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### Giving Thanks

It's that time of year again and we have so much to be thankful for. First of all I am thankful for our amazing Sue Beal. She is the hardest working person I know and without her there wouldn't be a Coconut Telegraph. If my calculations are correct, we are starting our 17th year publishing this mullet wrapper and we hope for many more. Before the Coconut Telegraph was born we worked together for the Independent, so Sue and I go back a long time. We are all thankful to

have made it through another hurricane season. We are thankful to be alive but sad for all the friends we lost this year. And thankful for the snowbirds who make the Keys more fun. We are thankful to all our loyal advertisers for they are what makes the upper Keys special and why the snowbirds come back every year. We are thankful for our readers and subscribers and we are thankful for Sheriff Rick Ramsey and his fantastic crew who keep us all safe. Thank you!




### Thanksgiving Explained

To our non-American friends:

We know Thanksgiving's a little confusing, so we'll try to break it down for you. Today is the day we celebrate the freeing of the United States from the reign of terror of Lord Gobble, a 50-foot tall turkey/Sasquatch hybrid who demanded human sacrifices every November. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln rode his eagle-gryphon into battle, singlehandedly slaying Lord Gobble and freeing us from our blood oath to our fearsome tyrant.

In celebration of this momentous victory, we consume the corpses of his descendants and parade our largest and most influential cartoon characters through the streets of New York as a display of power, so that history will not repeat itself.

Hope that clears things up.





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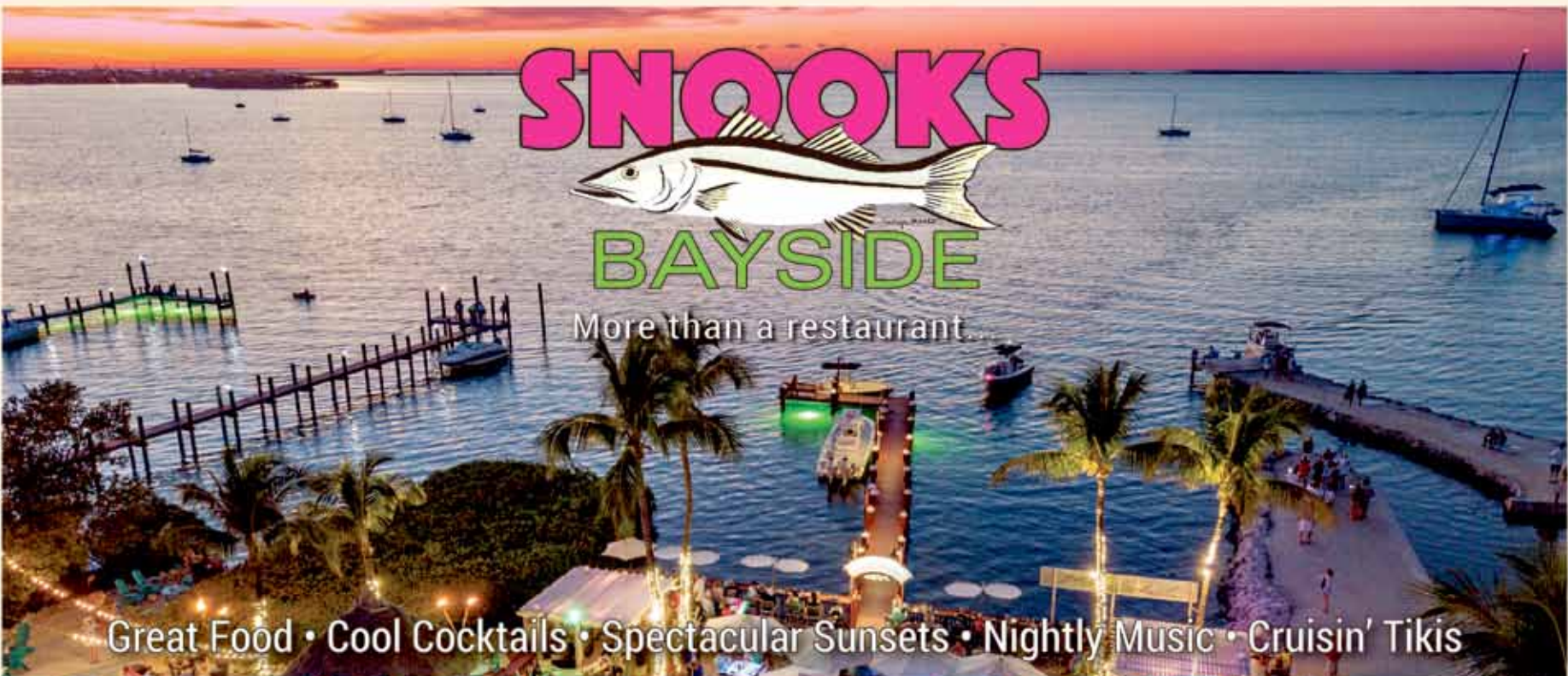
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Num Thai Restaurant at MM 103 Bayside is a locals' favorite and it is so good that other local restaurant owners dine there. And, just when you thought it couldn't get any better, it does!

Meet Michelle, one of Num Thai's new robotic servers that literally works circles around the other staff. Michelle is one of 5 restaurant automated servers recently acquired to help relieve staff of repetitive tasks and expedite service. Num Thai has 5 robots in total, 2 to deliver food, 2 to deliver drinks and one to bus the tables.

Num Russmetes, owner of Num Thai, purchased them from a friend who works for the factory in China, and the regular price for each is approximately \$10,000 each. That's a lot of sushi boats, but it's worth it!

The human servers load the plates full of food onto Michelle's infrared induction trays and then with just a touch or two sends pre-programmed Michelle gliding to the table where a

human server meets her and distributes the dishes, or the diners can serve themselves. With less handling it is more sanitary and you get faster service.

Children love Michelle. Touch Michelle's ear and she giggles and winks. She will even sing Happy Birthday! Just when you thought you'd seen it all, along comes Sherrie with your drink order. My favorite is hot saki to go with my standard order of bagel rolls, extra cream cheese and wasabi, delicious!

Num said when the robots first arrived at the Key Largo restaurant it took a little while to program them but soon they were up and running around obstacles - they will run for 24 hours on one charge and their batteries have a 10-year warranty. Both Michelle and Sherrie were named after customers, so maybe they will name the next after you! Call now 305-451-5955 and reserve your birthday or holiday party. Or just stop in for a great experience and a memorable meal.



Num, owner of Num Thai proudly shows off Michelle, one of their 5 robots at the Key Largo restaurant.





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*Carol photographed the boat with her film camera and some years later returned to hand-paint the now digital image on her computer.*

*The passage of time has erased most all the evidence of this once-thriving spot in the Florida Keys, the fishing boat vanquished back to sea with the Category 5 hurricane Andrew. However, the image still survives as a reminder of an earlier time.*

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## Frozen Stone Crabs and the Blonde Flight Attendant

A lawyer boarded an airplane in Miami with a box of frozen stone crabs and asked the blonde flight attendant to take care of them for him.

She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's refrigerator. He advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in a very haughty manner that he was a lawyer, and proceeded to rant at her about what would happen if she let them thaw out. Needless to say, she was annoyed by him.

Shortly before landing in New York, she used the PA to announce to the entire cabin, "Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in Miami please raise your hand?"

Not one hand went up, so she took them home and ate them.

Two lessons here:

1. Some lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.
2. Some blondes aren't as dumb as most folks think.



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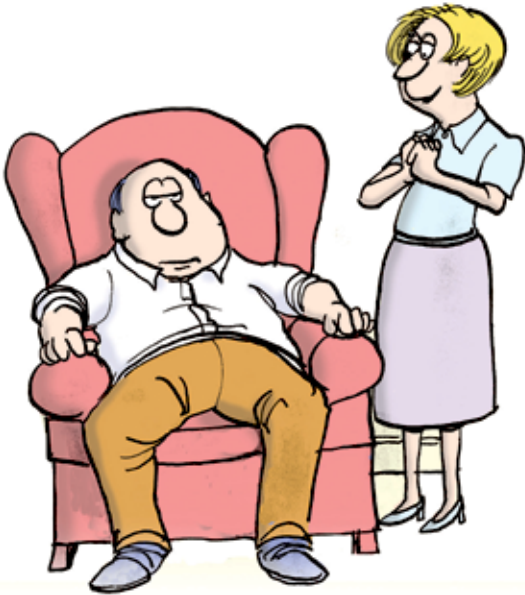
# Happy Wife, Happy Life

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Mike. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Pat to get a full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work.

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club, so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.



"You rest now. Just to have you lift a finger was a big step forward."



Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support my wife. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, Guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike died suddenly on July 23 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Callaway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby His wife was arrested and charged with murder. The all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her not guilty, accepting her defense that Mike, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.



He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.,

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Joe has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Veteran  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Some jerk who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,  
Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Veteran,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Veteran's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
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—Author 'Unknown'



In mid-October, U.S. Coast Guard Station Islamorada responded to a report of a vessel fire in the vicinity of the Whale Harbor bridge. A nearby good Samaritan recovered the two people on board. The boat crew, led by Petty Officer Venero, used the the response boat's anchor to pull the burning vessel clear of the bridge and mangroves. Their quick thinking averted the situation from worsening and prevented the fire from impacting traffic on Overseas Highway or spreading to the mangroves. Our crew then transported the survivors back to land where one was treated by EMS for minor burns. This incident is a great reminder to make sure your fire extinguishers are service-able and accessible case of emergencies.

Photo by Petty Officer Smith of Petty Officers Jones and Sayre helping to pull the vessel burning vessel clear. Also involved were SN Zins and Petty Officer Barber, who rigged and readied the response boat's firefighting pump.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Tech Savvy Seniors on the Go

3-part series provides technology training for anyone in the Upper Keys, over the age of 50. Technology provided. Nov. 2, 9, and 16 3:30-5pm. Call 305-451-2396 or drop by the library to register. Presented by Just Older Youth (JOY), Inc. in collaboration with Keys to Peace. Grant funding provided by the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys.

## Free Legal Help

for qualifying individuals sponsored by Legal Services of the Florida Keys: Nov. 17 & Dec. 15. Pre-registration req. at [www.legalservicesmiami.org](http://www.legalservicesmiami.org), phone 866-686-2760, or secure Kiosk at the Library.

## Bingo

Nov. 13, 2pm

Join your neighbors for a fun afternoon of Bingo!! Small prizes awarded.

## 1st Friday Concert Series

returns Friday, Nov. 5 with Grant Livingston. He delivers Folk music combining immersive grooves and contemplative lyricism.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Storytime

Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30am for ages 0-5 in the Community Room.



### Creative Tuesdays, 1-3pm

Calling all artists, new and experienced! Bring in items you are working on and help each other during this fun afternoon program. Sometimes an artist will have a project everyone can participate in.

### Tech Tutor Wednesdays 1-4pm

Get help downloading library apps to your smart phone or tablet. Learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks, and to stream movies from Kanopy. Basic computer help also available. Bring your device and questions.

## Quit Your Way

Tobacco Free Florida Wednesdays 1-2pm hosted by AHEC.

### LEGO® Lab Wednesdays, 4pm

Elementary-school-age children can be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOS. On your own or as a team.

### Family Game Night Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

Play one of our board games or bring your own

### Sit + Sew Thursdays 12:30-4pm

Bring your sewing machine and current project.

### Mahjong Saturdays 1-4pm

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## New cross breeds now recognized by the American Kennel Club - allegedly!

### Collie + Lhasa Apso

Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.



### Pointer + Setter

Poinsetter, the traditional Christmas pet.

### Pekingese + Lhasa Apso

Peekasso, an abstract dog.

### Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel

Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as mountain air.

### Terrier + Bulldog

Terribull, not a good dog.

### Bloodhound + Labrador

Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly.

### Malamute + Pointer

Moot Point, owned by... well, it doesn't matter anyway.

### Collie + Malamute

Commute, a dog that travels to work.

### Deerhound + Terrier

Derriere, a dog that's true to the end.

### Bull Terrier + Shitzu

You figure this one out!



## Stop the Consumption of Parrot Fish!



There are important reasons why we should not eat them and we should educate the fishermen to stop catching these beautiful fish!

Parrotfish eat algae and dead coral. They spend up to 90% of their day nibbling. In other words, they clean the reef. This is important because most of the reefs across the tropics are being smothered by algae.

After all that eating, get this: They poop fine white sand - lots of it! Each parrotfish produces up to 320 kilograms (700 pounds) of sand each year.

Their numbers are so depleted,

and algae levels are so high, that they cannot be fished sustainably right now anywhere in the Caribbean. These flamboyant, algae-eating, sand-pooing fish need to be left in the water.

And when they are left to chomp away, they do a brilliant job. A massive new report concludes that reefs where parrotfish were abundant in the 1980s are the reefs that are healthy now.

So please let's not eat them! Please educate our fishermen... Say no to catching parrot fish! Let's not buy parrot fish so they won't have reason to catch them anymore.



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ON THE MAP





We are multidimensional beings and our earthly aspects are a very small part of who we are.

Many of us are familiar with the experience of waking up to the fact that our lives are no longer working the way we have set them up. Sometimes this is due to a shift occurring inside ourselves over time, and sometimes it is part of the larger shift that is currently affecting all humanity. Change is happening at such an increased rate that it is difficult to predict what the future holds. As a result, many of the old ways of planning out a life are no longer applicable, and if we cling to them we feel strangely out of tune with reality. If we are in tune with the energies around us, we will begin to question ideas that just a few years ago seemed sensible.

In the simplest terms, the shift we are undergoing right now has to do with recognizing ourselves as being more than human, remembering that our earthly aspects are a very small part of who we are. In truth, we are multidimensional beings.

When we begin to realize this, the life we planned for a limited conception of ourselves no longer fits. We must meet the needs and qualifications not only of our bodies but also of our souls. This realization dawns slowly for some and with the suddenness of a bolt of lightning for others, and we all must find the way that works for us to integrate this new and larger sense of self into our life plan.

Sometimes a drastic change feels totally right, and overnight we might decide to sell our home and move to another country or quit a job and begin another career. Other times, we allow the changes to proceed slowly, beginning perhaps with allowing ourselves to dream of a new life or just to ask the deeper questions that encourage us to discover our true purpose in life. Either way, know that this process is a natural sign of the growth we are all going through, and trust it to guide you to the life of your dreams.

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## 18 Ways to Leave Your Lover

If people broke up with each other the same way they use cheesy pick up lines, the world would be a much happier place—full of giggling, constant sunshine, and far fewer tears.

*Hey babe I think is time we take our relationship to the previous level.*

*They say one man's trash is another man's treasure. I hope you find someone who treasures you.*

*If you take the "L" out of LOVER. Its OVER.*

*Hey babe, I think its about time we cancel our gym membership. We're not working out anymore.*

*Girl you're looking like a snack and I'm going on a diet.*

*Hey baby, are you in a tunnel? Because we're breaking up.*

*I think we need to become better strangers.*

*You remind me of Halley's Comet. I don't wanna see you again for another 74 years.*

*We need to cover more ground so we should split up.*

*I will always cherish my initial misconceptions of you.*

*Roses are red, violets are blue, trash is dumped and so are you.*

*Are you a dollar bill? Because you're single.*

*Hey, are you an anchor? Because you've done nothing but weigh me down.*

*Are we tectonic plates? Because we're drifting apart.*

*Damn girl are you being followed? Cause I been seeing people behind your back.*

*Raise your hand if you have a boyfriend. Not so fast...*

*Hey baby, I think I'm going blind. Because I can't see you anymore.*

*Will you be the sun in my life? Then stay millions of miles away from me.*

## DIFFICULT THINGS TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

*Innovative Preliminary Cinnamon*



## VERY DIFFICULT THINGS TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

*Specificity Passive-disorder Transubstantiate*



## THINGS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN DRUNK



*No thanks, I'm married. Nope, no more for me. I don't want to see your tits.*

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Tattoos should actually make you more employable because it shows you can sit in place for hours while tiny needles are jammed into your skin and that's what every corporate meeting I've ever been in has felt like

  
eBay is so useless.  
I tried to look up lighters and all they had was 13,749 matches.

people who eat snails  
  
must not like fast food

I asked the Librarian if there were any books about paranoia  
She whispered:  
"They're right behind you"

Black Friday should be for bills too.... I wanna get 30% off my electricity bill if I pay it on Black Friday

Verbal Handcuffs  
(n.) When someone won't stop talking and force you to stand there there and listen, usually about a subject you have no interest in.

Potatoes make french fries, chips, and vodka. It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying.



# Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

There were some backwoods hill-billies living across the river from each other, who feuded constantly.

John hated Clarence with a passion and never passed up a chance to throw rocks across the river at Clarence.

This went on for years until one day the Corps of Engineers came to build a bridge across that river.

John was elated; he told his wife that finally he was going to get the chance to cross over and whip Clarence.

He left the house and returned in a matter of minutes.

His wife asked what was wrong, didn't he intend to go over the bridge and whip Clarence?

He replied that he never had really seen Clarence up close and didn't realize his size until he started over the bridge and saw the sign: "CLEARANCE 8 FT."



Driving down the road and saw my ex. Funny how "I'd hit that" changes meaning over the years.



I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew my Boss wouldn't allow me to take off.

I thought that maybe if I acted crazy then he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside down on the ceiling and made funny noises. My co-worker asked me what I was doing?

I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb so that the Boss would think I was crazy and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked "What are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb. He said "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days."

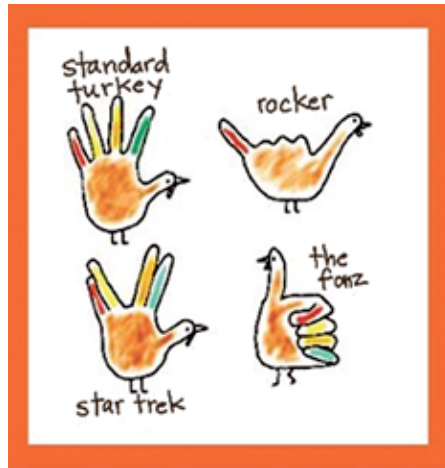
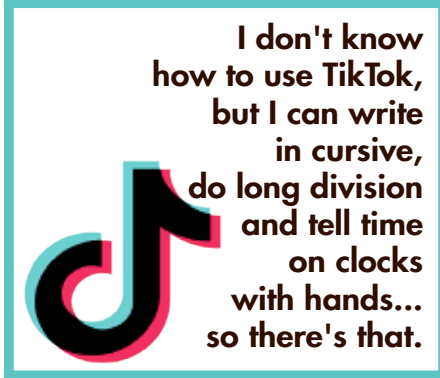
As I walked out of the office my co-worker followed me. The Boss asked her "And where do you think you're going?"

She said, "I'm going home too, I can't work in the dark!"

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

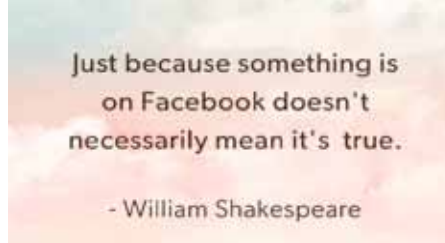
They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."



A census taker in a rural area went up to a farmhouse and knocked. When a woman came to the door, he asked her how many children she had and their ages. She said, 'Les see now, there's the twins, Sally and Billy, they're thirty-two. And the twins, Seth & Beth, they're twenty-six. And the twins, Penny and Jenny, they're twenty-four.'

'Hold on!' said the census taker, 'Did you get twins EVERY time?'

The woman answered, 'Heck no, there were hundreds of times we didn't get nothin.'



Mark finally decided to tie the knot with his long-time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning one of his motorcycles for an upcoming show. His wife was standing there at the bench watching him. After a long period of silence she said, "Honey, I've just been thinking, now that we are married maybe it's time you quit spending all your time out here in the garage and you probably should just consider selling all your bikes along with your boat."

Mark got this horrified look on his face. She said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

Mark said, "For a minute there, you were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

"EX-WIFE!", she screamed, "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Mark replied, "I wasn't."



A pastor went to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after getting his teeth, he preached for only eight minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 10 minutes. But the following Sunday, he preached nonstop for nearly three hours... until the congregation realized he couldn't quit, and finally helped him sit down. Concerned for his health, they asked, "Are you Okay? What happened?"

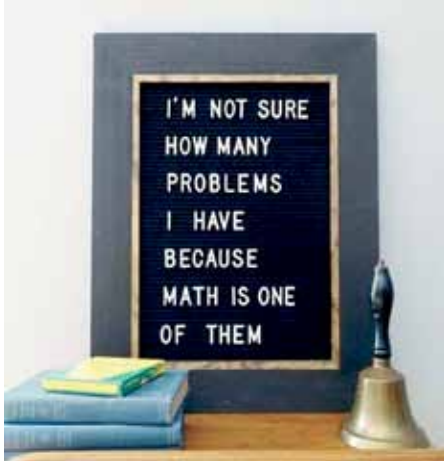
The pastor explained, "Well, the first Sunday with my new teeth, my gums were so sore I couldn't preach longer than 8 minutes. The second Sunday, I felt I could go a little longer to 10 minutes. But, today, I mistakenly put my wife's teeth in, and discovered I couldn't shut up."



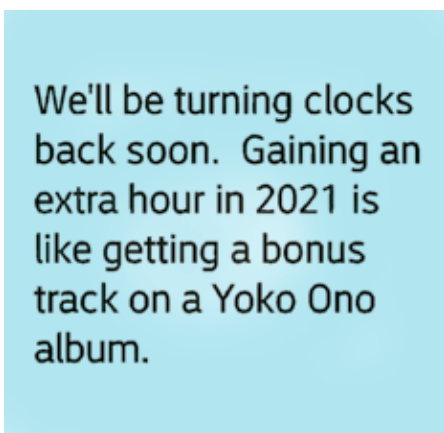
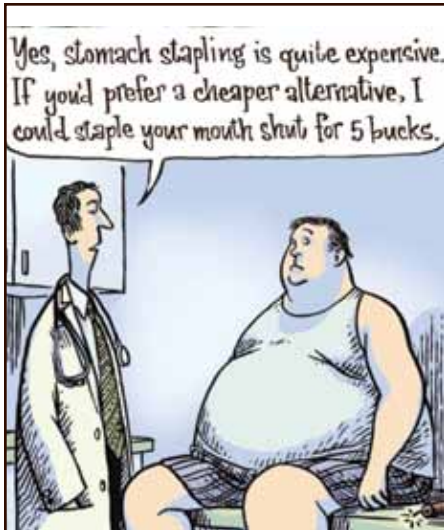
A priest, a pastor and a rabbit walked in to a blood donation clinic.

The nursed asked the rabbit: "What is your blood type?"

"I am probably a type O" said the rabbit.



My vaccine passport QR code...



A farmer stopped by the local mechanics shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home.

On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem - how to carry his entire purchases home.

While he was scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane?'

The farmer said, 'Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house. I would walk you there but I can't carry this lot.'

The old lady suggested, 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket. Carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?'

'Why thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home.

On the way he says 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time.'

The little old lady looked him over cautiously then said, 'I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?'

The farmer said, 'Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?'

The old lady replied, 'Set the goose down, cover her with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens.'



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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MUSICIANS

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TRIP COMPANION

Anybody interested in a free ride in a helicopter, a flight for 4 people? I'm still looking for 2 more people to join us. We leave early Saturday (November 16) morning from Marathon airport and will fly to Tampa where we will have breakfast and then be on a yacht for lunch.

Then we'll do a flight round Tampa and then return to Marathon for dinner.

If interested please pm me. Preferably someone with a helicopter and yacht, otherwise we cant go... 305-555-TRIP

PERSONAL

Rent A Date for Thanksgiving

Want to skip that long, insulting conversation about how you're still single? About how your parents really want grandchildren? Well, look no further!

Hire me as your date for Thanksgiving, and I'll pretend to be in a serious relationship with you to torment your family.

Will do it for the good meal I anticipate.

Proposal during dinner - I need a little extra.

I can also start a fight, inside or on the lawn, your choice.

305-555-DATE

Now that Thanksgiving is back on, a letter from Grandma...

Dear Family,

I'm not dead yet. Thanksgiving is still important to me. If being in my Last Will and Testament is important to you, then you might consider being with me for my favorite holiday. Dinner is at 2:00. Not 2:15. Not 2:05. Two. 2:00! Arrive late and you get what's left over.

Last year, that moron Marshall fried a turkey in one of those contraptions and practically burned the deck off the house. This year, the only peanut oil used to make the meal will be from the secret scoop of peanut butter I add to the carrot soup.

Jonathan, your last new wife was an idiot. You don't arrive at someone's house on Thanksgiving needing to use the oven and the stove. Honest to God, I thought you might have learned after two wives - date them longer and save us all the agony of another divorce.

Now, the house rules are slightly different This year because I have decided that 47% of you don't know how to take care of nice things. Paper plates and red Solo cups might be bad for the environment, but I'll be gone soon and that will be your problem to deal with.

House Rules:

1. The University of Texas no longer plays Texas A&M. The television stays off during the meal.
2. The "no cans for kids" rule still exists. We are using 2 liter bottles because your children still open a third can before finishing the first two Parents can fill a child's cup when it is empty.

All of the cups have names on them and I'll be paying close attention to refills.

3. Chloe, last year we were at Trudy's house and I looked the other way when your Jell-O salad showed up. This year, if Jell-O salad comes in the front door it will go right back out the back door with the garbage. Save yourself some time, honey. You've never been a good cook and you shouldn't bring something that wiggles more than you. Buy something from the bakery.
4. Grandmothers give grandchildren cookies and candy. That is a fact of life. Your children can eat healthy at your home. At my home, they can eat whatever they like as long as they finish it.
5. I cook with bacon and bacon grease. That's nothing new. Your being a vegetarian doesn't change the fact that stuffing without bacon is like egg salad without eggs. Even the green bean casserole has a little bacon grease in it. That's why it tastes so good. Not eating bacon is just not natural. And as far as being healthy... look at me. I've outlived almost everyone I know.
6. Salad at Thanksgiving is a waste of space.
7. I do not like cell phones. Leave them in the car.
8. I do not like video cameras. There will be 32 people here. I am sure you can capture lots of memories without the camera pointed at me.
9. Being a mother means you

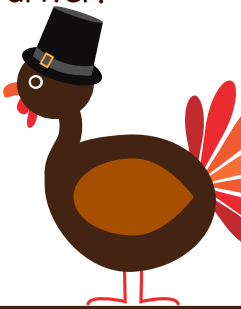
have to actually pay attention to the kids. I have nice things and I don't put them away just because company is coming over. Mary, watch your kids and I'll watch my things.

10. Rhonda, a cat that requires a shot twice a day is a cat that has lived too many lives. I think staying home to care for the cat is your way of letting me know that I have lived too many lives too. I can live with that. Can you?
11. Words mean things. I say what I mean. Let me repeat: You don't need to bring anything means you don't need to bring anything. And if I did tell you to bring something, bring it in the quantity I said. Really, this doesn't have to be difficult.
12. Dominoes and cards are better than anything that requires a battery or an on/off switch. That was true when you were kids and it's true now that you have kids.
13. Showing up for Thanksgiving guarantees presents at Christmas. Not showing up guarantees a card that may or may not be signed.

In memory of your Grandfather, the back fridge will be filled with beer. Drink until it is gone. I prefer wine anyway. But one from each family needs to be the designated driver.

I really mean all of the above.

Love You, Grandma





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