



I used to think I was just a regular guy, but . . .

I was born white, which now, whether I like it or not, makes me a racist.

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."

THERE ARE NO FEMALE LEPRECHAUNS

Don't be fooled by holiday decorations showing lady leprechauns. In traditional Irish folk tales, there are only nattily attired little guys.

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MAINSTREET
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Sat., Mar. 10
CAT DADDIES
1-5 PM

Sat., Mar. 10
COCONUT
COWBOYS
7-11 PM

Saturday, Mar. 17
33 YEARS
1-5 PM

Saturday, Mar. 17
WRITE SOUNDS
7-11 PM

Saturday, Mar. 24
SPANK THE BAND
1-5 PM

Saturday, Mar. 24
STEREOTOMY
7-11 PM

Saturday, Mar. 31
BROTHERS OF OTHERS
1-5 PM

Saturday, Mar. 31
BOMBSHELL
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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