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More than 40 anglers came from Florida as well as other states to learn from the pros and go fishing at the award winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!@ Keys University, at the Elks Lodge, Tavernier, FL. Awards were presented for the LLGF Fishing Fever tournament with a total of 180 fish caught and 101 released. Tournament winners were:  
Top Offshore: Jan Morris, Rotunda West, FL 23.26 lb. wahoo on Sea Horse with Capt. Rick Rodriguez  
Second Place Offshore: Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL 13.8 lb. King Mackerel on Blue Chip Too with Capt. Skip Bradeen  
Top Inshore: Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL 30.5 in. snook on Ankle Deep Charters with Capt. Jeremy Mathis

Second Place Inshore: Anita Laico, Singer Island, FL 31 in. snook on Capt. Chris Hanson's Scales 2 Tales (top prize was for those fishing 2 days).  
Top Party Boat: Vivian Villanueva, Cooper City, FL on Captain Michael  
The University kicked off on Friday with a meet-and-greet social featuring net-working, fundraisers and an Appetizer Contest.  
Saturday's events began with classroom presentations on offshore, bottom and inshore fishing, followed by lunch and hands-on fishing skills until 4 pm. Skills such as releasing, conservation, knot tying, bait rigging, spin, net casting, gaffing grapefruits and fly casting were available for hands-on practice. The event continued with network-ing party with food and fun.



Ankle Deep Charters Capt. Jeremy Mathis: Mona Wareing, St. Augustine, FL; Anabelle and mother Noelle Goulart (1st Place Inshore) Belle Isle, FL.

On Sunday, participants embarked on a fishing adventure out of Whale Harbor Marina, followed by a fish fillet demonstration. Fish caught or released included sailfish, mahi, wahoo, blackfin tuna, yellow-tail snapper, king mackerel, snook, redfish, mangrove snapper, sharks and more. For more information on upcoming events, contact Betty Bauman (954) 475-9068; info@ladiesletsgofishing.com; www.ladiesletsgofishing.com or www.facebook.com/ladiesletsgofishing.

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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH: Regina "Reggie" Hutson

Do you know Reggie? If you have lived in the upper Keys at one point or another, you've probably met her as she has worked as a waitress or bartender at different establishments over the years... 32 years to be exact! She has retired more times than I can count on my hand because working in the service industry is downright brutal.

Hutson's husband, Jamie, a carpenter by trade, bought her a scroll saw for Christmas 25 years ago. It ignited her creative juices and a woodworking hobby was born. Reggie started by using patterns to make outdoor decorations out of wood.

She hand paints them in bright colors. Over the years of perfecting her craft she began making

her own designs and tweaking old ones. Her friends encouraged her to sell them, and soon she was setting up her tent at local fairs and flea markets during the winter and spring months when it isn't too hot.

Naturally what Reggie enjoys the most is socializing and meeting new people. She is thrilled when she has a return customer. Reggie's items range in price from \$5 to \$50. Stop by the Key Largo Moose on December 19th (see ad on page 5) and check out the fence peepers, Christmas pot people, pet feeders including the alligator bird feeder, the 'no pooping' signs and her solar lamps. There is something for everyone. Or you can call her at 305-942-1194. Tell her the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



Remember Reggie? Here she is in her booth at the Moose Swap Meet.



### Happy Holidays

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T'was The Night Before Christmas 2020

T'was the year 2020, and all through the house every creature was stirring, from Human to Mouse. The stockings were tossed on the chimney, who cares, it's been months since we entertained, would Saint Nick even dare?

The children were nestled all snug in their beds as visions of rubber gloves danced in their heads. and Mama in her gaiter and me and my mask, had just settled our brains for a long cleaning task.

When out on the roof there arose such a clatter. I sprang from my mop to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash. I peeked through the shutter, barely touching the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, gave me faith that someday we'd have somewhere to go. When what do my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight spotless reindeer.

With a little old driver decked out in full gear, I knew in a moment we'd have Christmas this year! More safely than Hazmat the reindeer they came, and he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Now Clorox! Now Pine-Sol! Now Lysol and Purex! On Comet! On Purell! On Top Job and Germ-X! Wipe the top of the porch! Then the top of the wall! Now wipe away! Wipe away! Wipe away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they finished and then took a jump to the sky. So up to the housetop the reindeer they flew. With a sleigh full of masks, and Saint Nicholas too!

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, the pawing of each little rubber gloved hoof. As I pulled up my mask and was turning around, Down the chimney a big bucket came with a bound!

It was covered in plastic from bottom to top, and the contents were sterile, despite the long drop. I missed seeing his eyes and his dimples so merry. But this virus prevents that, these times are so scary.

I imagined his face and his little round belly, That shook when he laughed like hand sanitizer jelly. but I saw him outside though, as he stood near his sleigh, and I laughed when I saw him, from six feet away.

With a wink of his eye and a wave of his hand, I felt warm inside, Santa too understands. And without a word I went right to my work. I filled all our stockings, then turned with a jerk.

And laying a finger aside of his mask, The reindeer rose up, they had finished their task. He waved to me then, to his team gave a shout, and socially distancing, quickly flew out.

But I heard him proclaim as he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, we will all be all right!"

Carole L. Campbell 2020



Remembering Our Friends

At the end of the year,  
it's a good time  
to pause and remember  
those who did not  
make it this far.



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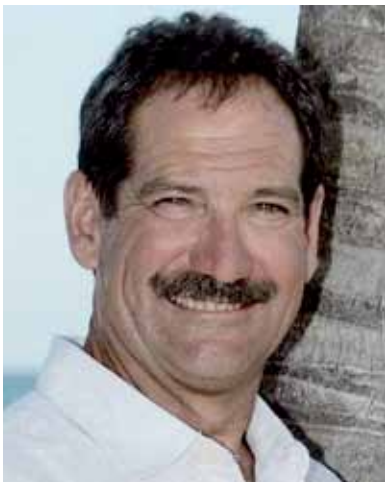
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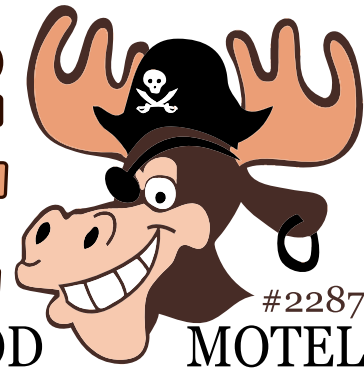
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# Gift Wrapping Tips for Men

This is the time of year when we think back to the very first Christmas, when the Three Wise Men; Gaspar, Balthazar and Herb, went to see the baby Jesus and, according to the Book of Matthew, "presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often overlooked, theological fact: There is no mention of wrapping paper.

If there had been wrapping paper, Matthew would have said so: "And lo, the gifts were inside 600 square cubits of paper. And the paper was festooned with pictures of Frosty the Snowman. And Joseph was going to throweth it away, but Mary saideth unto him, she saideth, 'Holdeth it! That is nice

paper! Saveth it for next year!' And Joseph did rolleth his eyeballs. And the baby Jesus was more interested in the paper than the frankincense."

But these words do not appear in the Bible, which means that the very first Christmas gifts were NOT wrapped. This is because the people giving those gifts had two important characteristics: 1. They were wise. 2. They were men.

Men are not big gift wrappers. Men do not understand the point of putting paper on a gift just so somebody else can tear it off. This is not just my opinion: This is a scientific fact based on a statistical survey of two guys I know.

One is Rob, who said the only time he ever wraps a gift is "if it's such a poor gift

that I don't want to be there when the person opens it."

The other is Gene, who told me he does wrap gifts, but as a matter of principle never takes more than 15 seconds per gift. "No one ever had to wonder which presents daddy wrapped at Christmas," Gene said. "They were the ones that looked like enormous spitballs."

I also wrap gifts, but because of some unknown defect in my motor skills, I can never completely wrap them. I can take a gift the size of a deck of cards and put it the exact center of a piece of wrapping paper the size of a regulation volleyball court, but when I am done folding and taping, you can still see a sector of the gift peeking out. (Sometimes I camouflage this with a marking pen.)

If I had been an ancient Egyptian in the field of mummies, the lower half of the Pharaoh's body would be covered only by Scotch tape.

On the other hand, if you give my wife a 12-inch square of wrapping paper, she can wrap a C-130 cargo plane. My wife, like many women, actually likes wrapping things. If she gives you a gift that requires batteries, she wraps the batteries separately, which to me is very close to being a symptom of mental illness. If it were possible, my wife would wrap each individual volt.

My point is that gift-wrapping is one of those skills, like having babies, that come more naturally to women than to men.

That is why today I am presenting the valuable tips below.

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## GIFT-WRAPPING TIPS FOR MEN:

\* Whenever possible, buy gifts that are already wrapped. If, when the recipient opens the gift, neither one of you recognizes it, you can claim that it's myrrh.

\* The editors of a popular women's magazine recently ran an item on how to make your own wrapping paper by printing a design on it with an apple sliced in half horizontally and dipped in a mixture of food coloring and liquid starch. They must be smoking crack.

\* If you're giving a hard-to-wrap gift, skip the wrapping paper! Just put it inside a bag and stick one of those little adhesive bows on it. This creates a festive visual effect that is sure to delight the lucky recipient on Christmas morning:

**YOUR WIFE:** Why is there a Hefty trash bag under the tree?

**YOU:** It's a gift! See? It has a bow!

**YOUR WIFE** (peering into the trash bag): It's a leaf blower.

**YOU:** Gas-powered! Five horsepower!

**YOUR WIFE:** I want a divorce.

**YOU:** I also got you some myrrh.

Remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.



# Conch Characters / Around Town



Another spectacular Lorelei sunset!



"Hyperbaric Dick" Rutkowski celebrates his 90th birthday, receiving an award from PADI at Cafe Largo.



Steve Webb & Billy Davidson, playing at the Lorelei for over 30 years.



Micah Gardner, The Barstool Sailors at the Lorelei.



Michael Trixx performs most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Lorelei in Islamorada.



Tim Dressing, Jennifer Newman on bass and Capt. Steve at Key Largo Moose.



Some of the eye-catching temptations at the Key Largo Moose Swap Meet - see page 5.



# TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Drive!



**CHILD REGISTRATION**  
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**I'M FULL OF Christmas SPIRIT**  
(there's booze in my cocoa)


A copy of "A Christmas Carol" just fell on my toe.

**It hurts like the Dickens.**



**I'm staying up New Years Eve.**

Not to make sure the new year comes in, but to make sure this one leaves. Who's with me?



"...and Mama in her ketchup and I in my cap, had just simmered down for a long-winded crap..."

The longer Grandma waited to update her eyeglass prescription, the more entertaining the annual Christmas story became.


THE WIFE AND I AGREED, NO GIFTS FOR EACH OTHER THIS CHRISTMAS, SO OF COURSE I TOOK THE DAY OFF TO GO SHOPPING FOR HER BECAUSE THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A TRAP.

## Hallmark Christmas Movie Plot Generator

choose one from each column

big city	lawyer	returns to her small town at Christmas time	to inherit something	and magically falls in love	with a sensitive guy in plaid
career-oriented	writer		to enter a folksy contest		with an old flame
recently single	baker		to stop some corporate closure		with some guy and his dog
world weary	interior designer		to save the family business		with a single dad and his precocious child
with the wrong guy	early 2000s actor you forgot about		to appease their sassy friend or widowed parent		with Christmas, the town and some guy

...and also the only old man in town might actually be the real Santa Claus.



**IGOR & THE RED ELVISES**  
December 17th & 29th, 5pm

Your favorite band returns to the Lorelei for two shows. If you haven't seen this traveling rock-n-roll party, you've been missing a great time. Igor Yuzov has been at the helm of this crazy ska-punk-rockabilly-surf music band since Elvis Presley appeared to him in a dream, dressed in red, eating bacon and bellydancing. Ever the showman, Igor has written some interesting songs: "Drinking with Jesus," "I want my Honda back," "She works for KGB," "Closet Disco Dancer," and the always delicious "Bacon." See them before they hit the road again.

## Ready for something new?

The Lorelei in Islamorada has a few "must see" special events coming up.




**GYPSY LANE**  
December 19th, 5pm  
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**NEW YEARS EVE WITH THE CAROUSERS**  
December 31st  
2020 can't leave fast enough, and 2021 has got to be better right? Start the New Year off the right way, with great music, a champagne toast at midnight, and black eyed peas! Southern tradition says that if you eat collard greens and black eyed peas as your first snack in the new year, that you will have great luck in the year. Don't mess with fate! Stop by the Lorelei on NYE for a good time.




## What You Might Not Know About Christmas




**Coca-Cola played a part in Santa's image**

Before Coca-Cola got in on it, Santa used to look a lot less jolly — even spooky. It wasn't until 1931, when the beverage company hired an illustrator named Haddon Sundblom for magazine ads that we got the jolly old elf. Now, kids won't get nightmares when they dream of Christmas eve.




**Thank Prince Albert for your Christmas tree**

You might want to brew a cup o' tea when trimming your tree this year to pay homage to its origins. When Prince Albert of Germany introduced a tree to his wife, Queen Victoria of England, it really took off across the pond. A drawing of the couple in front of a Christmas tree appeared in Illustrated London News in 1848 and the idea went viral.



**Celebrating Christmas used to be illegal**

By the time the Puritans settled in Boston, celebrating Christmas had been outlawed. From 1659–1681, anyone caught making merry would face a fine for celebrating. After the Revolutionary War, the day was so unimportant that Congress even held their first session on December 25, 1789. Christmas wasn't proclaimed a federal holiday for almost another century, proving that the Grinch's notorious hatred of the holiday was alive and well long before he was.



**Christmas decorating sends nearly 15,000 people to the ER**

If you've ever watched Clark Griswold decorate his house in Christmas Vacation, that probably doesn't come as much of a surprise. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 14,700 people visit hospital emergency rooms each November and December from holiday-related decorating accidents. So please, be careful when you're decking your halls.



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If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

**Tips for becoming a better conversationalist**

Lesson 10: Ask people questions that give them an opportunity to talk about themselves.



WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?



Can I just ask a huge favor from everyone? Those of you who are planning to put Christmas lights in your yards, can you please avoid red or blue flashing lights? Every time I drive past, I think it's the cops and have a mild panic attack. I have to take my foot off the gas, slam on the brakes, put my seat-belt on, throw my phone on the floor, hide my whiskey, swallow my joint and shove the gun under the seat. It's a major drama. I really appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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## 50 Shades of Grey for Seniors

Back and forth... in and out... in and out ... a little to the right... a little to the left ... she could feel the sweat on her forehead... between her breasts and trickling down the small of her back... she was getting near to the end.

He was in ecstasy... with a huge smile on his face as his wife moved... forwards then back-wards... forward then backward again... and again... her heart was pounding now... her face was flushed... she moaned softly at first, then began to groan louder... finally, totally exhausted, she let out a piercing scream...

"OK, OK, you smug bastard! I can't parallel park. You do it!"



I STARTED A SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN WITH ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION. IT WAS A FLOP AND NOBODY CAME.



All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's four-year-old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her.

The girl could hardly eat her food for staring.

I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me.

Finally I asked her, Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior, and the table went quiet, waiting for her response.

Finally, the little girl said "I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."



If you can make a woman laugh, you're almost there.  
If you're almost there and then she laughs, that's a different story.



I remember going for an eye test at Doc Boilini's around 10 years ago. I had to look into this large machine and tell him what I could see. "I can see closed bars, face masks and a Chinese fella eating a bat," I told him. "Well you don't need glasses," he said, "You've got 2020 vision."

It's important to look closely at lawn signs during election campaigns. Last time I voted for a real estate agent...

The amount of jokes about coronavirus virus has reached worrying numbers. Scientists claim we are in the middle of a pundemic

Late last fall, the natives on the Aamjiwnaang Nation reservation in Grand Bend, Canada asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

Being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He called the Canada Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?'

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold,' the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later, he called the Canada Weather Service again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

'Yes,' the man at Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later, the chief called the Canada Weather Service once more. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen.'


'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, 'The natives are collecting a shitload of firewood'



The drunken defendant appears yet again before the tired judge, who says, "You have been constantly appearing before me for the past twenty years." Replied the drunk: "Can I help it if you can't get promoted?"

Call me a hopeless romantic.



But I miss the days when you had to be in the same room as someone to show them your genitals.

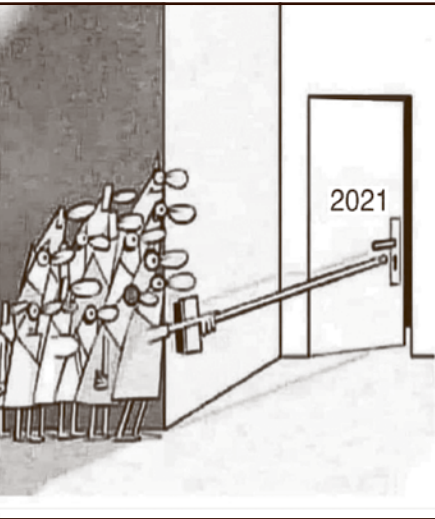
No nativity in the UK this year because the 3 wise men face a travel ban.

The shepherds have been furloughed.

The Inn keeper has shut under tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings.

Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen.

As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.



Q: My child will not eat fish, what can I replace it with?  
A: A cat. Cats love fish.

REMEMBER LAUGHING AT MICHAEL JACKSON FOR WEARING A MASK AND GLOVES? NOW YOU'RE ALL OUT HERE LOOKING LIKE YOU WANNA BE STARTING SOMETHING



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Hot men in your area want to know if you've been playing with the thermostat

Me: I think I'm finally ready to date again... just waiting for a sign from the universe.  
The universe: \*releases a world-wide plague preventing all human interaction\*  
Me: well played.

As I was getting into bed, she said, "You're drunk."

I said, "How do you know?"

She said, "You live next door."



I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.



Although COVID spreads mostly through the mouth & nose, scientists now conclude the greatest risk comes from assholes.



You wanna see Social Distancing? Lend somebody some money.

Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument, go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies, and play a round. His buddies all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course. The first guy says, "Boy, this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it." Number 2 guy says, "My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures." Number 3 guy says, "Well, my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they all had lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I woke up, slapped my wife on the butt and said: "Well Babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for either sex or golf, and she said, "Take a sweater."



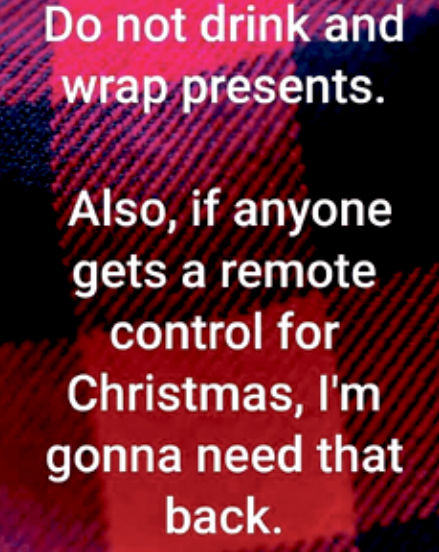
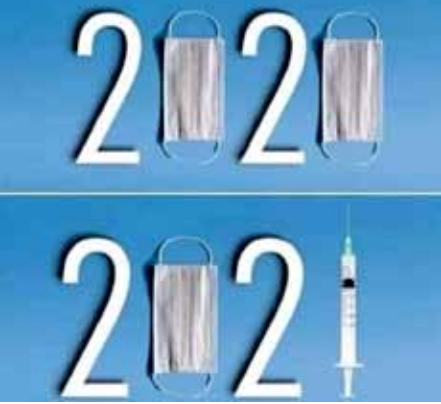


\*Pfizer, which just announced a vaccine against Covid-19, is the same company that created Viagra.\*

\*Therefore, we can fully rely on the vaccine, because if Pfizer was able to raise the dead, they will very easily cure the living.\*

\*Trump is fuming mad because he believes that Pfizer deliberately delayed their announcement until after the election.\*

\*However, Pfizer responded by telling him the company is about erections not elections.\*



# Belly Laughs

It is easy to laugh when we feel good, but it is when the world appears dim that we most need laughter in our lives.



As children, we laugh hundreds of times each day, delighted by the newness of living. When we reach adulthood, however, we tend to not allow ourselves to let go in a good belly laugh. Inviting laughter back into our lives is simply a matter of making the conscious decision to laugh. Though most of us are incited to laugh only when exposed to humor or the unexpected, each of us is capable of laughing at will. A laugh that comes from the belly carries with it the same positive effects whether prompted by a funny joke or consciously willed into existence. When our laughter comes from the core of our being, it permeates every cell in our physical selves, beginning in the center and radiating outward, until we are not merely belly laughing but rather body laughing.

Laughter has been a part of the human mode of expression since before evolution granted us the art of speech. Through it, we connected with allies while demonstrating our connection with people we didn't know. In the present, laughter allows us to enjoy positive shared experiences with strangers and loved ones alike. Yet solitary laughter

carries with it its own slew of benefits. An energetic and enthusiastic bout of whole-body laughter exercises the muscles, the lungs, and the mind in equal measure, leaving us feeling relaxed and content. When we laugh heartily at life's ridiculousness instead of responding irritably, our focus shifts. Anger, stress, guilt, and sadness no longer wield any influence over us, and we are empowered to make light of what we originally feared. Laughter also opens our hearts, letting love and light in, changing our perspective, and enabling us to fix our attention on what is positive in our lives.

It is easy to laugh when we feel good, but it is when the world appears dim that we most need laughter in our lives. Our laughter then resonates through our hearts, filling the empty spaces with pure, unadulterated joy. We regain our footing in the moment and remember that no sorrow is powerful enough to rob us of our inborn happiness. When we understand that uninhibited laughter is the food of the soul, nourishing us from within, we know instinctively that life is worthwhile.

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Remembering who did what in Greek mythology has always been my Achilles' elbow.

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