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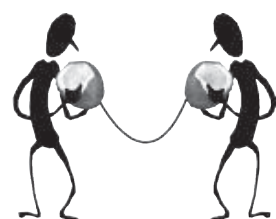
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## Editorial: Key Largo-Tavernier Treasure Map

Have you ever dreamed of finding treasure on these islands? Well now is your chance. The Coconut Telegraph is producing a 22" by 28" treasure map of Key Largo and Tavernier that is due to be out by Christmas.

These will be distributed free at the Chamber of Commerce and thru our advertisers. Our readers can win hundreds of dollars in prizes by finding the hidden objects in the map and emailing the answers to us.

It is also a great gift or keepsake. Deadline for advertising is November 30. Call, text or email to make an appointment before it is too late.

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We will come to you and take photos for the artist to draw. Hurry to get your very own original Nelson caricature on a piece of the rock. Call or text us at 305-304-2837 today to get started.

## Purple Pumpkin Gala; a Stunning Event

The Gala was held in Islamorada in early October. It's a fundraiser for Rettsyndrome.org, whose purpose is to transform the lives of all those affected by Rett syndrome.

Rett syndrome is a rare, non-inherited genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments, including seizures, scoliosis, and digestive difficulties. It affects nearly every aspect of the child's life: their ability to speak, walk, eat, and even breathe easily.



(L-R) Wendy & Mike Sorrell; Dean, Kelli, Tyler, Leighann, Fred, Lacy and Hunter; Reef, Harper, Michelle, Stella and Travis Bennett.



Carise Pinder and Chairman Michelle Bennett display their temporary tattoos: #OVER POWER RETT.



Stella Bennett and her brother Reef.



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Local artists decorated amazing pumpkins, sold at auction. Photos courtesy of Doug Finger Photography.

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ultracrepidarian  
(uhl-truh-krep-i-DAYR-ee-uhn),  
adjective,  
i. Pertaining to one who is talking about things beyond the scope of their knowledge.  
noun,  
i. A person who gives opinions and advice on matters that they know little about.

USED IN A SENTENCE:  
"There is nothing more irritating than an ultracrepidarian going on about something they've never done or experienced, but about which they insist they've read several informative articles on the Facebook."



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Made by Rose of Sharon Pottery, it comes packaged with this poem:

**THE HURRICANE CROSS ©**

Down in the southern tip of Florida  
Where hurricanes often blow,  
Stand the palm-etched crosses  
Whose legend the natives know.

How in the 1930s  
On the fearful shores of the Florida Keys,  
The crosses faced the wild, wild winds  
And the fierce waters of the seas.

The crosses stood their sentry  
To protect the ocean's land  
From the certain devastation  
Of Mother Nature's brutal hand.

Some still watch each season  
On the beaches of white sand.  
The prayers of the island people  
Where the crosses fervently stand.

So if your days are troubled  
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SANDRA B. THOMAS (Author)

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**Artists of the Month: Key Largo Flowers and Gifts**

Locals Purchase Key Largo Flower Shop

On June 23, 2017, Kathy English and Sarah Sheer purchased Key Largo Flowers and Gifts and fulfilled a life-long dream to own a business where they could work together and create beautiful things. This mother and daughter team worked in restaurants all their lives, where they learned the hospitality business and the true meaning of excellent customer service. The shop is conveniently located at MM 99.5, right next to Bank of America and the Waldorf Plaza.

Both English and Sheer are naturally creative and they picked up flower arranging with a little help from friends in the business. They have a fresh approach and are making stunning arrangements at prices to fit any budget.

Soon after opening, their business blossomed and last Valentine's Day they delivered over 150 arrangements. The two ladies work side by side and instinctively know when the other one needs a helping hand. Kathy's husband Ralph pitches in too, wherever needed, and makes deliveries as well.

Having lived in Key Largo since 2003, the family is very much community minded. English created a beautiful biodegradable wreath for ocean memorial ash scatterings, made out of grape vine and flowers. Most florists use plastic styrofoam that is not eco-friendly. At times when a special arrangement is requested, Sarah has driven to the mainland to pick up flow-

ers in the early morning hours to ensure the freshest available that will last much longer than grocery store bouquets.



Biodegradable wreath for water-based memorials.

We know it's the thought that counts, but it is so much better to get flowers that will last. English advises everyone who wants to send flowers long distance to take a minute to look up an actual brick-and-mortar shop in the town of the recipient. A lot of the floral ordering services listed on the internet do not provide the best value or freshness.

Recently the ladies expanded their flower shop to include gifts. Their items are unique and different from what you find in other local shops. Included in their inventory are the

Hurricane Cross that includes a poem, greeting cards, jewelry, pet memorials, and tasteful heartfelt gifts for any occasion. Stop by and check it out, open 9-5 M-F, and 9-1 Saturdays... or just call 305-451-3702.

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Kathy English and Sarah Sheer.



**Get A Job!**

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but it was too exhausting.

Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the chops for it, or the thyme.

Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... I couldn't cut the mustard.

My best job was a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.

Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard, but it was just not a good fit.

I became a Professional Angler, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.

Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - but I realized there was no future in it.

My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was the same old grind.

So, finally I tried retirement and I found I'm perfect for the job!

Thanks, Trader Dick!

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## Keys Kids Catch'em at the 21st Annual Derby

120 Keys kids, 10 years or younger, fished in the 21st Annual Keys Kids Fishing Derby on September 30th. Offshore, Shoreline or Backcountry and awards are given for three different age groups in each division.



Grand Champion Bryce Veath, 7 years old, weighed in the largest fish of the tournament, a 6.7-lb. Jack caught in the backcountry.

Most Outstanding Catch: Lyla Rohr with an estimated 4-lb., 21" Bonefish. Lyla released a total of 3 bonefish to win a pile of prizes.

4-year-old Preston Walker caught a 1-lb. Snapper right at the docks of the Lorelei to win first place in his division.

The largest fish in the Shoreline 5-7 year olds was Delani Dean's 1.2-lb. Snapper. Alyssa Bonochea, age 9, released a 1.0 pound snapper to win first place in her age group.

Offshore winners were Eva McCadie, age 4 with a 1.7-lb. Mackerel; Cooper Slonin, age 7 also with a 1.7-lb. Mackerel; and Caleb Bokor, age 9 with a 5.4-lb. Tuna.



The largest fish in the Backcountry division was caught by 4-year-old Julian Robertson with a 3.5-lb. Jack. Camden Goodwin, age 5, won the 5-7 year olds division with a 2.3-lb. Jack. Natalie Goodwin, age 9, won the 8-10 year olds division with a 2.5-lb. Jack.

The Keys Kids Derby's main purpose is to educate young anglers. This is the best day of the year, just watching these kids have fun catching and releasing fish. There are so many kids that get to catch their first fish! Thanks go out to Islamorada Fishing and Conservation Trust, the Islamorada Charter Boat Association, Jim and Mary Ann Bokor, Dr. Travis Bennett, and other local supporters. A special thank-you goes out to the local captains who came by to help the kids and all the volunteers, who did so much!

Photos by MJ Hudson.



Start 'em young!



First fish of the day!

## LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS!

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KCCB performs free outdoor Pops-in-the-Park concerts November through April.

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The Garden Club of the Upper Keys will host a benefit concert at the Murray Nelson Cultural Center, mm 102, Bayside Key Largo, Saturday November 10th from 7-10 pm. Come join us for a night of music, silent auction and refreshments featuring Scott Kirby, creative lyricist and accomplished finger-style acoustic guitarist. Proceeds will go to replacing the roof on the club's Francis Tracy Garden Center and are tax deductible. Donations \$35 and VIP (front row seats) \$100. Visit [gardenclubupperkeys.org](http://gardenclubupperkeys.org) for ticket information.

## Locals Team Up to Support Preschoolers in Key Largo

The Rotary Club of Key Largo has donated \$1,000 to help provide free child care for four and five year olds at Key Largo School.

The funds were a pass-through donation of unused campaign contributions from newly-elected school board member Sue Woltanski, who ran unopposed for District 5 of the Monroe County School Board, and will assume office in November.

"High quality childcare is scarce in the Upper Keys and I believe this program fills a vital need in our community," Woltanski said.

This makes life easier for working families, she explained. "The state only funds 3 hours per day but extended before- and after-care hours are a great example of a school serving its community's needs."



The voluntary Head Start program, also available in Marathon and two Key West locations, is open to children from low-income families who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten. It gives them a jump start at school success with pre-reading, pre-math, language and social skills.

"It was our honor to

assist Sue in making her donation happen by way of our charitable foundation. Key Largo School is close to our hearts and we've provided ongoing support to its programs for many years," said Key Largo Rotary president Jennifer McComb.

The Rotary Club of Key Largo donates a brand new book to the school library

every week, selected from the teachers' wish list and signed by a guest speaker The club also funds incentives for students who exhibit good behavior. In total, thousands of dollars of supplies are donated annually, raised by club fundraisers as well as Rotary district grants.

The Rotary Club of Key Largo meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., and now has a satellite club that meets on first and third Monday evenings at 6 p.m. For more info, visit [keylargorotary.org](http://keylargorotary.org)

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 Saturday, Nov. 24 <b>CAT DADDIES</b> 1-5 PM	 Saturday, Nov. 24 <b>BOMBHELL</b> 7-11 PM	 <b>MICHAEL TRIXX IS BACK!</b> 8pm • NOV. 17 & 24

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A competition to see who can come up with the best lexphilies is held every year in Dubuque, Iowa. The year's winning submissions:

... A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

... The batteries were given out free of charge.

... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

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... A boiled egg is hard to beat.

... Police were called to the daycare centre, where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

... Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

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Combined with this, ESC scientists are studying the flow of freshwater into Florida Bay and the impacts that diversion of this water has had throughout the Everglades ecosystem.

Dr. Jerry Lorenz continues the Roseate Spoonbill studies today, working with staff and volunteers to collect nesting information across Florida Bay. Data analyses show shifts in nesting distribution due to habitat destruction in the Keys. Lorenz has demonstrated spoonbill sensitivity to changes in the quantity and quality of their foraging habitat, and this led to the spoonbills being added as an "indicator species" to the Everglades Restoration Plan.

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Rotary Satellite Club of Key Largo Sunset founding chair Lisa Feliciano with charter members Cheryl Talbert, Nancy Truesdale, Maria McGlocklin, Sharon Kittle-Smith, Emilie Stewart, Cathy Brewer and Jill Hayes, with Rotary Club of Key Largo president Jennifer McComb who led the new member installation at The Catch Restaurant in October.



Doc Bollini hosting the live auction at the Purple Pumpkin Gala. Photo by Doug Finger Photography.



Tavernier Winn Dixie Sweetie Pie styling!



Murray and Lorenz of Gilbert's Resort were joined by an enormous iguana while playing golf recently.



Florida PAC awards MCSO with the CFA Excelsior Award for Accreditation in Law Enforcement.



Bryce Veath, 7 years old, caught this 6.7 lb. Jack and a story to tell for years to come in the 21st Annual Keys Kids Fishing Derby.



Key Largo Rotary's Take Stock in Children winner Paul Abolafia, Jr., 1st Jr. Division/Redfish 23.50 with Capt. C.A. Richardson in September at The Elks Club.



Kermit Taylor is getting ready to open a bike shop in Key Largo.

# Key Largo Rotary Adds Evening Meetings



Rotary Satellite Club of Key Largo Sunset founding chair Lisa Feliciano with charter members Ofella Wiltz, Christina Martinez, Kelley Steinmetz, Bill Mann, Lee Caltagirone, Kerry Cosme, Ben Cosme, Laurie Cornell, James Jeske, Bryan Arrabal, Ashley Arrabal, Yvoone Gonzalez-Quevedo, Pablo Gonzalez-Quevedo, Francine Lemay, Erin King, John Ribble, Tania Mattson, Cheryl Conley (morning club), Marlen Weeks, Wil Pena, Scott Ward, with Rotary District 6990 Governor Drew Monaghan, who led the new member installation on September 26.

The Rotary Club of Key Largo has announced it has 30 charter members of its new Rotary Satellite Club of Key Largo Sunset.

Rotary District 6990 Governor Drew Monaghan traveled from Broward County to swear in the charter members at a special event held at Playa Largo Resort and Spa. The new Key Largo Rotarians can now

attend meetings of any of the 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

He also installed Key Largo School assistant principal Cheryl Conley as the newest member of the main club, which was chartered in 1990 and meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Lisa Feliciano, who joined Key Largo Rotary in 2001, will be the founding chair of

the satellite club. Benjamin Cosme, who served in leadership positions with the Interact club sponsored by Key Largo Rotary at Coral Shores High School, is chair elect, and Sergeant Scott Ward with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office is the club's secretary.

"There are so many young professionals who aren't able to take time during the day for Rotary meetings. By adding the happy hour meetings, we're able to reach more Key Largo residents who want to do good in the community," said Key Largo Rotary president Jennifer McComb.

Key Largo Rotarians in both the morning and evening groups will hold co-socials and also collaborate on service in the community, including working at the

Upper Keys Rotary's Gigantic Nautical Flea Market. The satellite club will also have its own service projects.

The Rotary Club of Boulder was the first to create a satellite club, and it was so successful that Rotary leadership has encouraged other clubs worldwide to do the same. The Rotary Club of Bentley Cheshire, England, began as a satellite club made up of Bentley Motors employees. In its first two years, its 25 members participated in 38 service projects. Here in South Florida, satellite clubs have formed in Key Biscayne, South Fort Lauderdale, and Miramar-Pembroke Pines.

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## The Process of Grieving

Grief can arise from many life situations, but you should know it is not a permanent state of being.



When we experience any kind of devastating loss, whether it is the loss of a loved one, a dream, or a relationship, feelings may arise within us that are overwhelming or difficult to cope with.

This sense of grief can also come up when we are separated from anyone or anything we have welcomed into our lives. And while it may feel like we are caught up in a never-ending spiral of sadness and emptiness, it is important to remember that the grief we are feeling is not a permanent state of being. Rather, grief is part of the process of letting go that in many ways can be a gift, allowing us to go deeper within ourselves to rediscover the light amidst the seeming darkness.

The emotions that accompany any kind of loss can be intense and varied. A sense of shock or denial is often the first reaction, to be replaced by anger. Sometimes this anger can be directed at your loved one for "abandoning" you; at other times you may feel outrage toward the universe for what you are enduring. And while there are stages of grief that people go through - moving from denial to anger to bargaining to depression to acceptance - the cycles

of grief often move in spirals, sometimes circling forward and then back again.

You may even experience moments of strength, faith, and laughter in between. While these emotions seem to come and go sporadically, it is important to feel them, accept them, and allow them to flow. With time, patience, and compassion, you will eventually find your center again.

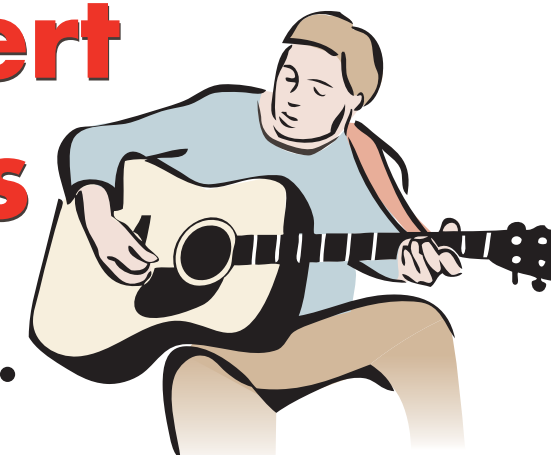
As we move through our grief, we may find ourselves reluctant to release our pain, fearing we are letting go of who or what we have lost. We may even regard our movement toward healing as an act of disloyalty or giving up. Know that while the hurt may fade, the essence of what you had and who you loved will have already transformed you and forever stay with you.

If anything, once you are ready for the pain of your loss to subside, their memories can then live more fully within you. Remember, that healing is a part of the spiraling cycles of grief, and that in letting yourself feel restored again, you are surrendering to a natural movement that is part of the dance of life.

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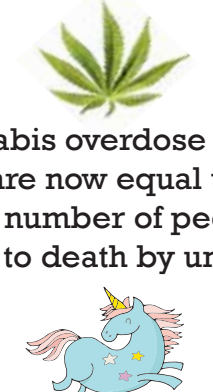
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Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?  
Why is bra singular and panties plural?  
Insanity is my only means of relaxation.  
Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?  
Can fat people go skinny dipping?  
Why is the word abbreviation so long?  
When companies ship styrofoam, what do they pack it in?

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| 1/4 cup vegetable oil        | 1 16-ounce pkg. of powdered sugar     |
| 3 eggs                       | 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon               |
|                              | 1 bag of candy corn autumn mix        |

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Beat the first five ingredients with a mixer, blending well. Line cupcake pans with paper and spoon in the mixture. Bake 20 to 22 minutes. Check the centers with a toothpick. Make sure it comes out clean. Cool in the pans then remove.

Beat the cream cheese, butter, and maple syrup with a mixer. Gradually beat in the sugar, then stir in the cinnamon. Frost the cupcakes. Decorate each cupcake with the candy corn. I prefer the autumn mix because it includes the candy pumpkins and really gives the cupcakes a festive look. Now let us hope for some cooler weather.

*Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly. For previous issues go to theconchtelegraph.com*

Finally, Fall is here though it does not really feel like it. Fall brings visions of turning leaves, holiday foods, and of course the ever-loving pumpkins. This cupcake recipe is quick, easy, and oh so tasty. Try it, I think you will really like this autumn treat.

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## It Takes a Village

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

Death. Just reading the word feels heavy on the page. The urge is to turn the page or toss the paper. What if you didn't?

I am advocating on behalf of those who are grieving. Will you join me in supporting them in their loss?

We've all known loss in some way. Whether it be a pet, a marriage or a loved one; you know the pain of grief. Today, I want to acknowledge those among us who have experienced a depth of loss which most of us cannot comprehend. Those who have lost a child.

Too often, these parents are suffering in silence. I know it's hard to move towards death. That is what I am asking of you. As their friends, family, neighbors,

and co-workers, I am enrolling YOU to support them in their grief.

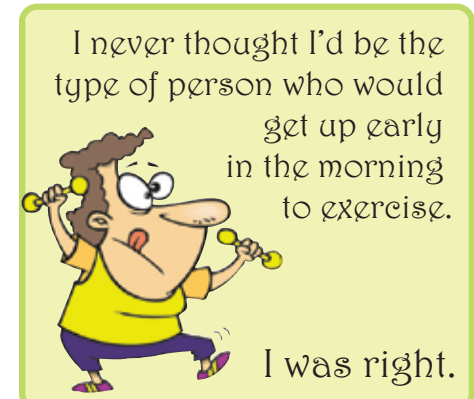
You know who they are. You think of them and talk in whispers at the nail salon, grocery store, or charity event. Cut the bullshit and talk to them, not about them. They need our love and attention. They need us to face our discomfort.

And by doing this, you will be healing your personal grief. Because we are a culture of avoiding painful feelings and you have your own deeply stuffed feelings of fear, sadness, and loss. That is the number one reason it is so difficult to face other people's pain; because you can't easily avoid your own.

So now what? You invite them to talk. You sit with



**THE FIRST RULE OF THE OCD CLUB IS TO HAVE A SECOND RULE SO THERE IS AN EVEN NUMBER OF RULES.**



**NUTRITION FACT**  
If you drink a gallon of water per day, you won't have time for other people's drama because you'll be too busy peeing. Stay hydrated my friends.

**HACKERS**  
need to step up and delete everyone's STUDENT LOANS.



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them. You hug them. Make it clear that you want to hear the stories; the joyful and the sad. And you are willing to call deep on your courage to do so. You are willing to be with them in their tears Over and over. You are willing to listen to their most profound struggles. Guilt and regret are some of those struggles. No matter the age of their child, they get stuck in the coulda, shoulda, woulda mindset. There is an inherent belief that a parent must protect their child. Outliving your child feels

like an automatic failure of epic proportions. While you may not know their specific struggle, you can relate to feeling guilt and failure. What do you need or want most in times of alleged failure? For me, the answer would be acceptance, forgiveness or love. Whatever your response, I want you to offer it to someone who is struggling with the loss of a child. They deeply miss their son or daughter. Every. Day. But broaching the topic with you is so taboo, complicated, uncertain. Will you shrink away, will they burst into tears, will it bring up feelings that no one wants to express in a public place? They don't want to burden you. And, they are pretty sure you are going to say something completely unhelpful.

Who cares. Let's not avert our eyes, change the subject or pretend as though it's not happening. Let's not ask "how are you"? Let's say, "I know you feel terrible, I want to support you."

We are stronger together. I'm not saying it's going to be easy; I'm saying it's going to be worth it. So, thanks in advance for all of the love you are going to spread. I am deeply grateful to you.

**The 4 apples that changed the world:**

Eve Isaac Newton THE BEATLES Steve Jobs

*I'm a Social Vegan. I avoid Meet.*

# Coco'Nut' Funnies

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN'T BE WITH FAMILY DURING THE HOLIDAYS,

please resist the urge to brag.



Me: It's not about how many times you fall, it's about how many times you get back up.

Cop: that's not how field sobriety tests work.



ROCKY HORROR IS OWNED BY FOX FOX WAS BOUGHT OUT BY DISNEY



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Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week,'

'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

Thank you Trader Dick!



SOMETIMES YOU RUN INTO PEOPLE WHO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER.

THOSE PEOPLE ARE CALLED BARTENDERS.



I lost in the Trivia contest last night by one point.

The question was: "Where do women mostly have curly hair?"

Apparently, the correct answer is Africa!

Husband takes the wife to her high school reunion. After meeting several of her friends and former school mates, they are sitting at a table where he is yawning and overly bored.

The band cranks up and people are beginning to dance.

There's a guy on the dance floor living it large, break dancing, moon walking, back flips, buying drinks for people, the works.

Wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down."

Husband says: "Looks like he's still celebrating!"

Thank you Karen Beal



If you put dry teabags in shoes they absorb the odor. So your shoes smell good but the tea tastes so bad it's almost not worth it

1 in 10 Americans think HTML is a sexually transmitted disease.

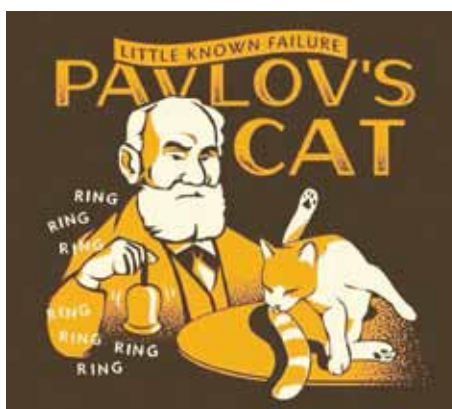
I feel a little OVERWORKED AND UNDERINTOXICATED

A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?'

The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

Thank you Trader Dick!

IF YOU SHOW ME YOUR BOOBS I'LL SHOW YOU MY TATTOO. TIT FOR TAT...



Thank you Thad Bowling

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A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said: "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

Bartender: "What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

Pirate: "Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

Bartender: "Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

Pirate: "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really..."

Bartender: "What about that eye patch?"

Pirate: "Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shat in my eye."

Bartender "You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird doo?"

Pirate: "It was my first day with the hook."

The man came home from work, sat down in his favorite chair, turned on the TV, and said to his wife, "Quick, bring me a beer before it starts."

She looked a little puzzled, but brought him a beer.

When he finished it, he said, "Quick, bring me another beer. It's gonna start."

This time she looked a little angry, but brought him a beer.

When it was gone, he said, "Quick, another beer, it's gonna start any second."

"That's it!" She blows her top, "You bastard! You waltz in here, flop your fat ass down, don't even say hello to me and then expect me to run around like your slave. Don't you realize that I cook and clean and wash and iron all day long?"

The husband sighed. "Oh &#x26;\$, it's started."

WHEN I WORKOUT AT THE GIN, I LIKE TO RUM.

This condom review is perfect



Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd at 2000 feet, but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar with a bent corner.



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 twenties. 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.



HEALTH ALERT FOR MEN

If you are taking the Viagra pill make sure it says "Made in USA"!

We do not want the Russians meddling in our erections!

Thanks to Ted Ellis

If it weren't for THE GUTTER my mind would be HOMELESS.

USE " D " AND " N "

Blonde female bought herself a new Mercedes. She can drive the car during the day but at night the car won't move at all.

She tries driving the car at night for a week but still no luck.

Furious, she calls the dealership, tells them the problem and they send a mechanic to the house.

The mechanic gives the car a thorough inspection and can't find anything wrong.

Eventually, he asks the Blonde, " Are you sure you're using the right gears?"

"Of course I am. I'm not stupid.

I use "D" during the day, and "N" at night!"



Day after Thanksgiving weigh in night!"



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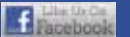
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