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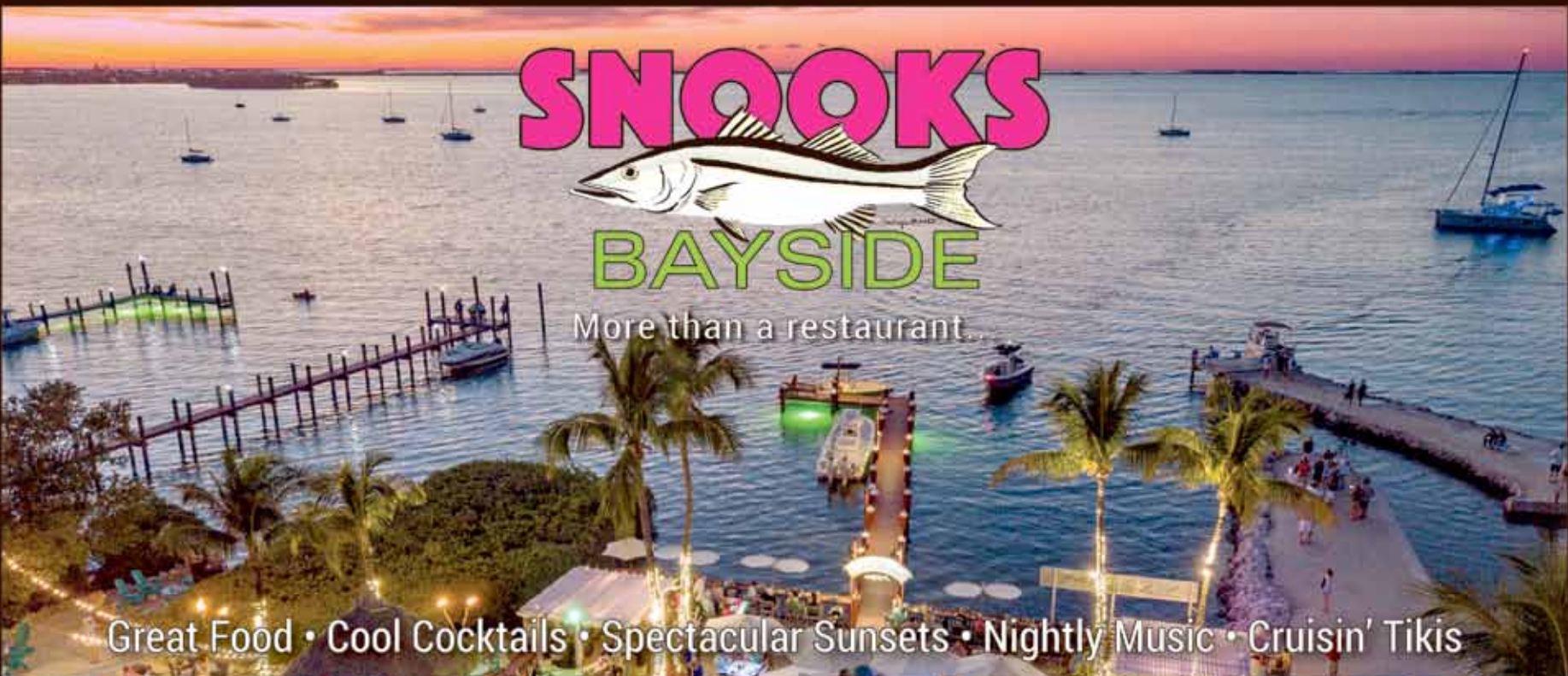
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# Coconut Telegraph Spotlight on Author/Musician Rick Chesler

by Marilee Free

From the depths of the oceans to the far reaches of outer space, Amazon best-selling author Rick Chesler's stories will take your mind on a thrilling journey. Whether scuba diving the Titanic in search of a lost map of Noah's Ark in 'Ark Found,' searching for the lost city of Atlantis in the 'Atlantis Gold,' or even battling zombie dinosaurs in 'Jurassic Dead,' Rick's stories will keep you on the edge of your seat with every page turned.

Writing full time since 2013, Rick has published 32 novels, many of them bestsellers. How does he do it? His method is having the self-discipline to promote his books by day and write and edit them every night. Marketing his works on Amazon and many social media outlets keeps his books flying off the shelves or downloaded at the speed of light. Books are available in printed paperback, eBook, and audiobook formats. From his background in marine biology and his love of scuba diving and nature, he has done extensive research on his stories' subjects. His 'action adventures' and 'creature features' masterfully craft cutting-edge technology, with historic prologues, offering diverse locations, and 'what if' scenarios.

Since childhood, Rick has read hundreds, possibly thousands of books. He attributes reading to his writing success. For some novels, he teams up with co-authors to create some intriguing plots, creating characters and that captivating twist leading to the demand for numerous sequels. Drawing inspiration from 'Jurassic Park' legend Michael

Crichton and Clive Cussler with his Dirk Pitt series, he has a clear, believable, and descriptive writing style all his own.

Rick met his wife, Tabbatha, scuba diving the wrecks and reefs of the Florida Keys. Traveling to Fiji, Belize, Mexico, and the Bahamas, they have enjoyed diving around the world. Rick has lived in Southern California, Hawaii, and the Keys. When his son Finn was born, the couple was living in Southern California. They decided the Keys would be the perfect spot to raise him. Finn spent most of his fourth-grade year taking virtual classes at PKS while Tabbatha taught 4th and 5th grade English at Ocean Reef. They both will return to the classrooms at Ocean Reef Academy in the fall.

Rick is looking forward to much more travel with the family when the Covid variants are more under control. He hopes to attend the 2022 'Thriller Fest' in Times Square, New York, a thriller writer's convention, that was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. He says that luckily, he was not affected much by the deadly disease. During the pandemic, his book sales soared to new heights with people looking for entertainment while quarantined.

Taking a break from writing and the computer, Rick plays drums for the "Comfortably Rum" band Fridays at Amara Cay. You can also catch him tappin' the skins at the various local jam nights, where he will be happy to sign his latest thriller 'Golden One' for you.

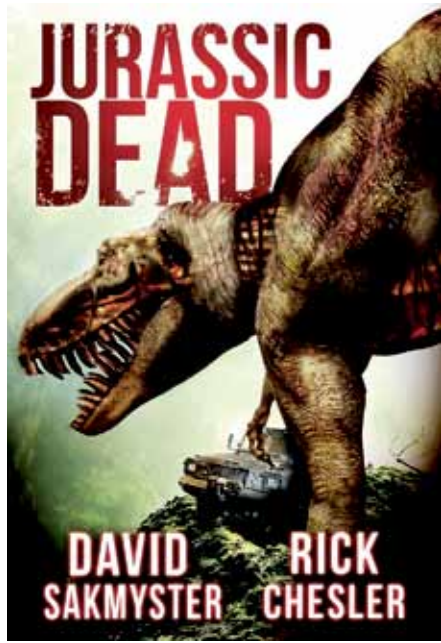
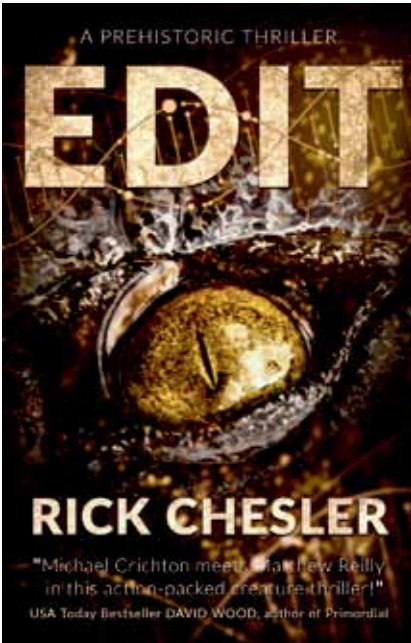
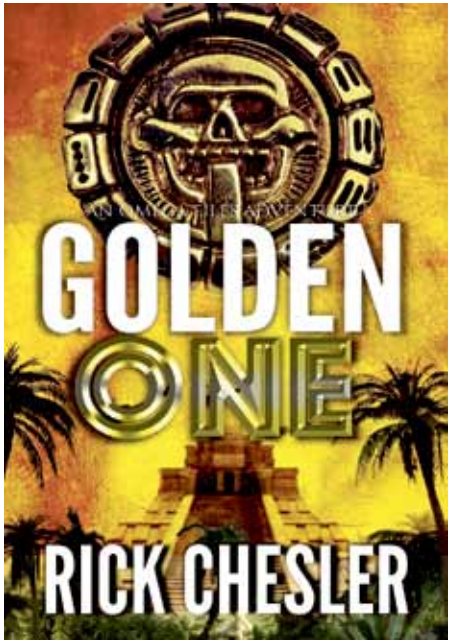
When I asked what inspires him to keep turning out the stories, Rick said



Rick Chesler

he likes to give people an escape. Countless times he has been complimented by readers who were sick or hospitalized that said his stories got them through their ordeal. Audiobooks have opened the minds of a whole new audience who don't have the time to sit and read. The option of listening to books while commuting or cleaning the house fits conveniently into a busy lifestyle.

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Optional charter fishing out of Islamorada, FL is offered on Friday and Sunday 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 Bottom Fishing, plus Fishing Basics and Conservation. Speakers include Captains Lee Lavery, Jeanne Towne and more. Setting this program apart from typical fishing classes are the hands-on fishing activities taught by several guides for

releasing, knot tying, dehooking, bait rigging, spin casting, gaffing, cast netting and more until 4:30 pm. A second networking party will be held afterwards at Seaside Glassworks.

On Friday and Sunday are optional inshore and offshore fishing charter trips out of Whale Harbor, followed by a fillet demonstration. In 2020 180 fish were caught.

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Scales 2 Tales - Capt. Chris Hanson: (L-R) Anita Laico, (2nd Place Inshore) Singer Island, FL; Kristin Hudson, Mary Jane Provencher, Cape Coral, FL and Roy Hudson (rear). Hudsons are from Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Dog House - Capt. Jesse Cromer: (L-R) Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Kristen Hudson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Pam Ford, Weston, FL and Kimberly Lechleitner, Port Richey, FL



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



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# Keys Chocolates and Ice Cream has New Owners!

Meet your new neighbors, Rich and Bronna Peterson, who just purchased both locations of Keys Chocolates and Ice Cream from the previous owners, Bob and Kristie Thomas. The Petersons have extensive experience in the business, as they have owned and operated a candy shop in North Palm Beach for 41 years. They also ran a Summer Camp for kids for many years until they had to close it due to Covid. What comes to mind is, "these people must really love kids" and they do.

The Petersons have 5 children of their own and the oldest, Courtney Delisle, is managing the North Palm Beach store and coordinating sales between the 3 stores. Both Bronna and Rich are hard workers; each puts in 16 hours a day, but it is a labor of love.

You may be wondering as I was, what are their plans for the future?

They both said they're not going to change a thing and that is a true compliment to the previous owners.

Every Thursday they loan their refrigerated vehicle to Video Dave Kay, who leaves at 7:30 am and loads donated food from Publix and the Winn Dixie grocery stores and delivers it to the Burton Memorial Church Food Pantry to help feed those in need. It is people like this that make our community the best!



Video Dave and Bob Thomas, former owner, with company truck set to deliver food donations to the local food banks



Bronna and Rich Peterson

The Coconut Telegraph loves ice cream and hereby declares that Keys Chocolates and Ice Cream has the best and the friendliest service. As for gift giving, we locals appreciate a gift card but for those of you just passing through nothing beats a box of chocolates as a souvenir! They will even mail it for you. Stop by today and try my favorite, dark key lime chocolate. Tell them the Coconut Telegraph sent you!

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5. Give in and get the 4th cat. It was going to happen anyway.



# Conch Characters / Around Town



Bartender Justina shaking it at Amara Cay; Martini Monday!



Rafael, Jose, Alana, Erik, Shannon, and Capt. Dana at Snooks on Cruisin Tiki's on the water.



Mikey & Andreas at Big Chill.



Julie Botteri from TDC Marathon took this picture on a Florida Keys Food and Fun Tour in June.



Live music from Travis at Shipwrecks.



Sunset paradise at the Big Chill.



Marilee hitched a ride with Captain Corey on the Cruisin Tiki in Islamorada. A nice family from Indiana let her hop on!!



Big Chillin' with bartenders (L-R) Martica Morfa and Shauna Shepard.



Barefootin' Bill Todd's jazzy Oceanside tunes in the inside lounge at Amara Cay.

# Keys Friends Buy Costa Rica Eco Lodge & Retreat



It all started with a dream. Keys locals Sid Vandiver, a former restaurant manager, wife Michaelyn (Micha), a professional photographer, and Sharkey's Pub and Galley restaurant owner Paul Steigerwald made it happen. The Vandivers had been visiting the Pacific Edge Eco Lodge and Retreat in Dominical, Costa Rica since 2008, and dreamed of one day owning the breathtaking piece of paradise. In 2020 the previous owners offered to sell it to them. The time was right. "We talked it over with our kids and decided that chances like this don't happen often, if ever, so we decided to take a huge leap of faith and go for it. Why not buy a hotel during a pandemic? Some would say we were crazy but we knew if we didn't at least try this would always be one of our biggest regrets."



So Sid then reached out to Paul, his best friend of over 20 years, and sought advice from him. He recounts, "Paul asked us how serious we were and how would we go about buying it? We said we were ready to fully commit and do this and were ready to do whatever it took to make it happen. We were planning to sell our Keys home and use the rest of our savings as the down payment. Paul then proposed an offer that he would help us get started and we would all become equal partners in this eco

resort. We of course were blown away by his generosity and we happily said yes. We trusted him fully and so we all decided to partner up for this ultimate adventure together."



The resort reopened March 1, 2021 and has been busy with guests pretty much ever since. They are already booked through through to March of next year but they still have some availability, if anyone would like to go and check it out. "We are hosting and meeting people from all over the world, and



Sid, Kaiya, and Micha.



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Micha, Paul and Sid.

we are truly enjoying this new chapter in our lives. We are looking to host small weddings and elopements, yoga and wellness retreats and family reunions. Sid, our daughter Kaiya, age 10 and I live in the owners home on the property and we have 4 cabins overlooking the Pacific Ocean 600 feet up the mountain," says Micha.



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Rock 'n' Roll Quiz

- When did Little Suzie finally wake up?  
(a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock  
(b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock  
(c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
- "Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?  
(a) Rebel Without A Cause  
(b) Blackboard Jungle  
(c) The Wild Ones
- What's missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth \_\_\_\_  
(a) Angel  
(b) Mother  
(c) Worm
- "I found my thrill." Where?  
(a) Kansas City  
(b) Heartbreak Hotel  
(c) Blueberry Hill
- "Please turn on your magic beam \_\_\_\_\_ bring me a dream"  
(a) Mr. Sandman  
(b) Earth Angel  
(c) Dream Lover
- For which label did Elvis Presley first record?  
(a) Atlantic  
(b) RCA  
(c) Sun
- He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?  
(a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown  
(b) Charlie Brown  
(c) Buster Brown
- In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife, was named:  
(a) Mac Heath  
(b) Mac Cloud  
(c) McNamara
- Name the song with "A-wop bop a-loo bop a-lop bam boom."  
(a) Good Golly, Miss Molly  
(b) Be-Bop-A-Lula  
(c) Tutti Frutti
- Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock And Roll?"  
(a) Dick Clark  
(b) Wolfman Jack  
(c) Alan Freed
- In 1957, he left the music business to become a preacher:  
(a) Little Richard  
(b) Frankie Lymon  
(c) Tony Orlando
- Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" is written to what star?  
(a) Brenda Lee  
(b) Connie Francis  
(c) Annette Funicello
- The Everly Brothers were...  
(a) Pete and Dick  
(b) Don and Phil  
(c) Bob and Bill
- The Big Bopper's real name was:  
(a) Jiles P. Richardson  
(b) Roy Harold Scherer Jr.  
(c) Marion Michael Morrison
- In 1959, Berry Gordy, Jr., started a small record company called...  
(a) Decca  
(b) Cameo  
(c) Motown
- Edd Brynes had a hit with "Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb." What TV show was he on?  
(a) 77 Sunset Strip  
(b) Hawaiian Eye  
(c) Surfside Six
- In 1960 Bobby Darin married...  
(a) Carol Lynley  
(b) Sandra Dee  
(c) Natalie Wood
- They were a one hit wonder with "Book Of Love"  
(a) The Penguins  
(b) The Monotones  
(c) The Moonglows
- The Everly Brothers sang a song called "Till I \_\_\_\_\_ You."  
(a) Loved  
(b) Kissed  
(c) Met
- Chuck Berry sang "Oh, \_\_\_\_\_, why can't you be true?"  
(a) Suzie Q  
(b) Peggy Sue  
(c) Maybelline
- "Wooly \_\_\_\_\_"  
(a) Mammouth  
(b) Bully  
(c) Pully
- "I'm like a one-eyed cat...."  
(a) can't go into town no more  
(b) sleepin' on a cold hard floor  
(c) peepin' in a seafood store
- "Sometimes I wonder what I'm gonna do..."  
(a) cause there ain't no answer for a life without booze  
(b) cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues  
(c) cause my car's gassed up and I'm ready to cruise
- "They often call me Speedo, but my real name is..."  
(a) Mr. Earl  
(b) Jackie Pearl  
(c) Milton Berle
- "Be Bop A Lula..."  
(a) she's got the rabies  
(b) she's my baby.  
(c) she loves me, maybe
- "Fine Love, Fine Kissing ...."  
(a) right here  
(b) fifty cents  
(c) just for you
- "He wore black denim trousers and..."  
(a) a pink carnation  
(b) pink leotards  
(c) motorcycle boots
- "I got a gal named....."  
(a) Jenny Zamboni  
(b) Gerri Mahoney  
(c) Boney Maroney

Answers: 1. (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock 2. (b) Blackboard Jungle 3. (a) Angel 4. (c) Blueberry Hill 5. (a) Mr. Sandman 6. (c) Sun 7. (b) Charlie Brown 8. (a) Mac Heath 9. (c) Tutti Frutti 10. (c) Alan Freed 11. (a) Little Richard 12. (c) Annette Funicello 13. (b) Don and Phil 14. (a) Jiles P. Richardson 15. (c) Motown 16. (a) 77 Sunset Strip 17. (b) Sandra Dee 18. (b) The Monotones 19. (b) Kissed 20. (c) Maybelline 21. (b) Bully 22. (c) peepin' in a sea food store 23. (b) cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues 24. (a) Mr. Earl 25. (b) she's my baby 26. (a) right here 27. (c) motorcycle boots 28. (c) Boney Maroney



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Map showing Key Largo with various landmarks and mile markers.

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by Ginny Jones

## The Why's of a Solo Sailor

How do they do that? If you're out on a passage, I understand you are so busy trying to keep water on the outside of your boat you don't really miss another person onboard. When you spend a lot of time at the dock and you really want to go sail, you mentally go through the list of friends you can call and say, "Hey you want to go spend a day sailing?"

And when I say the day, I mean the WHOLE day. To get from the dock to the actual ocean it's 3 miles of meandering through the mangrove channels. By this time your guests are looking at you and I can pretty much read their minds, "does this fricking thing go any faster?" I look

at their bored faces and say, "Guys ,guys, sailing is not about the destination it's about the journey." Four more people just removed themselves from my sailing list, shit!

Getting She Breeze ready is pretty quick, well, relatively. Undo the shore power the shore water hose, then checking the systems onboard, the steering the marine instruments which includes the radio, the auto pilot, the depth finder. Let's not forget the anchoring system, make sure the windlass is functioning. By now it's noon!

And guess what? We've got to be back before low tide or I



Ginny Jones aboard She Breeze

can't get back into my channel. Many a night I've spent out in the mooring field waiting for the morning tide so I can get back to the dock. Maybe I should have mentioned that to my guests, oops!

**How Southern are you?**

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Peach Cobbler	Pickled Pigs Feet	Fried Squirrel
Chicken & Dumplings	Chess Pie	Boiled Peanuts
Cornbread	Red Eye Gravy	Chitlins
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Frog Legs	Turnip Greens	Butter Beans
Chicken Fried Steak	Hoppin' John	Jambalaya
Burgoo	Liver Hush	Deviled Eggs
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Shrimp & Grits	Brunswick Stew	Chocolate Gravy
Oyster Casserole	Corn Pudding	Gator Tail
Congeaed Salad	Fatback	Poke Salad
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**What's your score?**

1-5 Might be a Yankee	6-10 How's your mom 'n em?	11-15 Born & Breaded	16+ Sho'nuff Southern
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# Pineapple! Who Knew?

I thought this information was fascinating ... perhaps you will too. I had no idea the pineapple we pick up at the grocery store had an amazing story.

The pineapple is a member of the bromeliad family. It is extremely rare that bromeliads produce edible fruit. The pineapple is the only available edible bromeliad today.

It is a multiple fruit. One pineapple is actually made up of dozens of individual flower-ets that grow together to form the entire fruit. Each scale on a pineapple is evidence of a separate flower.

Pineapples stop ripening the minute they are picked.



No method of storing them will help ripen them further. Color is relatively unimportant in determining ripeness. Choose your pineapple by smell. If it smells fresh, tropical and sweet, it will be a good fruit.

The more scales on the pineapple, the sweeter and juicier the taste.

After you cut off the top, you can plant it. It will grow much like a sweet potato.

Pineapple is a remarkable fruit. We find it enjoyable because of its lush, sweet and exotic flavor, but it may also be one of the most healthful foods available today. It offers many benefits to our health.

Pineapple is valuable for easing indigestion, arthritis and sinusitis. The juice has an anthelmintic effect; it helps get rid of intestinal worms.

Let's look at how pineapple affects other conditions: Pineapple is high in manganese, a mineral that is critical to

development of strong bones and connective tissue. A cup of fresh pineapple will give you nearly 75% of the recommended daily amount. It is particularly helpful to older adults, whose bones tend to become brittle with age.

Bromelain, a proteolytic enzyme, is the key to pineapple's value. Proteolytic means "breaks down protein," which is why pineapple is known to be a digestive aid. It helps the body digest proteins more efficiently.

Bromelain is also considered an effective anti-inflammatory. Regular ingestion of at least one half cup of fresh pineapple daily is purported to relieve painful joints common to osteoarthritis. It also produces mild pain relief. In Germany, Bromelain is approved as a post-injury medication because it is thought to reduce inflammation and swelling.

Orange juice is a popular liquid for those suffering from a cold because it is high in Vitamin C. Fresh pineapple is not only high in this vitamin, but because of the Bromelain, it has the ability to reduce mucous in the throat. If you have a cold with a productive cough, add pineapple to your



diet. It is commonly used in Europe as a post-operative measure to cut mucous after sinus and throat operations. Those individuals who eat fresh pineapple daily report fewer sinus problems related to allergies. In and of itself, pineapple has a very low risk for allergies.

Pineapple is also known to discourage blood clot development. This makes it a valuable dietary addition for frequent fliers and others who may be at risk for blood clots.

An old folk remedy for morning sickness is fresh pineapple juice. It really works! Fresh juice and some nuts first thing in the morning often make a difference.

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Two businessmen in a new shopping mall were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new shop...

As yet, the shop wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up.

One said to the other, "I bet any minute now some old person is going to walk by, put their face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?"

One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling assholes."

Without skipping a beat, the old dear said, "Must be doing well... only two left!"

**I envy people that grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk. Getting sour and chunky.**

I was walking in Largo Sound Village and saw an iguana on his hind legs telling jokes in one of the yards!

I turned to the guy who lives there and said "That iguana is really funny!"

The guy replied, "That's not an iguana..."

He's a stand up chameleon..."

**Autocorrect is why I have crust issues.**



**I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra when the guy on triangle disappeared.**



**Well it's August and almost 100 degrees. Walmart should be putting the Christmas stuff out any day now.**



**Can I still blame my lack of love life on the pandemic or is it back to my personality again?**



**When you die people cry and beg for you to come back but, when you do, there's the running and the screaming...**



**Who wants to open a doughnut shop next to a medical marijuana place and call it "Glazed and confused?"**

A husband sat in his room throwing darts at his wife's photo but not even a single one hits the target.

From another room the wife asks, "What are you doing?"

"Missing you!"

**So I was talking to a guy today and called him "dude" and he goes, "Hey, I'm not your dude. I want to go by bro." And the very first thing that popped into my head was "Wow, he has preferred bronouns."**

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "surely I can't look that old."

Well, you'll love this one:

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Coral Shores High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Hurricane," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1975. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkle-faced, fat-bottomed, gray-haired, decrepit son-of-a-biscuit asked, "What subject did you teach?"



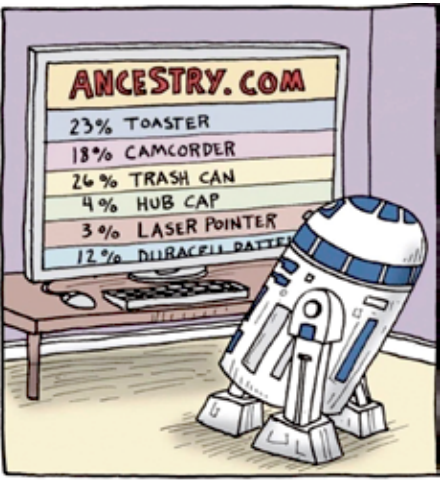
**"Drink heavily with locals whenever possible."**  
- Anthony Bourdain

**If common sense was lard, most people wouldn't be able to grease a pan.**



**THE MAN WHO INVENTED VELCRO HAS DIED. RIP**

**MARRIED SEXTING: I'M NOT WEARING ANY UNDERWEAR. BECAUSE YOU NEVER PUT THE LAUNDRY IN THE DRYER LIKE I ASKED YOU TO 100 TIMES.**



**With masks coming off, it's time to shave those beards and mustaches. This goes for the men too.**

My wife was standing in the kitchen, preparing our usual soft-boiled eggs and toast for breakfast, wearing only the t-shirt that she normally sleeps in.

As I walked in, almost awake, she turned to me and said softly, "You've got to make love to me this very moment!"

My eyes lit up and I thought, "I am either still dreaming or this is going to be my lucky day!"

Not wanting to lose the moment, I embraced her and then gave it my all; right there on the kitchen table.

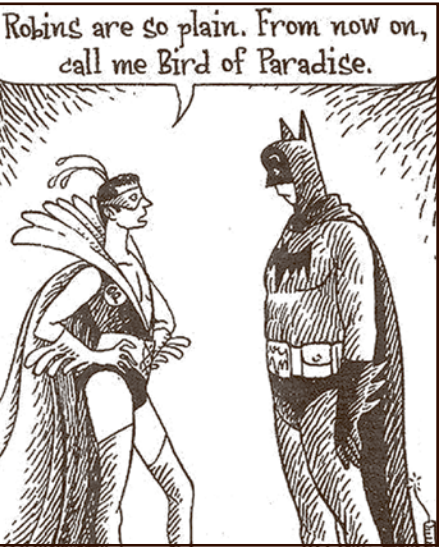
Afterwards she said, "Thanks," and returned to the stove, Her t-shirt still around her neck.

Happy, but a little puzzled, I asked, "What was that all about?"

She explained, "The egg timer's broken."



**I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.**



**I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.**





Notable Quotes

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits" – Albert Einstein

"War is God's way of teaching Americans geography." – Ambrose Bierce

"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." – Andy Borowitz

"At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." – Ann Landers

"My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right." – Ashleigh Brilliant

"Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control are already born?" – Benny Hill

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." – Bill Watterson

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it." – Buddy Hackett

"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine." – Caroline Rhea

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height." – Casey Stengel

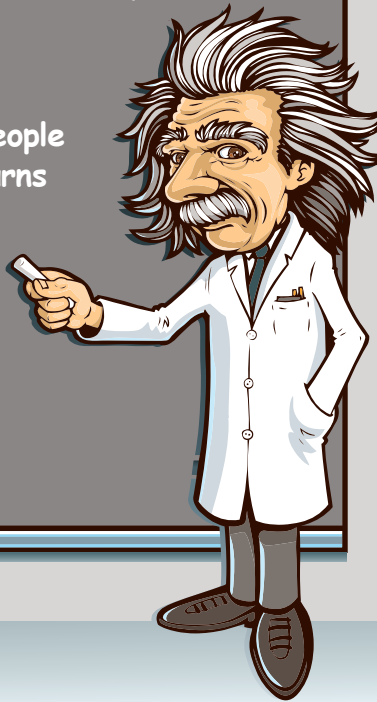
"Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night." – Dave Barry

"The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government." – Edward Abbey

"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand." – Emo Philips

"If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age." – George Burns

And a favorite: "Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away." – Benjamin Franklin



Nothing is Insurmountable

There is nothing in your life that can't be overcome; whatever the problem, there's always a solution.



When our best course of action seems unclear, any dilemma we face can appear insurmountable. Yet there is nothing we cannot overcome with time, persistence, focused thought, help, and faith. Whatever the situation or problem, there is always a solution. And if you remember to look within, even as you search around you for the "right" course of action, you will be able to center yourself, clear your mind, and see that nothing has to be impossible.

The first step in overcoming any obstacle is to believe that it can be overcome. Doing so will give you the strength and courage to move through any crisis. The second step is to make a resolution that you can prevail over any chaos. Enlist your support network of family and friends if necessary. The more minds there are to consider a problem, the more solutions can be found. Don't discount ideas just because they seem impractical or "unrealistic," and don't keep searching for the "best" alternative. Often there

is no "best" choice, there is only a choice to make so we can begin moving beyond whatever is obstructing our path. At the very least, making a choice, even if isn't the ideal one, can give you a sense of peace before you have to figure out what your next course of action will be.

If you feel overwhelmed by the scope of your troubles, you may want to think of other people who have turned adversity into triumph. We often gain a fresh perspective when we think of others who have overcome larger obstacles. It can be inspiring to hear of their victories, helping us remember that there is always light at the end of every tunnel. It is during our darkest hours that we need to remind ourselves that we don't have to feel helpless. You have within and around you the resources to find a solution to any problem. And remember that if a solution or choice you make doesn't work, you are always free to try another. Believe that you can get through anything, and you will always prevail.

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Bad Breakup? Get Revenge!



1. **Sell all the jewelry he gave you.** What better way to get revenge than to pawn the jewelry he gave you. Put it all in a bag and take it to the pawn shop. You will walk out with a wad of cash in your hand and a big smile on your face.

2. **Get a temporary tattoo.** Drive to Key West and find one of the many temporary tattoo artists. Ask them to write boldly on your arm or get a tramp stamp on your back (the more visible the better) the name of your ex's worst enemy. The cost depends on the size \$30 to \$70 should do it. While you're there spend some of that jewelry money on a frozen margarita.

3. **Write a hit song.** A broken heart is sometimes the best motivator for writing a hit song and getting a million dollar recording contract. Always have a pad and pen readily available so when you are drinking away your sorrows and the

words come to mind you will be prepared.

4. **Get a hair cut.** Chances are your ex really likes your hair, so go to the beauty shop and get a new hair style. You'll feel like a million dollars and who cares about that ex anyway? Wash him or her out of your hair.

5. **Boink their best friend.** Yes, we know this isn't very nice but it happens all the time. Whether you are the bonkee or the bonker it is a guaranteed good time and you may just gain some material for your song unless...

6. **Down and dirty.** We do not recommend this however for \$20 you can purchase live pubic lice at [crabrevenge.com](http://crabrevenge.com). Seriously! They come in a plastic vial and you just sprinkle them on the person's chair or in their car that done you wrong. Their motto is "make that bitch itch." For \$50 there is also a stronger strain that is even resistant to drugstore shampoo. Perfect for

that "nitpicking" louse you used to care about. By the way, the Coconut Telegraph prefers pubic lobsters.

The best revenge is to just get on with your life. Scheming and plotting revenge is just letting the person that hurt you occupy space inside your head rent free.

Contrary to popular belief the opposite of love is not hate. Hate is a strong emotion. The opposite of love is indifference or apathy, but really now, who cares?

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