additional crushed pineapple and/or sweetened flaked coconut.



She Breeze has been in the boat yard for over a week getting her bottom pressure washed, sanded and finally painted. This is also the perfect time to pull off her old zincs and... ugh, get back to working on the stuffing box. Well at least now I don't have to worry about the swirling, rushing water that surely would drown me and sink my boat. I also have the proper wrenches to get the job done, those fricking heavy pipe wrenches are resting at the bottom of the lagoon.

But that's not what this article is about, no, this is about the getting She Breeze back in the water and getting her back to her dock. The weather was not with us that Friday, blowing out of the Northeast at 20 to 25 knots. My capable crew of Lonnie and Mitch and myself figured it would be a piece of cake. We were dropped in, stern out to the channel, I thought I could just turn her bow into the wind and out the channel we'd go. The wind caught her bow and off we went down into the channel, that wasn't a big deal there's a big basin at the end and we could just turn around and head back out.

We weren't into the channel 5 minutes and her engine died, now we are in all kinds of trouble. I'm thinking S@#T!! Ok, as long as I keep



Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

her rudder straight, the wind will blow us deeper in to the channel. The engine is not starting, it's acting like we're out of fuel. This is when Mitch leans over to Lonnie and says, "the further into the channel, the more expensive the boats get." Yeah, like I really needed to hear that!

We are approaching the basin rapidly, right in front of Skippers, there are luckily no boats there at the pilings in front of the restaurant. So the plan is, we glide into the nearest piling and grab it and hold on for dear life. At this point we are running around, tying She Breeze to the pilings, at least we have stopped moving. This is when a restaurant worker comes over and tells us we can't

park there. I had a few choice words ready to fling at her, along with one of the fricking wrenches! Mitch was much more diplomatic and explained the situation.

I begin to figure out what just happened... I pull the dip stick out of her auxiliary fuel tank and its dry, so

I switch over to the main tank and begin the process of bleeding her engine. When a diesel runs out of fuel you can't just start her up with-out opening up every fuel injector and getting the air out of the fuel lines. We notice a diesel fuel truck in the parking lot not too far away, and we flag him over. He attempts to put fuel into the auxiliary tank and it won't take any fuel...WTF?!! He says the tank is full! So I switch back to the auxiliary tank and before I even get the last injector bled, She Breeze starts. Twilight Zone stuff here folks.

The rest of the day was totally a breeze, but, we of course missed the tide again, and had to tie up to a mooring in Largo Sound. I'm not going to repeat getting stuck in the channel again, I think we had enough excitement for one day!



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