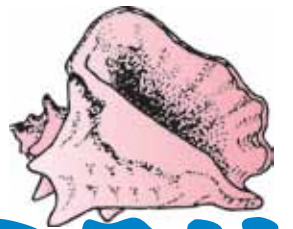


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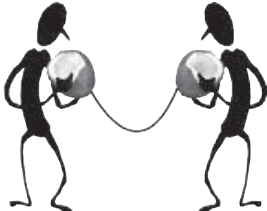
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Editorial: Rumors Run Rampant

“PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!” screeched a woman at a local watering hole where I had stopped in for a cold beer. “Do what?” I replied while looking around the room. Yes, it was me she was talking to.

Almost in tears she sniffled “I heard that you are going to stop printing the Coconut Telegraph and it will only be available on line! Please don't do that!” A couple of others in the peanut gallery piped in and said “We heard that too!”

“Don't get your panties in a knot, it isn't true,” I said. “Furthermore it is the Reporter and Keynoter who are going to stop printing hard copy on March 25th, not us.”

We at the Coconut Telegraph understand the needs of our readers. They like to have the paper in their hands or on the coffee table at home where they can share it with their family and friends. Many of them cut out the jokes or mail the entire paper to folks out of town. The Coconut Telegraph gets passed around and is also available on line at theconchtelegraph.com at no charge.

There is nothing so obnoxious as getting a news update online and the copy is shifting up and down trying to trick you to click on an advertisement by mistake. Then when you finally get it to hold still, it bleeps off and the entire page is filled with an ad.

Or, even worse they make you subscribe and pay for the news! That is what this world is coming to. Once the luxury of the printed newspaper is lost, there is no getting it back.

Heartbreaking, I say. Both the Reporter and Keynoter are/were great papers but printing them is very expensive. It is getting harder each year to compete and many papers are folding, pardon the pun. We at the Coconut Telegraph have kept our prices low and we struggle to keep our heads above water living at sea level.

One Key West online newspaper, the Blue Paper requests donations from the public to just stay afloat. We are in our 12th

year and hope to continue to print and distribute the paper for free in partnership with our advertisers for many years to come.

Reporter and Keynoter cease printing March 25th and the Miami Herald stops home delivery. —McClatchy Company.

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The early part of the year is when all kinds of statistics are released, and we thought our Coconut Telegraph readers should know about these:

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(A) The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000.

(B) Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000.

(C) Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171

Statistics courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Guns

(A) The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000. (Yes, that's 80 million!)

(B) The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500.


(C) The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is 0.0000188!

Statistics courtesy of FBI

So, statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners!

Not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has at least one doctor. This means, you are over 9,000 times more likely to be killed by a doctor than by a gun owner!!!

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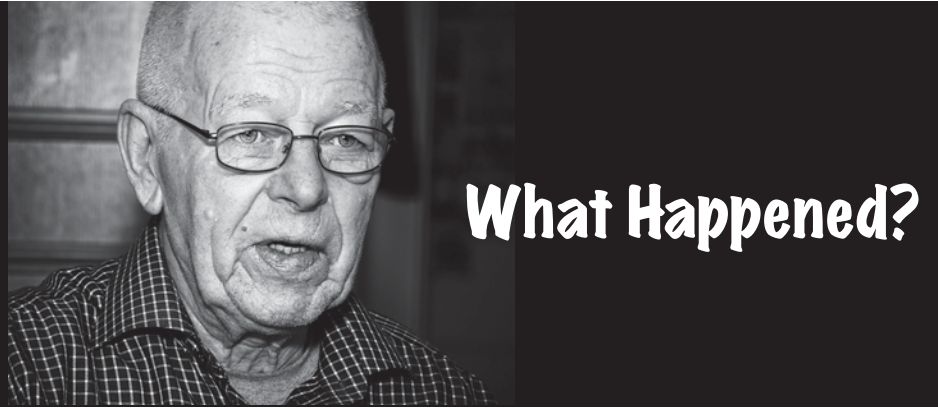
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I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist.

I am heterosexual, which according to gay folks, now makes me homophobic.

I am non-union, which makes me a traitor to the working class and an ally of big business.

I am a Christian, which now labels me as an infidel.

I believe in the 2nd Amendment, which now makes me a member of the vast gun lobby.

I am older than 55, which makes me a bit less than I used to be.

I think and I reason, therefore I doubt much that the main stream media tells me, which must make me a reactionary.

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive American culture, which makes me a xenophobe.

I value my safety and that of my family and I appreciate the police and the legal system, which makes me a right-wing extremist.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I believe in the defense and protection of the homeland for and by all citizens, which now makes me a militant.

Recently, a sick old woman called me and my friends "a basket of deplorables".

I need to thank all my friends for sticking with me through these abrupt, newfound challenges in my life and my thinking!

I just can't imagine or understand what's happened to me so quickly!

Funny . . . it's all just taken place over the last 7 or 8 years!

And if all this crap wasn't enough to deal with, I'm now afraid to go into either restroom!

ST PATRICK'S DAY FUN FACTS

WHY SHAMROCKS?

According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

SAINT PATRICK'S BRITISH

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales.

ERIN GO BRAGH

What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the Irish Éirinn go Brách, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."

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**Saturday, Mar. 31
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7-11 PM

Artist and Bartender of the Month:
Kelly Hershey At Blackwater Siren

This month at the Coconut Telegraph, we are proud to feature Kelly Hershey as both Bartender of the Month and Artist of the Month!

You can find Kelly at the Blackwater Siren Restaurant and Tiki Bar on the south side of Jewfish Creek across the water from Gilbert's Resort. Just take the Yacht Club exit from either direction and you are there.

Kelly hails from Oregon where she left a 25-year career in property management to move to the Keys a year ago. She joined the staff at the Blackwater Siren right away and was promoted to management in January. Kelly also is the booking agent for the highly successful restaurant owned by the dynamic duo partners: Restauranteur

Jessi Behrendt and Chef Lolo Ornelas.

Live music includes local favorites Lee Sharp, Koty James and the Keybillies, Scotty Meyers, Luke Sommer Glen and Mack Meadows. March 3rd they will be featuring a new and fun band, Desmond, that is sure to be a great time.

The "Siren" is a locals favorite hang out. Happy Hour is Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 pm. The entire restaurant and tiki bar is screened in, so there are no pesky mosquitos.

"Chef Lolo is phenomenal. He is well known throughout the Keys and has a huge following. It's like working for a rock star and he personally trains all his kitchen staff." Kelly adds, "Try the meatloaf



Kelly with her work on display, every Wednesday at Blackwater Siren.

special on Tuesday nights and the prime rib special Friday or Saturday nights. Chef Lolo is famous for his prime rib and coconut onion rings."

While living in Oregon, Kelly went to a sip and paint class. "Something just clicked and I started painting all kinds of things," says Kelly.

Every Wednesday she brings in her original paintings and displays them from open until close. Stop by and see her vibrant, dancing colors for yourself. They are available for sale, and she takes special orders. It is obvious from her island style art how much Kelly loves life in the Keys.

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Clean Words That Sound Dirty

The English language is loaded with dirty words and it is also loaded with clean words that sound dirty. If you have a dirty mind you may snicker when you hear the word coccyx, for example, you will probably enjoy these...

Philatelist - This word sounds like it represents a person who enjoys giving oral sex, but actually a philatelist is a stamp collector. Now if you happened to be a stamp collector who also enjoys performing oral sex, you would be one popular nerd.

Cunning Linguist - A cunning linguist is a person who is a shrewd speaker of multiple languages. This is not to be confused with a person who is a shrewd giver of multiple orgasms.

Angina- A condition characterized by suffocating, painful spasms (such as a heart attack) is known as angina. So remember, if the doctor tells you that your wife has "acute angina," he is not talking about her hoo-hoo; he is simply warning you about a serious medical condition.

Masticate - When we eat, we masticate, or chew. If someone calls you an "excessive masticator," it means you eat too much. It doesn't mean he's been peeking in your bedroom window.

Thespian - A thespian is an actor, not a chick who digs chicks; unless, of course, that actor is Jody Foster, who also happens to be a chick who digs chicks.

Volvo - A warning to all men: It is important to know that if a woman offers to give you a ride in her Volvo, she is talking about her car! A mistake like that could get you five to ten.

Uranus - One of the planets that revolve around the sun is called Uranus, which is not the same thing as that area of your body where the sun don't shine.

Rectify - You may think that rectify is a word that relates to that area down under, but it isn't. It means to fix or correct, as in: "Fernando's hemorrhoids became so inflamed that he had to have surgery in that area down under in order to rectify the situation."

Cumquat - A cumquat is a fruit that resembles a small orange. It is not something to do when you squat.

Ramrod - a ramrod is also referred to as a "packing stick" which was used with muzzle-loading weapons to push the bullet up against the gunpowder in the 19th century. Unfortunately it is not a well endowed energetic man. If it were, there would be more women living on Ramrod Key.

Around Town



Stunning Gilberts beach picture!





Beautiful bridge sunset.
Photo by Southernmost Sunset.



Key Largo sunset.
Photo by Kelly Hershey.



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Olympic Gold's Captain Doug Mientkiewicz fishing with mate Tommy King took home high point captain and mate awards in the 37th Annual Islamorada Bartenders Sailfish Open at the Lorelei Restaurant on February 12th. Shown here with Angler Charlette Ambrogio.

Fart of Destiny, a True Story

THE FART THAT (ALMOST) ALTERED MY DESTINY
BLAME OR THANK THAD BOWLING... YOUR CHOICE.

Like everything in life, farts have a time and place. However, I never realized that in the wrong time and place, flatulence had enough power to alter my course in history. Well, it can if it's the third date with the man of your dreams. And, if it makes his eyes burn. If God destined us to be together, I was one SBV away from foiling His plans (that's "Silent But Violent" for you prudes).

It was about five years ago. I was trying to lose a few pounds so I was staying away from carbs. That's when I met my husband, Rob. On our first date, he booked the next two. He liked me. I liked him. Things were looking real good. He picked me up in a Cobra, Mustang and his pathetic attempt to win me over with a car totally worked. I'm not shallow, but since I spent most of my twenties picking men up because I didn't want my hair to frizz in their non-air conditioned jalopies on 3 wheels and a 15-year-old spare, I welcomed his fancy sports car with open arms.

We arrived at the restaurant and Rob was ordering food I hadn't allowed myself to eat in years. I didn't want to be "that girl," so I ate, drank, and oh, was I merry. Later we shopped a bit. Rob surprised me by buying an expensive pair of shoes that he caught me eyeing. Was this love?

That's when it happened. Gas strikes in two different ways - uncontrollable toots or sharp, shooting pains that feel a lot like dying. I thought I was dying. Not to

make a scene, I told Rob I suddenly wasn't feeling well and probably needed to head home.

On the way home in his Cobra, he tried to hold my hand and ask me lots of questions, but I wasn't having any of it. The pain was so bad it felt like I was being stabbed with a bunch of tiny forks. Then I realized... my God, help me. I have a horrendous fart on deck. I'm in trouble. Big trouble.

The more I held it in, the more pain would shoot through my stomach and down my legs. I was even having to raise myself off the seat, gripping on to my door and the dashboard. "Seriously, you need to hurry - I'm in a lot of pain." I managed to say through gritted teeth.

"Wow, it's that bad? What's wrong? Do I need to take you to a hospital?" How do you tell a man you just started dating that the reason you're writhing in pain is because you have to fart? Well, you can either tell him, or like me, let the fart speak for itself. People, hear me. There was nothing I could do. As impressive as I am with sphincter control, this was out of my hands. Slowly, it eeked out. The more I tried to stop it, the more it forced its way through the door.

However, to my pleasant surprise, there was no sound. I sat silently, sweat accumulating above my upper lip. Ok, maybe I got away with it. Maybe I'm home free. Then it hit me. Not an idea, a cloud. A horrific, fart cloud. Not in a "Am I smelling something?" sort of way.

More like a "Is someone dead and rotting in your trunk and am I in hell?" sort of way.

Suddenly, I panicked. "Roll down the windows!" I screamed (yes, I literally screamed it like I was in a horror movie). "What? Why?" Rob asked, starting to freak out because I was freaking out. "I can't roll down the windows, unlock it! UNLOCK IT!" "What's going on?" Rob yells back to me, "Why are you...." then it hit him. I could see it in his eyes. Was it surprise? Horror?

Water started to accumulate at the base of his eyelids, "Oh my God. I CAN TASTE IT!" he screamed. "Roll down the windows!" As I screamed, the toots started to flood out uncontrollably. I scratched and clawed at the window like I was being kidnapped. Rob, unable to see either by fart cloud or panic, kept turning on the windshield wipers instead of unlocking the window.

It was chaos. We were acting like we were under siege by gun fire. We were under siege alright, just not by gun fire. Finally he was able to hit the right control and he rolled down our windows. We both gulped in fresh air. I was horrified, yet happy to be alive, then remembered I just farted on the man of dreams, then sorta wished I was dead.

We sat silently for the rest of the way home. Although the shooting pains had subsided, I now desperately needed to use the bathroom, in an urgent, explosive kind of way. He pulled up to my apartment and before he could come to a stop I had already jumped

out, "Ok, thanks for dinner, sorry about the fart, love the shoes!" and ran in to my apartment like I was running from the cops. I burst through my door and ran straight for the bathroom, where I was finally able to unleash and make noises that no one should ever, EVER, hear coming from another person.

Then I heard it. Rob's voice. Right. Outside. My. Bathroom. Door. "Anna? You left your shoes in my car and your front door was open. Where do you want me to put them?" "Get away from the door!" I scream like Reagan from The Exorcist. "Ok, I'm sorry. Are you okay?"

toot *toot* *splatter* *ungodly noise* "I'm fine, Rob - just leave the shoes there. I'll call you later okay?"

"Okay, are you sure you're alright?"

"I'm fine! Get away from the door!" This man! I mean, I love him, but take a freakin' hint!

Finally, I heard the front door shut, and the Cobra engine zoom away. I thought that was the last I'd hear from him. I didn't think it was possible to ever see a man again after he screams he can taste your fart after only knowing you for 48 hours. But, to my surprise, I did. A couple days later, actually. Now we're married and he's laying on the couch while I type this.

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Jimmy Johnson's National Billfish Championship is Friday, March 9 & Saturday, March 10, 2018. This Jimmy's 2-Day Billfish Competition is heating up and will feature the top anglers in the country as they hit the waters for the largest guaranteed purse in sportfish history and the largest purse in Florida tournament history.

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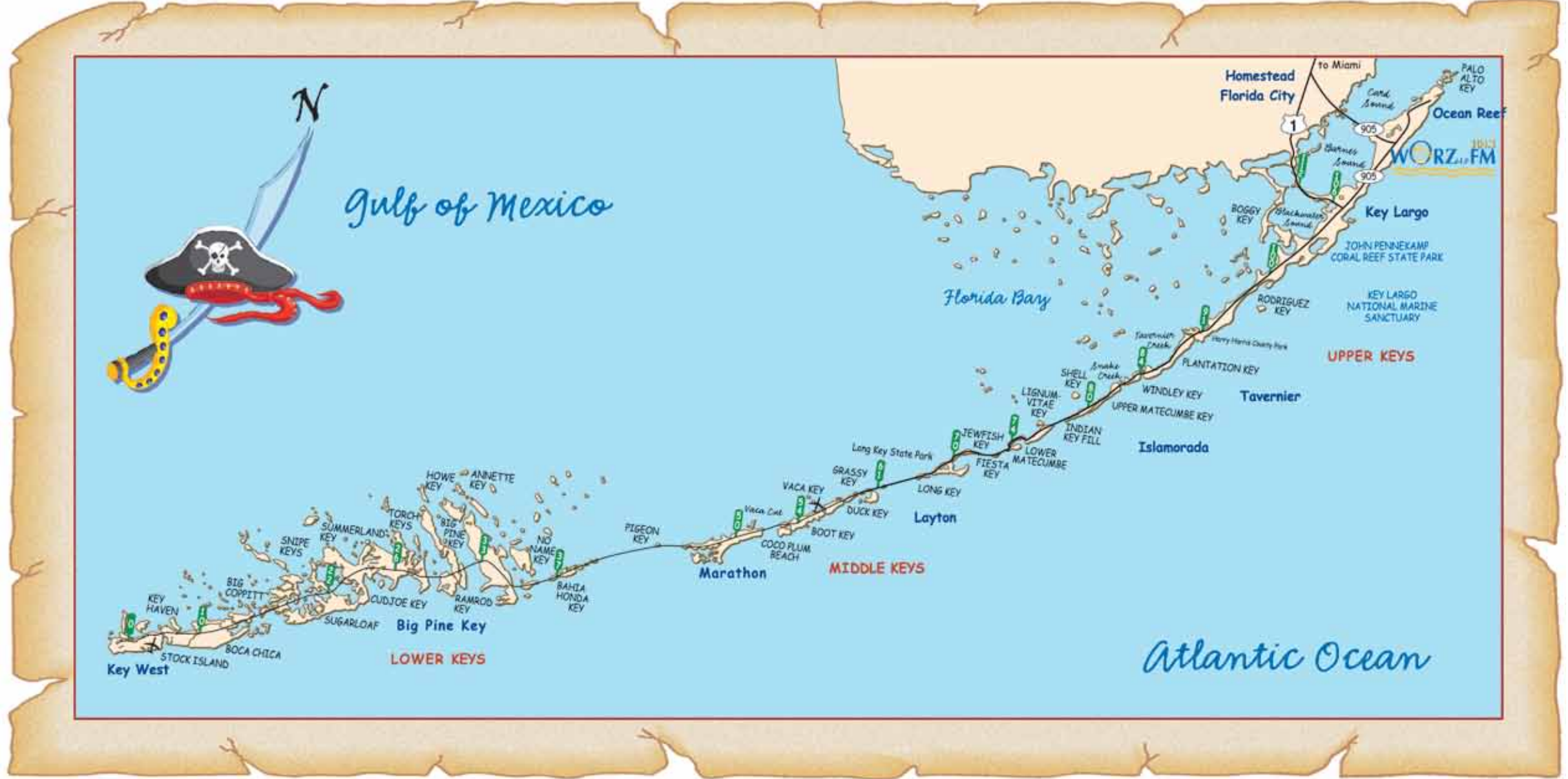
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Sounds of the Keys

Support Live Music in the Keys



The Tight Band from Miami made their Gilbert's debut last month and rocked the place!



The Miami band Brothers of Others always bring a great show to Gilbert's. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Sunday Funday Band at the Big Chill.



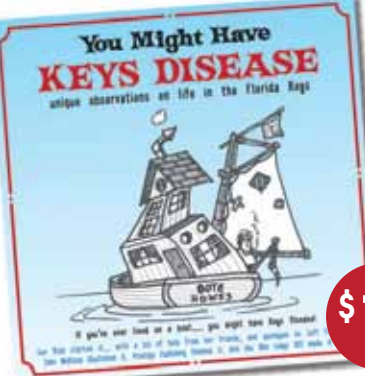
Local country star Jade Sanders joined Mr Stix & the Spurlence onstage at Gilbert's Resort.



Taylor King Band hostst Jam Night at the American Legion. Photo by Video Dave.



Eclipse rocked the stage at Gilbert's in December. See them again on March 11th. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



"You Might Have KEYS DISEASE"

Buy a book and find out!

Book sales benefit the Musician's Relief Fund in the Upper Keys

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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.

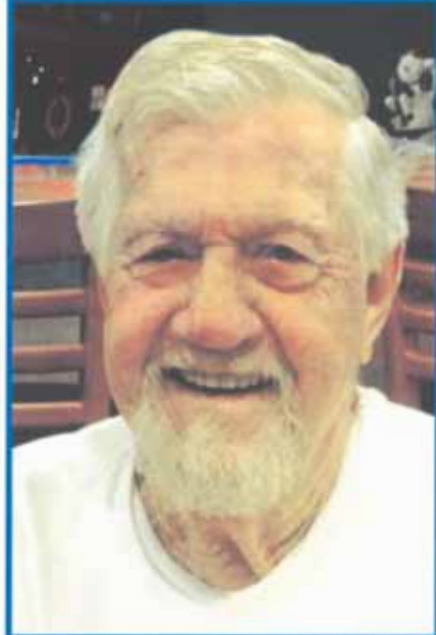
Our musicians are the first to sign up to make a community fundraiser or benefit a success.

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She's Got It Covered

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"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought...

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20s, then a circus



ringmaster when in her 40s, and a preacher when in her 60s, and now -in her 80s - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Ocean Life

2018 Series



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.

Friday, January 19, 2018

Friday, March 16, 2018

Past, Present and Future of Bonefish & Tarpon Trust's Florida Keys Initiative

Ross Boucek, Ph.D.

6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet • 7:00 p.m. Lecture

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Condo Rules

We all hate those restrictive, overly picky rules.
But sometimes you need them!

Due to the recent actions of a specific condo owner, we have been forced to update our community rules. Please find new rules below:

1. No trash bags placed outside your door.
2. No loud music after 10 p.m.
3. No yodeling at any time.
4. Do not feed the squirrels nachos.
5. Do not change the Fitness Center signs to "Fatness Center."
6. Do not pull out Yu-Gi-Oh cards and threaten other residents with the Shadow Realm.
7. Do not climb onto balconies while drunkenly imitating Spider Man.
8. No ziplines.
9. Do not place condo fee checks in a bear trap outside the office door.

10. Do not make condo fee checks out to "You Greedy M*****ers."
11. No yelling at the moon at any time.
12. Do not enter the common room in a luchador mask and then attempt to wrestle other residents.
13. No trick-or-treating unless you are a kid and it's Halloween.
14. Do not yell "order up!" and throw hot dogs at people as they walk by your place.
15. Do not attach basketball hoops above residents' doors, knock, then "dunk on them" when they answer.

Moving forward, failure to abide by these rules will be grounds for eviction.

Thank you,
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Michelle Snyder

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I saw you flip off your tantrumping toddler behind his back at the Key Largo Starbucks on Friday and realized we might be destined to become best friends. I would have given you my number then, but my own toddler had just handed me her poop while we were sharing a chocolate muffin on the other side of the room and I can't exactly chat a new friend up while holding a fistful of fecal matter, right?

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Full disclosure: I always promised my wife that when we were "with child," I would put my beloved 2003 Subaru WRX up for sale so we could buy some minivan/SUV atrocity with a big enough rear window to put those infuriating family stickers on. So this ad is a good effort.

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Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

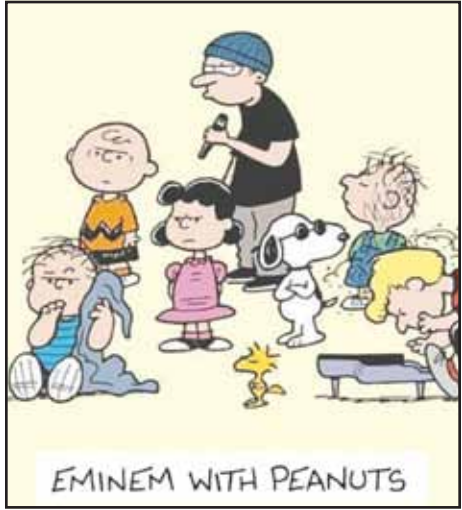
A car full of Irish nuns is sitting at a traffic light in downtown Dublin, when a bunch of rowdy drunks pull up alongside of them.

“Hey, show us yer teets, ya bloody penguins!” shouts one of the drunks.

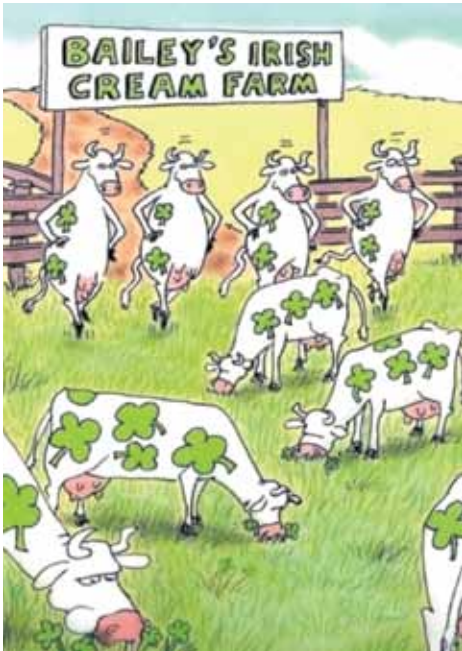
Quite shocked, Mother Superior turns to Sister Mary Immaculata and says, “I don’t think they know who we are; show them your cross.”

Sister Mary Immaculata rolls down her window and shouts, “Piss off, ya fookin’ little wankers, before I come over there and rip yer balls off!”

Sister Mary Immaculata then rolls up her window, looks back at Mother Superior, quite innocently, and asks, “Did that sound cross enough?”



We suggest government. They never go to jail!



A Greek and a Irishman were sitting in a Starbucks cafe discussing who had the superior culture.

Over triple lattes the Greek guy says, "Well we Greeks built the Parthenon" and arched his eyebrows.

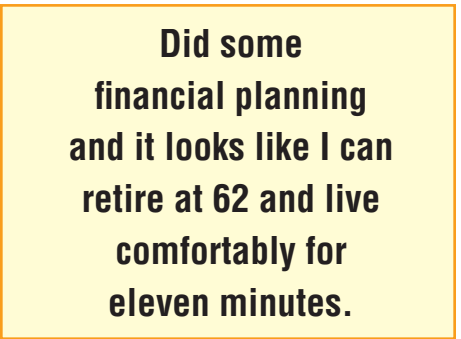
The Irishman replies, "Well ... it was the Irish that discovered the Summer and Winter Sol-stices."

The Greek retorts, "We Greeks gave birth to advanced math-ematics."

The Irishman, nodding in agree-ment says, "Irish were the ones who built the first timepieces and calendars."

And so on until the Greek comes up with what he thinks will end the discussion. With a flourish of finality he says, "The Greeks were the ones who invented sex!"

The Irishman replies, "Aye, that is true, but it was we Irish who introduced it to the women!j



John the Irishman Toasts His Wife

Down at the pub one night, John O'Reilly hoisted his beer and said, 'Here's to spending the rest of me life, between the legs of me wifel' That won him the top prize at the pub for the best toast of the night!

He went home and told his wife, 'Mary, I won the prize for the best toast of the night!'

She said, 'Aye, did ye now. And what was your toast?'

John said, 'Here's to spending the rest of me life, sitting in church beside me wife.'

'Oh, that is very nice indeed, John!' Mary said.

The next day, Mary ran into one of John's drinking buddies on the street corner. The man chuckled leeringly and said, John won the prize last night at the pub with a toast about you, Mary.'

She said, 'Aye, he told me, and I was a bit surprised meself. You know, he's only been there twice in the last four years... once he fell asleep, and the other time I had to pull him by the ears to make him come.



An Irishman was drinking at the pub all night. The bartender came up to him and told him that the bar was closing. So the Irishman stood up to leave and fell flat on his face. He tried to stand up one more time with the same result. So he figured he'd just crawl outside, hang out for a while, get some fresh air and hopefully that would sober him up.

Once outside he stood up and fell again -- right on his face. So he decided to crawl the four blocks to his home and when he arrived at the door he tried one more time with the same results.

Exhausted, he then gave up and started crawling to the bedroom.

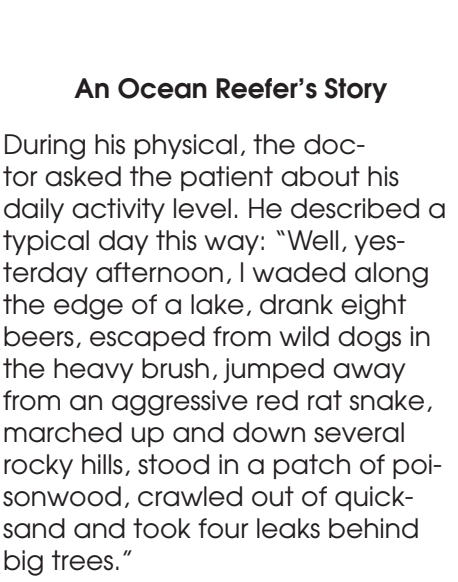
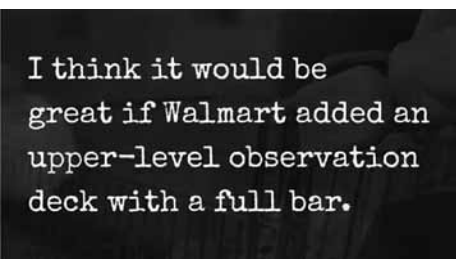
When he reached his bed he tried one more time to stand up. This time he managed to pull himself upright but he quickly fell right into the bed and fell sound asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow.

The next morning, he woke up with his wife standing over him, shaking her head.

“So... you’ve been out drinking again, eh?”

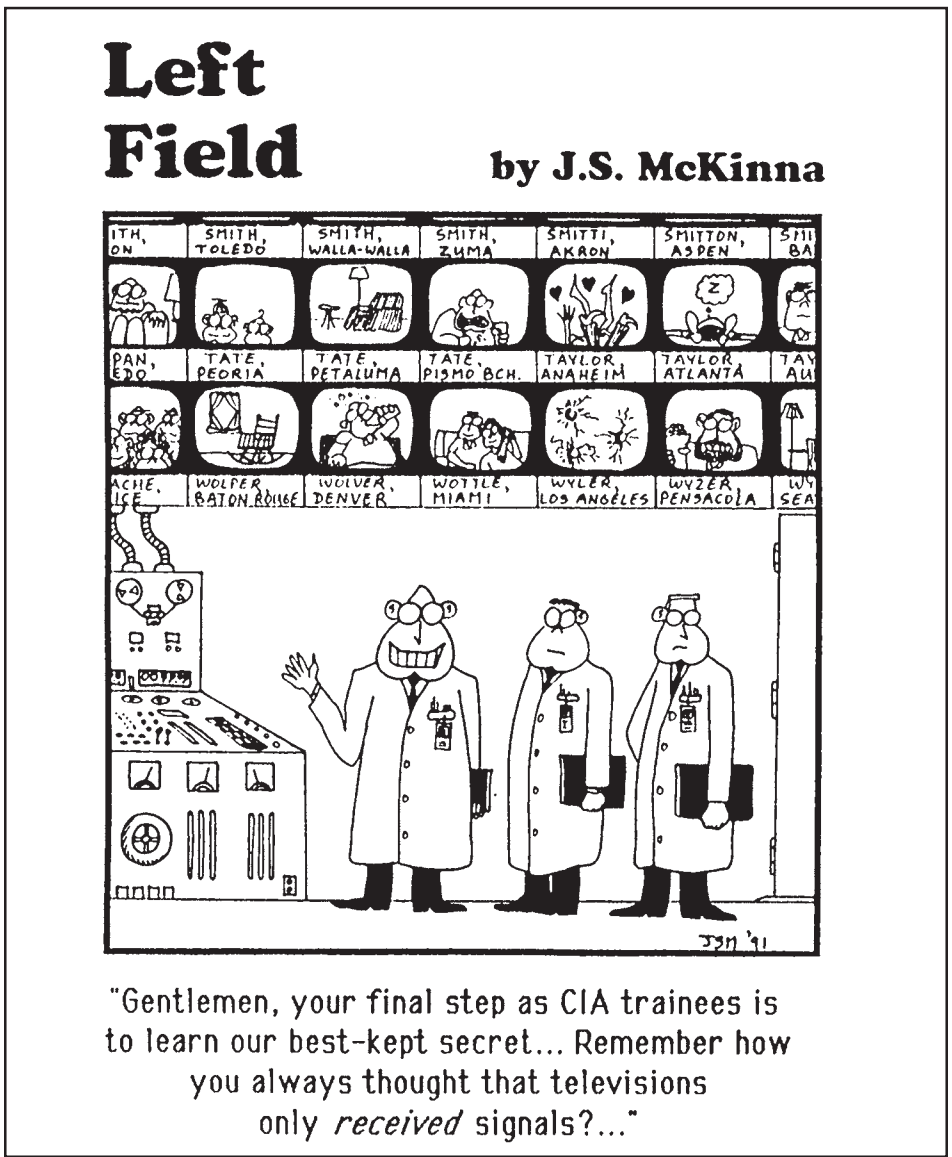
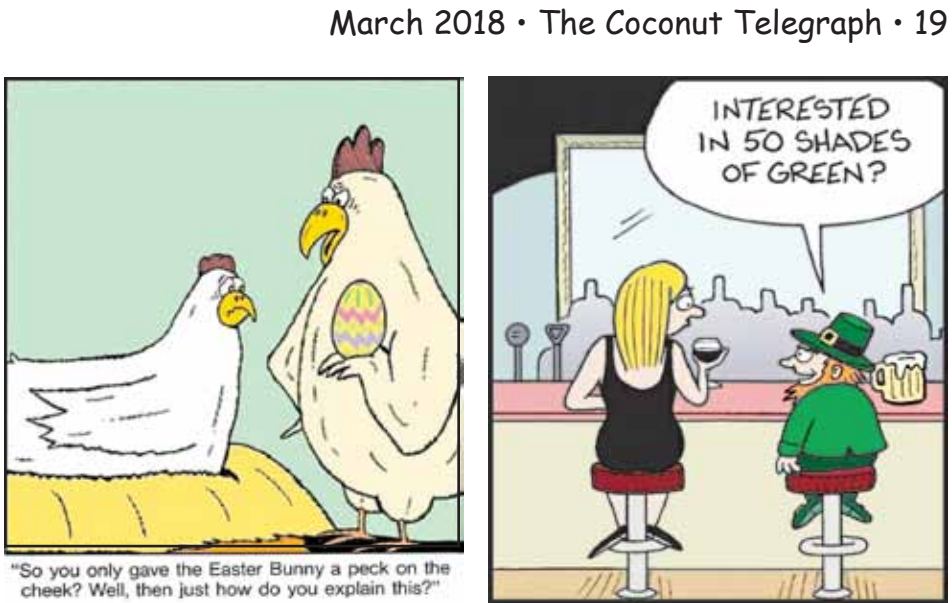
“What makes you say that?” he asked, as he put on an innocent look.

“The pub called. You left your wheelchair there again.”



Inspired by the story, the doctor said, “You must be one hell of an outdoors man.”

“Nah,” he replied, “I’m just a lousy golfer.”




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



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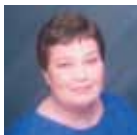
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Drumming

The rhythm of drumming is easy for our bodies to take in
as was the rhythm of our mother's heartbeat.

That rhythm renews us is no secret. Drumming is the oldest form of music on the planet. Virtually every culture that exists or has existed on earth has practiced some form of drumming. In Africa, the beating of a drum continues to be an important part of significant ceremonies and holiday celebrations.

Native American cultures use drumming as a means to reconnect an individual's mental and physical selves. Throughout history, drumming has been a part of performing rituals, marking significant transitions, and celebrating life's cycles. Our lives are infused with rhythm beginning at the very moment we first sense our mother's heartbeat in her womb.

All manner of drumming has the ability to put us in touch with our own natural rhythms, the rhythms of the earth, and the rhythms of the people we choose to drum with. The drum can represent the heart, and drumming awakens the mind while stirring the soul. Drumming can take you to a place deep inside you where you are keenly aware of your mind and your body, as well as the vital bond between the two.

Much like human beings, each drum has its own vibration and voice. Drumming alone can help you release tension, dispel stress and aggressive feelings, and restore your energy. It can also give you an opportunity to reestablish your connection to Mother Earth, as the beat of a drum can represent a crack of lightning, pounding ocean waves, or the tumult of an earthquake.

Drumming with others brings with it many benefits. Taking part in a drumming circle attunes us to the invisible energy that exists between us while uniting us in a common purpose. Drumming can be relaxing as well as energizing. It quiets mental chatter and can create a peaceful meditative state. In Navajo lore, the drum is the Great Spirit's favorite instrument. It is said that this is why all human beings were given a heartbeat. The rhythmic beating of a drum can move us into new realms of consciousness. There is no right or wrong way to drum, and everyone has the innate ability to create rhythm. When you drum with intention, you'll discover the rhythms that move you.

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IRISH GHOST STORY

This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true.

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door ... only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out

of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying, and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other...

"Look Paddy there's that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!"



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.

You Are Contagious!

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

It's flu season and it seems like everyone is fighting something. The idea of spreading germs got me thinking about contagion. Viruses are contagious. But so are yawns and laughter.

Want to try something fun? Start laughing hysterically right now. Do it! Just burst out laughing. Don't worry; I'm doing it with you.

How did that feel? If you didn't do it, it's not too late to try!

The science tells us that our minds and bodies don't know the difference between



authentic laughter or manufactured giggles. You get the benefits either way!

All day long we are susceptible to influences in our minds as well as things we observe around us. Fear is one of the most dangerous contagions. Worse than the flu! It takes hold and convinces you that everything is a threat.

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What about joy and gratitude? They are totally contagious. I love catching Joy! One of my coworkers has been very inspirational this week. I found his enthusiasm and optimism so refreshing in contrast to my

general feeling of exhaustion.

This weeks goal: spread joy. The more I spread, the better I feel. And, the better you feel! Sure, it's tricky to be joyful all the time. But, the more we do it, the easier it is.

When I'm cranky, I focus on the positives to adjust my mindset. When things aren't going the way I want at work, I remind myself how blessed I am to have a career I love. When my kid isn't listening, I remind myself how fortunate I am to be a mom. When I feel tired or sad or frightened, I remind myself that I have choices. I can focus on the pain or adjust and think about chocolate or macaroni and cheese...hmmm I must be hungry right now :).

So if I see you around this week, (virtually or otherwise) lets grin at each other and see how we can improve the health of the world!



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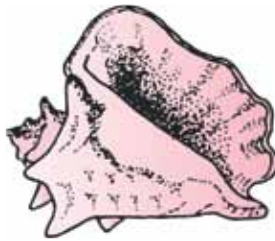
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So, two boobs walk into a bar... VFW Bar Manager Toni with Joe Brennan (L) and David Hollarah (R) after the Ralphie walk to raise funds for Cancer Research.



Baseball Superstar Anthony Rizzo, MVP of the Chicago Cubs in the 2016 World Series, attended high school at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Recently he stopped by Gilberts when he was in south Florida to speak to students following the shootings.



Country Superstar Brett Eldredge and Chicago Cubs MVP Anthony Rizzo enjoy a Boobie drink at Gilbert's Resort.



Kelly Hershey, who is both Bartender of the Month and Artist of the Month, with a lovely pair of Sirens at Blackwater Siren Restaurant and Tiki Bar. Make sure you read all about Kelly on page 5 of this issue!

The Mangrove Galley
by Sandi Mieszczenksi

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



Blackened, grilled, or fried — these are your standard menu selection for fish and shrimp at many Keys restaurants. How about trying a marinade for a change? This recipe allows you a different method of preparing shrimp, and it is grilled, so it takes you out of the kitchen. The flavors mesh together very well and you can serve the shrimp with grilled vegetables on the side. Try it — I think that you will enjoy this variation of shrimp.

MARINATED AND GRILLED SHRIMP

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- Pinch of dried sage
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Fresh cracked pepper
- 24 large shrimp, peeled and cleaned

Mix together the first 7 ingredients. Add the cleaned shrimp, cover, and marinate in the fridge for about 3 hours. Place on skewers. If the skewers are wooden, soak them in water first to prevent burning. Grill the shrimp until they turn pink. (Be sure to grill the veggies first, as they take longer to cook.)



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