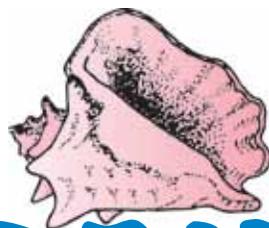


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Editorial: Good Riddance 2017 and Welcome 2018!

The good news is we survived Hurricane Irma. Many of us pulled together to help each other, but other folks were just out for themselves. Some things are downright baffling... here are a few.

Many states across the country threw benefits raising millions of dollars for hurricane Irma relief as well as local fundraisers. Where did all that money go? I don't know anyone who has seen any of it. Be wary of online fundraisers.

As with hurricane Andrew, crooks and scammers are drawn here to profit on our misfortune. While the people who were hardest hit worked diligently on their homes, grateful they still have homes, others used the aftermath of the disaster to

swindle the helpless. One guy has a couple of Go-Fund-Me and Facebook sites to raise money because he says "he lost everything in the hurricane". He even went as far as to drive to the lower keys and take a photo of himself outside someone else's wrecked home! He is currently still living in a motel even though his home is fine as well as his motorhome sitting in the front yard.

Another woman ran around town hysterically crying like a lunatic and claiming she lost everything to anyone who would listen. I know she did not lose everything. I'd taken photos of her house and emailed them to her the day after Irma (while she was evacuated) to ease her mind.

A friend of mine was murdered in November. One of

her so called "friends," looking smug, bragged how she crossed the police line and stole the murdered woman's bracelet off the porch floor! Stealing from the dead is a despicable, bet she's not so smug now.

Another local lady was devastated when her cute little dog escaped her home and vanished. She posted photos on Facebook and fliers all over town. The dog was missing a week and the owner got phone calls that her sweet baby Lillith had been seen at a gift shop at MM 103, so the owner of the dog went there. The owners of said gift shop swore to her that they did not have the dog but the dog's owner threatened to call the police

because could hear her pet barking within the building! The husband and wife gift shop owners then rushed to surrender the dog they had been keeping hostage in an upstairs apartment. The owner was delighted to get her beloved therapy dog back only to be shocked and appalled when the dognappers had the audacity to phone her later and ask for a reward!



Lillith

Marsha Garrettson of the Humane Society told me it is unlawful to knowingly keep another persons pet. Pets are considered property. A police report has since been filed. There are many dogs at the Humane Society that need homes, please adopt, don't steal. Pets are family!

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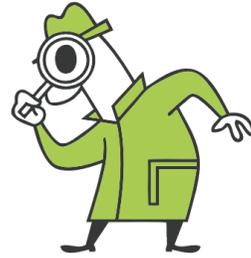
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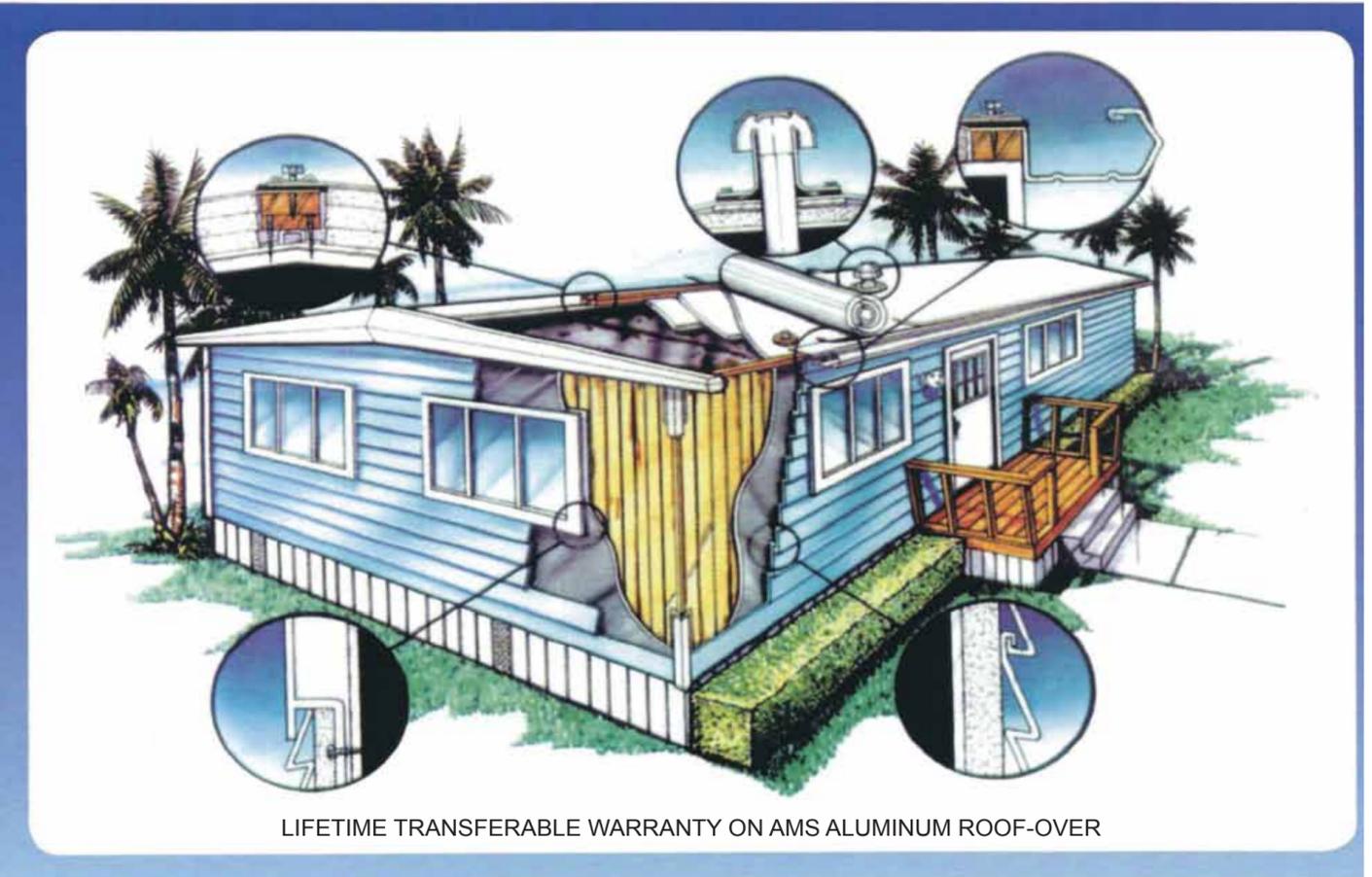
- I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to sound like an alarmist, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather.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

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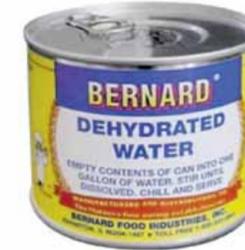
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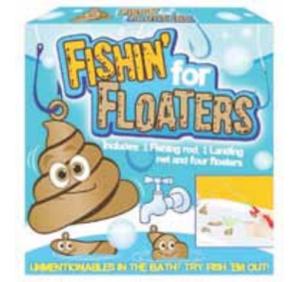
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He specializes in island music, country, oldies, jazz, big band, blues, contemporary and pop of the 1940s through the 1960s, plus he is constantly learning new material at the request of his many fans.

He says "Listen closely to the songs. I have been known to take a good song and make it better by substituting my own lyrics for the original words."

Dressing is also available as a DJ, and during his breaks he keeps the music going from his computer while he mingles with the audience. Throughout the years he has kept busy playing private parties at Ocean Reef, clubs, restaurants, bars, concerts, live benefits and fundraisers up and down the Keys.

Most recently Tim volunteered to play for his good friend Mary Bonneville's Celebration of Life at the VFW. It was a beautiful and loving tribute, and he played his heart out on that special day, which was also on his birthday.

You can catch Tim's show at the Key Largo Moose Lodge every Thursday night from 6 to 9 pm. Contact him by phone 305-522-3982 or visit www.TimDressing.com.



Tim Dressing volunteered to play for Mary Bonneville's Celebration of Life at the VFW in December.

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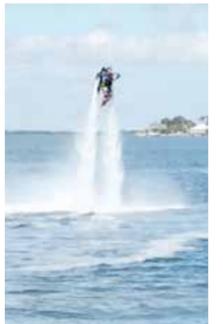
Around Town



The Pilot House's lobster trap tree was the focus of their Toys for Tots campaign.



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Keys Adventures at the Big Chill shows how to hover in Blackwater Sound!



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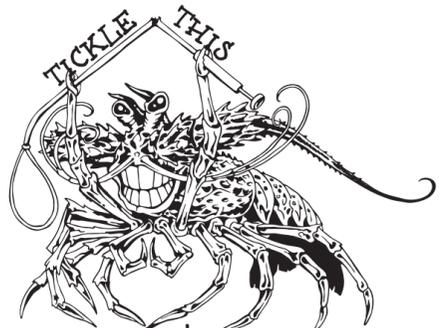
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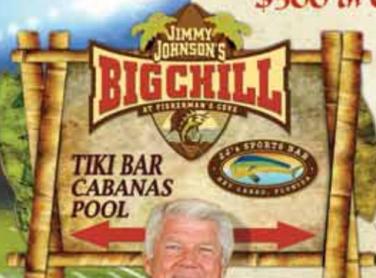
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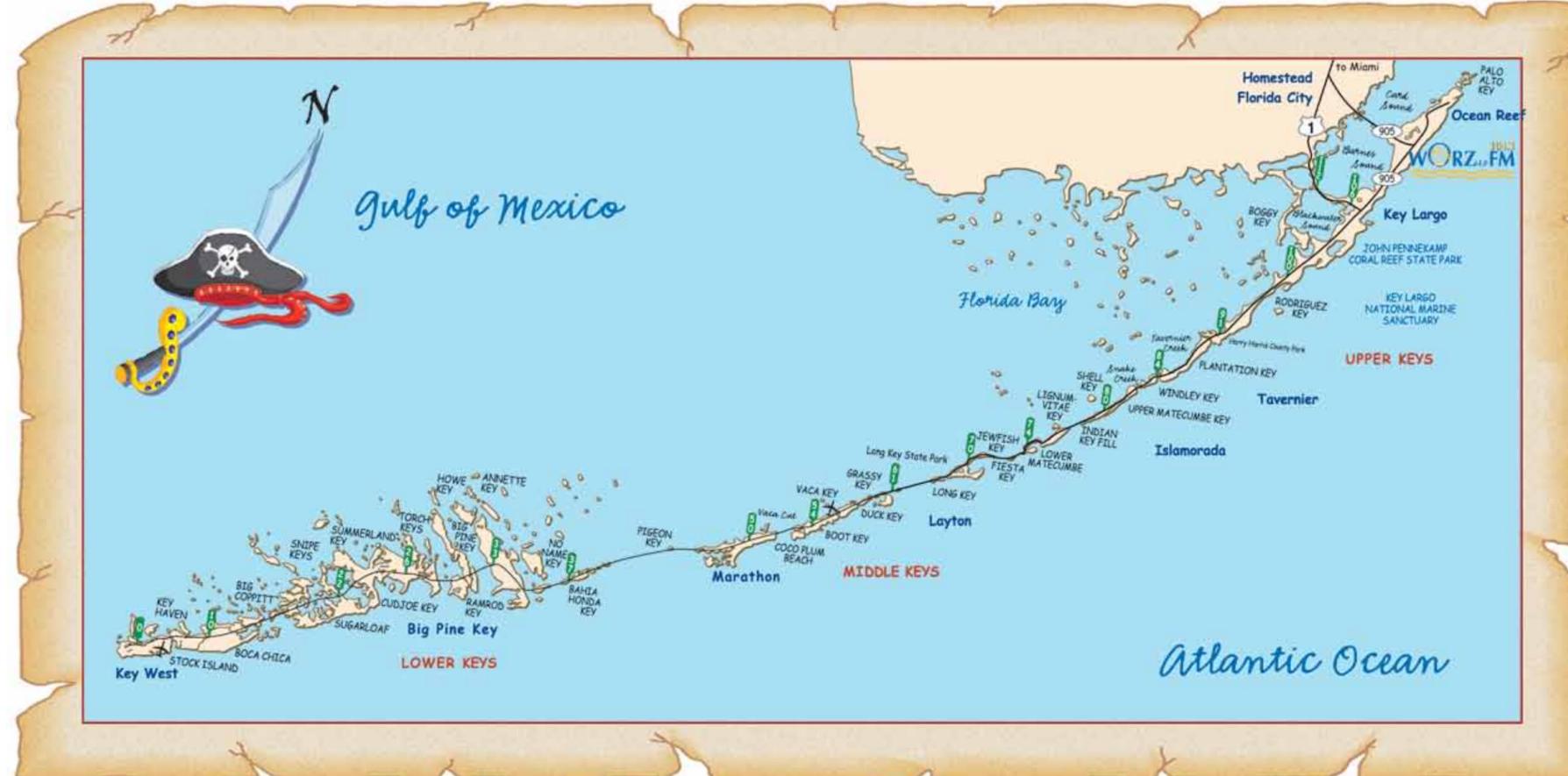
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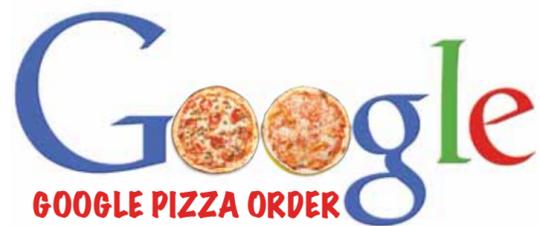
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Are Your Taste Buds Ready? 'Uncorked' 2018 Food and Wine Festival

Uncorked is back, bringing the return of some of your favorite events together with some new and exciting ones added to our tantalizing schedule to attract all foodies and wine, beer and cocktail sippers and connoisseurs. This year the 11-day culinary feast kicks-off on January 4th and runs through Sunday the 14th. The Upper Keys, Key Largo and Islamorada transforms for this period into a food and wine lovers' paradise as area culinary experts together with the wine experts from Breakthru Beverage and Republic National step up to the 'plate' to present a multitude of tasty food, wine and spirits events.

This year Uncorked welcomes three fabulous chefs from Miami who will present a 'Pop-up-Miami' gourmet dinner featuring Chefs Phil Bryant and Veronica Valdivia who run The Local Craft Food and Drink in Coral Gables and Chef Michael Beltran of Ariete in Coconut Grove.

New this year is a Bayside street party with local artists, crafts vendors, food, libations and beers. Back by popular demand, Snapper's restaurant hosts their hilarious grape stomping contest and we'll see the return of the ever-popular gourmet "Dine Around Town" dinner, the Key Largo Fisheries 'Lobsterfest' and more.

Key Largo Chocolates will host a Chocolate meets Cabernet event for adults, and for the younger foodies, a popular junior chocolatiers' cooking class is to be held by the Keys' only chocolatier. Multiple Sunday brunch opportunities are also planned.

The festival's signature outdoor Grand Tasting is Saturday, Jan. 13, from noon to 4pm, with a VIP hour from 11am to noon. This year the Grand Tasting will be hosted on the oceanfront lawns and in the Conference Center of the Islander Resort. Attendees can sample signature dishes from numerous area restaurants, comple-



Grand Tasting, photo courtesy of Bob Care

mented by an impressive selection of wines. Live music, cooking and mixology demonstrations and cocktail tastings round out the afternoon on the water, flanked by the Atlantic Ocean. It really doesn't get any better than this!

Grand Tasting general admission tickets are \$65 (plus tax) per person, in advance, and \$75 at the gate. VIP tickets are available allowing early entry at 11 a.m. and the VIP hour until noon in the Conference Center. Cost of \$90 (plus tax) includes a souvenir T-shirt, tasting glass and gift bag with the Festival cookbook featuring Keys chefs' recipes.

For a more comprehensive schedule of event times, venues, costs and menus go to floridakeysuncorked.com

Sounds of the Keys



Rob LeBrun
 Main Street put on an amazing show at Gilbert's in December. They'll be back March 3rd.



Rob LeBrun
 The outstanding Bruja Band performed at Gilbert's in December. See them again on February 9th.



Ashba entertains at Snooks Saturday night.



Steve Venini and band at Bayside Grille.



Lee Sharp is a favorite of the Pilot House.

The Benefits of Singing

The act of singing is one of the easiest ways of raising the vibration of your body as you harmonize with the universe.

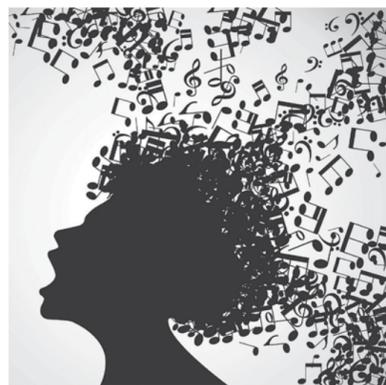
Singing is an act of vibration. It takes music from the realm of the unformed-- whether that is in your mind or from that magical space of inspiration--and moves it from within to without.

From the first breath singing moves the energy in a circular way inside your body. As the breath fills your lungs, it brushes against the second and third chakras—the centers of creation and honoring self and others.

Instead of merely exhaling, pushing the air past the fourth and fifth chakras where heart chakra and the center of will and intention reside, singing engages both the heart and mind. Sound vibrations from vocal chords resonate in the sinus cavities, filling the head with motion and sound while the brain lights up with the processing of the mathematics of music.

This marriage of activities brings the third eye into play and opens the door for inspiration from the crown chakra before sending the sound out into the world.

Once the vibration begins, it is sustained with each note, moving throughout your body



and the space around you. This can help you to harmonize your frequency with the world and with the divine. The use of the voice can bring about catharsis, a cleansing from the expression of emotion, which is why we feel better after singing certain types of songs.

All of this occurs even if we are not conscious of what we are singing, but when we really connect with an intention, the power of the voice and music together are powerful tools in creation.

Even if you are not a singer by nature or talent, you are not left out. If you have a voice, it is your birthright to celebrate life with song. It doesn't matter if you don't feel you have a nice voice.

Chanting or humming, singing solo or with others, your voice is yours to enjoy. Whether you sing along to the radio or use vocalization as part of your meditation time, singing and harmonizing are healing activities that bring your body's vibrations into alignment with the universe.

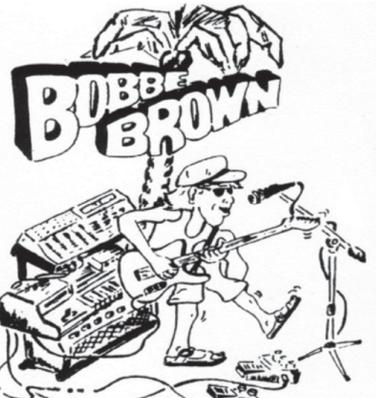
Catch Rogue Theory at Gilbert's Before They're Gone!

Rogue Theory, the hot band from Palm Beach County, will be making their last appearance for awhile at Gilbert's Resort on Saturday January 6th from 7-11pm.

Harry Bayron, the lead singer and electric fiddle player, told us that the band has been hired to work for three months in South Korea during the Winter Olympics!

Upon returning to the States, they are going to Nashville to record an album and start a nationwide tour. See them at Gilbert's before they go national!





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Patti loves Sharkeys because the owners Paul and Adam have created a working atmosphere where everyone is treated like family. "It is such a great feeling to work with people you respect and admire", says Patti.

And it shows, especially when Patti is working, everyone feels welcome and comfortable. After a hard day of work, nothing is as relaxing as a happy hour cocktail with Patti. She works the Shar-

keys sports bar during the days on Sunday, Monday and Tuesdays, and upstairs at the Galley on Wednesday mornings and Thursday nights. The Galley is a locals' favorite.

When Patti is not working she likes to hang out on the other side of the bar with friends, catch some sunshine by the pool, go fishing, ride a motorcycle across the country, visit with her mother Gloria and spend time with her dogs Lilly and Junior.

Recently her 10-year-old hound dog Lilly got hit by a car and required a very expensive operation to amputate her front leg. Patti was stunned when some of her friends and customers chipped in to help her pay for it. That is the kind of love, friendship and generosity you will only find at Sharkey's!



We just had to rerun this foxy photo of Patti, from Halloween 2016!

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PERSONAL

Today I learned something new. You're supposed to pee on a jellyfish sting and not on a jelly stain. I apologize to the lady at the Waffle House. I was just trying to help.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?



I met this pelican by the dock at the Key Largo Fisheries. We chilled for like, 5 minutes & then without any warning he just flew away. We really hit it off. So if you see him, please let him know I miss that crazy son of a bitch. — Jeff

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CLUBS

Fraternal Order of the Eagles meets every 1st and 3rd Monday 7pm at Elks Lodge in Tavernier.

Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 3rd Thurs. of every month at Key Largo Library Comm. Room 7pm. Open to public. 305-451-3000

The Key Players, Inc. Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes and audition for roles!
Go to: thekeyplayers.org

FOR SALE

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Koala for Sale

I have a 3-year-old Koala Bear named GumNut, that I am desperately trying to find a new home for. I bought him in January figuring it would be an awesome pet that would enjoy living in my greenhouse. Sadly I was wrong. I paid \$3200 for him last May, and I am not sure what the used Koala Bear market is like in a good economy or the one we have now; so I am open to offers.

Please use some common sense before contacting me, don't be an idiot. I am not interested in trading my Koala Bear for your busted up 1980's Camero, naked pictures of your wife, or an offer to paint my garage door.
GumNut's stats:
The GOOD:
1. He is somewhat housebroken, uses a cat box most of the time.

*Actual ad from Craig's List

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When what to my wondering eyes should appear... BUT 10 EXTRA POUNDS ON HIPS, THIGHS, & REAR

After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kinda strange so she decides to do a DNA test.

She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

Wife: "Honey, I have something very serious to tell you."

Husband: "What's up?"

Wife: "According to DNA test results, this is not our kid!"

Husband: "Well you don't remember, do you?"

"When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped. Then you said, 'Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here.'

"So I went inside, got a clean one and left the dirty one there."



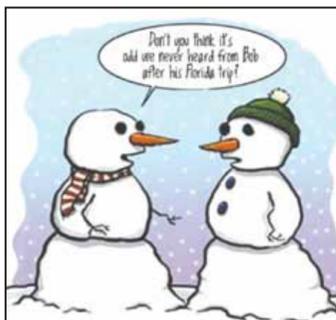
I poured root beer in a square glass. Now I just have beer.



The man approached the very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and asked, "You know, I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?"

"Why?"

"Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife appears out of nowhere."



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I didn't mean to gain weight. It happened by snaccident.

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?

Phillipe Phillope.

What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?

A labracadabrador.

Does running late count as exercise?

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MARRIAGE OR FISHING...



WOULD YOU PICK OFFSHORE OR BACKCOUNTRY?

An average looking man walks into a bar and a beautiful woman approaches him the woman asks the man, "How would you like to get out of here?" and the man is stunned.

He never thought a woman like her would ever approach him so he agrees. They both get into his car and drive really far. He stops at a cliff with the view of the whole city.

Within seconds they start taking off their clothes. After 15 minutes of passionately making love they finally finish. They both put their clothes on and sit there awkwardly.

The woman speaks up and says "I'm a prostitute and its going to be 100 dollars for my service."

The man is stunned and saddened that she didn't really like him He gives her the money and they both sit there awkwardly.

The woman tells him that she is ready to leave and the man replies "I'm a taxi driver and its going to be 150 dollars for the ride here and back."

I JUST BURNED 2000 CALORIES. THAT'S THE LAST TIME I LEAVE BROWNIES IN THE OVEN WHILE I NAP.

Two women were having lunch together, and discussing the merits of cosmetic surgery. The First woman says, "I'll be honest, I'm getting a boob job." The second woman says, "Oh, that's nothing, I'm thinking of having my asshole bleached." To which the first replies, "Whoa, I just can't picture your husband as a blonde."



Church Mice.

WHY DO MEDICATIONS ALWAYS HAVE SIDE EFFECTS LIKE "ANAL LEAKAGE" AND "SUICIDAL THOUGHTS?" WHY NOT "INVISIBILITY" OR "SPONTANEOUS ORGASMS?"

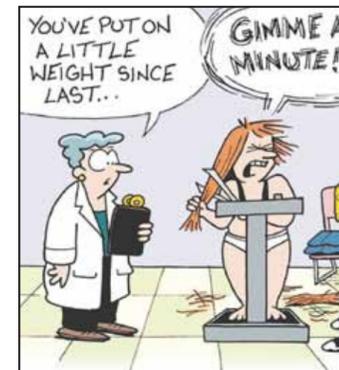
I JUST SAW SOME IDIOT AT THE GYM PUT A WATER BOTTLE IN THE PRINGLES HOLDER ON THE TREADMILL.

I wish EVERYTHING was as easy as GETTING FAT!

One day Mom was cleaning Junior's room and in the closet she found a bondage S&M magazine. This was highly upsetting for her. She hid the magazine until his father got home and showed it to him. He looked at it and handed it back to her with out a word.

So she asked him, "What should we do about this?"

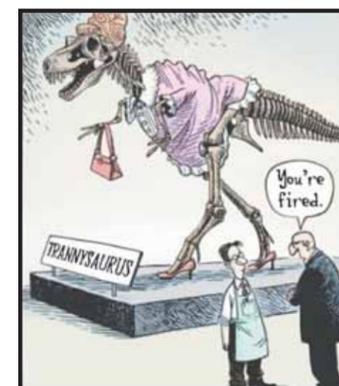
Dad looked at her and said, "Well, I don't think you should spank him."



I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.



I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.



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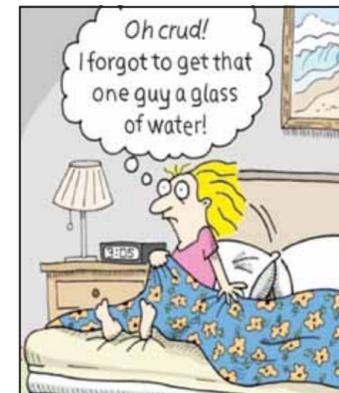
Why I Hate My Family

My mom got me some chocolate covered pretzel bits for Christmas and they literally looked like poop. I told my parents and they said they look like pretzels and told me to stop being ungrateful.

After everyone went to bed, I put a few of my chocolate pretzels outside of the cat litter box to make it look like the cat got poop everywhere. The next morning I come downstairs and my family is complaining about the litterbox mess, so I decide to be funny and pick one up and take a bite out of it, preparing to laugh at everybody because I was right about the pretzels looking like cat poop.

I take a bite. It's soft. It's not a chocolate pretzel, it's the real thing! My family is howling with laughter as I run to the bathroom.

They knew what I had done and replaced my pretzels on the sly. I don't think I can ever show my face around my family again. They keep telling me I can clean the litter box if I get hungry.



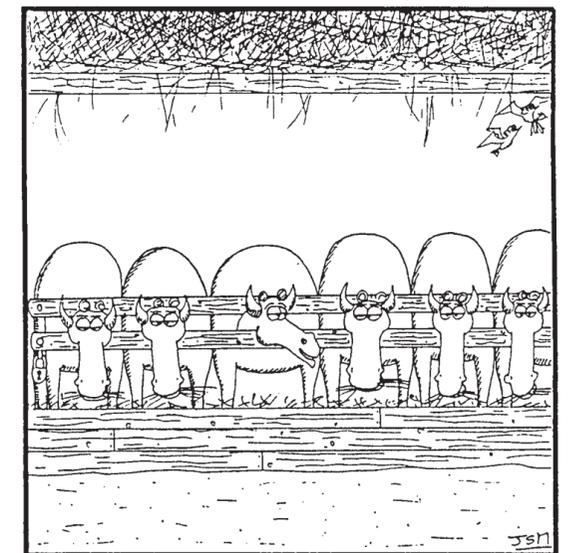
Today, I broke my own personal record for most consecutive days lived.

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million dollars!" Yeah that kind of scared me... So I'm sitting on the dock, took out the screws holding the plastic ring and there is a lot of strange looking goop staring at me. I take my brand new putty knife and start unputtying the goop, which to my best guess, had been there for 100 years. It sucked my knife in and barely allowed me to remove the knife, WTF is this stuff?! Two hours later I was ready to put new goop in over the old goop and put the ring back on and say screw that, I was not going to win this one.

lating saw, he just happened to have one. I also watched a YouTube video on installing new port lights. So I'm back at it, and within two more hours I had my first old port out. Putting in the new ones, piece of cake, just screw it in place from the inside, on the outside squeeze in a good silicone product, replace the new ring on the outside, then clean up the silicone which I managed to get everywhere, in my hair, under my fingernails... I now have two toes that may never come apart! (Nnote to self, use gloves for the next one, and maybe socks.)

Living Dockside by Ginny Jones

I am done whining about Irma, now I just have to fix the little things she left behind. I already took care of the bigger items like the halyards, topping lift and with the help of my son, who flew in from Arizona, we put the dock back together. The dock is still pretty bad, only a couple of us have electricity. I have an electric cord down the length of the dock, it keeps power to my battery charger, so it's kind of like living out on the hook. She Breeze has a home, sort of. So on to the port lights that got all chewed up.

afford stainless steel ones so I settled for brand new white ones that were originally put in all Morgan sailboats. They are a thing of beauty and I couldn't wait to tackle the job of taking out the first old port, how hard could it be? Yes, I do cuss but not enough to scare the neighbors or the fish that live in my lagoon, but this project brought out the foul mouthed sailor in me. My first warning should have been when I was at West Marine buying a few supplies to tackle this simple job, I asked Ronnie if he had ever taken out old port lights and would he be interested in helping, he said, and I quote, "not for a



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I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO ANYONE I HAVE NOT YET OFFENDED. PLEASE BE PATIENT, I WILL GET TO YOU SHORTLY.

*My fantasy is to have two men at once.
One cooking, one cleaning!*

Take the Shuttle!

For those arriving to the Gilbert's party fashionably late, you can park on the main access road and take the FREE air-conditioned shuttle to and from Gilbert's on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-8pm.



IT'S NO LONGER "BOX WINE."



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Selfish or Self Care?

by Dawn Wiggins, Ed.S.

I got my oil changed last month. It was only 1,800 miles overdue.

I had reasons, oh I had excellent reasons.

"I live on an island. I can't be without my car. It takes too long. It's not that bad yet. If something were wrong, the check engine light would come on. Ugh, my husband should handle this." Sound familiar?

Unfortunately, we use the same thinking when tending to personal maintenance.

"It's too hard. I can't spare the time. I don't like to exercise. My bloodwork looks fine; I don't need to change my lifestyle yet. This pill should numb the pain."

Your excuses are just that. Excuses. The bottom

line, if you don't change the oil, the engine explodes.

Have you exploded lately? Have you melted down because you're overwhelmed, overtired, over-worked?

Have you shouted at your spouse, your children, yourself? Or, do you silently simmer?

Compounding matters, you're more concerned with your overdue oil change than the chatter in your mind. You're more willing to over-extend yourself than your vehicle.

When did your vehicle become more important than YOU?

Consider this a loving invitation to reprioritize. I love you.

Will you love you?



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Conch Characters



Congratulations Jessi Behrendt and Lolo Ornelas of Blackwater Siren, 1st Place winners of the Key Largo Cook Off for Soups & Chowders. Photo by Kelly Hershey.



Chef Mitch of Gilbert's Resort carves some prime rib for a holiday party. He's single, ladies!



Loralee Carpenter shows the sunset reflected through a crystal ball at Playa Largo. Photo by Denzel Fiegelson.



Blackwater Siren crew enjoying their employee Christmas Party.



DJ Mel T of Sun 103.1 helps Michael Trixx with his floating table trick at Gilbert's.



Congratulations to Justin Rivas (left). This former server at Gilbert's is a new Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy!



Margo Arnold, Cricket and Serenity Magee, Eric Deland at the Elks' annual Children's Christmas Party. Everyone had a good time!



Marcy Scott shows off the giant barracuda she caught!

The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski

Sandi's recipes are featured here monthly. For previous issues go to <http://www.theconchtelegraph.com>.



My husband created this delicious but easy soup. It is better if prepared the day before, and we found that mixing the onions such as yellow, sweet, and red make a nice combination.



PAUL'S FRENCH ONION SOUP

- ¼ stick of butter
- 3 to 5 finely chopped garlic cloves
- 1 large diced onion
- 5 cans of beef broth
- 3 cans of consume
- 1 ½ cans of water
- 5 large sliced onions
- 2 tablespoons of catsup
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- Sprinkle of salt
- Sprinkle of cayenne pepper
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup of sherry (optional)



Melt the butter in a large stockpot. Sautee the garlic and diced onion. Add the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Then simmer until the onions are tender. Refrigerate overnight then heat the next day.

Cut French bread into ½ inch slices. Lightly spread extra virgin olive oil on each side and sprinkle with granulated garlic. Bake under a low broiler until slightly browned on both sides.

Ladle the soup into oven proof crocks placing the bread on the top. Add a slice of mozzarella on the top of the bread and broil until the cheese is melted and bubbly. Enjoy!

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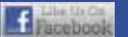
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