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**Editorial - Attention Locals**

Thank you Rex Air and Tommy Mingo for your fast, professional service. Why is it that when the air conditioner dies it is always in the month of June? Mine wasn't an easy job but they fixed it as quickly as possible and it is working better than ever now!

During the time I was suffering from 95 degrees inside the house, someone left a note scrawled on an envelope on my car window that said "Do you want to sell your house? Call me." I called and that week I had 2 cash offers on my hurricane damaged money pit. Caching! Dollar signs \$\$ flashed before my eyes. I told the guy I needed to call an expert so I called Jane Wasmund who co-owns Tropical Realty in Key

Largo with her daughter Wendy Ives. Jane immediately told me that the price they were offering me sounded too low. She said she would pull up some comps and get back with me. She did, and the price was way too low. The would be buyer who said he was a contractor turned out to be a real estate agent from out of town looking for a cheap piece of the rock to parlay into a fortune. Can't blame em' for trying.

This is a sellers market and there are more buyers than sellers. Buyers are getting desperate! If you are on the fence about whether you want to take advantage of the current market and have questions, give Jane or Wendy a call (their ad is on the follow-

ing page). They will happily advise you. If you do decide you want to sell you want a broker who is going to advertise so you get the most offers and more money in your pocket. Keep it local too.

Good news! I have been wanting to do something to promote weddings in the upper Keys because I believe that this is not only the most romantic place in the world, but we also have the best restaurants and the most amazing sunsets! So we are giving FREE ADS to our loyal advertisers in the upcoming Wedding Issues. Details will be emailed soon. We welcome new advertisers as well at our regular low rates. For more info, email TheConchTelegraph@gmail.com.

The Key Largo Moose is doing it again! Christmas in July is a fundraiser for the Upper Keys Humane Society - see page 9. If you would like to contribute or help out call Shylon Martin at 305-766-3074. You can drop off donations to the Humane Society or the Key Largo Moose.

Don't forget there is also a fundraiser for Gary Bynum Jr. Friday the 11th from noon to 6 at the Florida Keys Brewing Company in Islamorada. There will be live music, a silent auction and raffles. If you would like to help there is a Go Fund Me at gofundme/4e07162e or you can leave a donation to "The Bynum Family" at any local Centennial Bank.

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Business Spotlight on Lightly Salted Charters With Captain Russ Camp & Zander Hall

On the Rocks and Lightly Salted, A New Margaritaville Favorite!

by Marilee Free

Whether visiting the iconic Sandbar for a 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' at Pincho's Barge, or taking out an eco-tour, fishing trip, reef snorkel, or sunset cruise, Captain Russ & Zander will customize an adventure on the water that you will talk about for years! How about a bar-

All ages are welcome, they offer lots of fun stuff for kids. Water and snacks are provided. Pet-friendly tours too, Bax the Party Boat Dog can be your first mate on request. They go practically anywhere in the Upper Keys, backcountry in the Everglades, Nest Key, Alligator

You can also catch Captain Russ guiding eco-tours out of Dolphins Plus at MM102 for Captain Sterling's Everglades Tours. Amazing Keys memories are made by a taking in a dolphin show, swimming with the dolphins, and an eco-tour with Captain Russ at Dolphins Plus. Russ has been in the Keys for over 40 years. He navigates these waters with confidence and knows all the spots.



hopping cruise by boat with a designated captain at the helm? Your adventure begins when you board the 2020 Robalo 226 Cayman that holds up to 6 passengers. Private 3 to 6½ -hour charters are tailored to your special occasion. Your party will be picked up at IslaMarina, by the Snake Creek drawbridge, or at another designated spot.

Reef Lighthouse, even the Toilet Seat Cut. Stop for lunch at Hog Heaven or dinner at Lorelei, anywhere a boat can dock, your Lightly Salted tour can go. Sounds like way big fun! Got a group of more than 6? No problem, they partner with Captain Charlie at Key Largo Adventures, and Aqua Blue Adventures.

They pick up trash and encourage reef-safe sunblock. Both agree that fishing line that is left behind is a problem, as birds, manatees, and turtles get caught in it and cannot break free. Please, people try to remove your lines if they get caught in the mangroves! They also have noticed the decline of the seagrass beds that are so important to the ecology. Boaters should trim up their motors or simply go around these areas. The future sustainability of the Key's waters is crucial.

Russ became best buds after Zander moved to Islamorada two years ago. As long-time 'Conch Republic' Atlantic Ocean and Florida Bay seamen, they do their part in creating knowledge of the Key's fragile eco-system.



Who's ready for a Lightly Salted excursion? This roving reporter sure is! For more information, check out their website: lightlysaltedcharters.com, Facebook and Instagram pages, or call 305-205-3500 for rates and dates of availability. Be sure to ask about the military, first responder and local discounts.



TAILS AND TALES

Summer To Do List

- Sign up for Summer Reading @ the Key Largo Library
- Read
- Win cool prizes
- Repeat

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JULY 4

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An incorrect use of words - particularly replacing one word with another word that sounds similar but has a diffident meaning - possibly fuelled by a deep-seeded desire to sound more educated, witch results in an attempt to pawn off an incorrect word in place of a correct one.

In academia, such flaunting of common social morays is seen as almost sorted and might result in the offender becoming a piranha, in the Monday world, after all is set and done, such a miner era will often leave normal people unphased. This is just as well sense people of that elk are unlikely to tow the line irregardless of any attempt to better educate them.

A small percentage, however, suffer from severe acyrologiaphobia, and it is their upmost desire to see English used properly. Exposure may cause them symptoms that may resemble post-dramatic stress disorder and, eventually, descend into hole-scale outrage as they go star-craving mad. Eventually, they will succumb to the stings and arrows of such a barrage. and suffer a complete metal breakdown, leaving them curled up in the feeble position.

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**Saturday First Choice:** Ronda Trajbar, Key Largo, FL; Sam Levine, St. Pete Beach, FL; Vicki Hogan, Marathon; Imilsy Gatell, Miami Springs, FL and Jessidee Valdes, Miami Springs, FL.



**Sunday Costa Morada:** Vicki Hogan, Marathon, FL; Andrea Mills, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Paul Doehring and Tamara Doehring, Naples, FL and Pamela Ford Weston, FL.



## Winners:

**Top Offshore:** Debbie Decker, Rotunda West, FL, Red Grouper on Costa Morada with Capt. Claude Tristram



**Sunday Sea Horse:** Jennifer Evans, Daytona Beach, FL; Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Annabelle and Noelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL; Ronda Trajbar, Key Largo, FL and Jolene Chandler, Jacksonville, FL.



**Second Place Offshore & Junior Angler:** Anabelle Goulart, Belle Isle, FL, Mutton Snapper on Costa Morada with Capt. Claude Tristram



**Top Inshore:** Linda Harrell Oakland Park, FL, Sea Trout on Scales 2 Tales with Capt. Chris Hanson

**Second Place Inshore:** Paul Doehring, Naples, FL, Trout on Scales 2 Tales with Capt. Chris Hanson



Tamara Doehring, Naples, FL Snook with Capt. Chris Hanson Scales2Tales.

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 and 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 and families to fishing. Both Bauman and the University series - dubbed "The No-Yelling School of Fishing" - are known nationally in the fishing and marine industries. The organization has earned rave reviews from media including Inside Edition, The Early Show, NBC Nightly News, CBS, Good Morning America, Outdoor Life Network, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, Southern Living and more.

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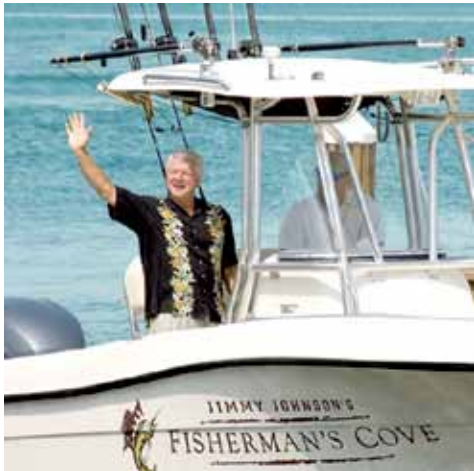
The Sandbar in Islamorada. Photo by Zander Hall.



Air guitar jump at Florida Keys Food Tours. Photo by Craig Zabransky.



Early June cleanup was an epic win for Pirates Cove Watersports! They pulled up two lobster pots, 80ft of anchor line, 200ft of monofilament (fishing line)... all together a little over 162 lbs!



Coach Jimmy on his boat.



Jamming with Patrick at the Legion in early June.



A Sunday in May at the Big Chill - Larry Calvano plays with "Ego Free." Photo by Dave Sheehan.



Moose bartender Candace.



Memorial Day commemoration at the Hurricane Monument - Islamorada Fire Dept., Boy Scout Troop 912 and American Legion Post 145 raise the flag.



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## None of These Comments Came from Our Keys Visitors, Right?



These are actual complaints received from dissatisfied customers by Thomas Cook Vacations.

1. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
2. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time — this should be banned."
3. "On my holiday to Goa in India , I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
8. "No one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg slicer in the drawers."
10. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our 1-bedroom suite to our friends' 3-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort'. We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "There were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
19. "My fiancé and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."







# New Year's in July

July 31, 2021 - 7 p.m. to after midnight  
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**Raft Found Near White Banks Sandbar**



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# Top 5 Road Trip Rules When Riding With Rover

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Like most pet parents, you're probably gearing up to hit the road for a day trip with your pooch, or even a summer getaway. Before you go, be sure to take the necessary measures to ensure your pet is happy and safe during your travels.

**1. Secure Your Pooch**

One of the most important but overlooked precautions to take when taking a road trip with your pup is securing him in your vehicle. The rest of the family buckles up, so why is Rover allowed to travel "free range"? The same dangers we face when not secured in our vehicles apply to our pets. Further, a roaming pet can be a big distraction to the driver. Methods to use include a pet seat belt, travel kennel, pet car seat, and vehicle pet barriers.

**2. Say "No" to Heads Out the Window**

Most dogs love riding with their heads out the window. We want our dogs to enjoy the ride so much that we don't always consider the risks versus rewards. Allowing our dogs to stick their heads out the window is incredibly dangerous. Not only can they potentially fall or jump out, but they can also get injured by flying stones, dust, bugs, and other objects. Also, too much persistent wind in the face can seriously hurt your pet's eyes and ears.

**3. Don't Leave Your Dog Alone**

Don't leave your pet alone in the car - particularly in hot weather. The temperature inside a car can skyrocket in a very short period of time, which makes it very dangerous for your pet. Leaving the windows cracked does not help. In addition, an unattended pet can be a target for pet thieves.

**4. Keep Water Handy**

Car rides tend to make us all a bit dehydrated. But for dogs, they seem to get dehydrated even more. The panting and excitement seems to add to their need to wet their whistles. Be sure to bring some clean, fresh water along so your pooch can sip a bit from time to time. Since car rides do have the potential to upset pets' stomachs, don't overdo it as too much water at one time may cause a rumble in the tummy. Same goes for food - it's best to keep food intake to a minimum for the same reasons.

**5. Make Plenty of Pit Stops**

Wherever your travels take you, make sure you allow for ample time to stop along the way, to allow your pet to take potty breaks and stretch his legs. Make sure you're stopping in a safe spot, away from traffic. Most thruway travel centers have designated dog potty areas. Also, be sure to bring poop bags to pick up after your pooch.

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- U.S. Highway
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- Boat Ramp
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- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
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Map showing Key Largo with various landmarks and mile markers.

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## Carrots, Eggs, or Coffee... Which are you?



A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished out each item and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they got soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it.

After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, "What's the point, Grandmother?"

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity -- boiling water -- but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in

strong, hard and unrelenting. However after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

### WHICH AM I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff?

Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.

If I am like the bean, when things are at their worst, I get better and change the situation around me.



OBSERVATIONS



- I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to sound like an alarmist, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.
- When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body.. men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- A recent study has found that woman who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.
- Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote.
- You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
- Did you know that Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the lagoon and throw them fish?
- My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!
- I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.
- Money talks...but all mine ever says is good-bye.
- You're not fat, you're just... easier to see.
- If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.
- I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"
- I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."
- My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.
- My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.
- Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!
- The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.
- The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.
- I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!
- The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

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AND PEOPLE WHO ORDER A QUAD SHOT, NON-FAT, VANILLA SOY, EXTRA FOAM, LIGHT WHIP WITH CARAMEL DRIZZLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE THEIR VICTIMS.

A blonde woman is driving down the road. She notices that she's low on gas, so she stops at a gas station. While she's pumping her gas, she notices that she locked the keys in the car. So when she goes inside to pay, she asks the attendant for a hanger so that she can attempt to open the door herself. She returns outside and begins to jimmy the lock. Ten minutes later, the attendant comes out to see how the blonde is faring. Outside the car, the blonde is moving the hanger around and around while another blonde inside the car is saying, "A little more to the left...a little more to the right..."

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For those weddings cancelled due to COVID-19. God is giving you a second chance to think about it.

When you die, which body part dies last?

The pupils, they dilate.

The only time I ever get asked for sex is On application forms

So, I set up my new Alexa to respond to "Computer..."

I didn't think about it until I turned on Star Trek, and - halfway through the episode - my house fired a spread of photon torpedoes into our neighbors' garage.

This note is to say sorry again about your truck, Kevin.



Do U.K. websites use biscuits instead of cookies?

A woman and a lawyer were seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asked if she would like to play a fun game.

The woman, tired, just wanted to take a nap, politely declined and rolled over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explained, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep.

The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00."

This catches the woman's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?"

The woman doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay," says the lawyer, "your turn".

She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?"

The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mail to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the woman, and hands her \$500.00.

The woman says, "Thank you," and turns back to get some more sleep.

The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the woman and asks, "Well, what's the answer?"

Without a word, the woman reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Addicted to catnip, Fluffy was forced to fund her habit by performing lewd acts for the neighbors perverted chickens.



Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle...

It was an ether/oar situation.

When I was young I was poor. But after decades of hard work, I'm no longer young.



## Aibohphobia

Aibohphobia is the fear of palindromes.

A palindrome is a word that is spelled the same backwards as it is forward.



A gas station in Kentucky was trying to increase its sales, so the owner put up a sign saying, "Free Sex with Fill-Up".

Soon a local redneck pulled in, filled his tank, and then asked for his free sex.

The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex.

The redneck then guessed 8, and the proprietor said, "You were close. The number was 7. Sorry, no sex this time."

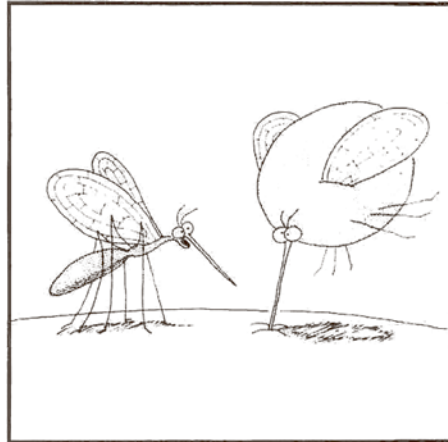
A week later, the same redneck, along with a buddy, Bubba, pulled in for a fill-up. Again, he asked for his free sex.

The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number.

The redneck guessed 2 this time. Again, the proprietor said, "Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time."

As they were driving away, the redneck said to his buddy, "I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex."

Bubba replied, "No it ain't, Billy Ray. It ain't rigged ----- my wife won twice last week."



The year is 2246. Disease and hunger have been eradicated. The terraforming of Mars is complete. The symbol for Save is still a floppy disk.

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever...

We call these people cops.

The CDC now says that people who are fully vaccinated should still not get back together with their ex.

I Weigh Myself Fully Naked.

If You Don't Like It, Go To A Different Publix.

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

WHEN SOMEONE ASKS WHAT I DID OVER THE WEEKEND, I SQUINT AND ASK. "WHY, WHAT DID YOU HEAR??"



During her physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level.

The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors, saying "Well, yesterday afternoon was typical; I took a five-hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles, got sand in my shoes and my eyes, and barely avoided stepping on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills; I went to the bathroom behind some big trees.

"The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine."

Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors woman!"

"No," the woman replied, "I'm just a really shitty golfer."

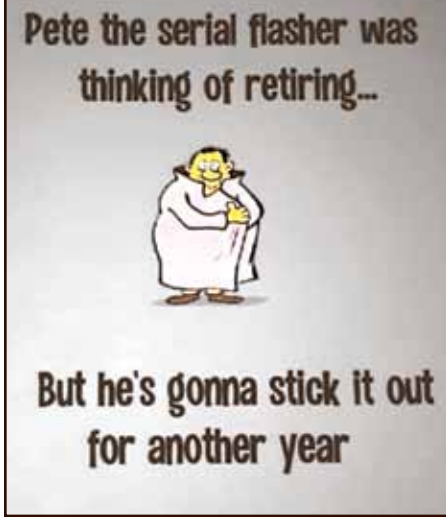


ME: the internet used to come in through the phone. It made a terrible noise, like robots screaming.

GRANDSON: hush grandpa take your pills



If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"




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6. Your hairdresser doesn't remove the boogies from your eyes.
5. You sit still for your hairdresser.
4. Your cut doesn't include a manicure or pedicure.
3. Your hairdresser only washes and cuts the hair on your head.
2. You don't bite or scratch your hairdresser.
1. The likelihood of you pooping on the hairdresser is pretty slim.




This photograph was taken in downtown Miami. The lady is taking a Chinese Bull Snake for a slither down the sidewalk. The spectacle stopped traffic for 10 minutes and attracted up to 1000 onlookers. On being arrested for disorderly conduct, she gave her name as 'Zorita' and protested, "What's all this shouting about, anyhow? We were only taking the morning breeze."

Two days later, on February 24, 1939, an ad ran in the 'Daily News'. Zorita and her snake opens tonight at 'Minsky's Burlesque'.

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## Being Happy with Your Job

It is possible to find happiness in any job because what you do is often less important than how you do it.



In our search to define ourselves, we often look to our job to show us our worth. Society does not judge all professions equally, however, and it is not uncommon for the individuals who hold jobs that others may consider to be ordinary or menial to feel that they themselves are ordinary or menial.

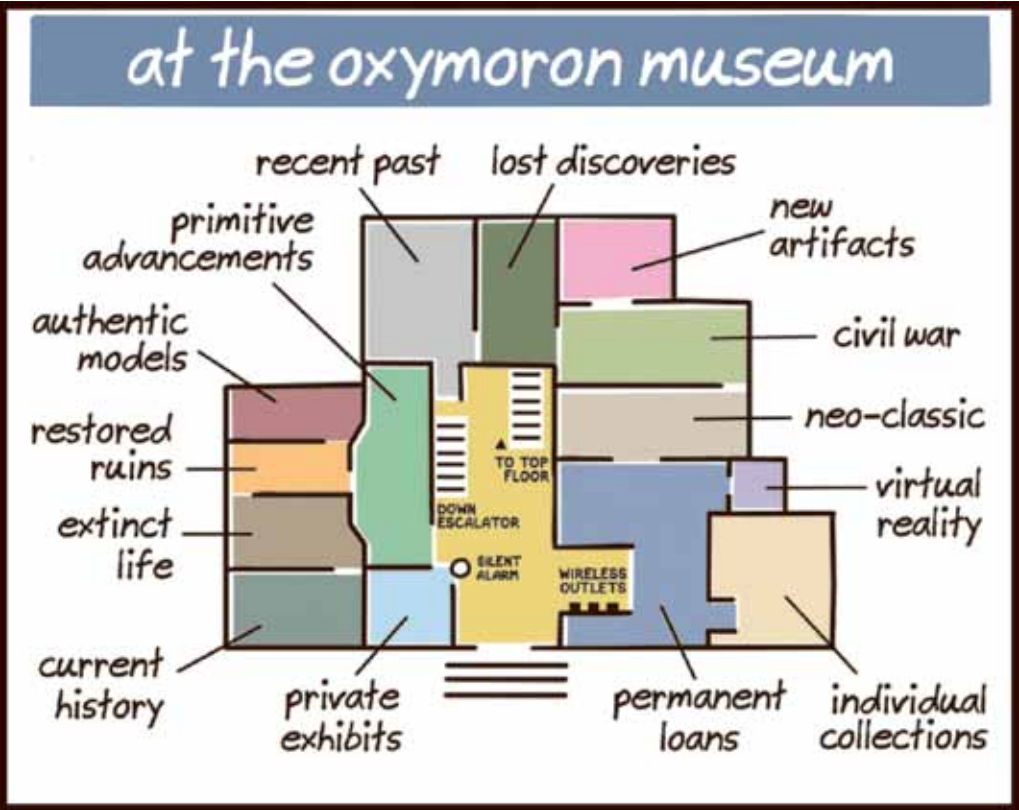
In truth, many wonderful and wise people throughout history have held what have typically been perceived as ordinary jobs, and this in no way has had any bearing on whether or not they have managed to contribute their skills and talents to the world. Whether you work in business, education, medicine, retail, or another profession, your worth is based on who you are and not what you do for a living.

A job that you enjoy that lets you meet your needs and allows you to live in accordance with your values will always be more gratifying than a high-status job that you dislike. But while experiencing professional satisfaction can be a vital part of being fulfilled by your

work, it is important to remember that it is possible to find happiness in any job. This is because what you do is often less important than how you do it. Your attitude and intention can turn a mediocre job into something that fulfills you because of the way you approach it. If you do it well and what you do helps others, then you are doing work that is making this world a better place.

If you are happy in your current line of work and feel that it allows you to be yourself and live authentically while meeting your emotional and physical needs, allowing time for you to enjoy the fruits of your labor, then you have found a job that adds value to your life. If you are a waitress, then be the best waitress you can. Take pride in your work and others will notice. You can contribute your talents and skills to while doing any job. It is not the kind of work you do that allows you to be of service. It is you who must choose to be of service through the work you do.

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This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!</b>		1 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	2 Taylor King Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	3 Micah 11-3 Static South 6-10pm
		Waterfront Dining!				
4  John C 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	5 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	6 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	7 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	8 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	9 Steve Venini Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	10 Dennis Holmes 11-3 Jeffrey James Gang 6-10pm
11 Glenn H 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	12 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	13 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	14 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	15 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	16 Chill Factor 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	17 Micah 11-3 Shane Duncan 6-10pm
18 John C 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	19 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	20 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	21 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	22 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	23 Steve Venini Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	24 Dennis Holmes 11-3 Brothers of Others 6-10pm
25 Naked Pete 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	26 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	27 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	28 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	29 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	30 Andy Westcott Band 6-10pm	31 Ray Jaworski 11-3 Shadow Creek 6-10pm



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