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# Angela Boehm - Volunteer of the Year: Upper Keys Humane Society

Angela (Angie) Boehm was chosen by the Coconut Telegraph as Volunteer of the Year because of her amazing organizational skills and dedication to the Upper Keys community and the Humane Society at MM 102 oceanside. Boehm lives in Key Largo with her husband Pete, a commercial fisherman. Their daughter Hanna is a second year student at Mississippi State, studying to be a veterinarian. Angie, to her friends, is by trade a lobbyist for the Commercial Fishermen.

Now, somewhat retired she started out fundraising for the animal shelter. She was so organized and passionate over the animals that

they asked her to be president of the board of directors. Along with her on the board are Shylon Martin, Rosie Sanchez, Dr. Claudio (Mobile Pet Vet), Gene Graham, Lisa Slaydon and Nicole Navarro. Karla Perrine is manager.

In Angie's spare time she writes grants and organizes fundraisers. The UKHS is non-profit and 100% supported by community donations. Recently the Key Largo Moose had 2 fundraisers and raised about \$7,000 for the cause. That may seem like a lot of money but not when you have over 80 cats and 6 dogs to feed and vet. Recently Angie was able to find a home for a miniature pony. He is

going to live at the Sheriff's Zoo in Key West.

After waiting 4 to 5 years, the board now has a building permit for the addition that will include 15 new dog kennels, of which 7 are indoor/outdoor; 2 surgical suites; 2 isolation rooms and a washer and dryer for their new building.

Angie is excited about the Gala Fundraiser which will take place January 21st at Baker's Cay. There will be dinner, dancing and auctions. If you would like to donate or purchase tickets call Angie at 305-522-0260 or email her: sustainablesark@yahoo.com. For all other questions call the Upper Keys Humane Society 305-451-3848.



Over 80 cats and 6 dogs are currently living at the shelter and awaiting adoption.



Key Largo Moose presenting the first \$4,000 raised from the Easter Egg Hunt to Upper Keys Humane Society, Deb Starcher KL Moose and Shylon Martin Upper Keys Humane Society.



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**Key Largo Moose, Elks Lodge 1872 in Tavernier, and at the American Legion in Key Largo.**



Tampax have announced they are replacing the string on their product with tinsel. Just for the Christmas period.

## Coconut Telegraph Spotlight On... **Lou Pica - Musician/Visionary**

Making Dreams Come True With Dr. Lou by Marilee Free

The Florida Keys draws many talented artists, musicians, and crafters to this unique paradise. Lou's vision is to showcase creative people with a space to use to show their talents, sell their arts and crafts, or host an event. He's a man on a mission to make dreams come true; this is the goal of the "Mission from Mom." Backed by faith, family and fun, Lou has created an inside recording studio and outdoor fun venue to do just that at MM100 Bayside near the Tower of Pizza.

Dr. Lou's Place in Key Largo is the second venue that his vision has manifested. The first location was in Roebling, New Jersey, where he was off to a successful start. It didn't take long before Dr. Lou's was the place to go where everyone felt welcome and forgot about life for a while. He created a place where musicians at any level could practice and play with a live band. The "Privileged Few" was Lou's house band who inspired the talents of many, with the knowledge that instilling a mindset of achievement, alleviating fear, and focusing dedication to practicing skills is the key to any success.

With roots in radio, he started a show on WNNJ Philadelphia that featured indepen-

dent artists from all over the world. He went on to syndicate Dan Aykroyd's "House of Blues" and "Bluesmobile Radio" shows, and even interviewed Dan aka "Elwood Blues" himself.

From flying airplanes, publishing books, and entertaining crowds to his sophisticated computer knowledge, Lou has accomplished the goals that he set out to do. Living Bayside in Key Largo since 2020, he feels truly blessed to live a life where so many of his dreams have become reality. Lou's mission now is to share that blessing.

He is kicking off the "Open Mic-Jam Band" again on Monday nights, where everyone is welcome to sing and play at Dr. Lou's Place. You can also catch him performing at Cactus Jack's, MM104 Bayside, Friday's from 9pm to midnight. He's a regular performer at the Key Largo Moose and other jams in the Upper Keys, where he has been playing since 2018.

All my life, I've dreamed of being a comedian, singer, and storyteller. Thanks to Lou, I am now the star of my own show, hosting "Rockn' Comedy" on Wednesday's and Friday's from 6 to 9 pm, with a mixture of comedy, song mash-ups, and parodies. It's like an interactive 70's variety show with lots of



audience participation. Featuring short skits, funny songs, and tidbits from some classic comedians, then morphing into the ultimate Rockn' dance party. Fun for all ages, my comedy is adaptable to any group.

What are your dreams? Selling your arts and crafts? Being a performer or musician? Hosting a fundraiser? Even having a birthday party or wedding reception? Anything you can dream up, Lou has the venue for you. Stop by, say "Hi," grab a street taco or a slice from nearby vendors and watch some up-and-coming acts at Dr. Lou's Place, MM100 Bayside. Call 609-496-1726 to reserve a spot or find out more info. Check out Lou's websites [dr-loumusic.com](http://dr-loumusic.com) or [missionfrommom.com](http://missionfrommom.com).

Happy Holidays Conchs, and may all your dreams come true in 2022.

From the Mission from Mom Website:

### THE PATH

It is the Intention that is Important. The will to be good to each other. Starting there, each action, each encounter with the world can be a gift from the spirits. If you have the courage to look and see. Seeing the spirits isn't always easy, but for to ask is to have. Ask your faith source for guidance, then look around. Keep looking.

### THE BELIEF

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**HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE**

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A Touching Christmas Story...

A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, so she called him on the mobile.

The wife said "Where are you, you know we have lots to do."

He said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10

years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...

"Yes, I do remember that shop," she replied.

"Well I am in the golf shop next door to that."





# Rockn' Comedy

## Wednesday & Friday 6-9

**Check out the "Rockn' Comedy" show hosted by Marilee Free!**

Wednesday & Friday nights 6-9pm at Dr. Lou's Place MM100 by Tower of Pizza.

A 70's Style Variety Show with lots of audience participation. Featuring "Parodies in Paradise," "Song Mash-Ups" and Comedy Fun for all ages, that morphs into a Rockn' dance party to end the experience.

For more information feel free to contact Marilee: 305-517-9279 or [marileefree@att.net](mailto:marileefree@att.net)



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# THE FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES- or -FESTA DEI SETTE PESCI

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As with any Italian feast or festival there is food involved. Sometimes lots of food. But what are we really celebrating and how did it get started? I asked a lot of people who should know about it but came up with guesses. I figured that I've been celebrating it for 73 years maybe it's time to get some facts. What I clearly know is that it is part of the immigrant heritage for many of us. But who and where did it really start?

Foremost, it is the Christmas Eve Vigil (La Vigilia) dinner and is celebrated mainly by those whose roots go back to Southern Italy. While it is not called a feast in Italy, they prefer to call it a festival as in a Grand Meal – there is a lot of food that takes hours to make and even more hours to eat. Like what we had at Thanksgiving would be the appetizer. This Southern Italy tradition is in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Italian immigrants brought this celebration to the United States by way of New York's Little Italy in the 1800's. It combined elements of our Italian history and today's trends. Which is to say it is still evolving.

In the Catholic faith, Friday is traditionally a day to fast by avoiding red meat and eating fish. (That was changed in the 1960's by the Pope, but some of us held the tradition.) Except that we were allowed to break the fast after sunset on December 24th. Hence, a meal of biblical proportions.

This Southern Italy tradition was started on the coastline known for its seafood. And seafood was preferred both because of its abundance and it was more affordable in the south, which was a poorer region of Italy. With the Unification of Italy in 1861 the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (roughly Naples to Bari and south to the island of Sicily) was absorbed into what we know as the Italy of today. With the Kingdom gone, funds were reallocated from the south to the industrial North. What was the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, southern Italy, became impoverished. Between 1880 and the 1924's about four-million Italians from the region emigrated to the United States and other countries and brought many traditions with them. In New York's Little Italy it was called La Cena della Vigilia or something close to that. Because of the desire to hold onto the roots of their native southern Italy, this feast is actually more popular in the United States than Italy; however, we are responsible for the resurgence of the fest in Italy. A tradition that we exported.

But what's with the SEVEN fish? Because nobody really has proof of the meaning, and even fewer agree on what the number seven actually represents, it's open for discussion. It may refer to the seven sacraments of the church: Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. Or perhaps it's from the seven deadly sins from Pope Gregory in 590AD: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. Or perhaps the seven hills of Rome: Aventine, Capitoline, Caelian, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal, and, Viminal. Or the seven kings of Rome: Romulus, Numa Pompilius, Tullus Hostilius, Ancus Marcius, Lucius Tarquinius Priscus, Servius Tullius, and Lucius Tarquinius Superbus. Or perhaps the seven virtues: chastity, charity, diligence, humility, kindness, patience, and temperance. Or the seven days God took to create the Heavens and Earth. Or it could be that seven fishes were in season and on sale that day way back when.

Few people agree on what the seven fishes should be. But for my mom who didn't particularly like to prepare fish except to do one fish every Friday of my childhood, she said she would burn one seven different ways for us. My dad did this meal, but the kids didn't eat the sardines. And we would argue that clams aren't fish and neither is eel. I mean, really, why eat the bait?

In any case, the most important part of the celebration is food, family, and friends being together as we were growing up and now, hopefully, we are surrounded by family and friends at Christmas.



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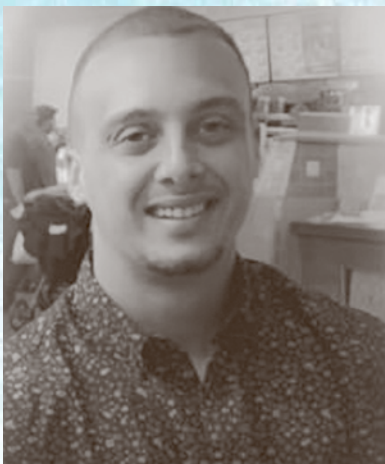
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Scott Youngberg will be playing New Years Day at the Lorelei starting at 11 am.



Marine Biologist Max with Restoring the Reefs, at the Islamorada Art Walk. Photo by Marilee.



The Mandalay is gone! Photo by Bobbe Brown.



Marilee does stand-up at Dr. Lou's. See page 7.



ALLIGATOR ALLEY, a fresh new sound. will be at Key Largo Library on December 3, 6-7pm. Free concert.



Erica and Andy enjoy a beer and street tacos at Islamorada Art Walk. Photo by Marilee.



Congratulations to Sandy Hall and Sherri Harris!



Winn Dixie Pharmacist Alex enjoying the show at Dr Lou's!



Pirates invaded High Tide Restaurant in November.



Lighted Bike Parade, raising money for kids' Christmas. See page 8 for more info.

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Lodge in Tavernier, FL. Participants came to learn about fishing and practice their skills on the water, catching 160 fish and releasing 109 for a total of 269 fish in the Fishing Fever Tournament.



Julie Duncan, Pinecrest, FL; Dawn Miller, Punta Gorda, FL; Lori Limberg, Odell, IL; Donna Langston, Satellite Beach, FL (in back) on Capt Chris Hanson's Scales2Tails.



Sea Horse Friday / Capt. Rick Rodriguez: Noelle and Anabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL; Julie Mayer, Taneytown, MD; Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Julie Bonacore, Jupiter, FL and Maureen Herbst, Jupiter, FL.



Sea Horse Sunday / Capt. Rick Rodriguez: Holly Smith, Key Largo, FL; Donna Langston, Satellite Beach, FL; Diane Odell, Cocoa Beach, FL; Meghan Brunelli, Islamorada, FL; Lizette Leiter, Miami, FL; Dawn Miller, Punta Gorda, FL.



Winners of the tournament:

**Top Offshore:**

Diane Odell, Cocoa Beach, FL  
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**Second Place Offshore:**

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**Top Offshore Release:**

Joni Craig, Gainesville, FL  
sailfish on Phoebe with Capt. Frank Drudi

**Top Inshore:**

Dawn Miller, Punta Gorda, FL  
32 inch snook on Capt. Chris Hanson's Scales 2 Tales

**Second Place Inshore:**

Julie Mayer, Taneytown, MD  
30 inch redfish (tie) with Dawn Miller, Punta Gorda, FL  
30 inch snook, both on Capt. Chris Hanson's Scales 2 Tales

**Top Junior Angler:**

Anabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL  
blackfin tuna

Betty Bauman, Founder of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing commented, "This event was designed for beginners who can win a prize in our Fishing Fever tournament, even if it was their first fish ever caught or released."

**About "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!"**

The Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Foundation (LLGF) is a national charitable 501C3 organization dedicated to attracting women and families to fishing while encouraging conservation and responsible angling. LLGF promotes networking among women anglers and emphasizes mentorships. Founded in 1997 by Betty Bauman, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, LLGF has over 9,000 graduates and is the largest organization in the world whose objective is to introduce women to fishing. Both Bauman and the University series - often dubbed "The No-Yelling School of Fishing" - are known nationally in the sport fishing and marine industries. The organization has earned rave reviews from national media including "Inside Edition," CBS' "The Early Show," NBC's "Nightly News," "Good Morning America," "Outdoor Life Network," USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, Southern Living and more.

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# December Special Events and Programs - Key Largo Library

The Key Largo Branch of the Monroe County Library System is hosting the following programs this month. All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Monroe County Public Libraries will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Check us out online for ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming movies KeysLibraries.org

**December Art Exhibit:**  
Local artist Diane Rice will exhibit her work in the Community Room this month.

**Dec. 1 - Jan. 15** A Health Care Navigator is at the library 9 hours/week to help people enroll in Florida's Health Insurance Marketplace (Affordable Care Act/Obamacare).  
Mon. 10am-1pm,  
Wed. 4-7pm, Sat. 10am-1pm



**Dec. 3** 6-7pm Alligator Alley, a Bluegrass band out of South Florida, plays a mix of classic and contemporary Bluegrass hits and gripping originals.

**Dec. 4** 2pm Holiday Bingo Join your neighbors for a fun afternoon of Bingo!! Small prizes awarded.

**Dec. 7** 1pm-3pm Creative Tuesday Mosaic Workshop Create a 6"x6" piece of art for the Mosaic Project. Registration & Info: KeysArts.Com - 'Connections Project.'

**Dec. 7 & 14** 3:30-5pm. Tech Savvy Seniors on the Go series provides technology training for anyone in the Upper Keys, over the age of 50. Technology provided. Register: 305-451-2396



**Dec. 8** 9:30-11:30am Adult Craft Program: Wooden Block Snowman: Call 305-451-2396 to register. Supplies provided.

**Dec. 15** 10am-3pm Free Legal Help for qualifying individuals. Sponsored by Legal Services of the Florida Keys. Regis. req.: Legalservicesmiami.org, phone 866-686-2760, or secure Kiosk at the Library.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**Storytime** Tues. & Thurs. @ 10:30am for ages 0-5 in the Library Community Room except Dec. 28 and 30.

**Creative Tuesdays** 1-3pm Calling all Artists, new and experienced!

**Tech Tutor** Wed. 1-4pm. Drop in for help downloading library apps to your smart phone or tablet. Learn how to download

e-books and e-audiobooks, and learn how to stream movies from Kanopy. Basic computer help is also available. Bring your device and questions.

**Quit Your Way** - Tobacco Free Florida Wed. 1-2 pm hosted by AHEC.

**LEGO® Lab** Wed. @ 4pm Elementary-age children can be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOS.

**Family Game Night** Wed. 5:30-7:30pm Play one of our board games or bring your own.



**Sit + Sew** Thurs. 12:30-4pm. Bring your sewing machine and current project.

**Mahjong** Mon., Wed., Sat. 1-4pm

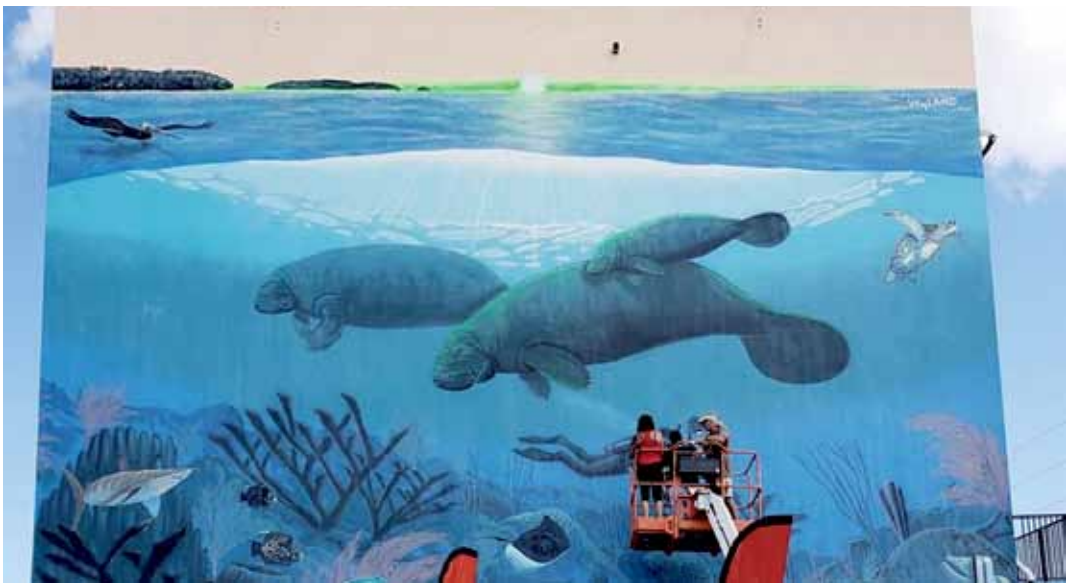
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Wyland added a green flash and touched up the Manatee Swim at Sunset mural at MM 99. Photos by Marilee Free.



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Grandma: "What u want for Christmas my dear?"  
Me: "Nice rims for my car"  
Grandma : "Say no more"

Looking forward to Hallmark's holiday offering "A Very COVID Christmas," when a big city lawyer and a country candle maker accidentally meet when they go to the wrong zoom meeting.  
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Imagine if ur cell phone battery was on 10% and it lasted for 8 days. Now you understand Chanukah.

OH THE VIRUS OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL BUT THE WINE IS SO Delightful  
AND SINCE WE'VE NO PLACE TO GO LET US DRINK... LET US DRINK... LET US DRINK...



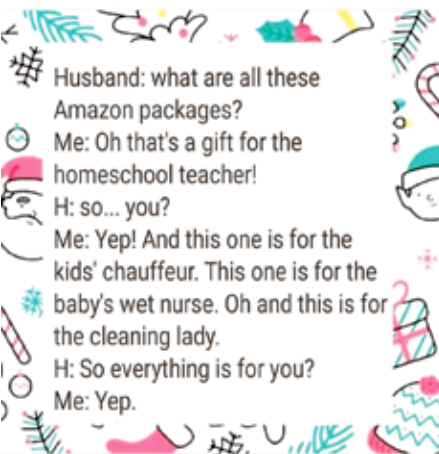
# Coco'Nut' Funnies

My friend says his favorite Star Wars line is, "Aargh Luke, ye scurvy dog, I be yer father." I think he got a pirated copy.



HELLO DARKNESS, MY OLD FRIEND

I STOOD UP TOO FAST AGAIN



I had lunch with 2 of my unmarried friends.

One is engaged, one is a mistress, and I have been married for 20+ years

We were chatting about our relationships and decided to amaze our men by greeting them at the door wearing a black bra, stiletto heels and a mask over our eyes. We agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes.

Here's how it all went.

My engaged friend : The other night when my boyfriend came over he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos and a mask. He saw me and said, 'You are the woman of my dreams ... I love you.' Then we made passionate love all night long.

The mistress: Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office and I was wearing a raincoat, under it only the black bra, heels and mask over my eyes. When I opened the raincoat he didn't say a word, but he started to tremble and we had wild sex all night.

Then I had to share my story: When my husband came home I was wearing the black bra, black stockings, stilettos and a mask over my eyes. When he came in the door and saw me, he said, "What's for dinner, Zorro?"



Banks need to get better at restocking these ATM's at Christmas...

This is the 5th one I've been to that has "Insufficient Funds"



As I stepped out of the shower, I heard someone in my kitchen downstairs. Knowing that my wife was out, I grabbed my 1903 heirloom rifle-- which no longer works-- and crept downstairs, forgetting the fact that I was in my birthday suit.

I came around the corner with the gun raised, only to find my wife loading the dishwasher.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I thought I heard an intruder. I came down to scare him."

Scanning the contours of my doughy, naked body, she mumbled, "You didn't need the gun."



Mariah points a claw at another innocent victim "All I want for Christmas is... YOU". We look away. The screaming eventually ceases and is replaced by the sound of bones crunching. We can sleep easy, the Mariah has fed. For now.



All I want for Christmas is to be off the extended car warranty call list

Male reindeers lose their antlers in winter and females don't, so Santa's sleigh is actually pulled by a team of women... Of course it is.



IF YOU GET AN EMAIL WITH THE SUBJECT "KNOCK KNOCK" DON'T OPEN IT IT'S A JEHOVAH WITNESS WORKING FROM HOME

I SEXUALLY IDENTIFY AS A MICROWAVE DINNER, I AM READY IN FIVE MINUTES, LOOK NOTHING LIKE MY PHOTOS, AND I'M JUST SATISFYING ENOUGH FOR YOU TO WANT ME WHEN YOU'RE DESPERATE.



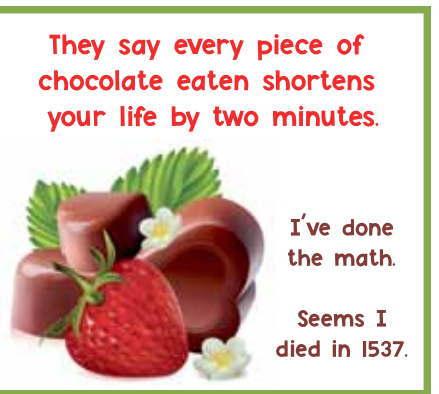
A woman, cranky because her husband was late coming home again, decided to leave a note, saying, "I've had enough and have left you...don't bother coming after me." Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction.

After a short while, the husband comes home and she could hear him in the kitchen before he comes into the bedroom. She could see him walk towards the dresser and pick up the note. After a few minutes, he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling someone.

"She's finally gone...yeah I know, about time, I'm coming to see you, put on that ..... French nightie. I love you...can't wait to see you...we'll do all the naughty things you like."

He hung up, grabbed his keys, and left. She heard the car drive off as she came out from under the bed, ... seething with rage and with tears in her eyes.

She grabbed the note to see what he wrote. "I can see your feet. We're outta bread; ... be back in five minutes."



Adam Burke @atpburke

I always preferred the English spelling of "diarrhea" which is "diarrhoea" because it really looks like you've lost control of your vowels.

A woman walks into the downtown welfare office, trailed by 15 kids.

'Wow,' the social worker exclaims, 'are they all yours?'

'Yep, they're all mine,' the flustered momma sighs, having heard that question a thousand times before. She says, 'Sit down, Terry.' All the children rush to find seats.

'Well,' says the social worker, 'then you must be here to sign up. I'll need all your children's names.'

"Well, to keep it simple, the boys are all named Terry and the girls are all named Terri."

In disbelief, the case worker says, 'are you serious? They're all named Terry?'

Their momma replied, 'Well, yes - it makes it easier. When it's time to get them out of bed and ready for school, I yell, Terry! And when it's time for dinner, I just yell Terry! And they all come a running. If i need to stop the kid who's running into the street, I just yell Terry and all of them stop. It's the smartest idea i ever had, naming them all Terry.'

The social worker thinks this over for a bit, then wrinkles her forehead and says tentatively, 'But what if you just want one kid to come, and not the whole bunch?'

'Then I call them by their last names.'





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## Choosing Joy for the Holidays

If holidays are hard for you, choose right now to shift into a state of joy.

The holidays can trigger the blues for a lot of people. We all have associations with the music, the decorations, and the foods that are so pervasive at this time of year. We may look back on a happy childhood and feel that our present situation doesn't measure up. On the other hand, we may be reminded of what we wanted but didn't get as children. Either way, our real lives are unfolding in the here and now. This is a new holiday season altogether, and we can find joy in the fact that we can make it our own and let it be new.

One key way to reinvigorate your holiday is to let go of feeling obligated to engage in rituals or situations that make you feel unhappy. It is easy to get lost in the trance of tradition and lose track of who you really are and what serves you as you are now. But there is a wonderful payoff if you take the time to touch base with what you really want and give it to yourself. When you take care of yourself, your capacity to give to others expands exponentially,

and so does your innate joyfulness.

The first step is taking time to sort through any baggage that's nagging you. If sad memories present themselves, know that you are not alone. It is well-documented that many people suffer from depression at this time of year. The key is to face these feelings, hear them out, and fully process them so that you can be free again. Try giving yourself the space and time to consider what will be truly healing for you this year. Perhaps you'd rather go on vacation to a tropical island with friends than go back home to a dysfunctional family.

Maybe you'd prefer not to exchange gifts. Maybe you want to change-up the traditional dinner fare and make something profoundly healthy or exotic. As you infuse this holiday with new energy, you will feel your blues lightening and your joyfulness steadily on the rise. Try to make this holiday season about who you are now, not what you were in the past. Enjoy.

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## Coconut Bars: just 3 ingredients



Milk Chocolate Or Dark Chocolate, 15 Ounces  
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1 Cup Condensed Milk

Mix the shredded coconut with condensed milk

Form the coconut mixture into 12 logs. This will be a sticky job, so it works best if you wet your hands with water. You'll probably need to rinse your hands a couple of times during the process of making all 12 logs.

Place the coconut logs on a parchment paper lined cookie sheet and freeze for at least 20 minutes.

Melt about 10 ounces of the chocolate in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir well, then continue to microwave in 15-second increments until completely melted, stirring well between each cooking interval.

Add the remaining 5 ounces of chocolate and stir until melted and the chocolate is smooth. The reason for this way of melting the chocolate is that adding the solid chocolate to the melted and then letting them melt together helps temper the chocolate.

Use forks to dip each coconut bar into the chocolate until completely covered. Allow some of the excess chocolate to drip off the chocolate bars.

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