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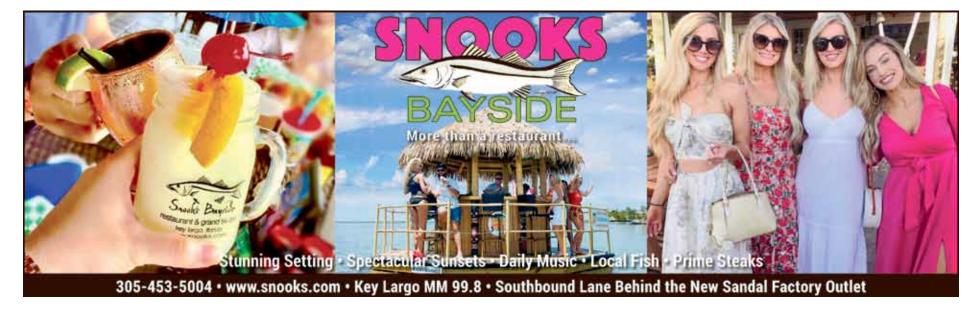
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Tropical Weddings "R" Us

Tropical weddings are known (and loved) for their simplicity and natural beauty, allowing couples to say "I do" amidst the sun and the sand. Over the years, they have gone from a trend to a staple for those looking to get married in an unforgettable way, somewhere far from home or in our case, just down the road!

Destination weddings, sometimes referred to as "weddingmoons," allow couples to celebrate their nuptials in an incredible location, joined by friends and family. They double as honeymoons for newlyweds. Couples can continue to celebrate with a dream vacation right after exchanging vows. The romantic island vibes make for the perfect place to begin marital bliss, and couples may choose to stay at the same property where they just got hitched.

Just as there is no one-sizefits-all "dream" wedding, there is also no single way to define a tropical wedding. Pick a beach, a venue overlooking the water, or even a boat for your wedding. A sunset wedding is a nice way to beat the heat and provide a beautiful backdrop.

Local wedding resorts are well-versed in creating a romantic ambience for weddings of all sizes, on private, secluded stretches of sand. In the upper Keys, we have wedding venues and packages for all styles, groups, and budgets. And the guest experience is often at the forefront of the wedding couples' minds; think exciting group excursions, unique favors and unforgettable reception entertainment. Your guests will be talking about your wedding as one of the best they've been to for years to come!

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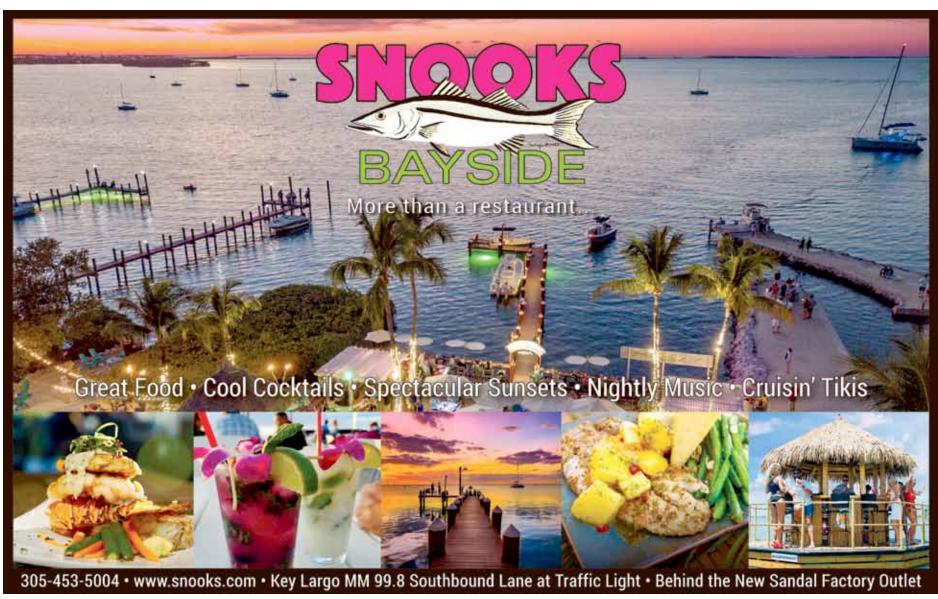


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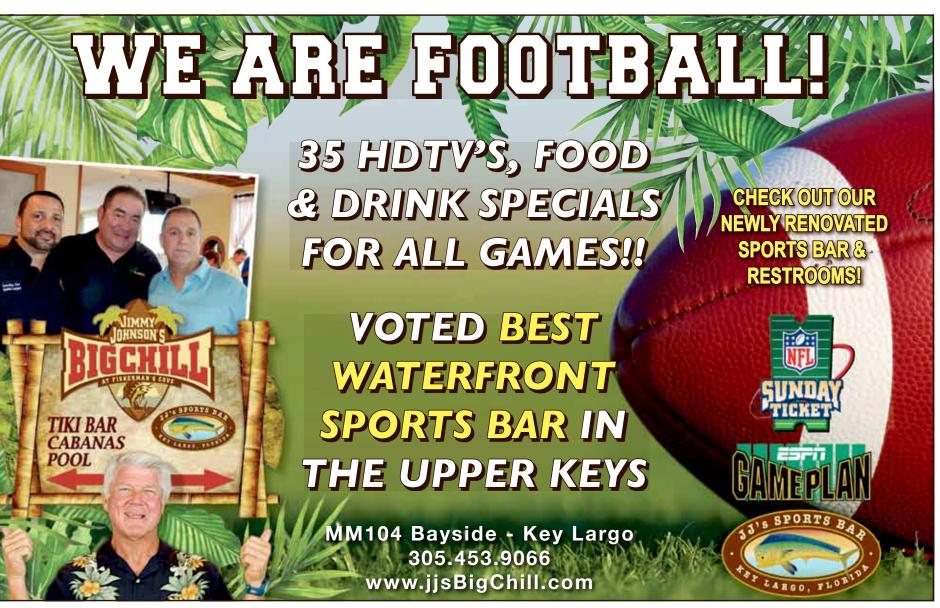




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Why Have an Upper Keys Wedding?

Whether you you want a big, traditional wedding with all the bells and whistles or just a quaint ceremony with a few friends, the upper Keys has it all. So, why choose the upper Keys over Key West? Because: Key West is a high priced tourist trap. Throngs of people occupy the beaches, restaurants, hotels and the streets. It is hard to have a romantic moment when tourists are clogging Mallory Square or the spring breaker next to you is lying face up on the bar while the bartender



pours rum in her bellybutton so a young man in a wife
beater shirt can lick it up.
Bellybutton shots! Lord have
mercy! If you stay up late
enough you are apt to find
some satisfied saloon customer passed out in the bushes
sleeping it off. You might
even find the photo posted on
Facebook, as the locals love
that stuff.

For romance pick the upper Keys. Bertie Higgins sang



"sail away to Key Largo," not Key West!

Over the years I have attended a variety of weddings and a couple of them were my own. For a quickie you can drop by the court house, sign a few papers and step outside in the parking lot for a brief ceremony on your lunch hour. I took my vows next to a garbage can and should have taken that as an omen. A lot of people don't even bother with that, they just call their current squeeze "my old lady or my old man" and life goes on. It saves money on the cost of a lawyer if the relationship doesn't work out. They say in the Keys that you never lose your husband, wife, girlfriend or boyfriend, you just lose your turn.

One wedding where I was the bride was held at an outdoor venue. A pirate wedding including costumes, boats, a caterer, a pig roast and live music. Aaarrgh mateys! Now that was fun! One couple I know who are still married after about 20 years had a biker wedding and after the reception they drove off into the sunset on their Harley while the bride held on to her veil and billowing white gown for dear life in the wind.

Another couple I know hired synchronized swimmers for their shindig. And yet another friend got hitched knee deep in the ocean and the bride carried a clump of seaweed as her bouquet.

Whatever your budget or wildest imagination desires, you can make it happen right

here. Consider a sunset celebration on the beach at the Lorelei, a gathering overlooking the water at Snook's, or champagne poolside at the Big Chill, or check out Kenny and Monica's yacht the License to Chill. Looking to have a big bash?

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The Elks in Tavernier has a huge indoor venue and a fantastic outdoor sunset patio, full facilities and kitchen.

Don't forget the toast. "May your children be blessed with rich parents" and "To the two secrets to a long-lasting, happy marriage: Here's to a good sense of humor - and a short memory!"



I married for love but the obvious side benefit of having someone around to find my glasses cannot be ignored.

-Cameron Esposito



Marriage is the bond Before I got married, between a person who I had six theories about never remembers raising children; anniversaries and now I have six children another who never and no theories. forgets them.

-Ogden Nash



One of the keys to a successful marriage is separate bathrooms. When he enters my bathroom sometimes, I'm like, 'Why are you in here?' And he's like, 'I live here. Can I enjoy my bathroom too?"

-Michelle Obama



The definition of eternity is two people and a ham.

-Dorothy Parker



By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

-Socrates



What More Can We Say?

Love is a funny thing. Finding that special someone to share the rest of your life with is one of the best gifts we could ever ask for, but life is long and sometimes you just need to laugh at yourselves. In-between the romance, the long nights, monotonous days, and bickering over who last did the laundry, there are truly some hilarious moments during a marriage that can be perfectly described with a succinct marriage quote. We hope these will remind you why you fell in love in the first place.

Getting married is like trading the adoration of many for the sarcasm of one.

-Mae West



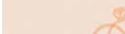
Before you marry a person

you should first make them

-Will Ferrell

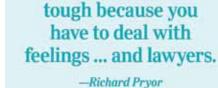
To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the wedding cup, whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up.





My husband and I have never considered divorce... murder sometimes, but never divorce.

-Dr. Joyce Brothers



Marriage is really



An archeologist is the best

husband a woman can have.

The older she gets, the more

interested he is in her.

-Agatha Christie

The best thing to ever happen to marriage is the pause-live-TV button.

-Rick Reilly

I love being married. It's so

great to find that one special

person you want to annoy for

the rest of your life.

-Rita Rudner

-John Wilmot

Husband secretly lowers the

thermostat and I secretly

turn it back up. We both

vehemently deny touching it.

Marriage is fun.

Stephanie Ortiz



Marriage is an attempt to solve problems together which you didn't even have when you were on your own.

-Eddie Cantor



Marriage is not just spiritual communion; it is also remembering to take out the trash.

-Joyce Brothers



Never get married in college; it's hard to get a start if a prospective employer finds you've already made one mistake.

-Elbert Hubbard



HOW TO ENJOY YOURSELF AT A WEDDING YOU DIDN'T WANT TO ATTEND

(and ensure you're never invited to another wedding again)

You said you would go, and now you can't take it back. If it's too late to come up with a last-minute excuse, follow these easy steps for making the most of a wedding you didn't want to attend.

DURING THE CEREMONY

- Choose a seat as close as possible to the bar, so you can be first in line when it opens.
- As the bride comes down the aisle, let her know everything looks beautiful.
- Attempt to take communion mid-ceremony.
- Just before he says his vows, give the groom a big, knowing wink.
- Count the number of times someone says "forever" on your fingers. Keep your hands up where everyone can see them.

DURING THE COCKTAIL HOUR

- Attach yourself to the first person who says hello to you and stick by their side throughout the hour.
- Ask a waiter if the canapes have meat in them and then if they don't, say, "That's okay, I brought my own."
- Walk over to where they're doing bridal party photos and repeatedly let the photographer know you're here and ready whenever he or she needs you.
- Pretend to be breaking up with your significant other via text message.
- Grab a tray of champagne flutes and sip quietly in the corner.

DURING DINNER

- Form the butter on your table into a heart and write a message for the happy couple using your knife.
- Introduce yourself to everyone else at the table as a friend of the groom's side piece.
- Loudly announce to your waiter "This isn't what I ordered!" and threaten to leave without paying.
- Refuse to let anyone eat their food before you've Instagrammed it.
- Ask the other quests at your table if they've tried the adorable color-coordinated glory hole in the men's bathroom yet.

AT THE RECEPTION

- Cut in during the father-daughter dance.
- Request that the band plays The Mountain Goats' "No Children."
- Don't dance, but stand immobile in the middle of the dance floor for as long as possible.
- Ask the bride if you can get a quick photo of you and her bustle.
- If there's a photo booth, use it to check on the moles on your back.

AT THE AFTER PARTY

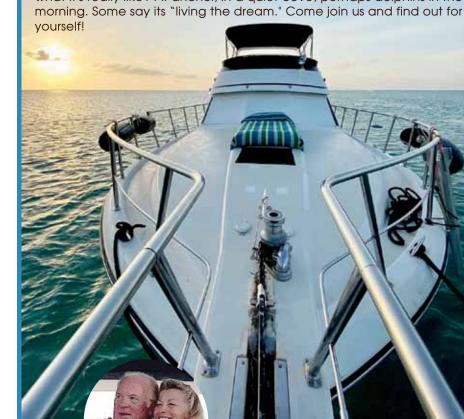
- Drunkenly hook up with someone, anyone, who will distract you from how horribly boring and tedious it all is.



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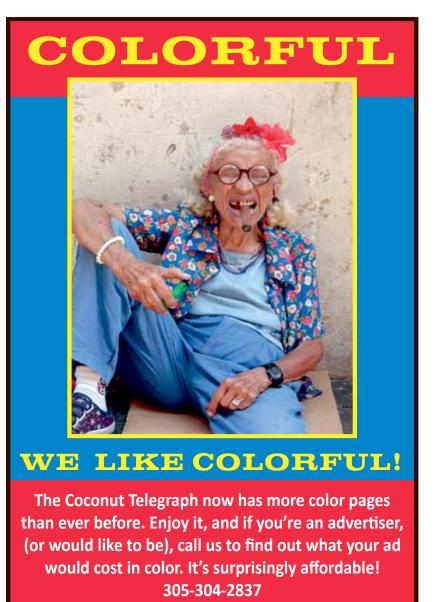
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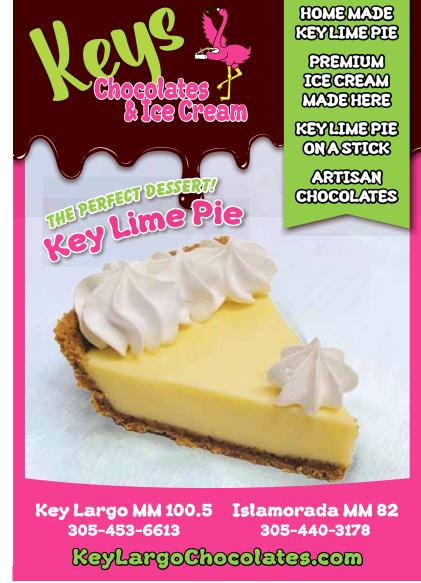
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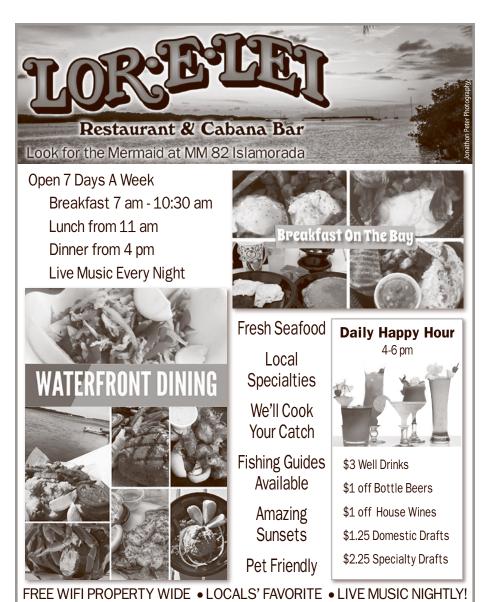
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Another successful Dive Against Debris trip in September! We pulled just over 100 lbs of debris including a full 50 liter can of diesel fuel, one of our most impactful clean ups yet... imagine the damage that fuel could have done to the surrounding reef! Thank you to everyone who showed up to participate it was a blast! and thank you to the Pirates Cove team for leading and conducting the dives.



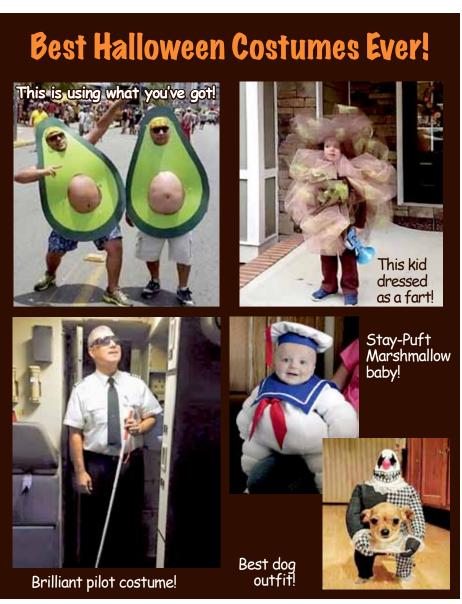
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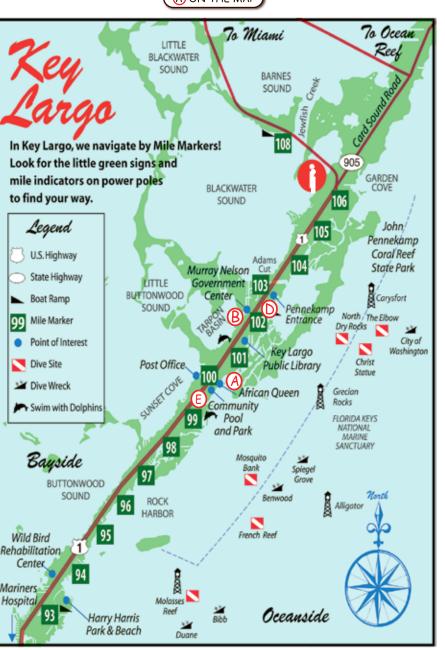
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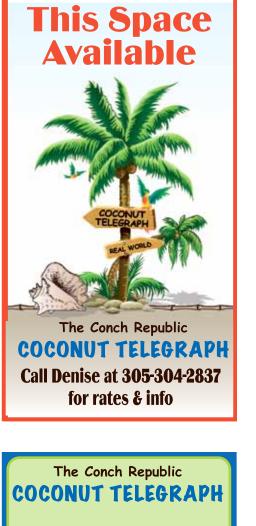
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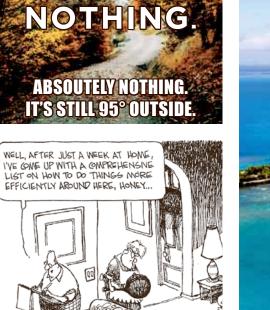


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NOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

- A raccoon is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of US1.
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- 3. There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 of them live in the Keys plus a couple beautiful ones like the Golden Orb.
- 4. If it grows it'll stick ya or make you itch. If it crawls it'll bite cha. If you pick it up off the reef it'll burn your skin.
- Manatees are beautiful.
- If you shop for groceries during the week you don't have to deal with the weekend crowd.
- Jawl-P? means: Did you all go to the bathroom?
- People actually catch and eat Lionfish.
- "Fixinto" is one word. It means I'm going to do something.
- 10. There are folks you have known for 10 years as Gonzo, Bananas, KimoSabe... and never knew their real name.

11. Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and we do like a little tea with our sugar. It is referred to as the wine of the South.

Things You Need To Know If You Move To The Keys:

- 12. You have evacuated once or twice for "a big one" and can get your shutters up in less than an hour.
- 13. You donate your hurricane season canned goods to the food bank each November, glad you didn't need them and knowing people who will need them are heading south soon.
- 14. You don't have to wear a watch because it doesn't matter what time it is you work until you're done or it's too dark to
- 15. You aren't impressed by 4 or 5 engines on the back of a boat but are by a graceful shallow draft hull.
- 16. Double rainbows or even triple - are a frequent occurrence.
- 17. All the festivals across the county are named after a something to eat or something to drink preferably alcoholic.

- 18. You carry jumper cables
 - in your car for your OWN car.
 - 19. You only own five spices: salt, pepper, Old Bay. Crystal and cocktail sauce.
 - 20. The local papers cover national and state news on one page but require 6 pages for local high school sports and fishing.
 - 21. Even folk who live on boats have a polling place to vote at on election
 - 22. You think that the first day of lobster miniseason is a national holi-
 - 23. You smile that it is raining on a sunny day with no clouds.
 - 24. Fried grouper is the other white meat.
 - 25. We don't need no dang Driver's Ed. We live on an island with one road and all of 3 traffic lights. It's not that tough.

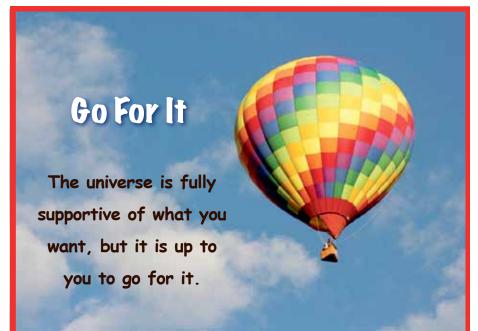
AND one more:

27. Why did the chicken cross the road? To show that stupid raccoon that it CAN be done!"



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There are times in our lives when all the signs seem to be pointing us in a particular direction. Our thoughts and dreams are echoed in the songs and stories we hear and the media we see. Maybe the message we are getting from the universe doesn't even make sense in the "real" world, but somewhere inside, these urges feel right. Maybe you feel you are being told to move to a new city although your life where our dream. The positive you are is just fine. Or maybe you feel the desire to pursue a new direction in your career when it never really interested you before. When we spend time getting in touch with our higher selves, our intuition sends us directives to lead us to become our best and most fulfilled selves. And when we are open and listening, the next step is to take action and go for it.

sion to pursue our inner urgings, the universe

sets into motion the means for all sorts of details to fall into place. A sense of peace will come over us, because we know that any guestions will no longer make us wonder if our dreams are possible, but how to make them happen. Instead of deterring us from our goal, these questions only serve to clarify our focus to move us forward. We need not throw caution to the wind to follow shift in our energy affects everything around us Like a rush of water, it goes ahead to clear debris from our path so that we can go forward. Our new attitude also attracts likeminded people. Sometimes even the most unlikely angels arrive to help us along our way with the information and support we need.

Wherever your dreams are pointing you today, take a step. Take action Once we make the deci- and manifest your inner urges and soul whisper-

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On their wedding night, the young bride approached her new husband and asked for \$20.00 for their first lovemaking encounter.

In his highly aroused state, her husband readily agreed.

This scenario was repeated each time they made love, for more than 40 years, with him thinking that it was a cute way for her to afford new clothes and other incidentals that she needed.

Arriving home around noon one day, she was surprised to find her husband in a very drunken state. During the next few minutes, he explained that his employer was going through a process of corporate downsizing, and he had been let go.

It was unlikely that, at the age of 59, he'd be able to find another position that paid anywhere near what he'd been earning, and therefore, they were financially ruined.

Calmly, his wife handed him a bank book which showed more than forty years of steady deposits and interest totaling nearly \$1 million. Then she showed him certificates of deposits issued by the bank which was worth over \$2 million, and informed him that they were one of the largest depositors in the bank.

She explained that for more than three decades she had 'charged' him for sex, these holdings had multiplied and these were the results of her savings and investments.

Faced with evidence of cash and investments worth over \$3 million, her husband was so astounded he could barely speak, but finally he found his voice and blurted out, "If I'd had any idea what you were doing, I would have given you all my business!"

That's when she shot him.

You know, sometimes, men just don't know when to keep their mouths shut!



I asked my wife why she married me. She said "Because you are funny." I said "I thought it was because I was good in bed." She said "See? You're hilarious!"





Always make sure SOMEONE in the relationship has good credit. That's why it's called SIGNIFICANT other. Sign/if/I/can't.

Follow me for more marriage tips.



I was a very happy man. My wonderful girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married. There was only one little thing bothering me—it was her beautiful younger sister. My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight miniskirts, and generally was bra-less. She would regularly bend down when she was near me, and I always got more than a nice view. It had to be deliberate. Because she never did it when she was near any-

One day her "little" sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations. She was alone when I arrived, and she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me that she couldn't overcome. She told me that she wanted me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister. Well, I was in total shock, and couldn't say

She said, "I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want one last wild fling, just come up and get me."

I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. I stood there for a moment, then turned and made a beeline straight to the front

I opened the door, and headed straight towards my car. Lo and behold, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping!

With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law hugged me and said, "We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We couldn't ask for a better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family."

And the moral of this story is: Always keep your condoms in your car.



A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day.

One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears. "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?"

"What dear?" she asked gently, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

"I think you're bad luck."





"Oh, Helen! You're pregnant? That's wonderful! At first, I was taking you quite literally when you said you had one in the oven!'

At A Wedding Party recently someone yelled, stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was almost crushed to death...

No, I did not forget my password. I distinctly remember it being 8 asterisks.

Wally's Wedding Night

At 85 years of age, Wally married Anne, a lovely 25 year old. Since her new husband is so old, Anne decides that after their wedding she and Wally should have separate bedrooms, because she is concerned that her new but aged husband may overexert himself if they spend the entire night together.

After the wedding festivities Anne prepares herself for bed and

the expected 'knock' on the door. Sure enough the knock comes, the door opens and there is Wally, her 85 year old groom, ready for action. They unite as one.

All goes well, Wally takes leave of his bride, and she prepares to

go to sleep. After a few minutes, Anne hears another knock on her bedroom door, and it's Wally. Again he is ready for more 'action.'

Somewhat surprised, Anne consents for more coupling. When the newlyweds are done, Wally kisses his bride, bids her a fond goodnight and leaves.

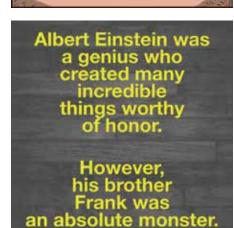
She is set to go to sleep again, but, aha you guessed it.....

Wally is back again, rapping on the door, and is as fresh as a 25-yearold, ready for more 'action.' And, once again they enjoy each other.

But as Wally gets set to leave again, his young bride says to him, 'I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. I have been with guys less than a third of your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Wally.'

Wally, somewhat embarrassed, turns to Anne and says: .'You mean I've been here already?'





YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE. MARYA IS TAKING FOREVER TO CHANGE ..







A man went to the Mariner's ER in Tavernier to have his wedding ring cut off of his penis.

According to the nurse attending the operation, the patient's girlfriend found the ring in his pants

She didn't know he was married and she was so mad, she used Vaseline to slip the ring on his penis while he was asleep.

What's worse?

1. Having your girlfriend find out you're married.

2. Explaining to your wife how your wedding ring got on your penis....

3. Finding out your penis fits through your wedding ring.

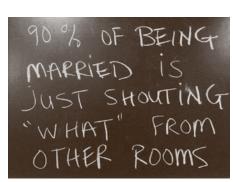
Tough call. You decide.



I identify as male, but according to Sara Lee I am actua[[y a family of eight.



Did vou ever wonder why hemorrhoids aren't called asteroids?



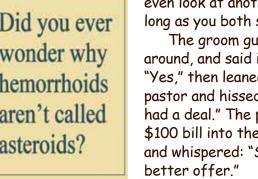


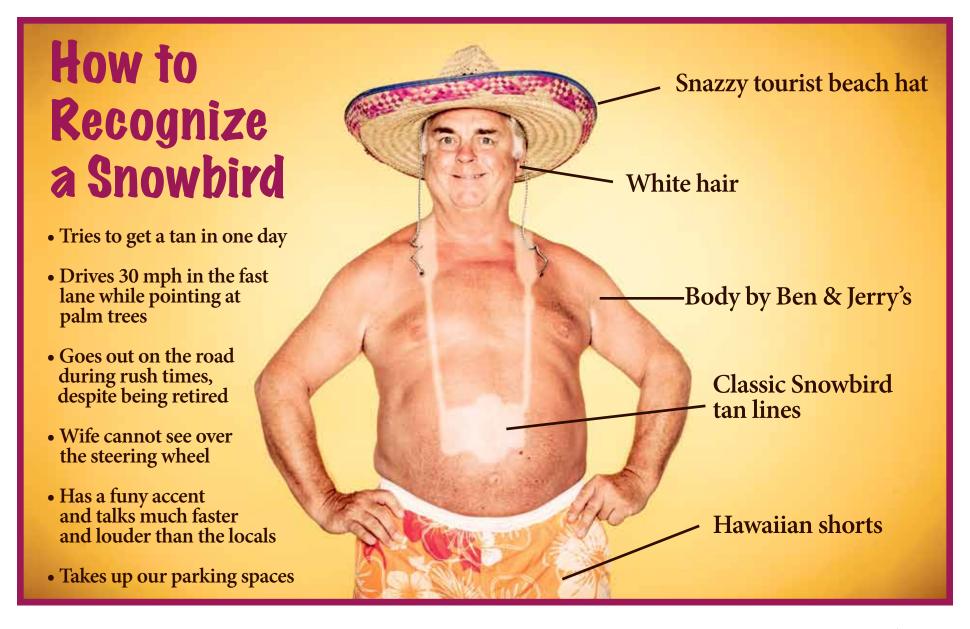


During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the pastor with an unusual offer: "Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I'm supposed to promise to 'love, honor and obey' and 'be faithful to her forever, I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that out." He passed the minister a \$100 bill and walked away satisfied.

On the day of the wedding, when it came time for the groom's vows, the pastor looked the young man in the eye and said: "Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life, and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live? "

The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "Yes," then leaned toward the pastor and hissed: "I thought we had a deal." The pastor put the \$100 bill into the groom's hand and whispered: "She made me a





Good to Know!

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mecha-

nism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspa-

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the In ancient Greece tossing an apple world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61%. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke and copper in their hair. unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air

The University of Alaska spans four

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in

Intelligent people have more zinc

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when kniahts in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

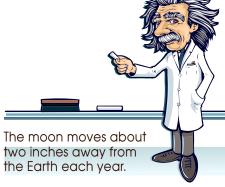
If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.



The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel is needed at lift-off.

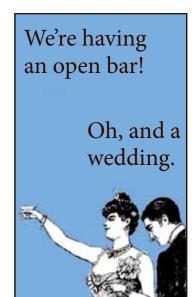
The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Well, that's a good way to get smacked up side the head with a flip flop.









The groom getting his best man ready for the wedding . . . One of the best









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Wanna Be My Starter Wife?

I just realised... I'm about to miss the chance to have a "Starter Marriage" with my "Starter Wife."

A starter marriage is one that lasts for 5 years or less, and ends before children begin.

Being that I would like to eventually get married (for real) and have children, I really need to get the ball rolling on this. So maybe we haven't met yet but that's no reason we

shouldn't get married. #STARTERWIFE

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Needed: some girls who are stand up in my wedding. You can be single or taken.

It doesn't matter... you just have to be hot. But, not hotter then me. Email me for more information. The wedding will be in Key Largo and you won't have to pay for a thing. Hope to hear from you!

bride@keylargo.com

