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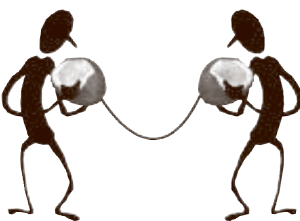
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Editorial - Helping Hands in Our Community

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Cooler of Cheer and those who helped sell raffle tickets and to all those who bought them to benefit Tonjia Rand. Tonjia is the front desk clerk at Gilbert's Resort and a bartender at the American Legion. She recently lost both her parents and underwent surgery in February for colon cancer. The raffle money is helping Tonjia recover while she recuperates and cannot work at her 2 jobs. For those that were not able to buy tickets and want to help Tonjia you can mail a check to Tonjia Rand % American Legion Post 333, 2 Seagate Blvd., Key Largo, FL 33037.

Another great cause is a go fund me account for Dick "Hyperbaric" Rutkowski. See page 5. Rutkowski has helped hundreds of people with his knowledge and his hyperbaric chambers here in Key Largo for free. Now he needs our help to continue saving lives.

Attention Veterans - Stop by the American Legion to find out how you can get a free guitar and lessons. No strings attached... pun intended! Veterans Get Guitars is a non-profit organization. They come to you and give you a guitar lesson and a free guitar.

For more info you can also check out their Facebook page: Veterans Get Guitars.



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 <p>Saturday, Mar. 14 DOUBLE DOWN 7-11 PM</p>	 <p>Saturday, Mar. 21 SOUTHERN STAMPEDE 1-5 PM</p>	 <p>Saturday, Mar. 21 IGOR & THE RED ELVIES 7-11 PM</p>
 <p>Saturday, Mar. 28 CAT DADDIES</p>	 <p>Saturday, Mar. 28 TRIP MACHINE</p>	 <p>Saturday, Mar. 1 & 28 MICHAEL TRIXX</p>

People Who Have Made a Difference In Our Community

Dick Rutkowski,
Owner of Hyperbarics International

TESTIMONIALS:

"Dick gave me 8 treatments after my stroke. He did this for free. I can not tell, what effect it had on me. But I am walking, speaking normal. Who knows where I would be without the treatments? Thank you Dick and I hope you are able to continue."

—Lynn Carpenter

"Back in 2013, my husband Lynn suffered a debilitating stroke resulting in partial paralysis and a significant amount of stroke pain. It was after Lynn was able to walk with a walker that Dick offered his services of hyperbaric treatments to him. We went in together, Lynn on O₂ and me breathing ambient air while monitoring him. According to Dick, we were looking for an optimum level of saturation to obtain the desired effect which was to alleviate the nerve pain associated with stroke. After 7 visits, there was some noticable improvement.

I've known Dick for 32 yrs. He was instrumental in the Dive Community lecturing often for the crews of the local dive shops on Medic First Aid for Diving and

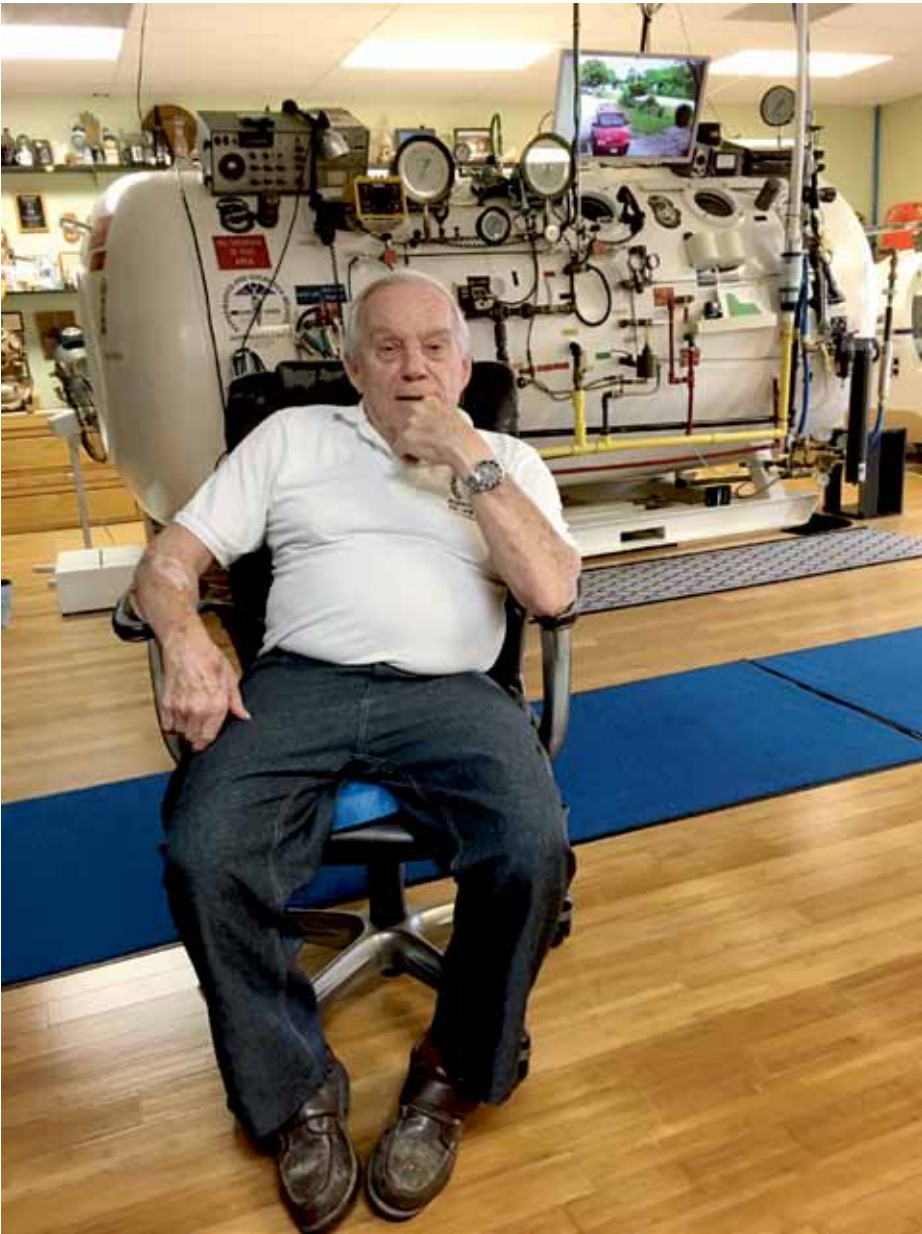
Hyperbaric Medicine. Many a life has been saved because of his knowledge and dedication to this community.

—Captain Lorelee Carpenter

Mr. Dick Rutkowski, "genius" owner of Hyperbaric International in Key Largo, has treated me 52 times in his chamber. My blood results which he requests we monitor have improved. This finally gives me hope since years of traditional medicine, including chemo didn't work for me. Words can't explain my appreciation and gratification.

— Mike Le Boeuf
Leukemia Patient

Hyperbarics International (Dick Rutkowski) needs your help to continue treatments and research. For 45 years Hyperbarics International and Dick have been treating and teaching all levels of diving and clinical medical personnel, including CME's and CEU's. Dick has treated over 1200 patients including veterans and many who have no income or insurance and requiring multiple treatments. Being a free-standing clinic, Dick has



noticed many patient improvements with HBO and Isobaric high-pressure surface oxygen for approved non-approved indications (no insurance).

In addition to treatments and teaching, Dick continues to study and conduct research in the following focus areas: physiology of existing HBO treatments and tables, Isobaric Surface Oxygen, TBI (traumatic brain injury), dysfunctional brains, leukemia, lymphoma and other forms of cancer. Research is also needed for misuse of medical antibiotics, treatment of other animal toxins, and medical health concerns of animals aboard aircraft and in restaurants, etc. Published papers are available for most of these subjects.

100% of donations made to this campaign will contribute directly to Dick and

Hyperbarics International to provide hyperbaric sessions and education at no cost for those who are in need.

100% of donations will be applied to assisting those people in need with diving and hyperbaric medical conditions because of not being qualified for hospital administration. Funds will also continue to support educating and advising diving and clinical medical and non-medical personnel with dive related and hyperbaric medical problems.

We would like to express our gratitude to those of you who have donated and shared this mission so far. Thank you for your support!

You can donate online at [DickRutkowski GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/dickrutkowski) or send a check to Hyperbarics International, Inc., 98840 Overseas Highway, Key Largo 33037. Phone 305-451-2551.



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Conch Entertainer Spotlight On:

Micah Gardner - The Barstool Sailor

The Sunshine Billionaire Spreads His Wealth of Song, Wisdom, Fun and Humor by Marilee Free

Micah is an euphonious musician, who writes and sings about the "lure of sea-level living." With songs like 'Sunshine Billionaire,' 'The Last Key's Critter,' 'Tan Girl' and 'Humphrey the Manatee,' his shows revel in emotional versatility comprised of originals and a few eclectic covers.

Living in paradise, Micah is grateful to call Islamorada home. He also welcomes the opportunity to travel by 'Barstool Sailing' around the world. Truly appreciative of his blessings, he embraces life at every turn, being a teacher, tour guide, musician, storyteller, songwriter and now a beer-tender at the Florida Keys Brewery.

As a casual observer of change, and with his true people-pleaser skills, he has become a master of wordplay. In the late 90s, Micah was the lyricist and lead singer on 3 albums for the Ft. Lauderdale ska/reggae band Carnegie Tide. His solo albums include **Tales from the**

Dockside, Backside of Sunrise, Trial of Miles, and his latest endeavor, **Live @ Gypsy's**, which takes a musical journey into the realm of bossanova and Celtic sound

Micah gives loving gratitude to Desiray Pruett. They are long-time friends who met when they were aspiring musicians performing at adjacent venues Island Grill and Smuggler's Cove. This fall they will be going on a 'Tropical Hibernation Tour' where Micah will do house concerts and small venue shows from South Florida to Maine. With multiple stops along the way, he will be bringing his brand of island folk music to private audiences of friends and family.

Desiray and Micah are creating an online store called Sunshine Billionaire Ware with an eclectic array of clothing, jewelry, music, wood-burned carvings and art designed especially for the

sub-tropical lifestyle. Cheryl McBay, from the Florida Keys Brewery, did the artwork for their latest Sunshine Billionaire attire. When Micah and Desiray put their ideas together, they are a buoyant force of creativity, life trip and most of all, FUN!



Micah invites you to go Barstool Sailing with him.

shares his wealth of knowledge on craft beer as well as where to go and what to do for fun in the Upper Keys.

You can see Micah's duo show the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the Florida Keys Brewery with master bassist Cliff Stutts. He also rotates performances at Marker 88, The Lorelei, OV and Amara Cay.

For more information
contact Micah through his
website: barstoolsailor.com.



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Massive Pretty Big Average Small N/A

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Here

Ethnicity

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☐ Exotic Looking

Do you have any piercings?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, where? _____

Do you have any tattoos?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, where? _____

First Name _____

RELATIONSHIP EXPERIENCE
(Please list previous boyfriends, starting with the most recent)

Name	Annual Income	Reason for Leaving	Still Obsessed?
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

of men you say you've slept with _____ Actual # of men you've slept with _____

of women you've slept with _____

I have children ☐ Yes ☐ No
I have a weird scar or birthmark ☐ Yes ☐ No
I have/have had an STD ☐ Yes ☐ No
I want to get married in the next 5 years ☐ Yes ☐ No

I burst into tears over meaningless things ☐ Yes ☐ No
I still sleep with random male friends ☐ Yes ☐ No
I call my mom more than once a week ☐ Yes ☐ No
I am opposed to anal sex ☐ Yes ☐ No

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THE STUDY RESULTS ARE IN!

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For example, if she is ovulating, she is attracted to men with rugged and masculine features.

However, if she is menstruating or menopausal, she tends to be more attracted to a man with duct tape over his mouth and a spear lodged in his chest while he is on fire.

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Sounds of the Keys



The "Frank and Dean and then some" tribute show featured Rat Pack songs and other favorites at the Lorelei.



Sean Hannan - The Guitar Santa Claus at the American Legion.



The Carousers are loving their new fog machine and laser lights!



Key Largo Wood Rats at Key Largo Moose Lodge.



Igor and the Red Elvises return to the Lorelei for a special St. Patrick's Day performance.



Grammy award winning band "Write Sounds" rocked the Lorelei in February. See them again on May 30th.

Keys Residents need to take action!

It doesn't cost a cent - takes mere seconds.

You've may have heard already, but Sharon Sydnor, wife of Commercial Use Authorization holder Capt. Larry Sydnor of Key Largo/Islamorada, has been investigating the Everglades National Park (ENP) coastal-access water entrance fee for 3 years. Since the summer of 2017 she has been exposing the illegalities she's discovered to all known park officials, up to and including the Secretary of the Interior, in order to get it stopped.

Thankfully the Village of Islamorada, the Key Largo and Islamorada Chambers of Commerce, and local fishing guides associations have stepped up and submitted impactful letters or resolutions, joining in in opposition to the fee.

What residents need to realize is it's going to go up every year after that and they're allowing a terrible precedent to be set, allowing the government to control our water access to the Bay.

Sharon states she has an active, comprehensive whistleblower complaint in Washington, D.C. in front of the House Committee on Natural Resources, the Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the National Park Service, demanding to get the fee removed and it's reaching a fever pitch.

Sharon has exposed first-hand knowledge of the National Park Service's wrongdoing with their water entrance fee at ENP, citing actual code, exposing that they have not obeyed laws nor followed legislative intent.

The StopParkWaterFee grassroots effort is thrilled to have all of the local fishing guides who are Commercial Use Authorization holders in the park behind this, but they stress that our residents need to pay closer attention and get involved as they seem complacent with their individual annual fee at \$55.



What residents need to realize is it's going to go up every year after that and they're allowing a terrible precedent to be set allowing the government to control our water access to the Bay.

This unlawful fee is extremely damaging to our tourist industry, which drives our entire economy and job creation, as all of our visitors who want to recreate on Florida Bay are feeling swindled by the Park and they're not going to be coming back.

Helping to get it stopped is really easy.

Everyone needs to go online and enter this URL into any browser to ePetition: stopparkwaterfee.org

Just fill in your name & zip code to be counted, and if you have any questions, all information can be found there. A comment added before submission is particu-



larly helpful if you have the time.

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Congratulations to the Lorelei fishing team (Capt Roy, Mate Jimmy, Donna, Katherine, Dyllan and Greg) for winning the 39th Annual Islamorada Bartenders Sailfish Tournament. Greg took home the top prize of #1 angler as well. Great job anglers!!



In late January, the Islamorada Fishing Club welcomed 48 anglers to their Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament. Captain Greg Eklund aboard charter boat *Cloud Nine* with Mate Eric Ehlers got first place with two fish caught and released early in the tournament by anglers Josh Jackson from Temple, TX along with Cory Nelson and Jake Turek from Islamorada.



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Spunk the Band will be performing a special "dueling female power singers" at their next Lorelei show on April 4th.



Mark Kohl & JoAnn Wagner at Islamorada Chamber's First State Bank after hours get together.



Mark Healey from 'Badfinger' stopped by the Lorelei on Presidents Day for an intimate solo show.



DJ at the Pilot House invites you to Fireball Friday - \$4 shots.



Billy Davidson and a young fan at the Lorelei.

Celebrating 30 Years with Billy Davidson

by Rob LeBrun

Before YouTube and the Internet, before cell phones, and even before compact disks (those are the little shiny disk things that have music on them), Billy Davidson has been entertaining crowds with his laid-back, beachy vibes and mesmerizing guitar riffs. Billy grew up in the Syracuse, NY area and like many northern entertainers, visited the Keys on vacation, moved here the next season and became a Keys legend. His buddy Paul Case was already working at The Lorelei, and when Billy arrived, the infamous "Case & Davidson" duo was born. The next 20 years went by like a flash. They survived Y2K, hurricanes, food poisoning, and along the way, even managed to play with musical legends like Marshall Tucker,



Billy Davidson (L) with Steve Webb.

John Hall and Clarence Clemens. They donated their time for local causes along with other Keys performers like Jack Snipes, Jimmy Hawkins and Dave Feder. Case & Davidson were the first to

introduce Michael Trixx and his "Rockin Magic Show" to the guests at the Lorelei 20 years ago. When Paul Case decided to move back home, Billy's good buddy Steve Webb took his place. For the

last 10 years, "Webb & Davidson" have carried the torch, entertaining locals and visitors to the Keys with their unique duo. Billy Davidson will be celebrating his 30 years in the Keys with a special Jam Night on Friday March 20th from 5:30pm - 9:30pm, hosted by The Lorelei. Many of Billy's friends, old and new, will be joining him onstage to help celebrate surviving 30 years of Keys Kaos! This will be a stellar night of music featuring many Keys legends coming to support Billy and reminisce of yesteryear. More info: billydavidson.com

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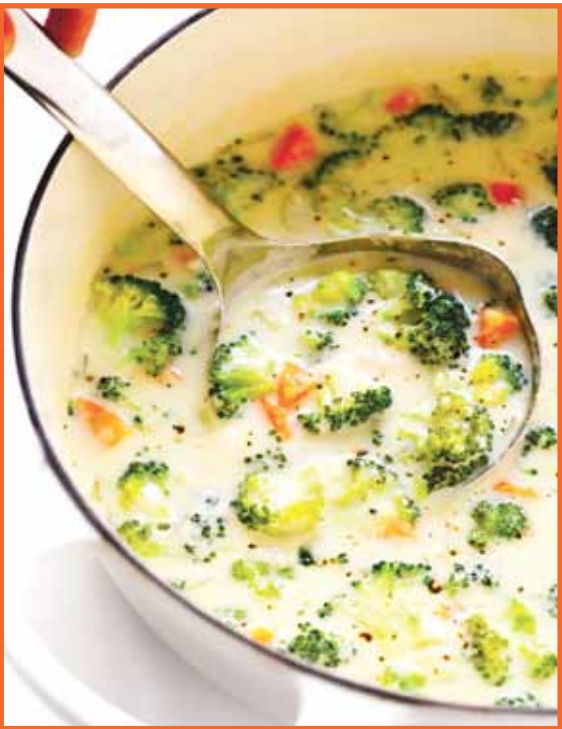
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The Mangrove Galley
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3 stalks of broccoli coarsely chopped; florets only
4 oz. sharp Cheddar cheese cut into small cubes
2 10-1/2 oz. cans of chicken broth 1 small carrot medium chopped
1 large onion medium chopped 1 tsp garlic powder
4 Tbls of butter divided in 2 1 cup heavy whipping cream
3 Tbls flour Fresh ground pepper to taste

In a large sauce pan, melt one half of the butter and sauté the chopped onion until the edges just start to brown. Remove from heat and scrape the onions into a small bowl. Return the pan to a medium heat stovetop and melt the second pad of butter. Add the flour to the butter and whisk until a roux is formed. Whisk for two to three minutes until the flour taste has cooked out. Add the onions back into the pan. Be sure to scrape all of the butter out of the bowl and mix well with the roux. Add the two cans of broth and the broccoli to the pan.

Stir well and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook until the broccoli is just tender; 10 to 15 minutes. Add the garlic and cheese cubes, stir well and turn off the heat. Leave the covered pan on the burner stirring occasionally until just before you are ready to serve. Add the cup of whipping cream, stir, and gently bring back to just short of a boil. Serve with some croutons or cracker crumbles. Serves four. Enjoy!

It is that time of year, that on occasion, the temperature gets down enough to call it soup weather. I know that broccoli is one of those vegetables that people either love or hate, but this soup is tasty, quick and easy.

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

IRISH GHOST STORY

This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's said to be true.

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door ... only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit

the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralysed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it... Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the amazing experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying, and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other...

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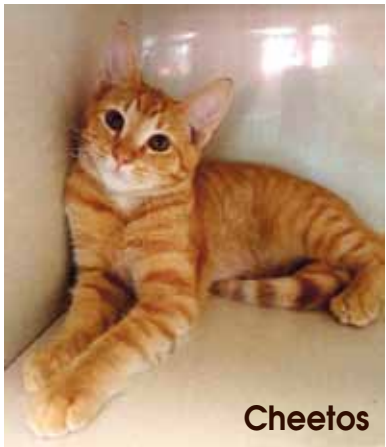
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For millennia, mankind has found peace and solace in objects of significance. When cleansed and consecrated through ritual, such objects--be they gems, amulets, herbs, or written words--become talismans. A talisman is any item imbued with a specific power by its bearer to serve a specific intention. Ancient Egyptians used massive stone tablets as healing talismans while the Greeks and Romans used lead talismans to communicate with the spirit realm.

Traditionally, a talisman acts to anchor energy in the physical plane. That energy may be protective in nature or may be intended to draw abundance, wealth, or a wide variety of blessings to its user.

Often, talismans are small enough to be easily worn or carried, and they may be marked with words or symbols that the talisman's owner deems meaningful.

Creating and owning a talisman can reassure you and also serve to aide you in

attracting what you want in life. You may use your talisman to help you attain health, security, or good luck. Or you may simply want to carry an object with you that will remind you of your search for soulful tranquility. In order to create a talisman, you must first determine its physical properties. This can be as innocuous as a strip of paper bearing the word "Love" and carried in a wooden box or cloth sack.

You may prefer a more visible talisman, such as a metal amulet or a gemstone worn as jewelry. Before your object becomes a talisman, however, it must be charged. This can be done by cleansing the object--with water or with incense--and holding a ritual of your own making.

Or, you can leave the object in moonlight or sunlight or bury it in the earth for a time. To preserve its effectiveness, talismans should be re-consecrated regularly.

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Nobody Puts Baby In A Corner

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

Ok, you know the story. Baby goes on a boring summer holiday with her family but ends up having an epic life-changing experience.

She finds her passion, she experiences love, and she stands up to her family. She risks everything she used to be to become who she wanted to be.

It's good stuff, right?!

But let's get honest, it was hard. Baby doubted herself. Her family treated her like a child. She struggled while learning to dance. She got embarrassed, felt small, and shut down more than once. She also faced BIG social issues and had to do some deep soul searching.

The truth is, we are all like Baby. Now before you go arguing with me, consider this...

If you saw your talents as inspiring as hers and if you felt desired by a hottie like Patrick Swayze, would you see how similar her story is to yours?

It's easy to quickly destroy your own triumph by comparing yourself to someone else. I know this all too well.

You see, I went through a considerable growth phase last year, and boy was it painful. And a big part of my growth was inspired by each of you. In my desire to serve you better and offer more, I had to learn, practice, fail, cry (wail if I'm honest), and soul search. It impacted my family, friends, and, ultimately, you.

Many days, I wasn't as energetic, consistent, or rational as I would've liked. And I was afraid. Afraid I would fail. Afraid I would

disappoint you. And, it was hard not to compare myself to those I find inspiring and talented.

But I wasn't willing to play small. I knew it was time to grow. So I took a risk. And I grew for you and me.

I know change ruffles feathers and creates discomfort

But by the end of your epic summer in life, if you embrace your magnificence, you will steal the show and change lives...Just like Baby.

So I want you to tap into your magnificence. Stop comparing yourself to the other dancers. And remember...

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As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

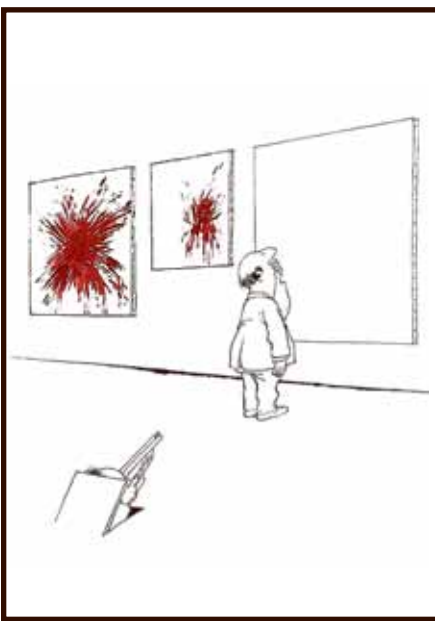
As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."



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For particularly difficult amnesia cases, psychiatrists at Cline Memorial Hospital tried music therapy.



And thus the next generation of cats is taught the ancient ways of its people.

Mrs. Donovan was walking down O'Connell Street in Dublin when she met up with Father Flaherty.

The Father said, 'Top o' the mornin' to ye! Aren't ye Mrs. Donovan and didn't I marry ye and yer hoosband two years ago?'

She replied, 'Aye, that ye did, Father.'

The Father asked, 'And be there any wee little ones yet?'

She replied, 'No, not yet, Father.'

The Father said, 'Well now, I'm going to Rome next week and I'll light a fertility candle for ye and yer hoosband.'

She replied, 'Oh, thank ye, Father!' They then parted ways..

Some years later they met again. The Father asked, 'Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are ye these days?'

She replied, 'Oh, very well, Father!'

The Father asked, 'And tell me, Have ye any wee ones yet?'

She replied, 'Oh yes, Father!'

Two sets of twins and six singles, ten in all!'

The Father said, 'That's wonderful! And how is yer loving hoosband doing?'

She replied, 'He's gone to Rome to blow out yer fookin' candle!'

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An American walks into an Irish pub. He says to the patrons, "I'll bet \$500 that none of you can drink 10 pints of Guinness in 10 minutes." People raise their heads but ignore the absurd bet and go back to drinking and merry making, except an Irishman who leaves the bar.

Some time passes and the Irishman comes back in the pub and approaches the American. "Is yer bet still on the table?"

The American replies, "Sure it is! Bartender get this man his drinks." The bartender lines up 10 pints of Guinness on the bar.

The Irishman starts drinking and drinks up all the Guinness in less than 10 minutes. Astonished the American hands over the money and asks, "Well, may I ask where you went earlier?"

The Irishman replies with a smirk, "I went to the pub next door to see if I could do it."



OUR SON IS MISSING. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM ANYWHERE?



A little old lady was walking down the street dragging two large plastic garbage bags behind her. One of the bags was ripped and every once in awhile a \$20 bill fell out onto the sidewalk.

Noticing this, a policeman stopped her, and said, "Ma'am, there are \$20 bills falling out of that bag."

"Oh, really? Darn it!" said the little old lady. "I'd better go back and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me, Officer."

"Well, now, not so fast," said the cop. "Where did you get all that money? You didn't steal it, did you?"

"Oh, no, no," said the old lady. "You see, my back yard is right next to a Golf course. A lot of Golfers come and pee through a knot hole in my fence, right into my flower garden. It used to really tick me off Kills the flowers, you know. Then I thought, 'why not make the best of it?' So, now, I stand behind the fence by the knot hole, real quiet, with my hedge clippers. Every time some guy sticks his thing through my fence, I surprise him, grab hold of it and say, 'O.K., buddy! Give me \$20 or off it comes!'

"Well, that seems only fair," said the cop, laughing. "OK. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Not everybody pays."



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.

Pro Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write "sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.



Am I getting older or has the supermarket begun playing great music?



Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have an uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and—OH MY GOD!"

Silence followed...

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

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Welcome to your Secret Zen gardens! Solid, well-maintained concrete home with concrete roof. 3 Beds/2 baths up and guest quarters down with 1 bath. Nestled in a peaceful, private setting where nature abounds. \$515,000

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37 Orange Dr

Opportunity is Knocking! Open the door! Concrete Block 2 bedroom and 1 bath in Key Largo Park. New metal roof and X Flood Zone! \$273,500

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0 Gulf Drive

Pinch yourself, it's real! Affordable lot in the sunny Florida Keys on the corner of Gulf Dr and Lake Shore Dr. mostly cleared and in the great neighborhood of Key Largo Park. Build your dream home. \$85,000



30 Orange Drive

Adorable and Affordable! Solidly built bungalow with impact windows and located in the x-flood zone. Newly remodeled kitchen and new appliances. 1/1 with a den bonus room, perfect for overnight guests. \$299,500



100961 Overseas Highway

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES! Sub Urban Commercial property on nearly 1/4 acre of land located on US1 in the X-Zone. This is a great price with lots of potential. \$319,000



104 Atlantic Drive

CBS home with concrete roof. Close to shopping, parks and restaurants. Home is situated on two lots and includes a shed for your tools and toys. Access from two streets. Home needs TLC. \$310,000



6 Rose Avenue

Spacious home on large corner lot! Open floor plan with separate laundry room. Huge bonus - a concrete, full-car garage. Located in a family neighborhood close to schools, shopping, restaurants and easy commute to Miami. \$249,000



220 W. 2nd Court

Handyman Special! Good location in Key Largo Village - two home owners' parks, with beach, pavilion and two boat ramps. Great potential - tear down and build new. Home has a concrete dock and boat ramp! Close to shopping, restaurants, recreation, boating, fishing and swimming! \$299,000



27 Avenue A

Welcome to your Tropical Haven! Nice home with lovely kitchen and newer appliances. Enjoy the good life in the screened Florida room with spacious newer hot-tub. Fully Fenced. Neighborhood park with beach, 2 boat ramps, pavilion and picnic area. Possible seller financing!!! \$224,000



40 Transylvania Ave

CONCRETE BUNKER! Delightful family home located in the X-Zone. Nearly 1/4 acre, fully fenced and situated on two low maintenance open lots! County says lot can be separated and build-able. Move-in condition. New roof in 2019. \$457,000
Home and lot can be purchased separately. Lot is listed at \$135,000 and home listed at \$389,000. Purchase as a package for the best deal!!!



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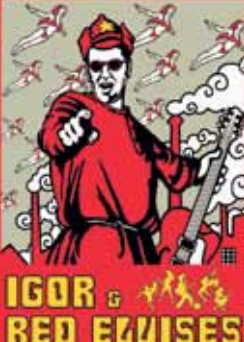
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1 MR. STIXX 1-6	2 HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM MON- FRI	3 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9	4 ALEX CALDWELL 5-9	5 BOBBE BROWN 5-9	6 BOBBE BROWN 12-4 GREEN MEANS GO 7-11	7 UNCLE SMOKEY 1-5 BOMBSHELL 7-11 TRIXX MAGIC 8
8 MONSTER 1-6	9 HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM MON- FRI	10 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9	11 ROB GARZA 5-9	12 BOBBE BROWN 5-9	13 BOBBE BROWN 12-4 CHOPPER AND THE BOOGEYMEN 7-11	14 STATIC 1-5 DOUBLE DOWN 7-11 (No Trixx)
15 SILVERSPINE 1-6	16 HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM MON- FRI	17 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9  St. Patrick's Day	18 ALEX CALDWELL 5-9	19 BOBBE BROWN 5-9	20 BOBBE BROWN 12-4 UNCLE SMOKEY 7-11	21 SOUTHERN STAMPEDE 1-5 IGOR AND THE RED ELVISES 7-11 (No Trixx)
22 APACHE DRAGON 1-6	23 HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM MON- FRI	24 SCOTT YOUNGBERG 5-9	25 ROB GARZA 5-9	26 BOBBE BROWN 5-9	27 BOBBE BROWN 12-4 SHADOW CREEK 7-11	28 CAT DADDIES 1-5 TRIP MACHINE 7-11 TRIXX MAGIC 8
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Sunday, March 22
1-6 pm





THE REGS
Sunday, March 29
1-6 pm