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The year 2020 has been a rough one with the Covid 19 virus affecting our health and livelihoods. Many of our local small businesses barely survived. These are the same businesses that generously donate their products to fundraisers that benefit locals. Now is the time to give back - stop in and make a purchase whether it is a gift card for a friend or for yourself, it is an investment in the Keys that we all know and love. If you are feeling funky or have been exposed to the virus get yourself tested, it's easy as pie! Make an appointment at CVS in Key Largo. When it is time go through the drive thru and the pharmacist will assist you. It only takes a few minutes and is 100% painless, you won't feel the slightest bit uncomfortable! In 2 to 3 days you will get your results on your phone by text or on your computer. For more info call 305-451-3261.

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I tested myself 7 times last night and was virus free every time thank goodness.

I will have to test myself again today because I have developed a throbbing headache which can also be one of the symptoms.

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The Cat Daddies performed an amazing sunset show at The Lorelei in December. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



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Coconut Telegraph's Conch Captain Spotlight On... Captain Sky Moore of Islander Girl Snorkel & Tours

"Thankful, Grateful and Blessed"

by Marilee Free

Bring your kids, and bring your dogs for family fun in the sun with Captain Sky, owner/operator of the Islander Girl snorkeling and eco-tours. Yes, that's right, Sky offers dog-friendly boating adventures. As you board the boat you may be greeted by Ariel or Tide, Sky's Golden-Doodles.

As an Upper Florida Keys native, Sky knows the area well. She has had her captain's license for six years and is very experienced for her young age. But hey, when your mom is a shark diver and your dad feeds barracudas with a baitfish between his teeth, that is quite an adventurous upbringing! She credits both her parents for being inspirations and is proud to carry on the family tradition of love for being on and under the water. Sky acknowledges her mom, Annette, for the inspiration and assistance to help start her business. She applauds her mom's efforts in beautifying the Islander after Hurricane Irma too, what an amazing job!

Sky expressed how thankful, grateful, and truly blessed she is for her family and her extended family of the captains and mates she employees. She has an all-female staff, except Hunter, her brother (aka the Islander Boy.) Captain Elizabeth is her right hand at the helm. Sky's snorkeling 'sisters,' Hannah, Abi, Atlantis, Ara, and Sarah will ensure that you have a fantastic tour. Whether snorkeling from Alligator Reef Lighthouse in Islamorada to Hens and Chickens Reef in Tavernier, exploring the mangroves or splashing at the Sand Bar, Islander Girl Snorkel & Tours offers something for all sea lovers.



It's always sunny with Capt. Sky!



maintains the boat and helps with the family business as well.

Guests on the snorkel tours may also dine at the restaurants and use some of the amenities at the Islander.

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Creating an awareness for the importance of reef-safe sunblock and helping to stop trash and littering are very important to Sky. She will stop and pick up that plastic bag or water bottle floating. Every effort made now will help the future of oceanic activities. Her vessel is as green as possible, with biodegradable cups, and reusable tumblers. As an inspiration herself, her message to aspiring captains is to believe in yourself and your dreams, go forth with confidence and never stop learning. Every situation can be handled with calmness and kindness. Being kind is so important, realizing everyone is going through struggles, sadness, and uncertainty. A kind word and a fun adventure is what many may need right about now.

When I asked how Covid has affected her business, she said the shut-down was difficult, but they have been busy ever since. Sky takes the Covid regulations seriously, limiting trips to 20 passengers and sanitizing the boat after every trip. The Keys' economy thrives on tourism, she hopes we can stay safe and avoid another shutdown.

Another inspiration is the love of Sky's life, husband Dylan. He with his two daughters, Kaylee and Ayla and the dogs make up their happy home. Dylan



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- Gen. Custer, 1877
8. “Any f’ing idiot could understand that.”
- Einstein, 1938
7. “It does so f’ing look like her!” - Pablo Picasso, 1926
6. “How the f* did you work that out?” - Pythagoras, 126 BC
5. “You want WHAT on the f’ing ceiling?”
- Michelangelo, 1566
4. “Where the f’- are we?” -Amelia Earhart, 1937
3. “Scattered f’ing showers my ass!” - Noah, 4314 BC
2. “Aw c’mon, who the f* is going to find out?”
- Bill Clinton, 1999
- And... drum roll please...
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- Osama bin Laden, November, 2001

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"To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect: "

1. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour,' 'favour,' 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise.' Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').

2. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as 'like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as U.S. English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the rein-

4. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not ready to shoot grouse.

5. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.

8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.



9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable, as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie MacDowell attempt English dialect in Four Weddings and a Funeral was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full Kevlar

body armour like a bunch of nancies).

12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

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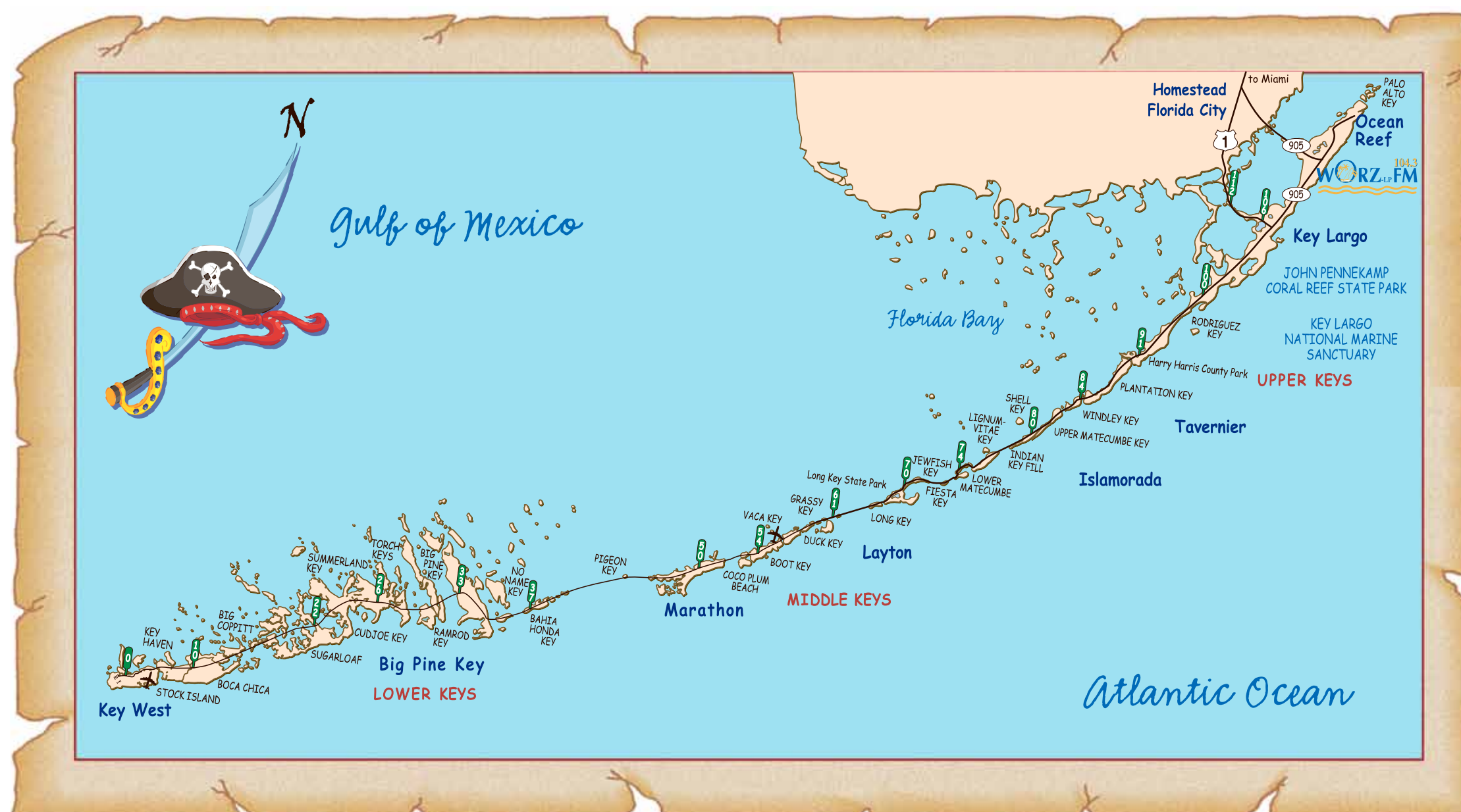
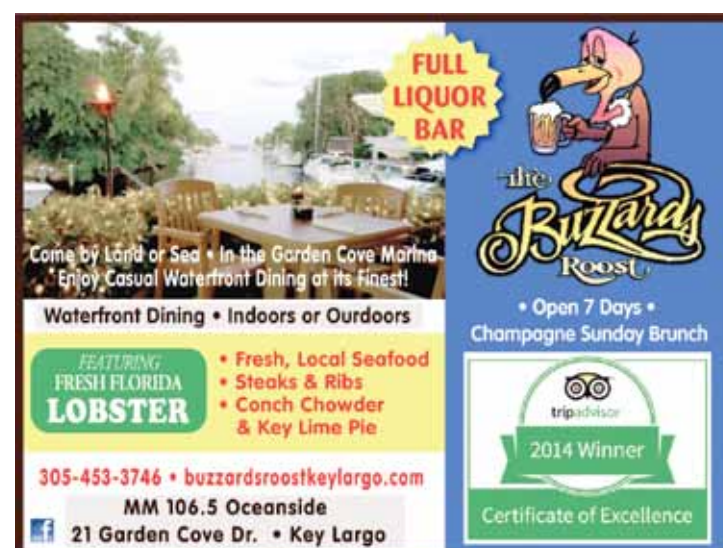
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• An Oxford comma walks into a bar where it spends the evening watching the television, getting drunk, and smoking cigars.

• A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.

• A bar was walked into by the passive voice.

• An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.

• Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."

• A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

• Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.

• A question mark walks into a bar?

• A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.

• Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Get out -- we don't serve your type."

• A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.

• Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.

• A synonym strolls into a tavern.

• At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar -- fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.

• A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.

• Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.

• A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.

• An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.

• The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.

• A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned a man with a glass eye named Ralph.

• The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

• A dyslexic walks into a bra.


• A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.

• A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.


• A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.

• A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony.


Conch Characters




Chad Dobson is a popular entertainer at the Pilot House.




Igor and Red Elvises at the Lorelei in December. They will return to the Lorelei on March 17th for an interesting St Patricks Day celebration.




Loretta Smallwood enjoys the Key Largo holiday boat parade.




Lorelei chef Jason serves a customer at the annual Customer Appreciation party.




Congratulations to AI Songer - winner of December's Jackass award, which the Moose awards to the person who raised the most funds for \$1 a vote. Good job!




Lorelei superstar bartenders Ann and Chris kept the Lorelei staff quenched during the annual Staff Appreciation party.



"Crazy Tom" of the Red Elvises, plays the balalaika at the Lorelei during their December tour of the Keys.



Lynn & Lolly Carpenter with Rasca! at Sharkey's.



Some of the West Boca "Moose Riders" visited the Lorelei and the Islamorada Moose in December.

Contagious wins 57th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

The 57th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament kicked off at the Whale Harbor seafood buffet all with social distancing and covid restrictions in place. The sailfish action started on Friday December 4th and continued over the next two days, concluding Sunday. Over the three days of fishing 90 sailfish were released out of 103 called in hookups with over \$90,000 paid to the winners.

The first cold front of the season greeted 98 anglers fishing on 21 boats. Juan Vilorio aboard the Hellreyzer would release the first sailfish of the three day tournament while Cloud Nine was fighting a double header. At the end of day one 32 sailfish were released and the Cloud Nine was in the lead with 5 fish.

Day two started early for Tackle Center as captain Charlie Scoble called in a triple header of sailfish at 8:42 AM followed by Last Dance calling in a double. Eleven other sails were released before Donny Lange released the third fish of the

Tackle Center triple header at 10:12AM. As the day ended, Tackle Center lead day 2 with a total of 8 releases followed by the Contagious with 6 and the Cloud Nine with 5.

The final day of fishing was calm and cloudy. The bite started out slow but Contagious picked at the sails all day. In the end Contagious took home the top honors with 11 releases.

Contagious angler and Keys Gentle Dentist Travis Bennett released 5 of those fish, winning the Bill Hirni highpoint angler award.

Debbie David of Hollywood FL, fishing aboard the Relentless with Captain Paul Ross, released 3 sailfish winning the Top Lady Angler award.

Second and Third Place Junior Angler awards went to Laurel David with 2 releases and Christopher David with 1 release, both fishing aboard the Relentless.

The Islamorada Sailfish Tournament is the first leg of the Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish Championship.



Captain Brian Cone aboard his charter boat *Contagious* led anglers Mark Mitchell and Kenneth Padgett both from Charleston, NC, Travis Bennett and Andy Cone from Tavernier, FL and Greg Tolpin from Key Largo, FL to the winner's circle with a total of 11 sailfish releases.



Junior angler 10-year-old Andy Cone took first place in the junior division with 3 releases.



Second place winning team: *Tackle Center*, captain Charlie Scoble, with anglers Donny and Brad Lange along with Jeffery Dickman and Fritz Zeher all from Tavernier FL.

<With Captain Justin Baker at the helm, *Yellow Tale* anglers Clarke and Phil Harlow, Patrick Nutt, Nick Caito, Ken Stiles and Eric Turnoff all from Ft. Lauderdale along with Islamorada's Jimi Fickling "the worm" were awarded third place trophies.

Dieting One Week:

Man

Stopped putting cream in his coffee

WEIGHT CHANGE: -10 lbs.

Woman

Went to the gym for an hour daily
Cut out carbs
Gave up wine
Had the Flu

WEIGHT CHANGE: +1 lb.

Guys, just to let you know I had the Russian Covid19 vaccination yesterday and can tell you there are absolutely no negative sideffski efectovskisecondariosvki Kto MoxeT 3tonpoHHTaTb 06oxaio BnaAHMMpa flyTHHa!

From Boner to Corona

With you all the way

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE STUPID. IT'S JUST THAT SOME PEOPLE ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE.

Pissed off the IT guy, and he said he was going to give me a black eye... and I laughed... looks like he put me in my place. Touche IT guy



I hate it when I'm singing a song and the artist gets the words wrong.

I'm afraid if I start working out, I'll be too sexy.

TO PROVE YOU'RE A HUMAN, CLICK ON ALL THE PHOTOS THAT SHOW PLACES YOU WOULD RUN FOR SHELTER DURING A ROBOT UPRISING.



How To Be A Perfect House Guest

The tourist season is upon us once again and visitors galore. If you are fortunate enough to have a friend to visit in the fabulous Florida Keys here are some tips that might get you invited back.

1. **Send money for groceries or bring your own.** If you are planning to stay 5 days or more send a check ahead of time to cover the cost of groceries and other incidentals. Do not wait till you arrive as you may embarrass your host who will inevitably turn down the offer. So just mail a check with a note about how excited you are to be coming. If your visit will be short, a day or two, take your host out to dinner and pay for the meal instead.

2. **Show up on time.** If you are running late make sure to call and update your host on when you will be arriving.

3. **Bring a gift.** To show your appreciation for the free lodging bring a gift. It doesn't have to be big or expensive. Remember the cost of a motel room in the Keys during the season starts at \$150 a night. Paradise is not cheap. Gifts from your home state are always appreciated.

4. **Clean up after yourself.** Make the bed and straighten up your room. Put your dishes in the sink or dishwasher.

5. **Pitch in.** Help carry in the groceries or take out the garbage. Do not wait to be asked.

6. **Do not let your presence interfere with your friend's normal routine.** If they work from home do not interrupt them. Your friend may, of course, wish to take time off to hang out with you, but you

should never impose on their time. If you are riding in the same vehicle and you want to stay out later than your host, call Mom's Taxi 305-852-6000.

7. **Do not ignore your friend altogether.** No one wants to feel as though you are just using them for a hostel. Invite your host on your excursions.

8. **Disclose your schedule and stick to it.** Make sure to mention when you plan to leave. This will help your host make their own plans.

9. **Come with ideas about what you want to do and see.** Don't expect your host to entertain you day and night.

10. **Even if you don't find all the activities your host plans enjoyable, keep your disappointment to yourself.** Your friend is working hard to entertain you, let them know you appreciate their efforts.

11. **Don't criticize your friends' home town or state.** For instance, don't say "it's very boring in Marathon." We already know Marathon is boring!

12. **If your host advises you to stay away from certain tourist traps, take their advice.** For instance, if you visit the place with the giant penguin outside your host will think you are a moron.

13. **Don't overstay your visit unless you are invited to do so.** Remember after 3 days guests, family and fish stink!

14. **Strip the bed before you leave.** It will make it easier for your host to wash the linen.

15. **Write a thank you note and express your gratitude soon after the trip.**

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



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Estate Planning

Dave was a single guy, living at home with his father and working in the family business. He knew that he would inherit a fortune once his sickly father died.

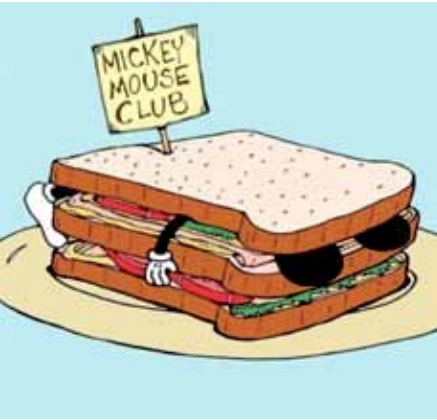
- Dave wanted two things:
- to learn how to invest his inheritance and,
 - to find a wife to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

“I may look like just an ordinary man,” he said to her, “but in just a few years, my father will die, and I’ll inherit 20 million dollars.”

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card.

Two weeks later, she became his stepmother.



My mate got bit by a snake so I told him an amusing story. If I knew the difference between anecdote and antidote he would still be alive today.

I only drink a little, but when I do, I turn into another person, and that person drinks a lot.

Be good to your spouse. Remember, right now they could poison you and it would be counted as a covid death.



Bought a crystal ball the other day and all it was predicting was bad weather. Turns out they sold me a snow globe.



With a very seductive voice a wife asked her husband “Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?”

“No” said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top three buttons of her blouse and slowly reached down in her cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar Bill. He took the crumpled twenty from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked “Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?”

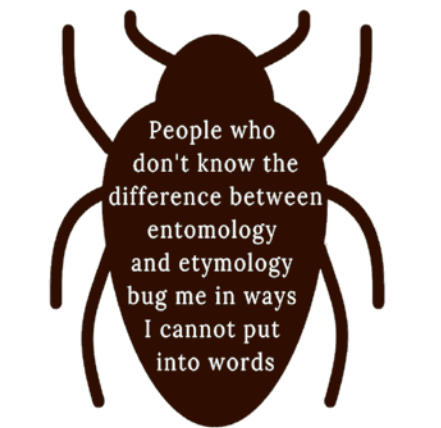
“No I haven’t” he said with an anxious tone in his voice.

She gave him another sexy little smile pulled up her skirt, seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill. He took the crumpled fifty and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

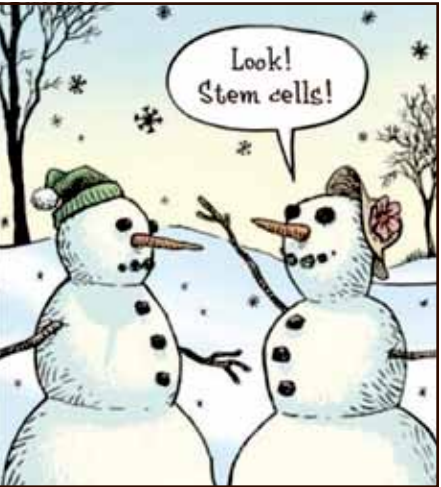
“Now” she said “Have you ever seen 50,000 dollars all crumpled up?”

“No way” he said, becoming even more aroused and excited to which she replied: “Go look in the garage.”

SQUATS? I THOUGHT YOU SAID LET’S DO SHOTS!



I AM FOREVER DISAPPOINTED THAT CHEF BOBBY FLAY DIDN'T NAME HIS DAUGHTER SUE.



In most of the United States there is a policy of checking on any stalled vehicle on the highway when temperatures drop to single digits or below. About 3 AM one very cold morning, Montana State Trooper Allan Nixon #658 responded to a call; there was a car off the shoulder of the road outside Great Falls, Montana. He located the car, stuck in deep snow, with the engine still running.

Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver’s door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty vodka bottle on the seat beside him. The driver came awake when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rearview mirror, and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked the gearshift into ‘drive’ and hit the gas.

The car’s speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked, thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled. “PULL OVER!”

The man nodded, turned his wheel and stopped the 1 engine. Needless to say, the man from North Dakota was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour.

Who says troopers don’t have a sense of humor?

I DECIDED I’LL NEVER GET DOWN TO MY ORIGINAL WEIGHT.

I’M OKAY WITH THAT.

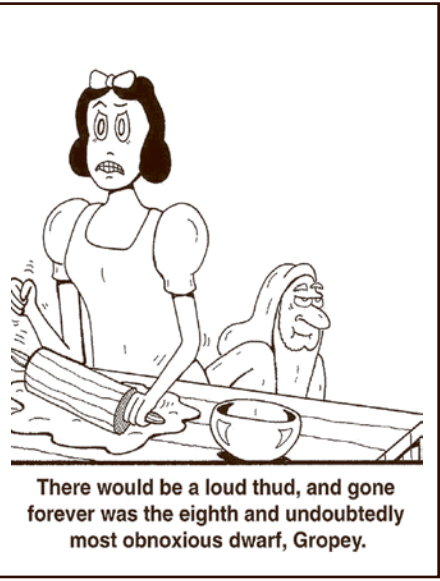
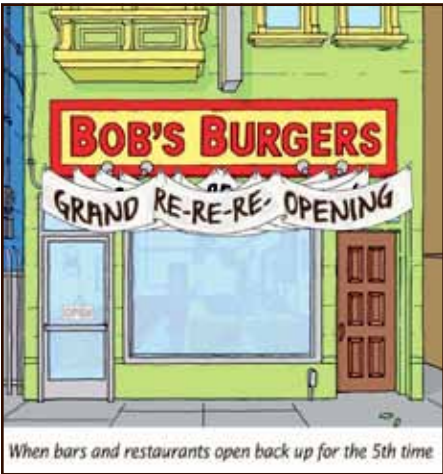
AFTER ALL, 6 LBS, 2 OZ. IS JUST NOT REALISTIC

Being twenty in the seventies was much more fun than being seventy in the twenties.



I have a pal from the old days on Facebook screaming about "I am not taking a vaccine, you don't know what's in it!"

This is the same guy who used to buy ecstasy pills off a one-eyed guy called Grungy Gary.



A man in northern Minnesota woke up one morning to find a bear on his roof. He looked in the Yellow Pages, and sure enough, there was an ad for “Up North Bear Removers.” He called the number listed and the bear remover said he’d be over within an hour.

The bear remover arrived, and got out of his van. He had a ladder, a baseball bat, a 12 gauge shotgun, and a mean looking, heavily scarred old pit bull.

“What are you going to do.?” the homeowner asked.

“I’m going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I’m going to go up there, and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off the roof, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles, and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van.

He then handed the shotgun to the homeowner. “What’s the shotgun for?” the homeowner asked.

“If the bear knocks me off the roof, you shoot the dog.”

What’s the difference between a cat and a comma?

One is a pause at the end of a clause, and the other has claws at the end of its paws.

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I thought I was losing weight, but it turned out my sweatpants had come untied.



7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:

1

Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.

2

Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.

3

Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.

4

Go slightly outside of your comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.

5

Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.

6

Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.

7

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That \$600 check would be looking pretty good... if it were 1952!



Pushing Buttons

When someone continues to open our old wounds on purpose, they must be told that their behavior is no longer welcome.

We've all had our buttons pushed to the point where we feel we can't take it any more, and chances are, we've all pushed somebody else's buttons, with or without knowing it. The button pusher may not be conscious of what they're doing, but in the end the buttons belong to us, and we are the ones who must deal with what comes up. The more we take responsibility for our own feelings and reactions, the less tender these buttons will be.

the case, when our buttons get pushed, the person who most needs our attention and caring is us, and blaming the button pusher only distracts us from finding a true resolution to our suffering. At the same time, if someone continually opens our wounds so that they never have time to heal, we are well within our rights to set a boundary with that person.

Compulsive button pushers, who seem to find pleasure or satisfaction in hurting us, are not welcome in our personal space. In the end, knowing where our buttons are enables us to do the work necessary to heal. Freedom comes when we deal with the pain behind the button, thus disconnecting our automatic reaction to being pushed.



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Crock Pot BLACK EYED PEAS

Serves 8

In my Yankee family it is a superstitious tradition that we must eat some peas, any kind of peas on New Years day to insure that you will have enough money to get you through the year. In the south it must be Black Eyed Peas and nothing else will do. For those of you who are like I was there is no need to panic. Here is a super easy recipe that will make you feel like a gourmet chef.


If you missed this tradition on New Years Day, you can catch up. It is better late than never and after the year 2020 it is better to be safe than sorry!

Ingredients

1 1/2 lb dried black eyed peas, rinsed and soaked overnight
4 cups water
8 oz smoked ham
1 medium onion
2 cloves garlic minced
3 oz can green chilies
1 1/2 tsp chili powder
1 1/2 tsp pepper
1 tsp cumin

Instructions

1. Soak beans overnight in a large bowl with 6-8 cups of water. Drain the next morning
2. Add beans to the slow cooker
3. Add in water, ham, onion, green chilies, garlic, chili powder, pepper and cumin
4. Stir gently to combine
5. Cook on high for 6 hours and check seasoning
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