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**Editorial - My Mother Married a Milkman**

My cousin Rick was hiking in the hills on his property and came across this milk bottle. He sent me the photo wondering if it was for real. I wrote back and told him he had found the Holy Griffith Grail.

My father had owned a dairy after he graduated college and that bottle was approximately 70+ years old. The bottle was most likely made by my grandfather who worked at Thatcher Glass. It is a symbol of my dad's hard work ethic and his entrepreneurial spirit.

This Father's Day those who are fortunate their fathers are still alive can show their love and appreciation by calling, sending a card, taking them out to dinner or surprising them with a gift and



those of us whose fathers have passed on can reflect on the past and cherish the memories.

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## Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program Announced

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the June 1 launch of the Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program to help Floridians in over 50 critical professions purchase their first home. The Hometown Heroes Housing Program will be available to Floridians including law enforcement officers, firefighters, educators, health-care professionals, childcare employees, and active military or veterans.

This \$100 million program is administered by the Florida Housing and Finance Corporation and has the highest and most inclusive eligibility of all Florida Housing down payment assistance programs. The program is geared to expanding on Florida's existing housing programs to reach critical workers and those who have served our country. Find more about the program online.

"In Florida, we value the contributions of our police, firefighters, teachers, and nurses," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Our hometown heroes are the backbone of Florida communities and making sure that they can afford to be homeowners is a great way to give back to them and support the future of the American Dream."

"Recently I started looking to buy a house. With the help of my realtor and loan officer, there was so much that I didn't know about and they were able to help me and guide me," said Officer Ashton Wolfe, Cape Coral Police Department. "I joined the military when I was 18. I was stationed in Washington, and when I left the military I came back to Cape Coral to serve my community as a police officer. The program Salute

Our Soldiers, which is becoming the Hometown Heroes program, allowed me to buy a house at the age of 23... so it has done great things for me." "I have been a teacher for 25 years," said Melba Lugo, Second Grade Teacher, Mid Cape Global Academy. "In one day, I changed cities, I changed jobs and I bought a house. Thank you for this program and I want to thank all of these people that have made this possible."

Funds will be available to reserve starting June 1, which coincides with National Homeownership Month. This occasion celebrates the value that owning a home brings to families, communities, and neighborhoods across America.

To qualify for this program, homebuyers must connect with a participating

loan officer, have a minimum credit score of 640, provide certification for one of the eligible occupations, and meet the income threshold for their county. Eligible borrowers will receive up to 5% of the first mortgage loan amount (up to a maximum of \$25,000) in down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of a 0%, non-amortizing, 30-year deferred second mortgage.

For more information, please visit [www.floridahousing.org/hometownheroes](http://www.floridahousing.org/hometownheroes). Florida Housing and Finance Corporation was created by the Legislature 40 years ago. We are the state's housing finance agency (HFA) that administers state and federal resources to help provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for the citizens of Florida.

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Laurie Richardson is a contemporary botanical artist who works in watercolor, gouache, and acrylics. She studied art at the University of Colorado, Boulder in the 1970s and then pursued a career in science, earning her PhD in microbiology. Her science career led her to working on coral health and disease on reefs of the Florida Keys and the wider Caribbean until retiring from a Professorship at Florida International University in 2017 to pursue painting.



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Laurie has a lifelong love of nature, in particular tropical plants and fauna. She was born in Key West to a Navy submariner stationed there at the time, after which her family moved to Hawaii. The first seven years of her life were spent in the tropics, inspir-

## Artist of the Month – Laurie Richardson

ing her passion for tropical ecosystems. In 2011 she began studying botanical art (watercolor) at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens and from 2016 - 2020 she has also studied acrylic painting in the Jim Salem School of Painting housed on Sugarloaf Key. From 2011 to 2021 she was a member of the Miami-based Tropical Botanic Artists collective. This collective, based in Miami, produces themed, juried botanical art shows that travel to various venues in South Florida. She remained a member of this group until 2021 when she



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decided to focus on art activities in the Keys as President of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles.

Laurie's art is an expression of her love of nature as seen by the colors she uses and her attention to detail. While her watercolor pieces can be classified as botanical art, in her acrylics she moves into a more interpretative contemporary style. She is very happy to find that people are enjoying

her art.

Laurie's work is on display at the Key Largo Art Gallery, Our Place in Paradise Gallery, and in the many local shows put on by the Art Guild of the Purple Isles (AGPI). The AGPI shows include yearly shows at the History of Diving Museum, the Roberto Russell Gallery at Ocean Sotheby's International in Islamorada, Garden Walk at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, Our Place in Paradise Gallery and the History and Discover Center.

Dates and details about AGPI shows are on the AGPI website (www.agpi.us).



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You can type sixty words a minute with your feet.  
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You don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.  
You're the employee of the month at Starbucks - and you don't even work there.  
You help your dog chase its tail.  
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## State House District 120 Voters Sign Petitions to Place Rhonda Rebman Lopez on the Republican Ballot

Republican State House candidate Rhonda Rebman Lopez has been certified by the State of Florida as having received enough signatures from voters in order to have her name placed on the ballot In the 2022 Republican Primary for District 120 State Representative.

Ms. Rebman-Lopez intends to continue canvassing and collecting petitions from Monroe County and southern Miami-Dade County residents to spread further awareness of her candidacy and platform of parental rights, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship.

Ms. Rebman-Lopez entered the race In April after being approached by numerous local activists and parents concerned by Incumbent Representative Jim Mooney's vote



support of House Bill 571 that would have allowed development on the Florida Key's seagrass beds that provide a habitat to endangered animals and protect our shores from erosion, Rep. Mooney's efforts to raise taxes, and legislative ineffectiveness marked by Rep. Mooney's lack of bills reaching the Governor's desk.

The Rebman-Lopez campaign continues to receive extremely positive feedback from voters and looks forward to interacting with more residents of District 120 to hear their concerns and provide meaningful solutions for the challenges facing the state and the district.

Contact: Rhonda Rebman-Lopez (305) 389-2979  
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against House Bill 1557—the Parental Rights in Education Act — in March of this year.

She was also spurred to action in response to reductions in state funding to several essential district programs such as the Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Rep. Mooney's

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Two hours into my first day of work as a Walmart greeter an ugly woman came in with her two kids. Hearing her swear at them, I said, "Good morning, welcome to Walmart."

"Nice kids, are they twins?"

"No, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why would you think they're twins? Are you blind or stupid?"

I replied, "I'm not blind or stupid. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day, and thank you for shopping at Walmart."

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## Art Guild of the Purple Isles - Attention All Artists!



In 1966, a small group of artists began to meet at the Islamorada studio of Miami artist, Bernice Shambaugh and this group became known as the Purple Isles Fine Arts Guild. They exhibited art-work throughout Florida as part of the Florida Federation of Art and in February 1968, hosted their first art show in the Keys.

In 1974, after withdrawing from the Florida Federation of Art, the Guild decided to operate independently to expand its membership, evolving to a fine arts Guild including photography.

The Guild changed its name to Art Guild of the Purple Isles or AGPI. Over the years AGPI has become an active group of more than 100 artists who are:

- at the center of visual fine art activities in the Upper Florida Keys,
- supportive and encourage fellow visual artists,
- committed to making art a prominent part of the community.

### The mission of the Guild is to:

- foster camaraderie within our membership,
- support and encourage visual artists by providing venues for exhibiting their work,
- provide educational activities in the arts,
- develop a public awareness



and appreciation of the visual arts throughout the community.

### Student Art Education

The AGPI mission statement in the bylaws of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles states the Guild will support students in Upper Keys schools with supplies and mentoring from our artist members.

AGPI has a long standing history of involvement with community student art education as follows:

- AGPI mentored, promoted and assisted Art Teachers and students in local schools by completing many interior wall murals at the Key Largo School and Plantation Keys School. (We plan to resume school murals when the COVID threat is over).
- AGPI and The History of Diving Museum collabo-

rated for the third year on its 2021 exhibit entitled "The Art of the Abyss." This was funded through a grant from the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys. Students from Plantation Key School, Key Largo Middle and Elementary, Ocean Studies Montessori and Coral Shores High School created art Sculptures depicting creatures from the Abyss and was displayed in combination with artworks by AGPI artists in the Spring of 2021.

- AGPI looks forward to 2022's collaboration with The History of Diving Museum and students of Florida Keys schools for an exhibit entitled, "Fanta-Sea".

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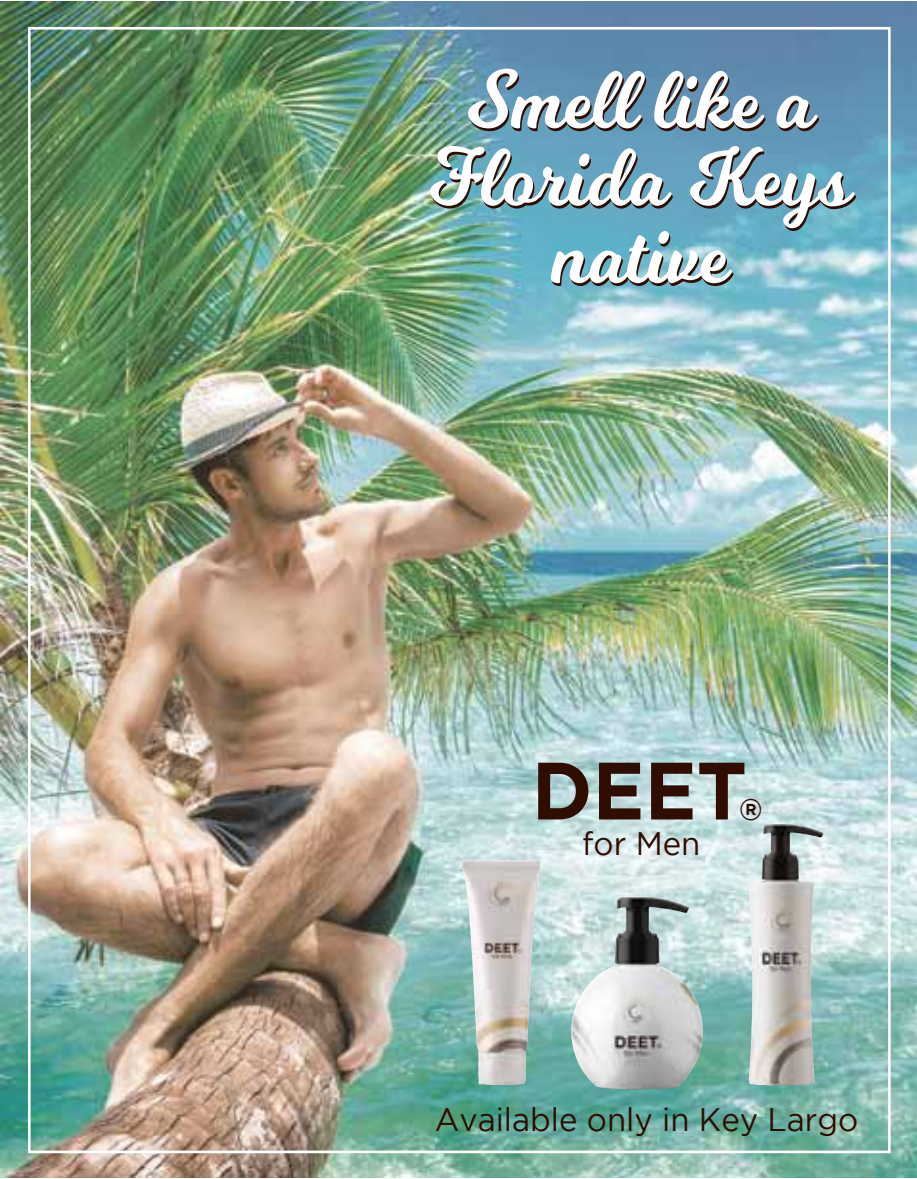


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"Buk", says the chicken. So the librarian gives him a book. The chicken leaves with the book and returns five minutes later. "Buk," he says. So the librarian gives him another book. This goes on about eight more times, until finally the librarian leaves the library and goes outside on break in back where there's a pond.

The chicken is standing on the edge of the pond tossing the books to a frog on a lily pad. The chicken says "Buk, Buk" and the frog says "reddit, reddit".

*Librarian jokes make me laugh so loud.. I get fined.. (bada boom, bada bing!)*

*shhhh happens! That joke was long overdue!*

*This conversation should be shelved!*  
*That speaks volumes about your maturity.*

*I think you should check out other jokes -*

*My favorite librarian gets lit.*

*We are just overdueing it now!*

*In Key Largo, which building is the tallest? Our Library has the most stories.*

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What's your name?  
Autocorrector.  
HAHAHA! Are you Sirius? What's your super powder? Wait a minion... what the help is happy ninja to me? PLEATS MAKE IT DUCKING STOP!

## June Events and Programs at Key Largo Library

The Key Largo Branch of the Monroe County Library System is hosting the following programs this month. All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Visit [KeysLibraries.Org](http://KeysLibraries.Org) for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN TRADEWINDS SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE.

### Special Events

**June Art Exhibit:** Local plein air artist Maria Wagner will exhibit her outdoor landscapes in the Key Largo Library Community Room.

**June 13 9-11am** Visit the Brain Bus outside the Key Largo Library. Learn about warning signs, ways to love your brain, steps to an accurate diagnosis, and advancements in research.



**June 29 10 am-3 pm** Monthly free Legal Help for low-income residents of Monroe County. Registration required - call (866) 686-2760. Sponsored by Legal Services of the Greater Miami & the Florida Keys.



**June 30 1 pm** English, 2 pm Spanish Monthly WIC Breastfeeding Classes. Free Prenatal breastfeeding class. Come learn about breastfeeding and its benefits. Everyone welcome. Clase de lactancia prenatal gratis. Venga a aprender sobre la lactancia materna y sus beneficios. Todos bienvenidos. Also Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 16, Dec 21



### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

(For elementary age kids)

**June 6** Stop by a Monroe County Library beginning June 6 to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. The more you read and the more programs you attend, the more chances to win prizes!

**June 8 2pm** Sea Creature Art & Ice Cream. Use mixed mediums to create a sea creature to add to our "aquarium" with local artist Yvette Cotera then enjoy a sweet treat.



**June 10 2pm** Kick off Pizza Party with REEF. Learn about the invasive lionfish and participate in a lionfish derby in the community room. Fish-free pizza will be served.

**June 17 2pm** Do you have what it takes to be a sponge hunter? Learn the surprising history, ecology, and impact of sponges in Florida. Presented by the History of Diving Museum.

**June 22 2pm** Musical Morning with Steve Weeks. Join Steve for an interactive family romp filled with music, humor and games as he performs his hit songs. Come prepared to laugh, sing and bring those dancing shoes! Ages 0-10.



### Weekly Programs

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**Creative Tuesdays** 1-3 pm Calling all Artists, new and experienced! Bring in items you are working on and help each other during this fun afternoon program. Sometimes a guest artist will have a project everyone can enjoy creating.

**Tech Tutor** Wednesdays 1-4 pm Drop in for help down-

loading 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.

**Quit Your Way** - Tobacco Free Florida Wednesdays 1 pm hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN and the Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

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- A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.
- A bar was walked into by the passive voice.
- An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.
- Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."
- A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.
- Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar and absolutely destroys everything.
- A question mark walks into a bar?
- A non sequitur walks into a bar. In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.
- Papyrus and Comic Sans walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Get out -- we don't serve your type."
- A mixed metaphor walks into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.
- Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They converse. They depart.
- A synonym strolls into a tavern.
- At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar -- fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.
- A run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.
- Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.
- A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.
- An allusion walks into a bar, despite the fact that alcohol is its Achilles heel.
- The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.
- A misplaced modifier walks into a bar owned a man with a glass eye named Ralph.
- The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.
- A dyslexic walks into a bar.
- A verb walks into a bar, sees a beautiful noun, and suggests they conjugate. The noun declines.
- A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.
- A gerund and an infinitive walk into a bar, drinking to forget.
- A hyphenated word and a non-hyphenated word walk into a bar and the bartender nearly chokes on the irony.



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Behind each of us stands at least one supporter. This was once thought to be the spouse who ran the home while leaving the other spouse free to work. While this is still one valid scenario, most of us will find that we have other kinds of supporters in our lives. In some cases, our supporters are the people whose help allows us to do the things we're best at, see to our obligations, or pursue our dreams. In other cases, our support may come from the people who are there to help us through life's challenges by offering us their strength and bolstering our spirit.

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As we take the time to acknowledge everyone that has ever supported us, we can't help but feel grateful. Understanding our place in our human support system helps us see that just as there are people that support us, we are a supporter to many people. By gratefully accepting the expertise and assistance of our supporters, we can consciously and more easily build a life that we love. Thanks to our staff, groups, friends, and loved ones for all their support. We all need each other's support to thrive in this world.

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# 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 mechanism 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 newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the 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 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 the ear.

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 density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

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

In ancient Greece tossing an apple 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 1935!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

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 knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

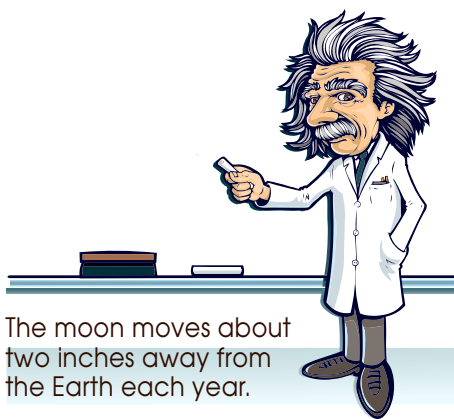
If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

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

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 moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

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 down.

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.



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Tenth Place

(Andaman Islands, India) John Allen Chau, a self proclaimed world explorer inspired by Livingston and Jesus, was killed by the very tribe of natives he was offering eternal life. According to the BBC in Delhi, Chau bribed six fishermen to ferry him to the off-limits island so he could offer the Sentinelese tribe gifts of scissors, a soccer ball, and Jesus.

In a letter he wrote to his family, this Vancouver resident and Alabama native said he wanted to make contact with the 60,000 year old tribe because "The eternal [life] of this [Sentinelese] tribe is at hand."

He paddled to the island in a kayak and was immediately "attacked by arrows but continued walking," stated the global news agency AFP. The fishermen then witnessed the natives "tying a rope around his neck and dragging his body" along the shore. They were clearly rejecting his gifts.

The tribe, the most isolated on earth, has taken a well documented, zero tolerance approach to visitors since a British occupation almost wiped them out during the 1800's. It's no surprise Chau's remains remain unrecovered.

Ninth Place

Ronald Cyr, 65, was shot dead on Thanksgiving evening in the rural town of Van Buren. Upon investigation, it was determined that the shooter was none other than Ronald Cyr himself.

To protect his family jewelry, this Maine coon decided on a DIY approach. Recalling his childhood, when a loose tooth was tied to a

DARWIN AWARDS

doorknob and he was told by Papa, "When I slam this door that tooth will shoot out of your mouth like a bullet!" our man rigged a handgun trigger to pull when the door was opened - by unauthorized personnel, natch.

This and other booby traps were installed about the property with the confidence of an idiot savant. Imagine the harm that could befall an unwitting visitor to this Maine home on the Canada border.

Thankfully no harm came to random passers by, because it was the homeowner himself who accidentally triggered the discharge of the jury-rigged home protection bullet that ended his life.

Eighth Place

In Detroit, a 41-year-old man got stuck and drowned in two feet of water after squeezing, head first, through an 18-inch-wide sewer grate to retrieve his car keys.

Seventh Place

A 49-year-old San Francisco stockbroker, who "totally zoned out when he ran", accidentally jogged off a 100-foot high cliff on his daily run.

Sixth Place

While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8-ft hole for protection from the wind and had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom when it collapsed, burying him beneath 5 feet of sand. People on the beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him, but it took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Fifth Place

Santiago Alvarado, 24, was killed as he fell through the ceiling of a bicycle shop he was burglarizing. Death was caused when the long flashlight he had placed in his mouth to keep his hands free rammed into the base of his skull as he hit the floor.

Fourth Place

Sylvester Briddell, Jr., 26, was killed as he won a bet with friends who said he would not put a revolver loaded with four bullets into his mouth and pull the trigger.

Third Place

After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics.

Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

HONORABLE MENTION

Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie were bored just driving around at 2 A.M. so they lit a quarter stick of dynamite to toss out of the window to see what would happen. Apparently they failed to notice that the window was closed.

RUNNER UP

Kerry Bingham had been drinking with friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more excited, and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 AM.

Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge, they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other to the bridge.

His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt (Paderborn, Germany) fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs, and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded.

The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves ... 'Shit happens.'



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SHOULD BE CALLED  
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My favorite game is  
trying to take something  
out of the refrigerator  
without moving the other  
items in front of it.  
I call it Refrigerator  
Jenga, and when you lose  
you clean up marinara for  
40 minutes.

How many telemarketers  
does it take to change  
a light bulb?  
Only one, but he has to do it  
while you are eating dinner.

ANOTHER FRIDAY  
NIGHT IN THE  
HOUSE AND I JUST  
REALIZED, EVEN THE  
TRASH GOES OUT  
MORE THAN ME.

I said I was good at  
making decisions. I didn't  
say the decisions I made  
were good.

Perkatory  
The anguished, prolonged  
period spent waiting for a  
fresh pot of coffee  
to be ready.

I USED TO  
BRING IN THE  
NEWSPAPER...  
NOW, I JUST  
FORWARD  
LINKS.

REMEMBER WHEN  
TEACHERS USED TO SAY,  
"YOU WON'T HAVE A  
CALCULATOR  
EVERYWHERE YOU GO."  
WELL WE SHOWED THEM.

OK, hear me out:  
an old-fashioned candy  
necklace, but with Tums  
and Ibuprofen...

It's About Time  
Guy who invented the clock:  
there will be 12 numbers on it  
Friend: so the day will be  
divided into 12 segments?  
Inventor: no, 24  
Friend: so will the day start at 1  
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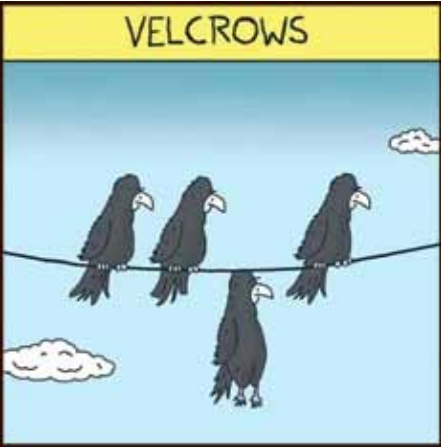


# Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

I go to KFC to get the kids something to eat. They wanted the kids meal with a leg so I said “kids meal with the leg” and the lady says “which side?” Me- \*complete silence as I heavily contemplate such an odd decision.\*

“I guess the right side, I don’t know what the difference is.” After several moments of laughter she says “No honey, which side would you like to go with the leg? Mashed potatoes or wedges?”

Jesus take the wheel. It’s been a long day.



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## 5 Stages of a Woman's Life:

- To grow up
- To fill out
- To slim down
- To hold it in
- To hell with it



Due to the really bad weather, I decided to see if my 83-year-old neighbor needed anything from the store.

She did.

So I gave her my list.

No point in both of us going out in this weather.

**I'LL TELL YOU WHY I CAN'T LOSE WEIGHT... I'VE GOT METAL FILLINGS IN MY TEETH AND MY REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS KEEP PULLING ME INTO THE KITCHEN.**



**OMG I just found out that Albert Einstein was a real person!!**

**All this time I thought he was a theoretical physicist.**

I signed up for a zoom workout class that was too advanced so when the instructor said “do a plank and bring your knee to the opposite elbow,” I did a modified version where I turned off my computer and made pancakes.

Daddy calls home.

'Hello?'

'Hi, honey.'

'This is Daddy. Is Mommy near the phone?'

'No, Daddy. She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul.'

After a brief pause, Daddy says, 'But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul.'

'Oh, yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy, right now.'

Brief Pause.

'Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run up-stairs, knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway.'

'Okay, Daddy, just a minute.'

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone.

'I did it, Daddy.'

'And what happened, honey?'

'Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming.'

'Then, she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!'

'Oh, my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?'

'He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead.'

Long Pause

Longer Pause

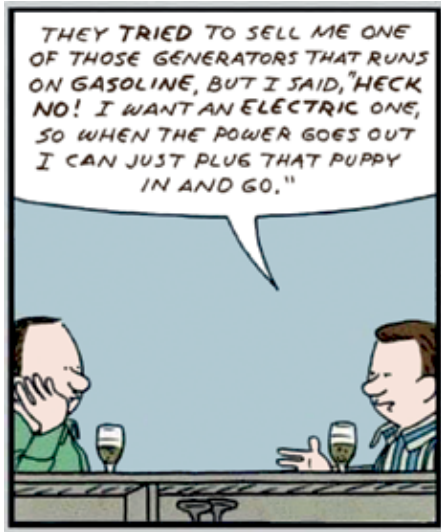
Even Longer Pause

Then Daddy says, 'Swimming pool? Is this 486-5731?'

**I can't believe it's monkeypox season already. I still have my Ukraine decorations up.**



**I HAVE MANY HIDDEN TALENTS. JUST WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHERE I HID THEM.**



A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs around the country. One night he's doing a show in a small town in Oklahoma. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

A blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting: "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes! What makes you think you can stereotype women in that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes but women in general.... and all in the name of humor."

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize when the blonde yells: "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little shit sitting on your knee!"



**Knowing my luck, I'll be reincarnated as me again.**

**I was going to cook alligator for dinner but realized I only had a croc pot.**



**There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.**  
Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

**I hired a handy man and gave him a list. When I got home, only items 1, 3, and 5 were done.**  
**Turns out, he only does odd jobs.**

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher.

Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence...

The rest of the year went very smoothly.

My husband & I were doing yard work but I started a fight so I could storm off into the air conditioning



**after my funeral i want one of my friends to take my phone and text everyone "thanks for coming"**



An armed burglar entered a house mid-afternoon and found two people making passionate love. He held the man at gunpoint while he tied up the woman. He then ordered the man to open the safe and hand over the family's jewelry and other valuables. The frightened man started begging and said, "You can take anything you want even the thousand dollars or so in my wallet but please, please untie the ropes and let her go. The thief answered, "You must really love your wife!" The man then said, "Not particularly, but she'll be back from work soon".

**I'm taking care of my procrastination issues: just you wait and see.**



**The key to looking amazing is looking like \$h!7 most of the time so it's more of a surprise**

I got fired from my job because I kept asking my customers whether they would prefer "Smoking" or "Non-smoking".  
Apparently the correct terms are "Cremation" and "Burial".



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Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes & audition for roles! thekeyplayers.org

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Southern Stampede at the Big Chill



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Big Chill sunset.



View from the Big Chill in the evening.



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5 Micah 11-3	6 Carousers 6-10	7 Dennis Holmes 6-10	8 Webb & Davidson 6-10	9 Webb & Davidson 6-10	10 Brothers Of Others 6-10	11 Ray Jaworski 11-3
Webb & Davidson 6-10	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	Abstract Radio 6-10
12 Steve Venini 11-3	13 Carousers 6-10	14 Dennis Holmes 6-10	15 Webb & Davidson 6-10	16 Webb & Davidson 6-10	17 Taylor King Band 6-10	18 Micah 11-3
Webb & Davidson 6-10	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	Spank The Band 6-10
19 John Ciulla 11-3	20 Carousers 6-10	21 Dennis Holmes 6-10	22 Davidson & Stecey 6-10	23 Davidson & Stecey 6-10	24 Carousers 6-10	25 Luke Glenn 11-3
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