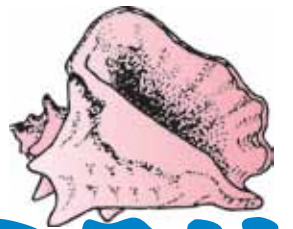


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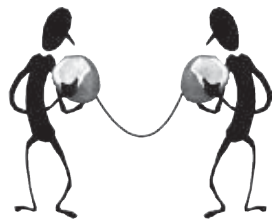
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Kudos to artist **Rodney Nelson** on completion of this amazing work!

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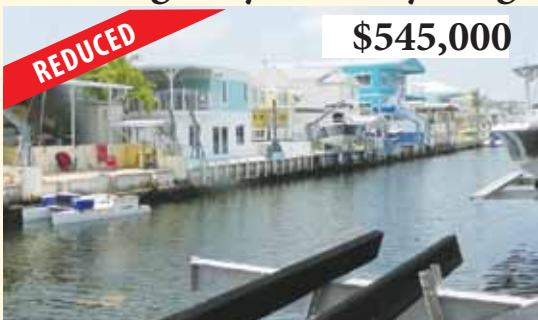


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The Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and bought their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests for it to lay its colored eggs.

Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests.

Easter Eggs

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter.

Easter Candy

Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe. Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930s. For the past decade, the top-selling non-chocolate Easter candy has been the marshmallow Peep, a sugary, pastel-colored confection. The original Peeps were handmade, marshmallow-flavored yellow chicks, but other shapes and flavors were later introduced, including chocolate mousse bunnies.

Easter Parade

In New York City, the Easter Parade tradition dates back to the mid-1800s, when the upper crust of society would attend Easter services at various Fifth Avenue churches then stroll outside afterward, showing off their new spring outfits and hats. Average citizens started showing up along Fifth Avenue to check out the action.

The tradition reached its peak by the mid-20th cen-



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The Easter Parade tradition lives on in Manhattan, with Fifth Avenue from 49th

Street to 57th Street being shut down during the day to traffic. Participants often sport elaborately decorated bonnets and hats. The event has no religious significance, but sources note that Easter processions have been a part of Christianity since its earliest days. Today, other cities across America also have their own parades.

Source: History Channel website

Entertainer of the Month: Billy "Bones" Knight - Drummer and Radio Personality

Billy Knight joins a jam at the Key Largo Moose with Tim Dressing and friends.

such as the others, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, West, Skeeter Davis, Charlie Williams, Jr., Faron Young, Willie Nelson, Roger Miller and many more recorded with them, as well as several respected rock groups. I ended my Nashville years playing with Bob Lumen and toured Europe in 1970.

During Hurricane Andrew, Knight was a radio announcer and DJ for WXOS and his was the voice on the air that kept us all informed.

The advertisement for Miracle Leaf Health Centers is set against a white background with a thick green border. At the top left, there is a logo consisting of a green cross with a white cannabis leaf inside it, and a green stethoscope with a circular earpiece. To the right of the logo, the text "MIRACLE LEAF" is written in large, bold, green capital letters, and "HEALTH CENTERS" is written below it in smaller, green capital letters. Below the logo and text, the phrase "Locals you can trust!" is written in a black, cursive font. Underneath this, there is a bulleted list of five services in green capital letters: "GET YOUR MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD", "MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY WITH OUR DOCTOR, JUST CALL OR EMAIL!", "ALL OF OUR PATIENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE DELIVERY FROM TRULIEVE", "VETERANS RECEIVE A \$100 DISCOUNT ON INITIAL CONSULTATION". At the bottom, there is a green rounded rectangle containing two white cannabis leaves on either side of the text "We sell a large variety of full-spectrum CBD products:" in a black cursive font. Below this text, the products "TINCTURE OILS, GUMMIES, TOPICAL CREAMS, VAPES, FLOWER, PRE-ROLLS, COFFEE, TEA, AND MUCH MORE!" are listed in green capital letters. At the very bottom of the advertisement, the phone number "305-854-9909" is in green, followed by the website "KEYLARGO@MIRACLELEAFL.COM" in green, and the address "100650 OVERSEAS HWY, KEY LARGO, FL 33037" in green.



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4. My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash, and it is gone.

5. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

6. I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

7. It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

8. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

9. My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can.

10 Definition of a teenager? God's punishment...for enjoying sex.

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A new website, SmugglersTimes.com, is live in support of the memoir "Smugglers' Times: Smuggling In The Days Of Marijuana Prohibition." Complete with tales of a long-retired pioneer of the marijuana smuggling industry who lived and worked in Islamorada and the Keys, the website gives samples from the book and information about the author. The book about Keys Don, as he is still known, is selling well in Keys bookshops.

Don, who flew single-engine planes in the 1970s back and forth to Columbia, carrying up to a million dollars worth of pot per load (in today's dollars) finally told his story to award-winning writer, M. Dennis Taylor.

"I tell about the life of a smuggler," said Don. "When marijuana is legal, we will be like the rumrunners during prohibition and people might be interested in the history of how it was in zmuugglers' times."

During a 30-plus-year career, working under aliases, Don brought mari-



Author M. Dennis Taylor at a recent book signing.

juana through the Keys, an area with thousands of places to hide, that's been a haven for smugglers since the times of the Spanish Main up until sometime late last night. Don and his friends used planes, boats and vehicles, and expanded connections throughout the United States, Mexico and

the Philippines, reportedly even working with Federal Agents.

Released by ASPCI Publishing Division, Smugglers' Times: Smuggling In The Days Of Marijuana Prohibition is available through Amazon, your local bookstore, or by visiting SmugglersTimes.com.


A brisk read, it is written in journalistic style by Taylor, a South Florida writer with 40 years experience in writing newspaper and magazine pieces and three books. "It's a fast-moving tale filled with adventure, humor and an in-depth look behind the scenes of the smuggling industry," said Don.

With a cast of characters that made and spent millions of dollars during play-filled lives, they all believed the adage that "for adventure, there is risk."

Visit the website at SmugglersTimes.com or find the book on Amazon.com and in Keys bookshops. Let us know how you like it!!

The Mangrove Galley

by Sandi Mieszczenski



A really tasty dessert that is easy to make is a Boston Cream Pie. Just follow the recipe and enjoy!

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

BOSTON CREAM PIE

Bake a yellow cake using the mix of your choice. After it cools, slice it in half to make two rounds.

Use the recipe below for the cream filling. Spread the cream filling on the bottom layer and place the second round of cake on top. Top with a chocolate sauce or frosting and serve. Refrigerate any remaining cake.

Cream Filling:

1/3 cup sugar	2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons cornstarch	2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/2 cups of milk	Pinch of salt

Blend the sugar, cornstarch, and salt in a saucepan. Combine the milk and egg yolks and gradually stir into the sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and begins to boil. Boil and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla. Cool to room temperature.

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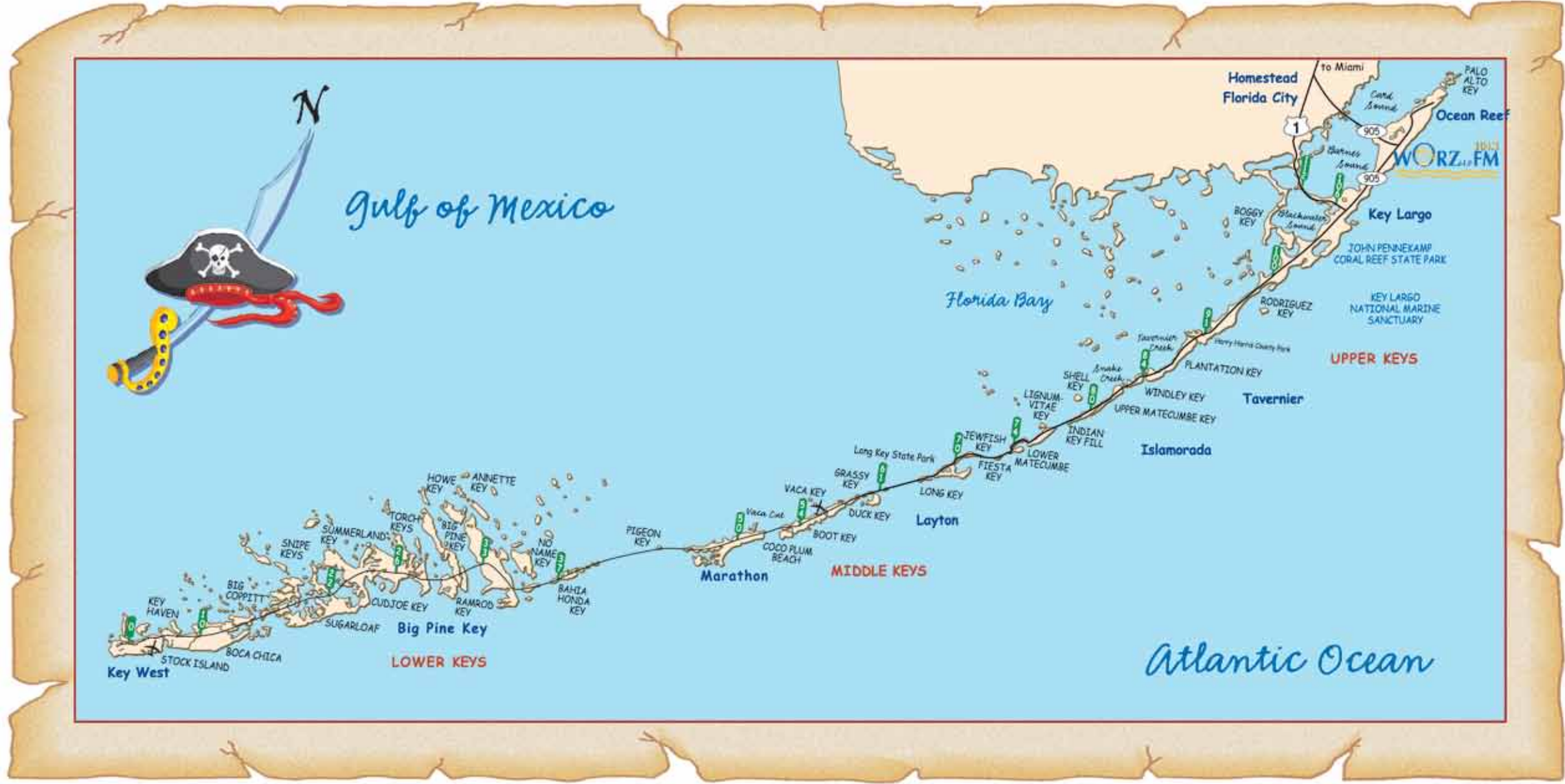
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Lamborghini Day at Gilbert's Resort.



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The angelfish sculpture at Murray Nelson Government Center. Painted by AnneMarie Anderson and purchased by Syliva Murphy, who then donated it to it's home overlooking the lobby.



Look who's getting in on the SUP action!



Centennial celebration at the American Legion.

Blasts from the Past - Photos from our Archives:



Chip DeClue singing karaoke with Marty Ebert at the Paradise Pub.



Russ and Darryl Cullen - photo by Bill Wilson.



Original Living in Color Artist ©Jen Callahan is the poster artist for the 28th annual Island Fest.

Presented by the Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, the two-day festival will offer live music, gourmet cuisine, vintage cars, and plenty of fine art and craft. The festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 & 7, at Founders Park on the beach.

"I am so happy to have been selected as the Poster Artist this year at Island Fest," says Jen Callahan, an Original Life in Color Artist®. Callahan says that her love for

28th Annual Island Fest Scheduled for April 6 and 7

animals began as a young child which was "later cultivated into a need to express my fascination with animals and color." This fascination can truly be seen in her 2019 Island Fest poster piece "Manatee," a whimsical and colorful depiction of the sea-dwelling mammal that calls the Florida Keys home.

Callahan describes her technique as "between water-color and acrylics as well as experimenting with different painting surfaces and styles.

Island Fest features something for everyone! Continuous live music, sand sculpture building, kite flying, Taste of Islamorada, kids activities, a vintage car show & more!

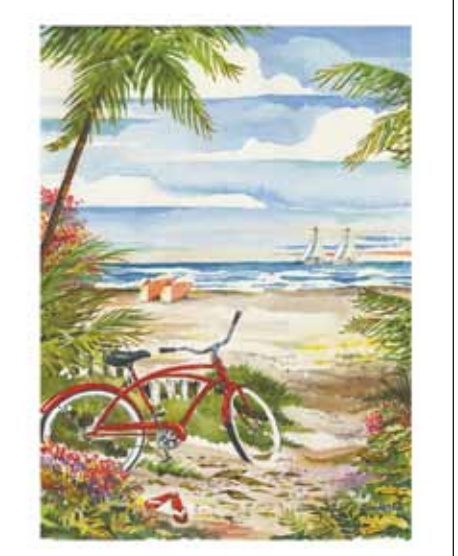
My emotions come out with each painting and I tend to use colors that make me happy, sometimes disregarding what is presented in real life."

Callahan is just one of approximately 100 artists whose works will be on display at Island Fest. The juried Arts & Crafts show will feature local and national artists whose creations run the gamut from paintings and sculptures to jewelry and photography.

Also among the participants will be Donna Elias, a watercolor painter with an affinity for depicting seaside landscapes, landscapes, and life-saving stations.

When asked about participating in Island Fest, she says, "I've been traveling to the Florida Keys every winter for over 25 years. I guess I've painted (and played) on just about every island down the

chain. Even so, this will be my very first appearance at Island Fest and I'm very excited! I'll be bringing a wide variety of my work, including paintings from my "By the Seaside" series and some pieces from my "Great American Light-houses Collection." I look forward to meeting everyone and to having a great time!"



Beach Bicycle IV by Donna Elias.

One Hundred Years Ago

The year is 1918 -- What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the year 1918:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub, and only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1918 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A dentist earned \$2,500 per year; Veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year; Mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

90% of doctors had no college education. They attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned by the press and the government as "substandard."

Most women only washed their hair once a month, using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The 5 leading causes of death were:

- 1. Pneumonia and influenza
- 2. Tuberculosis
- 3. Diarrhea
- 4. Heart disease
- 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer & iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write, and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.

18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

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Your most important work in this lifetime may not be your job - it's a conviction within your soul, recognizable if you allow it to shine.

Sometimes it takes us the better part of a lifetime to discover our life's work, even though we may have been doing it our whole lives without necessarily realizing it. Our life's work is not always what we do to make money, although we often think it should be, and sometimes this way of thinking prevents us from seeing clearly what it is. It may be the work of having children, caring for them, and running a household. The way we know our life's work is by how we feel when we are doing it.

When we are doing our life's work, we feel an uncanny sense of ease and alignment. This doesn't mean that the work is always easy, and it doesn't mean that it's the only work we have to do; it just means that there is a conviction deep inside us that tells us we are in tune with our innermost self. When we are engaged in our life's work, our bodies feel more alive, because our energy is devoted to a cause that, in turn, feeds us. We may be tired after

engaging in our life's work, but we are almost never depleted. We feel grounded in the world, knowing that we belong here and have something important to offer.

When we are deeply unhappy, depressed, or subject to one illness after another, this may be due to a sense of disconnection from our life's work. At times like these, finding the work we are meant to do is an essential act of healing. Most of us remember a time when we felt fully engaged in some act of work, service or creativity, and it is here that we may rediscover the work we are meant to do now. On the other hand, it may be time to explore what inspires us through volunteering, taking a class, going back to school, or just doing whatever it is we long to try. We all have callings, and when we find them, we owe it to ourselves to nurture and protect them, because while they may or may not be our livelihood, they are the keys to our wellbeing.

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Free to a good home...



Sweet, loving, well behaved... Oh hell, I cannot even type that with a straight face... Let's try this again:
For the love of all that is holy, someone please save me from this tiny fur bearing demon! His given human name is "Scout," But I believe that his feline name translates into "HellPuss - Destroyer of Christmas Trees, Bane of Chihuahuas, Defiler of Furniture, and Toe Chewer."

I am not sure exactly how old he is, but I think that he was spewed forth from the 7th plane of Hades approximately 4 to 5 months ago to assist in paving the way for the coming of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

He will eat any catfood offered but I think he survives on cheap whiskey, buffalo wings, black coffee and the souls of the innocent.

He gets along wonderfully with my son's dog. Only because he has pummeled the poor animal into submission repeatedly over the past few months. (I think he watches MMA when

I am not home in order to hone his fighting skills.)
He likes sleeping wherever he damn well pleases. Especially on the dining room table, at dinner time, as you are trying to eat....

He seems to take great pleasure in loud noises. Typically those emitted from a human yelling in pain or suffering. Thus he will hide in the most inconspicuous locations and attack with no provocation whatsoever. He is a master of the art of the silent kill. You will never see or hear him coming...

I have attempted sage cleansing the house but to no avail. (He peed on the sage.) I have sought the assistance of an exorcist, but that ended badly. (Again I offer my condolences to the surviving family of Father O'Mally.)

So I implore you all, if you have ever considered me a friend or family. Please help me find a home for him... Soon... Because as I type this, I hear him scratching at the bedroom door...

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Kids Write the Darndest Things!

The following excerpts are actual answers given on history tests and in Sunday School quizzes by children between 5th and 6th grade ages in Ohio. They were collected by two teachers over a period of three years. Read carefully for grammar, misplaced modifiers, and, of course, spelling.

Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Since then no one ever found it.

Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada but the commandos made it.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was a actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds Like he was sort of busy too.

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

also declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." He was a naturalist for sure. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Prec-edent. Lincoln's Mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands... Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation.

On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. They believe the assassinator was John Wilkes Booth, a suppos-ingly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of chil-dren. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large.

The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a net-work of rivers to spring up.

Charles Darwin was a naturalist. He wrote the Organ of the Species. It was very long. People got upset about it and had trials to see if it was really true.

Madman Curie discovered radio. She was the first woman to do what she did. Other women have become scientists since her but they didn't get to find radios because they were already taken.

People cheating on their taxes disgust me. This is not the world I want to raise my 23 dependents in...

Sorry, but your password must contain an uppercase letter, a number, a haiku, a gang sign, a hieroglyph, and the blood of a virgin.

YOU DROP SOMETHING WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER, YOU JUST PICK IT UP.

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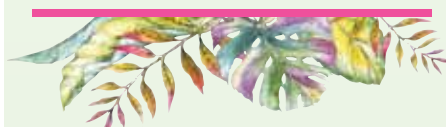
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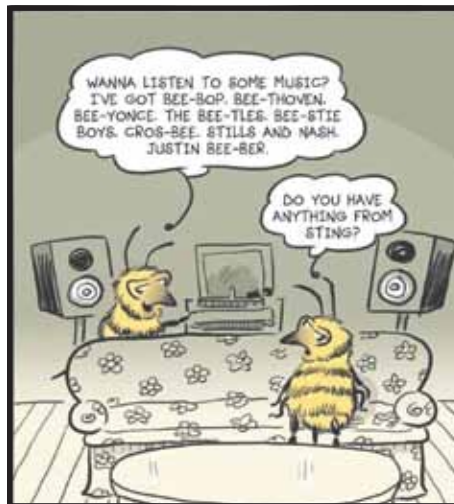
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Things we didn't do

- start the fire
- shoot the deputy

Things we did:

- tried to fight it
- shot the sheriff
- built this city on rock-and-roll

Things we will do:

- survive
- rock you

Things we won't do

- get fooled again
- back down
- that

Sunfish Spotting



This sunfish came up on the beach at Jeanne Eyster's home recently. He was about three and half feet long and was only in a foot of water and could not get up straight to swim. Sunfish need deep water due to the way they are formed, and because of their long fins. David Eyster tried to get him to swim out deeper but he could only go in circles. I walked him out to about four feet of water and then Jim and Kim Trinkle followed him out and kept him going in the right direction in their kayak. He was headed toward Alligator Lighthouse the last we saw.

—Submitted by Barbara Edgar

Marriage Maintenance

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

Maintenance is a part of living well. When we maintain the things we care about, they last longer and perform optimally. Ideally, you maintain your overall health (including personal hygiene), your home, vehicles, career, and relationships. They all need personalized, so they continue to feel rewarding and purposeful.

Here are some of the most effective, tried and true, scientific ways to maintain and enhance your marriage.

1. Eye contact: A mutual gaze between lovers can cause a spark of arousal as well as foster connection and intimacy. It won't be productive if you're wound up, agitated or anxious. Try to focus on exchanging at least one loving glance a day.

2. **Daily communication:** Couples who make time to sit down together and talk without interruption for 15 minutes a day have much more staying power. The key to making this one work is to include eye contact and to be firm about zero interruptions. Be sure to make this a stress-reducing convo, not an argument you've been waiting to have. This is a reliable way to prioritize your partner and your marriage, and it pays in dividends.

3. **Kissing:** Leading marriage expert John Gottman advocates for a daily six-second kiss. The kiss doesn't need to lead to sex. But a sensual and meaningful kiss that lingers on the lips can create all sorts of fireworks in a marriage.

4. Expressing gratitude: We all do necessary things for our families (laundry, landscaping, dog walking). But it feels so good to be recognized for it. The more genuine gratitude you express to your partner, the more valued they feel. It's mood-boosting and tends to reduce tension and resentment. For a bonus, write it in a note and leave it for your spouse. This pro tip is a heart melter.

5. Apologizing: Fighting happens, and unfortunately, we tend to be cruelest to those closest to us. What you do or don't do to repair the damage is a direct correlate to the health of your marriage. A willingness and ability to make a genuine apology acknowledging just what you did to hurt your partner is fundamental. This type of apology demonstrates you get it. And if it's half-assed, it could do even more damage rather than repair. Check out my video on apologies [here](#).

6. Date night: Don't forget to have fun together! So often I see couples who are bogged down in responsibility (typically parents) and have stopped taking the time to play with each other. Get out and get creative. Going on dates is activity based intimacy, and it's important.

If both you and your partner have been doing these things but with no tangible improvement, it's time to consider there is more going on below the surface. It is very common for me to encounter deep-rooted issues with one or more partner that are contributing to the challenges in the marriage. If that feels true for you, it's time to get some expert help! Reach out here to determine if marriage counseling is right for you and your spouse.



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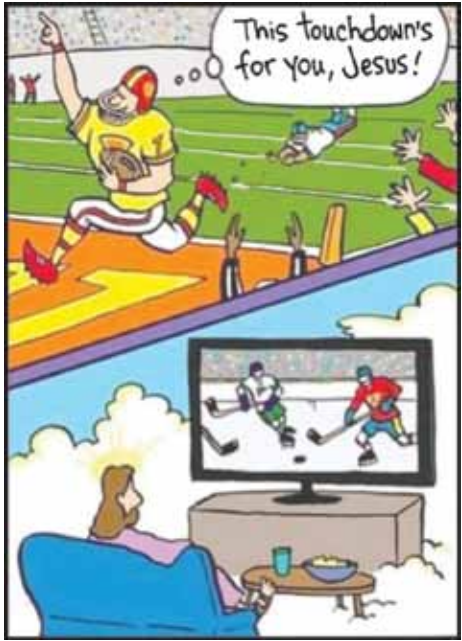
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I was sitting in my truck at Walmart watching this guy who apparently forgot where he parked. He kept putting his remote in the air and every time he squeezed it... I honked my horn...



An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball. The barber replied, just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.

When someone asks me if I'm seeing anyone, I automatically assume they're talking about a psychiatrist.

Blonde at the Super Bowl

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to the Super Bowl game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked it.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were trying to kill each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?"

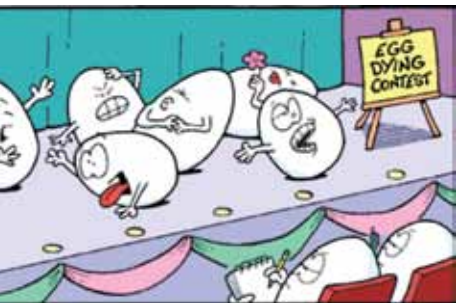
"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, they kept screaming 'Get the quarter back! Get the quarter back!' I'm like... Helloooo? It's only 25 cents!"



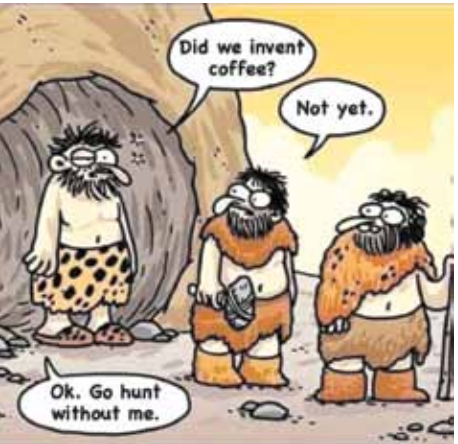
her: I'm leaving you
me: is it because I named our pets after rappers?

her: no it's because this house is overrun with farm animals

me: fine, well me and Kendrick llama and chance the rabbit and childish lambino and notorious PIG and dr. ney and quacklemore don't need you anyway



If I see one more person texting and driving I'm gonna roll my window down and throw my beer at them...



Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going." The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too... I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her... what does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom...wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?" To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter --- let's look for yours."



If you're fat yet identify as thin, does that make you "transfat"?



Writing a song about getting my front door lock replaced. There's a lovely key change at the end.



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.

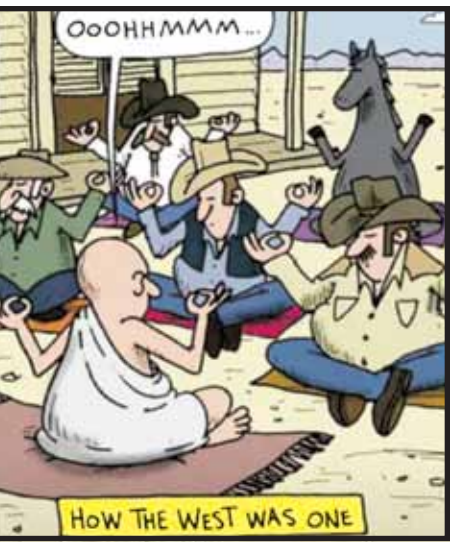
Little Tony was 9 years old and was staying with his grandmother for a few days.

He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her, 'Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?'

She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. 'It's called sexual intercourse, darling.

Little Tony said, 'Oh, OK,' and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, 'Grandma, it i sn't called sexual intercourse . It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you.'



you're not fat. come on. chin up. no, the other one.



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