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Friends of Greg Elliott Help Out



Greg's Elliott's house burned down and friends raised enough money to buy him a travel trailer. Left: Greg and the remains of his house. Above: Greg receives the keys to his new home from friends: (L-R) Chef Clark Huff, Greg Elliott and Maggie McKeenan. Missing is Max Trent.



Donations are being accepted at the American Legion and there is a Go Fund ME account.

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Editorial - Appreciation

Coconut Telegraph would like to thank all our advertisers and readers for another great year. We are now into year number 16 and no one is more surprised by our success than us. We wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2022.

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Juanita Contreras and her son Vincent have been making our world a more beautiful place for many years. Juanita is a well-known, expert orchidologist in southern Florida.

Contreras moved to the States as a child with her family from Mexico. They were migrant workers who traveled the USA working farms along the way. "It was the gypsy life," she says. Now after 52 years of living in Homestead she has the same work ethic and she is busy all the time. Her 3 daughters all graduated college and hold professional jobs, and her 21-year-old son Vincent is her right-hand man. In addition to nurturing orchids they run an established lawn service business and offer stump grinding. Whenever there is a local festival she is there, as well as the Key Largo Moose Swap Meet and the Lions Club Flea Market (that will be moving across the street to the Civic Club because the Lion's Club has been sold and will soon become a youth rehab center).

January 11th Juanita will speak at an Orchid, Fern & Bromeliad Club seminar at the Civic Club. Her orchids sell fast because her prices remain low, and they are stunning. She will do special arrangements for birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. Jaunita takes pride in the Keys community and gives back through helping the Orchid Club, and the Garden Club of the Upper Keys. She donates her time and orchids to local fundraisers. Most all her regular customers are also her friends. One friend, Karen Beal, says Juanita is the "hardest working person in Key Largo."

Now I know why.

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Juanita and Vincent in earlier days.

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1 to 4 inches	Travel advisories issued.	Schools Closed.	Have to brush the snow off the grill before cooking out or tailgating before the Packer game.
4 to 8 inches:	Air traffic diverted, Flights delayed or cancelled.	Stores emptied of bottled water, bread and other emergency provisions.	Roads get salted. Walking the dog becomes a bit difficult. (The dog loves it though!)
8 to 12 inches	Continuous reporting on CNN / The Weather Channel about this year's "SNOWMAGEDDON."	State of Emergency Declared.	Everyone stocking up on beer cause long lines at liquor stores.
12 to 24 inches	Schools & businesses closed + airports, hospitals, and all nonessential Government services.	Federal Disaster declared. National Guard called in.	Minor Traffic Delays.
24 to 36 inches	Total travel ban enforced.	Complete societal breakdown.	Yoga classes cancelled.
36+ inches	Jim Cantore spotted.	Nothing left alive except for small burrowing mammals which will eventually evolve and repopulate the region.	SNOW DAY! YAY!!! (Except for you, You still have to go in to work.)

Mrs. Claus Lives in Key Largo!


For 22 years, Jane Wasmund has been adopting kids and families from our local community to help those who otherwise would not have a Christmas or presents. They fill specific requests, just like Santa!

Nineteen years ago, local realtor Jane Wasmund, contacted the Key Largo Post Office and asked a question: "Who answers the Santa Mail?" And just like that, Mrs. Claus, a Merry Cause was born!

The Postmaster gave permission for the letters to be read locally and this Merry Cause began! For over 20 years now actual wishes from local children have been granted by Jane and her idea!

What is being done is very unique. Mrs. Claus doesn't just hand out wrapped boxes, Mrs. Claus keeps the magic, love and spirit of the Holiday season alive for families who otherwise would not have any by listening to what kids really want for Christmas. Mrs. Claus keeps the stars of the holidays in kids' eyes by surprising them and granting them their actual wishes!! Jane raises the money, and her merry elves Wendy Ives. Rhonda Hixon and Abbie Kelly shop, wrap and help deliver the presents. A few years ago they organized the Holiday Lighted Bike Ride that starts at Tropical Realty at MM 103 Oceanside and with the help of the Monroe County Sheriffs they cross the highway to visit the community Christmas Tree at the Murray Nelson Center and then cross over to The Catch for some holiday cheer.

Each year the event gets bigger and better, and it is always a huge success. Thank you Jane Wasmund, Tropical Realty and all your helpers for your big heart and hard work.



Jane with daughter Wendy Ives.



Rhonda Hixon, Elf. She does the shopping for the kids which really helps. Thanks Rhonda!



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Jane wanted to give back to her community and 22 years ago she decided that she could do this at Christmas time by adopting kids and their families from the area to help who otherwise would not have a Christmas or presents. She contacted the local Postmaster as well as several church pastors and teachers and asked the question - “Who can we help that needs us at Christmas?” Requests came in, and specific gifts were asked for by the kids and those requests were then fulfilled. That began her yearly promise to help families in our community.

Four years ago Jane and her helpers started the Lighted Bike Parade- an instant hit and event for families to decorate their bikes, and come ride at night up the bike path. Donations are given for the ride, and there is also an on line auction on facebook the week before. Local business owners donate amazing gifts for the auction -they are bid on - and the monies raised from the ride and auction then go to help buy the gifts for the families and kids in our community.

None of this is accomplished alone. As Jane says -It takes a village-and our Keys community is an amazing village of caring and compassionate folks. Whenever you can keep the magic alive for a child and a family at Christmas it is a humbling experience.

Achievements & Certifications: Certified Realtor Specialist, Graduate Real Estate Institute, and Short Sale and Foreclosure Specialist. Florida Keys Board of Realtors: Professional Standards, Grievance Committee, past Director for 6 years. Board member for the Red Cross Clara Barton Keys Society in the Keys



Jane Wasmund is the Broker Owner with her daughter Wendy Ives at Tropical Realty of the Florida Keys. Jane has been a realtor since 1982.

She became a realtor when she moved to the Keys. Her passion for real estate can be traced back to when she was working for a real estate company as their secretary, and realized that she wanted to be an agent. She loved her career as an agent and quickly became a broker and purchased a franchise company that she had for 10 years. She and her daughter now own Tropical Realty. She often tells of her first year in the business. She said there were so many “deals” to buy, and she would take her husband Jerry around in the evening to look at all the great buys in the Keys!! In her free time Jane loves to read, and she and her husband Jerry also love to go on cruises and travel.

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The award is made to women who promote their organizations on the web using a variety of online strategies. WE magazine is published by Women in Ecommerce, the hub for women and organizations seeking to take their business to the next level. Betty commented, "I'm excited to be recognized for our immense online effort to locate and engage women interested in fishing and boating! Reaching aspiring anglers entails a creative

strategy to target this elusive and valuable target, offering a great potential to increase the fishing and boating industries." She continued, "Fishing provides quality time to spend with family and friends while engaging in a wholesome sport. Other benefits are the chance to focus on nature and escape everyday stress." Ladies, Let's Go Fishing, is an organization whose mission is to engage and retain female anglers through educational programs including classes, hands-on practice, networking and a fishing experience. The org also conducts multiple virtual meetings with an educational and conservation element. Generating more than 9,000 graduates, LLGF is supported by sponsors and donors.



Betty Bauman, Founder of Ladies, Let's Go Fishing

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Elks hosted over 100 children at their Children's Christmas Party, a favorite event! Lunch, arts and crafts, a Rocking Magic Show by Michael Trixx, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many thanks to special elves, sponsors and supporters.



Marilee - gonging talent guru of the Upper Keys!



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Warning For All Males

from Tony Welch, found on Bored Panda

Last weekend I saw something at The Gun Show that sparked my interest. I was looking for a little something different for my wife Dana. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized taser.

The effects of the taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety... right??

WAY TOO COOL! Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home.. I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed I learned, however, that if I pushed the button and pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs.

AWESOME!!! Unfortunately, now I have to explain to Dana what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave.

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two AAA batteries, right?

There I sat in my recliner, my cat Leo looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh and blood moving target.

I must admit I thought about zapping Leo (for a fraction of a second) and then thought better of it. He is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised.

Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tee shirt with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and taser in another.

The directions said that: a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; and

a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water.

Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries.

All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5" long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference (loaded with two itsy, bitsy AAA batteries); pretty cute really, and thinking to myself, 'no possible way!'

What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best.

I'm sitting there alone, the cat looking on with his head cocked to one side so as to say, 'Don't do it stupid,' reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny lil ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad... I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it.

I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. WHAT THE... !!!

I'm pretty sure Hulk Hogan ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs! The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fireplace, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a taser, one note of caution:

There is NO such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by violent thrashing about on

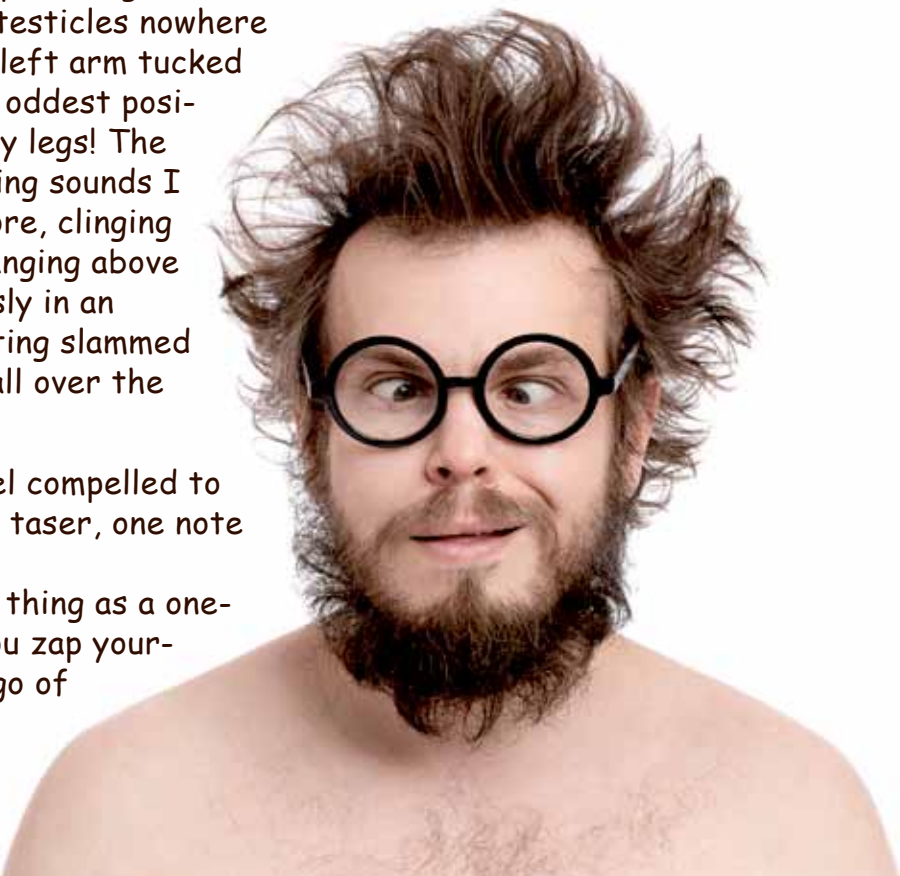
the floor! A three-second burst would be considered conservative!

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was irrelevant at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape.

- My bent reading glasses were on the top of the TV.
- The recliner was upside down and about 8 feet or so from where it originally was.
- My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching.
- My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs.
- I had no control over the drooling.
- Apparently I had crapped in my shorts, but was too numb to know for sure, and my sense of smell was gone.
- I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head, which I believe came from my hair.

I'm still looking for my testicles and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!

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Children Writing About the Ocean.

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- 1) - This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles.(Kelly, age 6)
- 2) - Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)
- 3) - If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Mike , age 7)
- 4) - Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
- 5) - A dolphin breaths through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8)
- 6) - My uncle goes out in his boat with two other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6)
- 7) - When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)
- 8) - Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)
- 9) - I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)
- 10) - Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7)
- 11) - When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin, age 6)
- 12) - Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky, age 8)
- 13) - On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat ass. (Julie, age 7)
- 14) - The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)
- 15) - My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7)

January Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Visit KeysLibraries.org for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

Special Events

Art Exhibits: Local artist Diane Smith exhibit continues in the Community Room through Jan. 7.

Beginning Jan. 10 Award-winning watercolor artist Rita Szopinski will exhibit her work through Feb. 17. Her art features people, nature, and scenes from around the Keys and travel destinations.

Jan. 3-15 Health Care Navigator Lynn Riley is available to help people enroll in Florida's Health Insurance Marketplace. Mon. 10am-1pm, Wed. 4-7pm, Sat. 10am-1pm

Jan. 6, 1-3pm Adult Craft Program: Pendant Necklace. Supplies will be provided.

Jan. 7, 6 pm Free concert: Dave Feder's signature blend of Flamenco-infused Folk music and laid-back style disguises his deft finger picking.

Jan. 11, 18, & 25, 3:30-5pm. Tech Savvy Seniors on the Go series provides technology training for those over the age of 50. Technology provided. Call 305-451-2396 or drop by to register.

Jan. 12 10am-2pm Free Legal Help for qualifying individuals. Sponsored by Legal Services of the Florida Keys. Pre-Regis. required: www.legalservicesmiami.org, phone 866-686-2760, or secure Kiosk at the Library.



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Jan. 27, & monthly thu June. 1 pm English; 2 pm Spanish. WIC Free Prenatal Breast-feeding class.

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Tech Tutor Wed. 1-4 pm. Drop in for help downloading library apps to your smart phone or tablet. Learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks; learn how to stream movies from Kanopy too. Basic computer help is also available. Bring your device and questions.

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At least you can hear it coming.

My Roomba just beat me to an M&M I dropped on the ground. I guess this is how the war against machines will begin.

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The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday...I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "You're bullshitting me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"



A man returns from the doctor and tells his wife that the doctor has told him he has only 24 hours to live.

Given this prognosis, the man asks his wife for sex. Naturally, she agrees, and they make love.

About six hours later, the husband goes to his wife and says, "Honey, you know I now have only 18 hours to live. Could we please do it one more time?"

Of course, the wife agrees, and they do it again. Later, as the man gets into bed, he looks at his watch and realizes that he now has only 8 hours left.

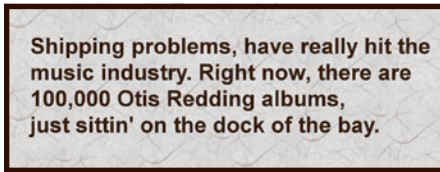
He touches his wife shoulder, and asks, "Honey, please...just one more time before die."

She says, "Of course, Dear," and they make love for the third time. After this session, the wife rolls over and falls asleep.

The man, however, worried about his impending death, tosses and turns, until he's down to 4 more hours.

He taps his wife, who rouses. "Honey, I have only 4 more hours. Do you think we could..."

At this point the wife sits up and says, "Listen, I have to get up in the morning. You don't!"



On his 74th birthday, a man got a gift certificate from his wife. The certificate paid for a visit to a medicine man living on a nearby reservation who was rumored to have a wonderful cure for erectile dysfunction.

After being persuaded to go, he drove to the reservation, handed his ticket to the medicine man and wondered what he was in for.

The old man handed a potion to him, and with a grip on his shoulder, warned, "This is a powerful medicine. You take only a teaspoonful and then say '1-2-3.' When you do, you will become more manly than you have ever been in your life and you can perform as long as you want."

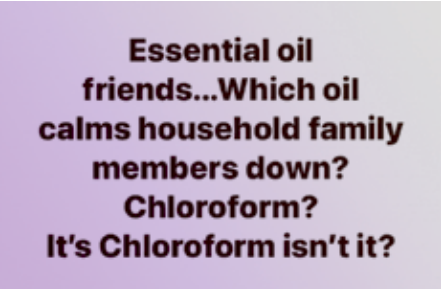
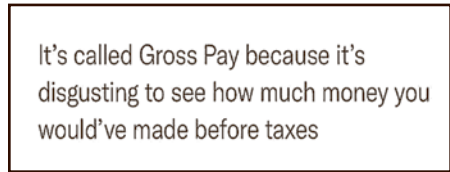
The man was encouraged. As he walked away, he turned and asked, "How do I stop the medicine from working?"

"Your partner must say '1-2-3-4,'" the medicine man responded, "but when she does, the medicine will not work again until the next full moon."

The man was very eager to see if it worked so he went home, showered, shaved, took a spoonful of the medicine and then invited his wife to join him in the bedroom. When she came in, he quickly took off his clothes and said, "1-2-3!"

Immediately, he was the manliest of men. His wife was excited and began throwing off her clothes as she asked, "What was the 1-2-3 for?"

And that, boys and girls, is why we should never end our sentences with a preposition, because we could end up with a dangling participle.



A farmer orders an expensive milking machine. He decides to test it on himself first, so he inserts his manhood into the equipment and turns on the switch. Soon he realizes that the equipment provides him with more pleasure than his wife does.

But when the fun is over, he realizes that he cannot remove the instrument from his tool. Anxiously he reads the manual, but does not find any useful information. He tries every button on the instrument, without success.

Finally the farmer decides to call the customer hotline. "Hello, I just bought a milking Machine from your company, it works fantastic, but how do you remove it from the cow's udder"

"Don't worry sir," replies the customer service person, "the machine will release automatically once it has collected two litres!"

A woman walks into an accountant's office and tells him that she needs to file her taxes.

The accountant says, "Before we begin, I'll need to ask you a few questions."

He gets her name, address, Social security number, etc. and then asks, "What's your occupation?"

"I'm a lady of the night," she says.

The accountant is somewhat taken aback and says, "Let's try to rephrase that."

"The woman says, "Ok, I'm a high-end call girl."

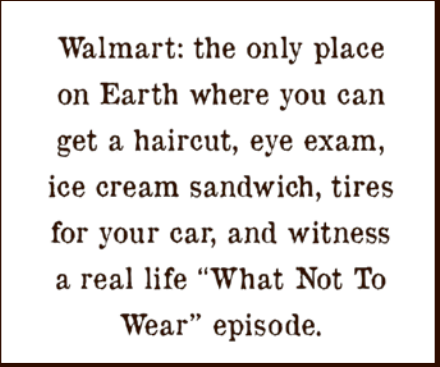
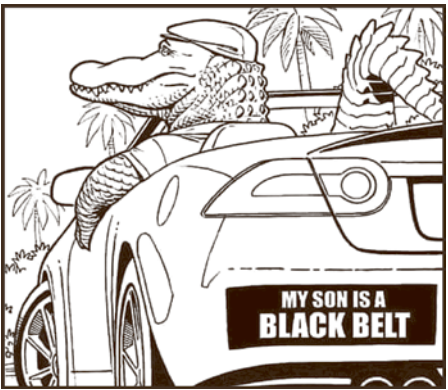
"No, that still won't work. Try again."

The woman says, "I'm an elite chicken farmer."

The accountant asks, "What does chicken farming have to do with being a prostitute?"

"Well, I raised a thousand little peckers last year."

The accountant says, "Chicken farmer it is."



An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

A man walks into a bar. He reaches into his pocket and pulls out a little man, maybe a foot tall and a little piano. He puts them both on the bar, and the little guy starts playing Mozart as the man orders his drink.

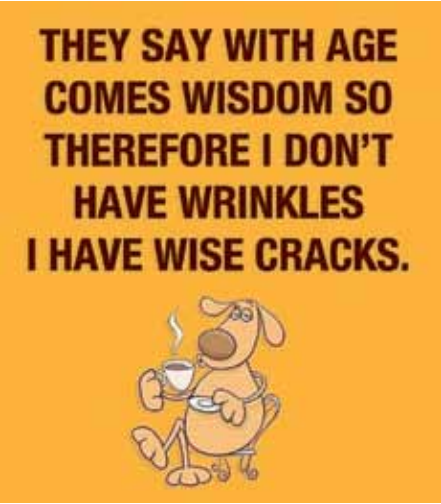
The bartender says "I'm sure it's none of my business, but where did you find a little man who plays piano like that?"

The guy says "There's a genie outside granting wishes, I bet he's still there if you hurry."

The bartender runs outside, and moments later a bunch of ducks come in through the front door and start causing a big ruckus.

The bartender says "You didn't tell me the genie was deaf, I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks."

The guy says "Do you really think I asked for an eleven inch pianist?"



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Everyone Has a Story

Every person on this planet has a story to tell, something that makes them unique, adding to the whole.



It's easy to forget sometimes that everyone has a story to tell if we take the time to listen. We are so accustomed to hearing the stories of people in the news that we sometimes lose track of the fact that the random stranger on the bus also has a fascinating story about where they came from and how they got to be where they are.

The sheer variety of paths taken in this world, from farmers to CEOs to homeless people to world travelers, is indicative of how much we can learn from each individual. Sometimes the shy, quiet person at work has the most amazing life story and the biggest dreams, it is up to us to take the time to find out.

Some people travel a path of wealth and privilege, while others struggle with only themselves to rely on, and both have great stories to tell. Each person learns lessons, makes

choices, and develops a unique perspective, which only they can claim and share. Even two people who have had very similar lives will have slightly different experiences, leading them to a different point of view, so each person remains a treasure trove waiting to be explored. When we take the time to ask questions and listen, we find that every person has a fascinating story to tell and an utterly unique perspective from which to tell it.

Bearing this in mind, we have the opportunity to approach the world around us in a new way. There is never any reason to be bored at a party, or on the bus, or in a conversation with a stranger. When we retain the spark of curiosity and the warmth required to open someone up, we always have in front of us the makings of a great story. All we have to do is ask.

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Food Bank Donation Tips



The following guidelines can help you decide what to donate to a food drive or pantry:

Don't just "clean out your pantry" and donate food that you don't want or can't use anymore unless it meets specific guidelines.

Purchase food specifically for the food drive. Think about what foods other families like yours might like to eat. Also keep in mind that food pantry and food bank recipients range in age from infants to the elderly.

Donate retail-sized food containers. In other words, the size of items you'd pick up at your local grocery store for yourself or family.

Donate food that is in its original package with the label intact—unopened and not damaged.

Do not donate food that is past its "best by," "use by," or "sell by" date. Although some food is still safe to consume after these dates it is best practice not to donate them.

Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. It needs milk and butter, so that can make it hard to use.

Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal.

Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Recipients can't always eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup you donate unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop top cans.

Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a Roni and other commonly donated dishes.

Spices or salt and pepper are appreciated

Tea bags and coffee are wonderful luxuries.

Sugar and flour are treats.

Canned meat - tuna, chicken, Spam, ham, etc. is very much appreciated.

Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.

Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.

Plastic jars of unsweetened applesauce provide a quick snack, fiber and vitamin C.

Loaded with protein and fiber, canned beans provide an excellent, nutritious way to fill a hungry tummy.

Perfect as a snack or as a base for canned meats, crackers are shelf-stable and portable.

Fruit, whether dried, canned or in plastic cups, makes excellent snacks for kids and adults and provide some nutrition and fiber.

Food banks are always in need of quick and easy items that families can toss into lunches or eat on the go, and granola bars are just the thing.

An entire meal that's shelf-stable and in one package—dinner doesn't get easier than that, which is plus for those without stocked kitchens.

Nuts provide easy protein and nutrients in a hurry.

Kids and adults like it, and it's high in protein, making peanut butter one of the most popular items at food banks. Add some jelly for the kids!

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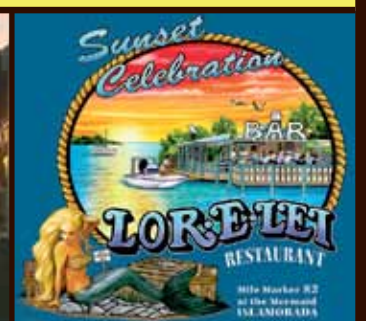
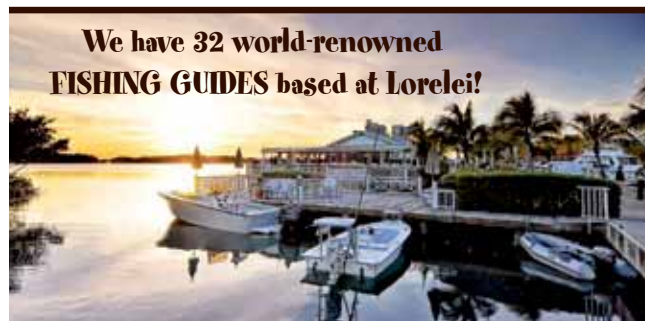
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