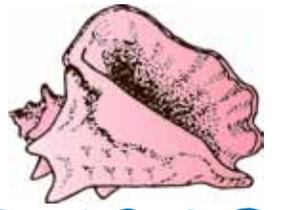


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Editorial - Junk Mail

Junk mail! High priced advertising in a glossy publication that comes in your mail box or clogs up your post office box. In the newspaper business we call them "throw away's" because that's just what most people do with them, drop them in the garbage and send them off to Mt. Trashmore.

On a whim I decided to save them for a month. See photo. What a waste! Can't even use them to line a bird cage or wrap a mullet.

Some of those publications boast higher circulation numbers than us but they aren't worth the paper they are printed on if they don't have a high penetration. How many people actually read it? What's there to read if it is all ads?

The Coconut Telegraph has a very high penetration. Some of our loyal readers actually hoard them or they mail them to friends and relatives in other states even though we have a free website with easy access and we do have subscriptions available, see page 13.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.



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Critters in Our Backyard: Monarch Butterfly

by Carol Ellis

The end of hurricane season signals a few traditions at our home. First, we take down the hurricane shutters and second we call the screen enclosure repairman, to replace any frayed, loose or "holey" panels caused by golfers whose drives were not so straight.

Early evening after the screens were repaired, I noticed there was now a lone Monarch butterfly trapped inside the screen enclosure. It must have flown in while a screen panel was out. The next morning, I saw another monarch butterfly outside the screen enclosure, hover-



ing nearby as the trapped butterfly inside was searching for an exit. I got a ladder, reached up to gently grab the butterfly's closed wings, and released it outside. Immediately, his/her friend rushed to its side, and they tootled around the backyard all afternoon, happily reunited.

With its iconic orange and black markings, the Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) is one of the most recognizable butterfly species in North America and is known for its impressive long-distance migration, and is a candidate under the Endangered Species Act. The 2,500 mile Monarch butterfly migration starts in Canada in early Fall. The group living east of the Rocky Mountains migrates south to Central Mexico while those living west of the Rockies migrate to southern

Aphids can be a problem that can be fixed with a strong blast of water from the hose... or let the ladybugs, present in a healthy, balanced environment, take care of it.

California. Both locations have the montane oyamel fir and native pine forests.

Butterfly gardens are beautiful spaces full of colorful fluttering butterflies. I plant flowers and also choose native trees to provide a source of nectar for the butterflies, as well as to serve as host plants for the caterpillars. There are Monarchs in my backyard year round. According to experts, our Florida Monarchs are a different subspecies and they don't migrate.

Tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*), a native to Mexico, can be found in most garden



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stores, and Monarch butterflies are really attracted to it. It is also known as butterfly weed, milkweed, or silkweed, and it produces bunches of orange, yellow, and red tubular blooms for months.

With its ability to tolerate the hot sun and sandy soil in the Florida Keys, the Giant Milkweed (*Calotropis gigantea*), also known as Crown Flower, is a hardy plant that just wants to live. "Giant"... it grew in four months to about five feet, and just as I was ready to cut it back, the caterpillars appeared. Milkweed is the only food the larva can eat, but it eats enough to increase its weight 2,700 times in just two weeks. New gardeners are often shocked when they see their beautiful plants all of a sudden just a couple sticks

Only a couple caterpillars survive to become adults; the rest become food for birds, frogs, spiders, lizards, and every other creature out there.

The caterpillars feeding on the Tropical Milkweed appear more yellowish/orange with black.

after the caterpillars have eaten every green and flowering piece of it. Luckily, the milkweeds don't die... they are accustomed to providing food, and soon the leaves are back, and the silky seed pods open and are released in the air, to land where they may, thereby creating more plants.

Milkweed is a host plant for a number of pollinators, so use of pesticides on milkweed is discouraged. Aphids can be a problem, that can be fixed with a strong blast of water from the hose... or let the ladybugs, present in a healthy, balanced environment, take care of it.

With both types of milkweed in my garden, I observed the caterpillars



feeding on the Giant milkweed appear more white with black coloration, as opposed to the caterpillars feeding on the tropical milkweed, who appear more yellowish/orange with black. Speculation on my part perhaps? Could it be cater-



Monarch butterflies are really attracted to Tropical Milkweed.



To learn more about our butterflies, or provide support, check out the Miami Blue Chapter of the NABA. (<https://miamiblue.org/>)

The butterfly lays its eggs on the new growth of the Giant Milkweed.

pillars, as do humans abide by the rule: "you are what you eat"?

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CAROL ELLIS has lived in South Florida her entire life and Key Largo for 37 years.

Currently a Master Gardener volunteer, Carol has a degree in Journalism from the University of Florida and is the resident photographer /artist at Ocean Reef Club.



Cages for caterpillars?

There are citizen scientists who have screen mesh houses, where they observe the lifecycle from egg, to caterpillar, pupate, to emerging butterfly. As long as there is a clean environment, with enough fresh plant material for food they are fine. More than just science, it is a way of boosting the population of a certain species.



The silky seed pods open and are released in the air, to land where they may, thereby creating more plants.

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The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

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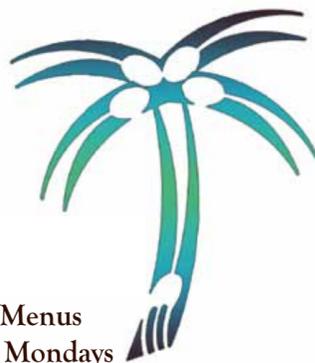
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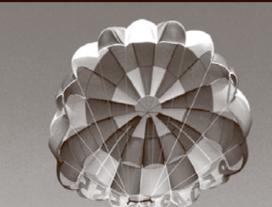
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Artist of the Month: Gary Pollack - Dolphin & Spirit Tribal Necklaces



The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature Gary Pollack as Artist of the Month of January. What a great way to start out the new year!

Pollack was born in New Jersey and moved to South Florida where he graduated Law School at University of Miami. He was one of Florida's premier litigators since 1980. As an attorney, he represented some of the nation's largest corporations, and to the surprise of old clients, he now continues his long-time hobby of creating exotic necklaces full time in Key Largo, where he has resided for over 20 years.

Gary and his wife Tracy



have traveled throughout North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean collecting eye-popping centerpieces and gemstones found in Gary's one-of-a-kind necklaces.

You will spot his Dolphin & Spirit necklaces being worn by CEOs, attorneys, judges, artists, and doctors — even movie stars and a famous Latin rapper, while boating in the Keys, on the beach, hiking the Appalachians or out at restaurants, bars and nightclubs.

Many years ago, Gary noticed that silver coins recovered from the Spanish Galleon, Atocha shipwreck off the coast of Key West were being sold on ordinary silver and gold chains. No one but Gary created necklaces from Atocha silver as centerpieces surrounded by exotic gemstone beads. Such is the spirit and creativity of the Conch Republic's actual first ambassador to the US. Get your mojo back! Guaranteed for life! For beach, mountain, yacht or nightlife! These necklaces turn heads!

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RUNNERS-UP:

#4 The earth may spin faster on its axis due to deforestation. Just as a figure skater's rate of spin increases when the arms are brought in close to the body, the cutting of tall trees may cause our planet to spin dangerously fast.

#3 Communist China is technologically underdeveloped because they have no alphabet and therefore cannot use acronyms to communicate

ideas at a faster rate.

#2 Why Yawning Is Contagious: You yawn to equalize the pressure on your eardrums. This pressure change outside your eardrums unbalances other people's ear pressures, so they must yawn to even it out.

#1 If an infinite number of rednecks riding in an infinite number of pickup trucks fire an infinite number of shotgun rounds at an infinite number of highway signs, they will eventually produce all the world's great literary works in Braille.

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When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. So we could strap buttered toast to

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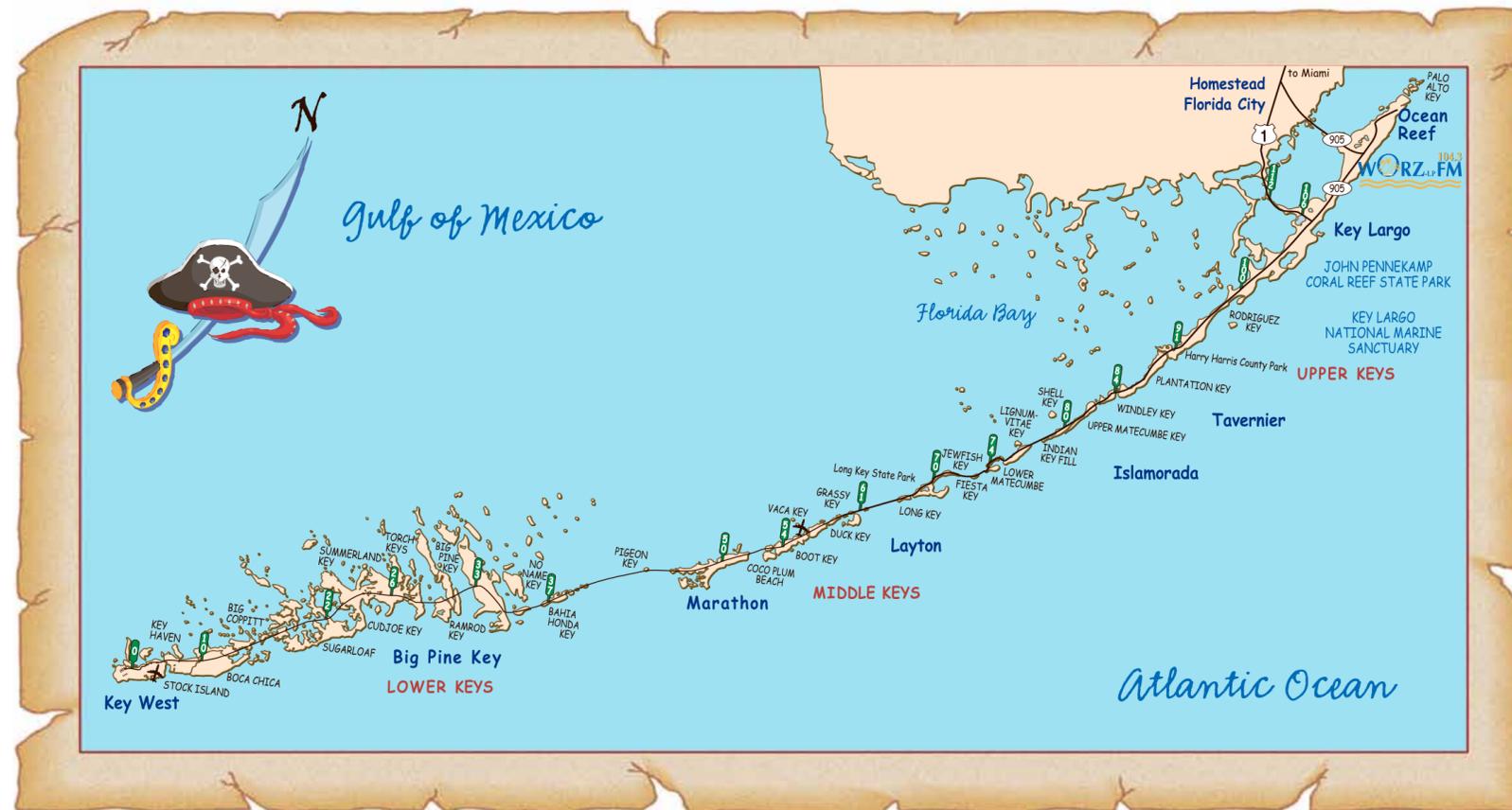
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On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created tuna, mice, and all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created the ball of yarn, the feather thingie on a string, and the catnip mouse so that the cat might or might not be amused.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the cat woke him up at 5 AM.



Top Ten Ways To Control National Debt:

10. Sponsor a national yard sale (do we really need two Dakotas and two Carolinas?)
9. Make Chuck-E-Cheese tokens legal tender
8. Turn the White House into an Air BnB
7. Rule congressional salaries must be based on average income of their constituents
6. Make being president a volunteer position. Lots of people would still apply for the job.
5. Use a Ponzi scheme to fund the national budget. (Oh wait, we are actually using this idea now.)
4. Find a way to tax junk mail, spam and telemarketing
3. Sell the naming rights for national parks and monuments: Mt. Bezos Monument, The NRA Canyon, The Statue of Amazon, ...
2. Have Elon Musk write a check
1. Make all Congressional spending Cash Only.



Numbers

Seeing number patterns repeating in your life is a signal to take pause and pay attention to its meaning.

Glancing at the clock may cause us to look again sometimes, especially when we notice that we've caught it at the same time over and over again. Maybe we see the same number pattern echoed everywhere we look — whether on license plates or appliances — over a period of hours or even days. When we accept that there are no coincidences, we know there is a message in the numbers for us, and we know to pay attention to the repeating patterns and search for their true meaning.

Numerology has its basis in the ancient world and tells us that each number carries its own vibration and symbolic significance. It can mark the stages of our soul's evolution as we move from one frequency to the next. Repeating number patterns in our lives may call us to focus on certain aspects of our lives and approach them. Once we've recognized that there is something we must look more deeply into, we also must trust

that we will be guided to the people and places that hold the right answers for us. Numbers, as symbols, can carry personal meanings as well. We may have our own lucky number that has served us well throughout our lives and another that reminds us of certain events of significance. If these are the numbers that are appearing, it may be the right time to delve into the past for clues about how to handle a present situation. Trust your own guidance as to what they are telling you.

Each culture attaches different meaning to the numbers. It is up to us to use our intuition to see which is the best fit for us. If someone has an explanation that doesn't feel right, then this is not the answer for you but may be just a clue to keep you moving on the path. By paying attention to the numbers around us, we use them as tools to improve our connection to the universe and our awareness of our choices in life.

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January 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 for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

Monroe County Public Libraries will be closed January 16 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 4 9:00am Key Largo Library Community Room
Artist of the Month: Michael J. Kanik's display of aerial photography from the Florida Keys starts.

January 4 6:30pm The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Wednesday at the Key Largo Library.



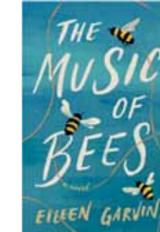
January 6 6pm
Grant Livingston performs free at the 1st Friday Outdoor Concert. Bring a comfy chair. Funded by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

January 10 12-3pm
A health educator from the Sylvester Cancer Institute will be at the library. January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and educational materials will be available.

January 11 6pm The Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners meets on the 2nd Wednesday at the Key Largo Library. Monthly guest speaker.

January 13 4:30-5:30PM
Teen Board Games: Stop by the Key Largo Library and play one of the library's board games with a group of friends and make new ones too. Snacks and drinks provided. Open to ages 13-18.

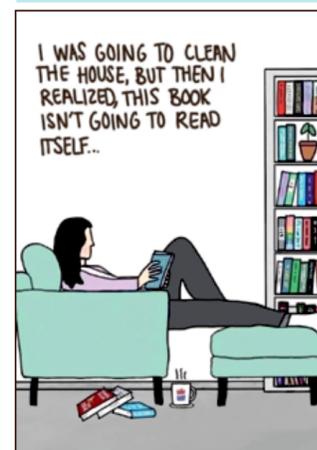
January 24 6-7:45pm
Books on Tap - Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin.



Copies of the book may be borrowed at the Key Largo Library or Keys' Meads and returned the evening of the event, or to the library. Drinks are available for purchase. Keys' Meads 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.



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WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Story Time
Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

Creative Tuesday 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
Wednesday 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.



LEGO Club
Mondays 4pm. (Jan. 9, 23, 30). Elementary-age children can be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOS. Work on your own creation or build as a team and test your skills with building challenges!

Quit Your Way - Tobacco Free Florida Wednesday, 1 pm.
Counseling and free nicotine replacement therapy. hosted by Beth Dunlap, RN, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Sit + Sew Friday
9:30 am - 1pm
Bring your sewing machine & current project.

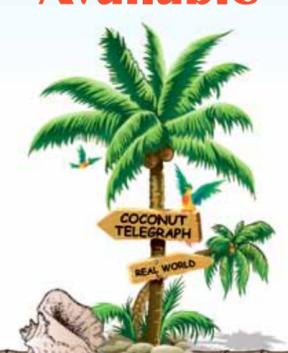
Mahjong Mon., Wed., Sat.
1-4pm, except Jan. 16.



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Legend

- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Boat Ramp
- Mile Marker
- Point of Interest
- Dive Site
- Dive Wreck
- Swim with Dolphins

Landmarks include: Murray Nelson Government Center, Adams Cut, Pennkamp Entrance, Key Largo Public Library, African Queen Community Pool and Park, John Pennkamp Coral Reef State Park, Grejan Rocks, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and various sounds like Little Blackwater Sound and Buttonwood Sound.

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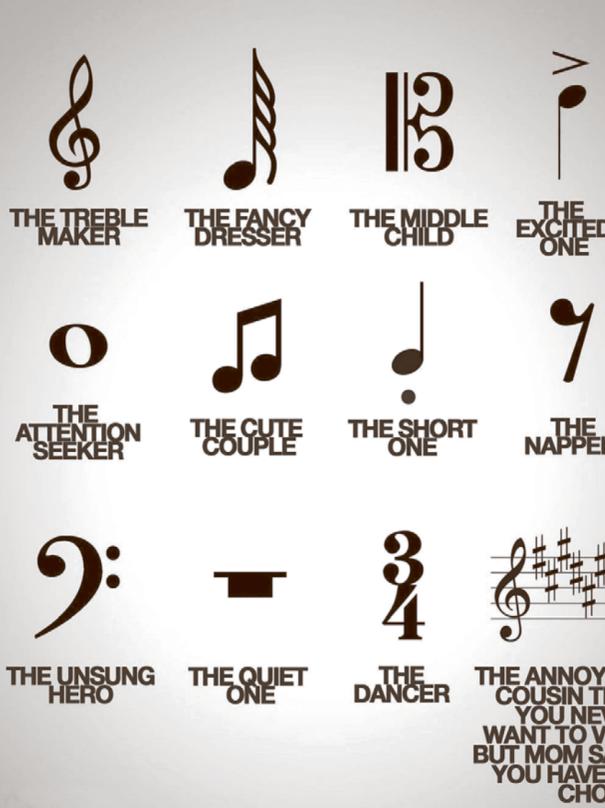
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Top Ten Signs Facebook was Down

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10. Everyone's blood pressure dropped 10 points.
9. Workplace productivity - up by 30 percent.
8. No one was sure what the Monroe County Sheriffs Office was up to.
7. Chores are done, groceries purchased and children had books read to them by grandparents.
6. Several FBA groups formed: Facebook Anonymous - except you have a Facebook page so you are not really anonymous.
5. Friends giving you the thumbs up sign because they Like you.
4. Neighbors "commenting" over the back fence.
3. You finally had time to make that recipe, then realized you couldn't because it was saved to your page.
2. No one started a conspiracy theory or celebrity rumor.
1. In nine months, there will be a new generation called "Facebook Babies."

facebook is like a jail. You sit around, waste time, have a profile picture, write on walls and get poked by guys you don't really know.

Top Ten Signs You Had A Bad Christmas

10. Instead of a Keys Christmas, you celebrated Keys Festivus
9. You and Santa got into a little altercation at Hog Heaven and landed in jail on Christmas Eve
8. Your turkey turned out to be a pelican
7. It was the ninth time you watched The Santa Clause
6. You received a gift certificate for Weight Watchers
5. Three words: Batteries not included
4. Two words: Chia pet
3. One word: Fruitcake
2. The mail carrier got a hernia delivering your credit card bill
1. You forgot the reason for the season.

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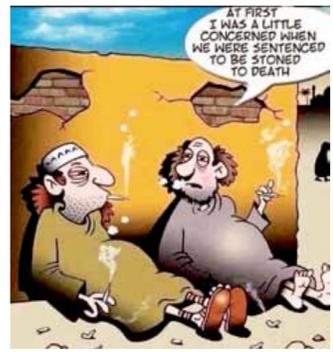
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Top ten phrases I do not want included in my obituary



10. Wanted in five states
9. Floating off Molasses Reef
8. Great white shark
7. Manatee attack
6. Life without parole
5. Vultures feeding
4. Public restroom
3. Live streamed by David Kay on FB
2. Human spontaneous combustion
1. US1 traffic-induced rampage



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Your birth month...

January - on Tuesdays, February - for a month, March - on weekends, April - when I feel like it, May - by Christmas, June - on Halloween, July - on Saturdays, August - for two weeks, September - for 5 straight days, October - until I fall asleep, November - every other Thursday, December - on holidays only.

I wish I had a pair of skinny genes.



Please... Stop wearing Harley Davidson shirts if you don't even listen to him

NO SENSE IN BEING PESSIMISTIC IT WOULDN'T WORK ANYWAY

The squirrels must be expecting a cold winter.
They're gathering more nuts than usual.
Yesterday, my sister disappeared.

Coco'Nut' Funnies

Sam & Morris met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Morris didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Morris hadn't shown up for a week or so, Sam really got worried.

However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Morris lived, so was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month passed, and Sam figured he had seen the last of Morris, but one day, Sam approached the park and — lo and behold — there sat Morris!

Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Morris, what in the world happened to you?'

Morris replied, 'I have been in jail!'

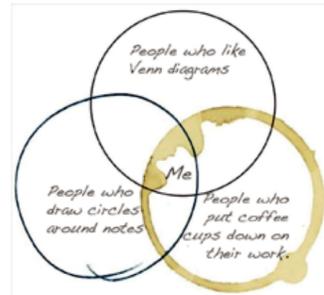
'Jail!' cried Sam. 'What in the world for?'

'Well,' Morris said, 'You know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?'

'Yeah,' said Sam, 'I remember her. What about her?'

'Well, she knew I had money, and one day, she filed rape charges against me. Me! At 89 years old! I was so proud that when I got into court I pled Guilty.'

'The judge gave me 30 days for perjury.'



Woke up to my 6yo holding my hand this morning.
It was such a sweet 3 seconds before I realized he was using my fingerprint to break into my phone.



"Fine, I'll take the extended warranty on my vehicle, but let's close the deal in person."



Fed up with how her diet is going, Edna takes more serious aim at her target weight.

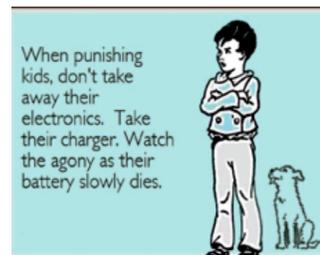
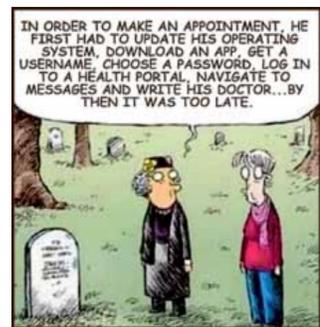
I was in my back yard trying to launch a kite. I threw the kite up in the air, the wind would catch it for a few seconds, then it would come crashing back down to earth. I tried this a few more times with no success.

All the while, my wife Karen is watching from the kitchen window. Muttering to herself how men need to be told how to do everything.

She opens the window and yells to me, 'You need a piece of tail.'

I turn with a confused look on my face and say, 'Make up your mind. Last night, you told me to go fly a kite.'

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Me: [uses "yeet" in a sentence]
14: "mom. No one says yeet."
Me: "Yeet is cringe?"
14: "MOM NO ONE SAYS CRINGE"
Me: "cringe has been yeeted?"
[The glare was EPIC]



A 10-year-old girl was walking home, alone, from school one day, when a big man on a black motorcycle pulls up beside her.

After following along for a while, turns to her and asks, "Hey there little girl, do you want to go for a ride?"

"NO!" says the little girl as she keeps on walking.

The motorcyclist again pulls up beside her and says, "Hey little girl, I will give you \$10 if you hop on the back."

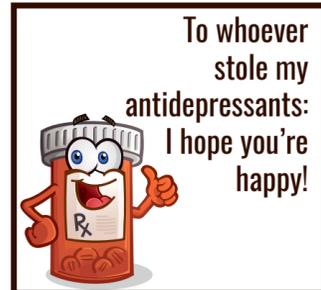
"NO!" says the little girl again as she hurries down the street.

The motorcyclist pulls up beside the little girl again and says,

"Okay kid, my last offer! I'll give you 20 bucks and a big bag of candy if you will just hop on the back of my bike so we can go for a ride."

Finally, the little girl stops and turns towards him and screams out, "Look Dad! You're the one who bought the Honda instead of the Harley... YOU RIDE IT!!"

You kids today with your legal weed...
Back in my day, we had to walk a mile uphill in the snow to meet a sketchy guy in an alley.
We paid what he asked, and we smoked what he had, and WE LIKED IT.



Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people. We haven't met yet.



WIFE: "What would you do if I died? Would you get married again?"

HUSBAND: "Definitely not!"

W: "Why not? Don't you like being married?"

H: "Of course I do..."

W: "Then why wouldn't you re-marry?"

H: "Okay, okay, I'd get married again."

W: "You would?" (hurt look)

H: (audible groan)

W: "Would you live in our house?"

H: "Sure, it's a great house.."

W: "Would you sleep with her in our bed?"

H: "Where else would we sleep?"

W: "Would you let her drive my car?"

H: "Probably, it is almost new."

W: "Would you replace my pictures with hers?"

H: "That would seem like the proper thing to do.."

W: "Would you give her my jewelry?"

H: "No, I'm sure she'd want her own."

W: "Would you take her golfing with you?"

H: "Yes, those are always good times."

W: "Would she use my clubs?"

H: "No, she's left-handed."

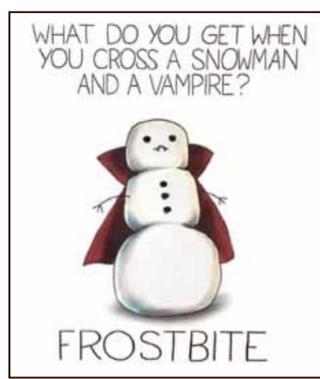
W: —silence—

H: "Shit."

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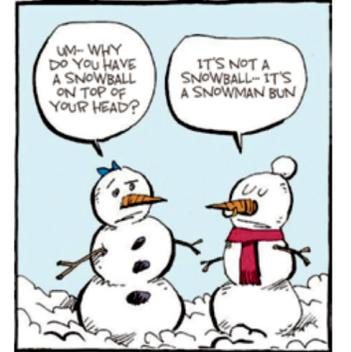


One day some guy is gonna see me eating a whole rotisserie chicken with my bare hands in my parked car and think "That's her, she's the one."



Life has never given me lemons. It has given me anger issues, anxiety attacks, a love for alcohol and a serious dislike for idiots.

After all these years my wife still thinks I'm sexy. Every time I walk by she says, "What an Ass."



Three young women are at a cocktail party. The conversation turns to their position in life and it's clear that they are trying to one-up each other.

The first one says, "My husband is taking me to the French Riviera for two weeks on vacation," and then looks at the others with a superior demeanor.

The second one says, "Well, my husband just bought me a new Mercedes," and looks about with considerable pride.

Number three says, "Well, to be perfectly honest with you, we don't have much money and we don't have any material possessions. However, one thing I can tell you about my husband is that thirteen canaries can stand shoulder to shoulder on his erect penis."

After this, the first one looks shamefaced and says, "Girls, I've got a confession to make. I was just trying to impress you You know that vacation I was telling you about? Well, it's not to the French Riviera, it's to my parents house for two weeks."

The second one says, "Your honesty has shamed me. It's not a Mercedes, he bought me a Fiat 500."

"Well," the third one says, "I also have a confession to make, canary number thirteen has to stand on one leg!"

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

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New Year... New Pet!

Things We've Seen Keys People Do When it Gets Cold:

- Make chili with lots of jalapeños
- Turn on the heat, but not turn off the ceiling fan
- Add air to all 4 tires
- Comment that the lack of humidity is a little uncomfortable
- Dare kids to lick a boat mast to see if their tongue sticks
- Wonder why their hair is suddenly stick straight and limp
- Invite the dog to sleep on the bed so they both stay warm
- Watch for falling iguanas
- Old timers tell you about the time it snowed in Miami - Yep, January of '77
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Michael Trixx will be at the Lorelei every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during January, at sunset.



Annual reminder to get your teeth checked!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chris Bellamy 11-3	2 Carousers 5-9	3 Dennis Holmes 5-9	4 Webb & Davidson 5-9	5 Webb & Davidson 5-9	6 Jade Storm 5-9	7 Dropouts 5-9
Webb & Davidson 5-9	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
8 Webb & Davidson 5-9	9 Carousers 5-9	10 Dennis Holmes 5-9	11 Webb & Davidson 5-9	12 Webb & Davidson 5-9	13 Brothers Of Others 5-9	14 Abstract Radio 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
15 Webb & Davidson 5-9	16 Carousers 5-9	17 Harry French 5-9	18 Webb & Davidson 5-9	19 Webb & Davidson 5-9	20 Shin Dig 5-9	21 South 58 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
22 Webb & Davidson 5-9	23 Carousers 5-9	24 Harry French 5-9	25 Webb & Davidson 5-9	26 Webb & Davidson 5-9	27 Carousers 5-9	28 Sailor Ripley 5-9
	Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset		Michael Trixx @Sunset	
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