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Editorial: Leave the FWC Alone!

I recently saw a posting on Social Media from a lady complaining about the FWC's extermination programs and "the horrific slaughter of Iquanas". It also said the FWC should promote only humane ways to deter iguanas. Really?! Should I put a sign in my front yard that reads "IGUANAS GO AWAY!"?

We all know that iguanas carry diseases such as salmonellosis and botulism just to name a couple. The slimy critters bite and cause infection. At the rate they are breeding if we don't do something now we'll be buried up to our ears in iguana guano.

My advice is to stop by Coral Financial Pawn Shop and pick up an iguana kit. One (humane) plug to the head and



dispose of the carcass properly.

The thing that really bothered me about that posting is I wonder why it is only iquanas they are concerned about. What about lion fish? What about pythons? Tegu lizards? They are all invasive non-native predators that are being eradicated as well. I don't hear any sob stories about them!

Leave the FWC alone.

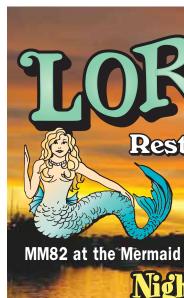
WELCOME MARILEE!



The Coconut Telegraph is proud to welcome Marilee Dodge who has joined our staff as the advertising consultant for Islamorada and Tavernier.

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The Coconut Telegraph and artist extraordinaire Rodney Nelson have joined forces to bring you a fascinating Islamorada Treasure Map!

Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes will be awarded to those who can find the hidden secrets and mi\$takes throughout the map.

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Thousands of copies will be available throughout Islamorada as gifts from our advertisers! It will also be available on the Coconut Telegraph's website, available worldwide!

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









Key Largo's map was a great success... now here comes Islamorada!



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Anglers to Learn and Go Fishing Oct. 18-20 "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" No-Yelling School in the Upper Keys

One-on-One Opportunities with the pros in Islamorada and Tavernier, FL plus fishing, rigging, conservation and a fun Fishing Fever competition for beginners!

Aspiring anglers can learn, practice skills and go fishing at the award winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!®" Keys University, Oct. 18-20 in the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the "No-Yelling School of Fishing" offers classroom presentations, two networking events, hands-on skill practice and optional charter boat fishing. Classes Lee Lavery, Melinda Buckley, will be held at the waterfront Jeanne Towne and more. Elks Lodge in Tavernier FL. No equipment or experience is necessary.

Optional charter fishing out of Islamorada, FL is offered on Friday and Sunday tying, dehooking, bait rigging, with prizes awarded for the LLGF Fishing Fever tournament to people fishing both days.

Activities launch Friday evening with a networking social and appetizer contest from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Saturday morning indoor presentations begin at 9 am, covering Offshore, Inshore and



LLGF Isla 18 Class: Graduates of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Keys 2018.

Bottom Fishing, plus Fishing Basics and Conservation.

Setting this program apart from typical fishing classes are the hands-on fishing activities taught by several guides for releasing, knot spin casting, gaffing grapefruits, cast netting, trailer backing and more until 4:30 pm. A second networking party will be held afterwards Scout Boats, Seven Seas at Seaside Glassworks.

optional inshore and offshore Sponsors are CCA Florida fishing charter trips out of Whale Harbor, followed by a fillet demonstration.



2018 Blue Chip Too Sunday all fish: Robin Krueger, Pat Kucera, Cindy Campbell, Janet Steiner, Meghan Brunelli and Lou Robbins.

The Tavernier Elks Club is located at 92600 Overseas Speakers include Captains Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070, MM 92 Bayside. Ladies may register a male guest or teens to include the whole family.

Featured on national network television and more. the series is supported by major partners including Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation, Take Me Fishing, Vamos a Pescar, Mercury, Magic Tilt trailers, Yacht Sales, Power-Pole and On Friday and Sunday are Fish Florida. Largest Annual STAR, TACO Marine, Freedom Boat Club, Sunrise Resort & Marina, Seaguar and Future Angler Foundation. Local sponsors are Breezy Palms, Seaside Glass Works, Jeanne Towne of Fidelity Real Estate and the Monroe County Tourist Development Council

> Online early registration rate is \$125 per person. Regular entry is \$145. VIP registration of \$180 offers reserved seating, goody bag, a gift, future rebates and savings on souvenirs. Registration fee includes instruction, the use of equipment, a

welcome reception, lunch, Saturday party, \$20 in gifts and door prizes. Advance reservations are recommended. Accommodations are available at Breezy Palms Resort.

Future 2019 plans include a surf fishing clinic, "Catch the Holiday Spirit" event in conjunction with Guy Harvey Outposts on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Guy Harvey Outpost in St. Augustine, FL.

Contact: LLGF, phone 954-475-9068 email: fish@ladiesletsgofishing.com, www.ladiesletsgofishing.com, FB: ladiesletsgofishing



Robin Krueger Andy Downs Snook Release 7435: Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL releases her first snook ever with Capt. Chris Hanson, Scales 2 Tales, in 2018.

"Ladies Let's Go Fishing!" hosts multiple saltwater fishing universities in various Florida cities. The Universities teach fishing skills in a fun and relaxed environment, plus give hands-on opportunities to practice skills and a chance to go charter fishing.



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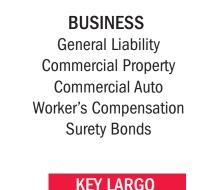


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by his son Mike) have over it.

fine local musicians.

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Shipwrecks Bar and Grill

What do you like best about Shipwreck's? When I asked some friends this question, their answers varied. Some said they liked the ice-cold, \$1 all-day-long, draft Papst Blue Ribbon beer, another said the amazing all-you-can-eat mahi fish fry every Friday night. Another said it's the local's favorite place with the best food and prices. It's all

Quietly nestled in at 45 Garden Cove Drive on the water at MM 106, you can feel the cool breeze as you gaze at the ocean and take in the real marine artifacts on display. The owner, Captain Mark Hutchings, and his Tow Boat US company (headed up salvaged these items over the past 21 years. Each item has Florida Keys history all

Capt. Mark and his son Chris, who is the Skipwrecks manager, have done a great job creating a truly "Keysey" atmosphere, and that is what I love about it. Weekends they host live entertainment with Koty James and the Keybillies, along with other Weekly specials include:

Wednesday - meatloaf, Friday - mahi fish fry and Saturday is their famous

prime rib it's the best! After Captain Mark Hutchinas retired from his 20 years in the

Air Force, he bought TowBoat US which has been serving Key Largo and Tavernier for 21 years. He has owned and operated Shipwreck's Bar and Grill for 11 years, and every time you see fireworks in Blackwater Sound you can thank Capt. Mark and Chris for lighting up the sky. The 4th of July and New Years spectaculars keeps getting better every year.

I purchase AAA every year for my car and save a fortune when the car breaks down and needs a tow truck. Smart boat owners don't want to breakdown on the ocean without protection, so they join Tow Boat US.

Tow Boat US recently got called out to a boat fire offshore. Check out the photos to see the excitment they handle in their job!

Stop by Shipwreck's and meet Capt. Mark, Chris and the beautiful, former Bartender of the Month, Tiffany Happy Hour is Monday -



Chris and Mark Hutchings, owners of Shipwrecks

Thursday 4 to 6. Happy Hour specials are all \$6.

If you come by boat, pick up an application for Tow Boat US or call 305- 852-8900. Wonderful food, safe travels, and oh-so local!



Tiffany, barender extraordinare



Boat fire in progress



TowBoat US is fast to arrive on the scene.



Below: The salvaged boat



Garden Club of the Upper Keys



David Jacob - Biologist III, nonnative species biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on the **IGUANA PROBLEM** IN THE FLORIDA KEYS. September 17

at 11:00 am

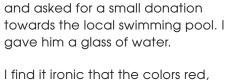
at Francis Tracy Garden Center 94040 Overseas Hwy. (mm 94 bayside)

Our meetings, workshops and special events provide education and information on the fun of gardening in the Keys. *Come grow with us!*

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Happy Birthday Sweethot!



I read that 4,153,237 people got

trouble but shouldn't that be an

even number?

married last year, not to cause any

Today a man knocked on my door

white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body . . . men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling vou get when vou like someone? That's your common sense leaving vour body

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

I think my neighbor is stalking me, because she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks . . . but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see

Cynical?

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named "Sag Harbor"

My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then

Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

The location of your mailbox shows you exactly how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest 1 Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.



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Saturday, Sept. 14 TRIP MACHINE 7-11 PM



Saturday, Sept. 28 OVRHOL 1-5 PM



Saturday, Sept. 21

STEREOTOMY



Saturday, Sept. 21 MOJO SCOUNDRELS

Saturday, Sept. 14

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A distraction of smart phones. A reckoning of spreadsheets. An indolence of poets. A conspiracy of subtweets.

A pile of hemorrhoids. A bunion of personal trainers. A grope of presidents. A condescension of mansplainers.



An abundance of food banks. An underfunding of schools. A pathy of voters. A cabinet of fools.

A collection correction of pedants. A sesquipedality of long words. An invention of collective nouns. An oven glove of non sequiturs.

Brian Bilston

Key Largo Library has a popular Free Lecture Series! Frequently on Mondays, there's something going on. Here are the upcoming topics...



Everyone is invited!

Key Largo Library **Community Room**

10:30 a.m. - Noon Hosted by Friends of the Key Largo Library 305-451-2396

Sept.9 - Dr. Martha Edwards Caring for your Pet in the Keys

Sept. 23 - Medicare What's New? Open Enrollment Update

Oct. 7 - Monroe County Voting Presidential Primary coming up!

Oct. 28 - FKAA - Delivering auality water in paradise

Nov. 18 - Veteran benefits and services explained

Dec. 9 - Holiday Party

Stay tuned for the 2020 speakers and topics!

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Conch Characters



The Coconut Cowboy Dan Furmanik can be seen in the Upper Keys until the fall.



Key deer spotted by Rob LeBrun.



Robert DiGiorgio owner of Cafe Largo at rum seminar with Master Distiller Gary Nelthropp of Cruzan Distillery in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands.



Lt. AI Ramirez and other Sheriff's Office employees, KL Rotary and Law Enforcement Academy students recently cleaned up MM 105 to MM 106! Whew! Tough job in that heat! Thanks to all!



Micah Gardner, the Barstool Sailor plays every other Saturday afternoon at the Lorelei.



Marliee Dodge takes wing in Islamorada.



Bill Hoebee and friends joined Joey Naples for his birthday Bash in August.



Jill at Capt. Craig's.



Photo by Rob Lebrun.



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Bubba had shingles. Those of us who spend much time in a doctor's office should appreciate this! Doesn't it seem more and more that physicians are running their practices like an assembly line?

Bubba:

him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' So she

Urban Dictionary





Thank You to Our Readers

Why Our Health Care Costs Are So High!!!

Here's what happened to

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said: 'Shingles.' So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told

wrote down his height and

weight, took a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had.

Bubba said, 'Shingles.' The doctor asked, 'Where?'

Bubba said, 'Outside on the truck. Where do vou want me to unload 'em?'

The Coconut Telegraph staff wants to thank our readers for sending us all the great, educational emails.

As we progress into the end of 2019, we want you to know that thanks to you, we are totally screwed up and have little chance of recovery. For example...

... I can no longer open a bathroom door without using a paper towel, nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel.

... I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed.

. Eating a little snack sends me on a guilt trip because I can only imagine how many gallons of trans fats I have consumed over the years.

... I can't touch any woman's handbag for fear she has placed it on the floor of a public toilet.

... I must send my special thanks for the email about rat poo in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet sponge with every envelope that needs sealing.

... ALSO, now I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.

... I can't use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

... Thanks to you I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an e-mail to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.

... Because of your concern, I no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains.

... I no longer buy fuel without taking someone along to

watch the car, so a serial killer doesn't crawl in my back seat when I'm filling up.

... I no longer use Cling Wrap in the microwave because it causes seven different types of cancer.

... And thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face, disfiguring me for life.

... I no longer go to the cinema in Miami because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS when I sit down.

... I no longer go to shopping centers because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me ...

... I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a huge phone bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

... And thanks to your great advice I can't ever pick up a penny coin dropped in the car park because it was probably placed there by a sex molester waiting to grab me as I bend over.

... I can't do any gardening because I'm afraid I'll get bitten by the Violin Spider and my hand will fall off.

... I now keep my toothbrush in the living room, because I was told by e-mail that water splashes over 6 ft. out of the toilet.

If you don't send this article to at leveryone you know in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea will land on your head at 5pm tomorrow afternoon, and the fleas from 120 camels will infest your back, causing you to grow a hairy hump. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next door neighbor's ex mother-inlaw's second husband's cousin's best friend's beautician!



1. Stutter the letter "p".

2. Terminate the call with, "Remember, we never had this conversation."

3. Ask what the order taker is wearing.

4. Tell the order taker you're depressed. Get him/her to cheer you up.

5. Act like you know the order taker from somewhere. Say "Bedwetters Camp, right?"

6. Ask to rent a pizza.

25 Ways to Order a Pizza

7. Ask if you get to keep the pizza box. When they say yes, heave a sigh of relief.

8. Tell them to double check to make sure your pizza is, in fact, dead.

9. Psychoanalyze the order taker.

10. Order two toppings, then change you mind and say, "No, they'll start fighting".

11. Call to complain about service. Later, call back to say you were drunk and didn't mean it.

12. Tell the order taker to tell the manager to tell his supervisor he's fired.

13. Ask if the pizza is organically grown.

14. State your order and say that's as far as this relationship is going to get.

15. Ask them if they are familiar with the term "spanking a pizza." Make up a description to go with the term. Ask that this be done to your pizza.

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16. Put them on hold.

17. Teach the order taker a secret code. Use the code on all subsequent orders. 18. Haggle.

19. Order a one-inch pizza.

20. When they say "Will that be all?", snicker and say "We'll find out, won't we?"

21. Ask how many dolphins were killed to make that pizza.

22. Dance all around the word "pizza". Avoid saying it at all costs. If he/she says it, say "Please don't mention that word".

23. If he/she suggests a side order, ask why he/she is punishing you.

24. Order a steamed pizza.

25. If any of the above practices are rejected by the order taker say, in your best pouty voice, "The last guy let me do it."

* Please don't do any of these when you call Enrico's!







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Hire me... the professional mourner... to come and cry at the funeral My services & prices: \$5O Normal crvina Bahamian hollering \$100 Crvina/rollina on around \$150

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PERSONAL

BEATLES OR STONES?

T still like to rock still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and play guitar.

If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes 305-555-RICK

CLUBS

THE KEY PLAYERS

Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes & audition for roles! thekeyplayers.org

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society

meets the 3rd Thurs. of every nonth at Key Largo Library Community Room at 7pm. Open to the public.

> 305-451-2396. MUSICIANS

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Concert Band begins rehearsals in the fall.

More info call 305-451-4530

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CLUBS GARDEN CLUB OF THE

UPPER KEYS The Garden Club's monthly meeting will be held on September 17th, 11:00 am at the Francis Tracy Garden Center 94040 Overseas Hwy Tavernier (mm 94 bavside).

David Jacob - Biologist III, nonnative species biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

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The USCG Auxiliary conducts vessel safety checks at Blackwater Sound Marina, MM 103.8 Bayside, every third Saturday of the month.Public welcome. 305-998-8400

PERSONAL

want to do more things that make me forget to check my phone. If you do too, call me. 305-555-MIKE

Seeking hostile woman for unfulfilling sex. future divorce, and codependency. Looking for a whiny, crazy lady with nisplaced sense of entitlement and lots of expectations. Bonus points if you just finished dating every guy in town but now want to take it slow with me. I would be open to an unsatisfying fling but prefer a longterm soul-crushing descent into booze and pills







HELP WANTED EMERGENCY HELP

WANTED I lied when I got my job. I told them I had a kid so I could leave early to pick him up from day care, take him to doctors appointments and occasionally miss a day when he's sick. Long story short T'm in too deep T didn't think it through. I'm looking to rent a kid for "bring your child to work" day. Must be a boy aged 4 to 6 with curly brown hair who plays soccer, essentially he has to look like the stock photo in the frame on my desk. Also must be artistic as the macaroni noodle drawings

I made seem a little advanced for someone his age. He needs to respond to "My Little Picasso" as that's what ny wife and I call him. Also I will pay extra for someone willing to play the role of my wife when dropping him off.

Her name is Maggie she's named after her grandma and she's a defense attorney who often brings her work home. You know what... just message me for the details, serious

quiries only. 305-555-DADS

Around Town

What we put on our bodies matters! What we put in our water matters! Pirates Cove Watersports now provides complimentary shampoo and body wash for their dockside shower at Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort.



Project Healing Waters held a fishing tournament for Veterans at The Lorelei in August.



Another gorgeous Lorelei wedding. Congratulations Mr & Mrs Harris!



Guess it was time to get a new boat



Elks children's therapy in the Florida Keys. Free for those who need it. One of the biggest charities of the Florida Elks.



There's always a cool show at the Lorelei Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Conch laying an egg case.

between a kleptomaniac

The literalist takes things literally. The kleptomaniac takes things, literally.



You can park your seaplane right on the Lorelei beach for lunch.

I don't have an Old Age

Face App....

I have a mirror

The Heat Index

is between

OMG and WTF.



A good day hunting for a vegetarian.



I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car assumes it's a second passenger who's not wearing their seatbelt.

I WENT LINE DANCING LAST NIGHT. WELL, IT WAS A ROADSIDE SOBRIETY TEST ... SAME THING.

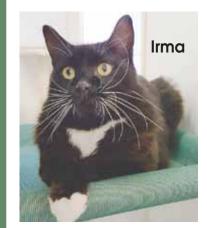


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Confessions of a Therapist

I get Botox. And sometimes when I receive text messages or voicemails from my parents, I think, "oh no, what did I do wrona?" Also, I lose my temper with my daughter. And, last month, my husband and I got into a threeday argument that ended like this:

out of something? out of bandaids.





Me: I noticed you got groceries today. Were we Him: Oh YEAH. You made it explicitly clear we were

Me: What? I said I was out of contact solution...did you get contact solution. Him: Crap, I completely forgot the contact solution. Six minutes of me asking confused follow-up questions. Me: Honey - I meant we

are out of bandaids for the problem we were fighting about (3 minutes of hysterical laughter).

Why am I telling you all of this? Because I know how easy it is to compare yourself to other people and assume you're falling short. And in case you got it in vour head that I'm not as human as the next person I wanted you to reassure you that I struggle too.

There is no shame in struggling. There is no shame in imperfection.

Know where you can find heaps of shame? There is shame in comparing. Every time we make a comparison to determine if we are doing better or worse than the next gal, we are shaming them or shaming us. I promise if you lined up all of your

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

personal heroes and were able to see their deepest, darkest struggles; you would realize what I'm saying is true.

And all of that comparing comes from an urge to get relief from struggle and imperfection. But comparing reinforces a more profound struggle. The effort to believe that you are enough iust as vou are.

Each of us has a growth path (a fancy way of saying 'struggle'). Personal development won't make your life struggle free. But it will lead you down a path of personal freedom self-acceptance. and greater love.

So this month I urge you to trade in comparison for something far more powerful. When you're feeling weak, not good enough or



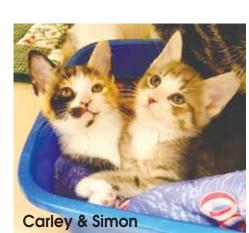
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lost, make a list of things you are proud of yourself for. And keep that list close to you. Add to it regularly.

This practice is the opposite of shame and will be an investment in knowing your worth.

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Occurring while a light a store of the sector at mile marker 106 Occurring a validable for adoption the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is

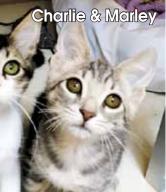




Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.













The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski



A great contribution to a Labor Day meal is a cold apple salad. Just like other salads that contain mayonnaise, be sure to keep it cool,out of the heat. This salad goes well with any type of meat that you might serve for a Labor Day celebration. Enjoy!

APPLE SALAD

4 medium apples 1/3 cup of mayonnaise 1 Tbls sugar 3/4 cup thinly sliced celery 6 pitted sliced dates 1/2 cup chopped pecans



Mix together 1/3 cup of mayonnaise with 1 tablespoon of sugar. Peel and core four medium size apples. Cut into small cubes. Add to the mayonnaise mixture and stir well. Add to the apple mixture 3/4 cup of thinly sliced celery, six chopped, pitted dates (or raisins if you prefer) and 1/2 cup of chopped pecans. Stir well and chill before serving. Makes about 6 servings.

Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly For previous issues ao to the conchrele araph.com



If we make no effort at all, our thoughts usually scatter in a vast array of directions. They start and stop and move in surprising ways from one second to the next. If we try to follow our thoughts without controlling them, we will be amazed at how truly inconsistent they are.

is undistracted.

energy, including our



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Pure Thoughts

The longer we are able to hold a positive thought the stronger that energy around us becomes.

Yet, if we apply our minds to a specific task, especially one that interests us, they gather together and allow us to focus our attention, creating great power and energy. This is what is known as pure thought, because it

The law of attraction--like attracts like--influences all thoughts, and this is what makes pure thought so potent. Our undistracted thoughts create a powerful magnet that draws similar energy into our vibrational field. As a result, the longer we are able to hold positive thoughts in our minds, the more powerful the positive energy around us becomes.

We don't need to focus on action and controlling so much when we are surrounded by energy that draws what we want toward us. We can simply respond to the opportunities that naturally come our way.

When this is the essence of our experience, we can go with the flow, knowing that we will be okay.

If pure thought is a body, it is our emotions that supply the heart that can really bring it to life. Our thoughts and feelings exist in relation to one another, and they form a feedback loop through which they communicate and empower each other.

When we hold a thought in our mind without being distracted, we have achieved pure thought. When we have a positive emotional response to that thought, we enable it to dance and move and breathe itself into existence.

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Coco'Nut' Funnies

A couples happy married life almost went on the rocks because of the presence in the household of old Aunt Emma.

For seventeen long years she lived with them, always crotchety, always demanding.

Finally the old girl passed away. On the way back from the cemetery, the husband confessed to his wife, "Honey, if I didn't love you so much, I don't think I would have put up with having your Aunt Emma in the house all those years."

His wife looked at him aghast... *"My* Aunt Emma?" she cried, "I thought she was your Aunt Emma!" Thank you Video Dave

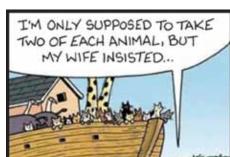


BELIEVE A SECRET GROUP OF TODDLERS WITH FLASHLIGHTS CONTROLS THE WORLD.



YES THE ILLUMINAUGHTY





HONESTLY, MY **BIGGEST FEAR ABOUT BECOMING A ZOMBIE** IS ALL THE WALKING.

My Son the Veterinarian

One Sunday, in counting the money in the weekly offering, the Pastor of a small church found a pink envelope containing \$1,000. It happened again the next week!

The following Sunday, he watched as the offering was collected and saw an elderly woman put the distinctive pink envelope on the plate. This went on for weeks until the pastor, overcome by curiosity, approached her.

"Ma'am, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he stated.

"Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money and I give some of it to the church."

The pastor replied, "That's wonderful. But \$1000 is a lot, are you sure you can afford this? How much does he send you?"

The elderly woman answered, "\$10,000 a week."

The pastor was amazed. "Your son is very successful; what does he do for a living?" "He is a veterinarian," she

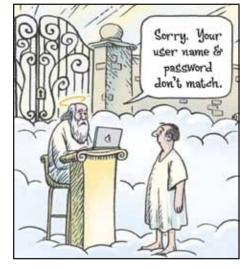
answered.

"That's an honorable profession, but I had no idea they made that much money," the pastor said. "Where does he practice?"

The woman answered proudly, "In Nevada..... He has two cat houses, one in Las Vegas, and one in Reno."

A wise man said to his son: "My boy! When you accumulate the understanding to know why a pizza is made round, to be put in a square box and is eaten in triangles, then my son, you will be able to understand women."







If internet browsers were children



MY WIFE ASKED ME WHY I SPOKE SO SOFTLY IN THE HOUSE. I SAID I WAS AFRAID MARK ZUCKERBERG WAS LISTENING! SHE LAUGHED. I LAUGHED. ALEXA LAUGHED. SIRI LAUGHED.

At the National Art Gallery in Dublin, a husband and wife were staring at a portrait that had them completely confused. The painting depicted three black men totally naked, sitting on a bench.

Two of the figures had black penises, but the one in the middle had a pink penis. The curator of the gallery realized that they were having trouble interpreting the painting and offered his personal assessment

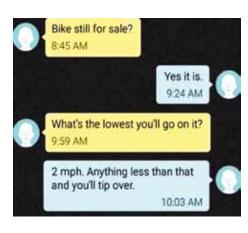
He went on for over half an hour explaining how it depicted the sexual emasculation of African Americans in a predominately white patriarchal society. "In fact," he pointed out, "some serious critics believe that the pink penis also reflects the cultural and sociological oppression experienced by gay men in contemporary society."

After the curator left, an Irishman approached the couple and said, "Would you like to know what the painting is really about?"

"Now why would you claim to be more of an expert than the curator of the gallery," asked the couple?

"Because I am the artist, who painted the picture," he replied, "in fact, there are no African Americans depicted at all. They're iust three Irish coal miners. The guy in the middle went home for lunch."







ting on her eyeliner.

makeup.

out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car, using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into my coffee, which was between my legs. It splashed and burned Big Jim and the Twins.

an important call. Damn tourists!

> Sign spotted in a bar: The doctor says alcoholism is a disease. Bartender says get your shots here.

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"In the old days, your Grandma and watched TV with rabbit ears.

This morning on US 1 around MM 94, I looked over to my left and there was an out-of-towner in a brand new Cadillac, doing 65 mph, with her face up next to her rear view mirror, put-

I looked away for a couple seconds ... to continue shaving... and when I looked back, she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much - I had to put on my seat belt and I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut

Ruined the damn phone, soaked my good cargo shorts, and disconnected A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You come to the front door of the apartment. I am in apartment 301. There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow, push 3. When you get out, I'm on the left .. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?

"What ... you're coming empty handed?"

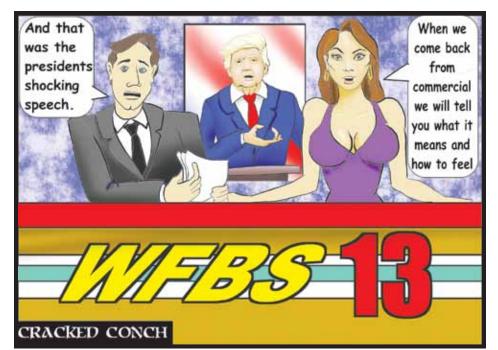


hands and wrist...and that's just from trying to get the cap off."



the bathroom, many companies are using the new timer-operated Ejecto-Seats.





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.



DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOUR BODY'S "CHECK ENGINE" LIGHT HAS BEEN ON FOR MILES, AND YOU'RE STILL **DRIVING IT LIKE** "NAH iT'LL BE FINE"?

Scotch With Two Drops Of Water

A woman goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she savs

'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 90th birthday and it's today.'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too."

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.

I'm allergic to STUPIDITY. I break out in

SARCASM.



'Coming up,' says the bartender

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy vou one, too.

The woman says, 'Thank you. bartender, I want another scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming right up,' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.

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