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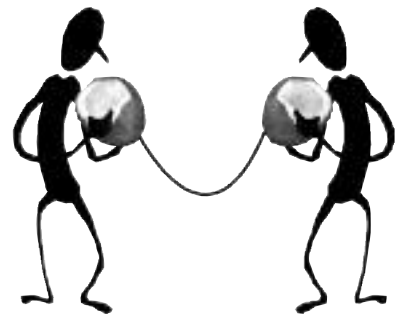
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## Editorial: An Investigation Put to Rest

Nearly five years ago, I was sitting at a table under a tiki hut at Gilbert's watching a disheveled, toothless woman shuffled across the parking lot. She came and sat at my table to say her goodbyes. She had carefully packed everything she owned in her car and was leaving her husband, for good this time, to go and join her family far away. I reached over and lightly touched her arm, uttering the most comforting words that I could think of at the time. "This will be a better life for you and the kids. You're doing the right thing by leaving the Keys," I said. She gave me a quizzical look and nodded her head. That was the last time I saw her, and at that time I had no idea she had

just murdered her husband. Rigamortis had probably not even set in to his wizened, emaciated body yet. Her husband, "Dead Ed" as the locals call him, was quietly decomposing in the engine room on his boat as she headed out of town. His wife had violently and methodically bashed in his brains, not once but seven times. Last month, after almost five years, she was finally arrested for his brutal murder thanks to the family, police officers and friends that refused to give up on Ed. Had she plotted the murder for weeks in advance and schemed with a friend? My question is if your friend told you on a daily basis for weeks that she

was going to kill their husband, and described the different ways she were going to do it, wouldn't you be morally bound to inform the police? A sin of omission is the failure to do what one can and must do. A sin of commission is to know that something is wrong, and do it anyway. That's killing two birds with one stone! Pardon the pun. Had the wife confided to others? Why did they not come forward? Perhaps it may not have saved a life but it sure would have saved the police a lot of hard work and time. Are you unhappy with your spouse? Don't murder them. Call a lawyer. We recommend Richard Behr 305-853-5900 (see ad on page 10).

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While exploring his new country, Mayorga took a trip to the Keys and discovered Gilbert's Resort and Tiki Bar. It was love at first sight! Mayorga quickly applied for a job and was hired right away. For the last five years he has split his time working between Gilbert's and Steamers (located across from Gilberts on the south side of Jewfish Creek).

Mayorga is a hard worker with an easy going personality and a beautiful smile that lights up his face. When you meet him it is obvious why the locals, and tourists, as well as his co-workers and bosses all love him.

"I love my job! I have the best of both worlds," says Mayorga. "Gilbert's rocks. There is always live entertainment and great food. And at Steamers it's a bit more laid back with a calmer atmosphere. Chef Stephan is the best! For happy hour we have \$2 draft beer, \$3 well drinks and \$1 pork chops; and Alan Truesdell plays every Saturday."

"At both places the customers are a lot of fun, my co-workers are awesome and my boss Susi treats us all like family. I can work at either bar and see the sunset at the same time. You can't beat that!"

When he's not working Mayorga says he enjoys taking care of his beautiful wife, his stepchildren, and doing things around his house.

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The people who don't know about Ocean Vue Adventures arrive back at the dock from all day on the water, sun burned, and exhausted and ready for bed, meanwhile you're ready to dance the night away at Sloppy Joe's.

For more information on this exciting snorkel/dolphin encounter visit [oceanvueadventures.com](http://oceanvueadventures.com) or call 305-747-0342.

# Six Year Old Donates to Food Bank



Mattie Johnson (center), 6 years old, recently held a bake sale to raise money to help feed the needy. With the help of her family, Johnson raised \$240, which she donated to God's Kitchen at Burton Memorial Church. Cindy Miller (right), of Burton Memorial Church, graciously accepted the money from an enthusiastic Johnson.

# Good Health Clinic A Valuable Community Resource



Dr. Sandy Yankow of the Good Health Clinic examines a patient.

The Upper Keys community continues to work to raise funds for the Good Health Clinic (GHC). Most recently local citizens held a Lobster Luau to generate funds for the not-for-profit health care facility.

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# Depreciation: A Partially Avoidable Pain in the Assets

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Around the midpoint of the last century, I attended a class in real estate appraising. At the time, I was a rookie in the industry, which was later to provide a comfortable living for Firstwife and me, plus a gaggle of begats.

Imprinted in my memory to this day is a pronouncement by the instructor, Dr. Kurt Somebody, whose German accent also still echoes clearly. The precept was, in his words, that "all life is engaged in an inexorable march to ze junk heap; zerefore, ve must always strive to minimize ze impact of depreciation."

He was referring to the fact that the sworn enemies of profitable property ownership were physical deterioration, deferred maintenance and functional obsolescence.

Undeniably, unless they are repaired, replaced, updated and/or otherwise cared for, present buildings are future piles of rubble.

Although Dr. Kurt was alluding only to the fate of neglected real estate assets, I have learned (as will you, gentle reader, if you haven't already done so) that the same rule applies to our bodies - the most intimate of our lifelong dwelling places.

This opusette is about the aging process, in which we are all involved, albeit at different stages of development, redevelopment, repair, decay or "ze" aforementioned depreciation.

Composer/pianist Eubie Banks, more famous for having penned the words and music to, "I'm Just Wild About Harry,"

less famously said, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

Not a surprising comment, this, from a man who lived to the impressive age of 96, but an unexpected observation by one who smoked cigarettes for all but the first ten of those years.

Aside: By contrast, Wayne McLaren, one of several "Marlboro Men," kicked the smoking habit at 49 and the bucket at 51.

To say the least (and, one might say, the most) about aging, it ain't no game for sissies, but is almost always preferable to the only known alternative.

Mind you, at 85, I still have fully a quarter of my life ahead of me, assuming that I break the current world record for longevity - and fully 92% of it

remaining, should I better the survival achievement of Methuselah. (If you're not up to biblical speed, think of Larry King on steroids.)

Second aside: A contemporary Geezer recently wrote to me, expressing the belief that "we'll be getting out just in time, given the current problems and future threats facing the nation and the world."

From my present point of view, there is something to be said about that attitude, although I remain confident that more than a bit can, should, and will be done about what might rain on the parade of our descendants' futures. I write this without intending to be either a Pollyanna or a Klockeyed optimist. (Sorry, but I've long wanted to use that pun, so why

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not here and now?)

All that said, I'm keenly aware that most of today's problems and threats will outlive me; and I'm realist enough both to buy green bananas in small quantities and to evaluate 30-year roof guarantees with minimal excitement.

Back on the subject at hand: A practical view of healthy living is pursuing a lifestyle that slows the rate of dying - a process which some killjoy scientists claim begins at age 21, just shortly after the retreat of acne and parental restraint.

Basically, that's a bum rap, but it sits high on a totem pole of things we can't do anything about, so why sweat it?

Credited to Bill Gates is the remark that, "Life is not fair; get used to it," with which I concur. (Still, I can't resist adding how little trouble I'd have getting used to his circumstances, even at my

present stage of antiquity.)

Clearly, the best strategy is to pursue a behavioral pattern of physical, spiritual and psychological prudence in order to minimize the ravages of advancing age.

"Zose factors of physical deterioration, deferred maintenance und functional obsolescence," quoth Dr. Kurt, "are unforgiving foes," and he was as right as tomorrow's rains.

On the other hand, there was a very old guy who proudly boasted to an interviewer that: "I've never in my life smoked, drunk booze, eaten unhealthy foods, or engaged in excessive sexual activity, and I'll soon be celebrating my one hundredth birthday!"

"Really?" he was asked, "and just how?"

Again to say the least, a point worth pondering.

Freelance wordworker Joe Klock, Sr. (joeklock@aol.com). Find more of his "Klockwork" at www.joeklock.com.



## Island Community Church

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# Keys Community Concert Band

# Young Musician's Concert

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# Dragon Boat Paddle Becomes Work of Art

How long does it take to create a tradition? Battle In The Bay Dragon Boat Festival organizers believe that they're on to something that no other dragon boat event does but may be inspired to replicate.

"The wooden paddles used by recreational teams

This year's paddle art, by Julie Elkins, features a sculpture, adhered to the paddle, of a fierce dragon rising from a bed of barnacles amidst a towering wave of water. According to the Chinese astrological calendar this is the Year of the Water Dragon which served as a



during practice sessions and races get pretty beat up over time," explained Karen Bowers, event director. "So why not take these decommissioned paddles and have a local artist turn them into something useful again?" Last year debuted two paddles transformed by the signature style of Key West's Lady Outrageous, known for her colorful, whimsical conversions of bicycles into Conch Cruisers.

source of inspiration for her work of art. See more of Julie's creations and read about her incredible 81-day journey to the Florida Keys from Richmond, Virginia to Key West in a 16-foot canoe at [www.gaptoothstudios.com](http://www.gaptoothstudios.com). Pan American Dragon Boat Association, race officials and providers of the boats and equipment for Battle In The Bay trade the beat up paddle for a handful of raffle Continued on page 20...

## Seafood Brunch on Easter

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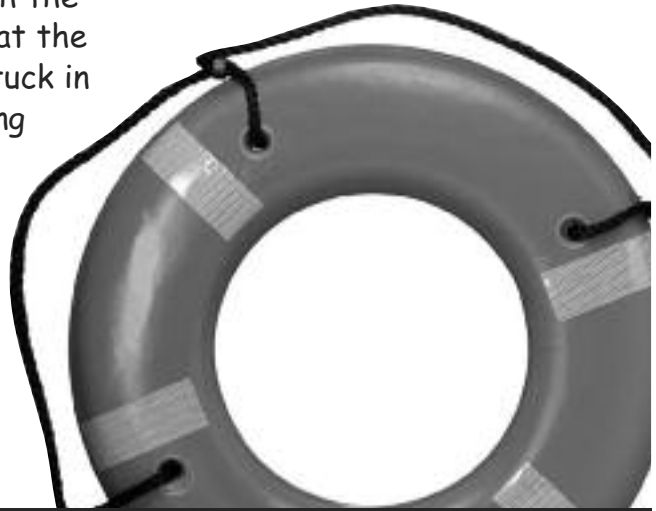
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# Acknowledging Our Pain Rescuing the Rescuer

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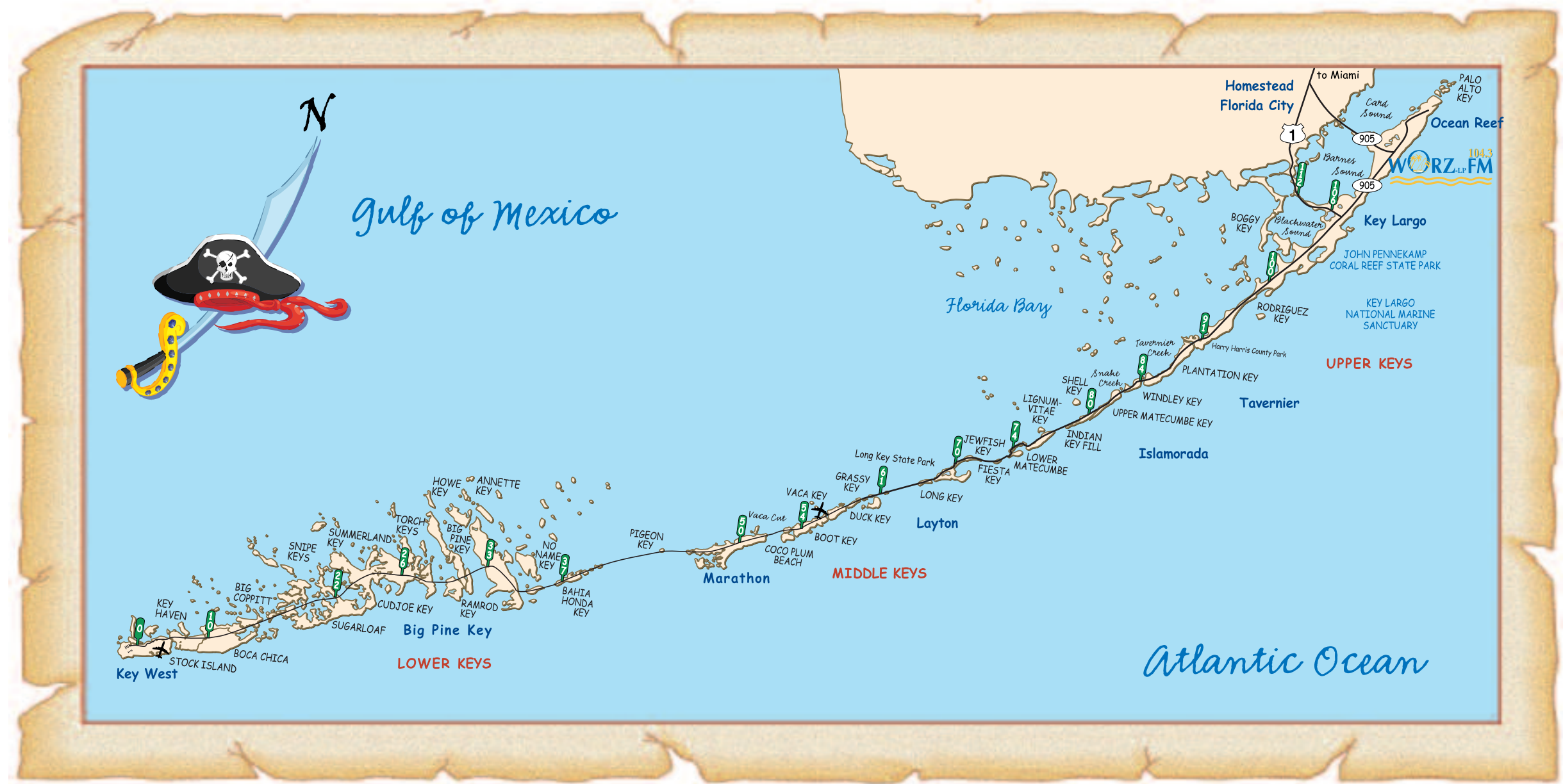
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# Words of Wisdom? Paraprostdokian Sayings

What does "paraprostdokian" mean? It is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation.

Here are some interesting paraprostdokian that might also be words of wisdom.

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
18. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
19. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
20. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
21. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
22. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
23. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
24. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
25. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
26. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
27. A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.
28. Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.
29. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
30. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

# Fact or Fiction Beware of the Evil Eye

Has bad luck befallen you or are you under the curse of the evil eye? Nothing seems to be going right? Your spouse is disdainful, the kids disrespectful and even your grandchildren don't want to be around you? Having problems at work? Are you are starting to realize that people you thought liked and respected you really don't? Does your dog even seems to hate you? Perhaps the evil eye has been cast upon you.

The evil eye is a facial expression, a look that many cultures believe is able to cause injury, misfortune or even death to the individual at whom it is directed for reasons of envy or dislike. Have you ever sat in a crowded room and something made you turn around only to look directly in the eyes of someone who was staring right at you? If it is a superstition it is one that increases with age.

My mother was a firm believer in the evil eye. She truly believed that she could slap someone with some bad mojo just by squinting her eye at him or her. Her ancestors came from Scotland where the term for the "evil eye" is "droch shuil", meaning "overlooking". It implies that a gaze has remained too long on the coveted object or person. In Italian it is called the

"malocchio", and in Spanish "malojo". The evil eye is known worldwide by many names.

This superstition may have some merit in psychology as it is thought that one animal can dominate or be aggressive to another by simply staring it down. But don't try this with a rabid crocodile.

In Eastern Europe the evil eye is diagnosed by dropping charcoal, coal, or a burnt match head into a bowl of water near the affected person. If the items float you are indeed cursed with the ominous evil eye.

Is there a cure for such a malady? Apparently so.

If you go to any flea market you will most likely find several vendors that carry talismans to ward off the evil eye. Discs or balls, consisting of blue and white circles with an eye in the center are called repellent talismans or apotropaic charms that are believed to have the power to bend the malicious eye back toward the sorcerer who sent it. They can be anything from a glass ornament to jewelry bearing glass or beaded eyeballs. The sheer abundance of these talismans provoke thoughts that there just may be something to all of this superstition and wives' tails.

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Linda and Terry at the Big Chill.



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# Entertainer of the Month: Bobbe Brown

The Coconut Telegraph is proud to feature Bobbe Brown as Entertainer of the Month again because he is by far one of the most outstanding musicians we have ever met.

Bobbe Brown came to the Keys 22 years ago on vacation and tells us he is still on vacation.

He started his career in 1965 with his brothers, "The Brown Brothers Band". For six years they played everywhere from Memphis to Biloxi. When they disbanded, Brown moved to Texas where he met Mickey Gilley and played guitar for him in Pasadena. While there, he played in many recording sessions, including 1981 Grammy-award-winning Best Country Instrumental of the Year, "Orange Blossom Special" performed by Gilley's Urban Cowboy Band.

When Brown moved to the Keys he started working at Sloppy Joe's in Key West and worked his way up to Key Largo.



We met him and his beautiful wife Belinda at the Mandalay several years ago. Carol Schryver of "The Sunshine Band" told us Brown is her all-time

favorite entertainer.

"He is funny, witty, and a fabulous musician," said Schryver.

out, his latest, "Something Like That" and "Under the Moonlight" made it to #1 in the Blues Chart Country Sub-Genre.

You can hear Brown at Coconut's on Fridays and Sundays from 5 to 9pm. He is also available for private parties.

Brown has been playing at Coconut's off and on for 14 years. He says it's the best venue in town.

"You get the best view of Key Largo Harbor, the customers are nice, upscale, decent people and the employees are awesome."

The Coconut Telegraph was impressed by the fact that you can even sit at the inside air-conditioned bar and watch Bobbe and listen to his music piped in from the outside bar. Stop by Coconut's and hear the music of Bobbe Brown or give him a call at 305-360-1127.

Most of the songs he plays are top 10 hits from the last four decades. His music ranges from Classic Rock 'n' Roll to Island Music. He has five albums

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Dear Anny Bannanny,

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Dear Concerned,

Someone called the Coconut Telegraph office and reported it, we are also extremely concerned and have given it a great deal of thought. Here are a few ideas....

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3. Dress our children and pets in body armor.
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5. Release some genetically modified mutant baby crocs.

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# Evil Eye

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Most bartenders and servers in Key Largo and Islamorada have possession of evil eye powers. To avoid being cursed I recommend tipping 20% or more.

Here in the Keys we also have a thing called the "Hairy Eyeball". If you walk into a local's club and see some poor guy propped up in a corner nodding his head and barely able to keep one watery, jaundiced, bloodshot eye open DO NOT look him in his hairy eyeball. Eye contact only encourages conversation and gives him the

opportunity to ask you if he can bum a cigarette or beg you to buy him a drink. Before you know it, the offensive person will slither into the chair next to you, and then you're trapped. If you can't avoid the hairy eyeball, I have a little trick I use. I keep a collection of business cards from people that I don't like, and in this situation I pull one out, hand it to lush, wink and say in a throaty sultry voice "call me later." If you do this quickly walk out the door after and head to the nearest flea market to buy a talisman.

# Dragon Boat Paddle

...continued from page 10 tickets. If you'd like a chance to win the Art Paddle-2012, come to Sombrero Beach in Marathon for the Fourth Annual Battle In The Bay Dragon Boat Festival on May 12 to purchase your raffle ticket. The drawing is being held during the Last Splash Party and Awards Ceremony, following the races, at Sunset Grill & Raw Bar

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# Domestic violence doesn’t stop for the holidays.

The holidays should be a time for family and friends to share the joy and hope of the season. For those experiencing abuse, however, December can also be a particularly stressful time. Domestic violence doesn’t stop for the holidays and the added pressures of holiday expectations can worsen an already unhealthy situation.



**This year, help those living with abuse to know that they’re never alone, especially during the holidays.**

The Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse in the Florida Keys. *Our mission is to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims and abusers to appropriate, effective programs and services.*

The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. is the only certified emergency shelter in Monroe County that provides refuge for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Residents may stay at the shelter for up to six weeks. The shelter is a safe and secure environment that empowers residents through its services to form the beginning of independent lifestyles. Residents obtain crisis intervention, supportive counseling, children’s services, food, clothing, support group counseling and advocacy. All agency services are available to shelter residents. For more information, call (305) 743-4440. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

**Below is a list of items needed by the Domestic Abuse Shelter.** You can drop off your gifts at 100670 Overseas Highway #5, Key Largo, FL. Monetary donations are also accepted. You can mail a check to Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., PO Box 522696, Marathon Shores, FL 33052

For more information call 305-451-5666, or go to [www.domesticabuseshelter.org](http://www.domesticabuseshelter.org).



## DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER, INC. Wish List

### General Needs

- Copy paper
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies & laundry detergent
- Gift certificates to drug (Kmart, CVS, Walgreens) & grocery stores (Albertson, Winn-Dixie and Publix) in small denominations
- Hand sanitizers
- Twin size linens (sheets, pillows, plastic mattress & pillow covers)
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Non perishable foods
- First aid supplies
- Bus passes (Keys transit)
- Gas cards

### Personal Needs

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Hair brushes & combs
- Shampoo, conditioner, bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors
- Deodorant
- Cotton balls, Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene products
- Women’s panties & bras in assorted sizes, pajamas, night shirts & socks
- Blow dryers

### Children’s Needs

- Books
- Art & school supplies
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices
- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
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## The Pastor's Ass

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won.

The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and it won again.

The local paper read:  
PASTOR’S ASS OUT FRONT.  
The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race.

The next day, the local paper headline read:  
BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR’S ASS.  
This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey.

The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day:  
NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

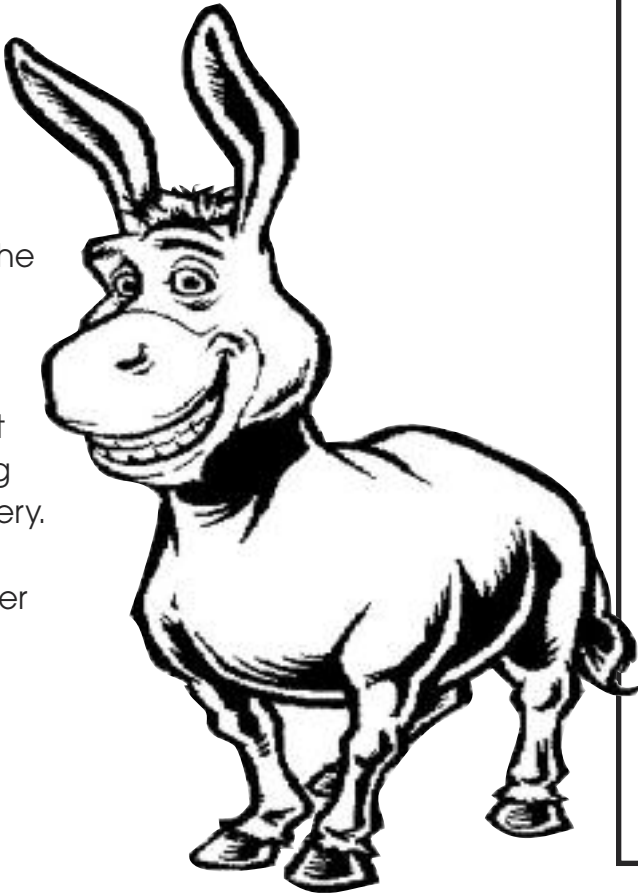
The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10.

The next day the paper read:  
NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10

This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read :  
NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.  
The bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story:  
Being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery. So, stop worrying about everyone else’s ass, cover your own and enjoy life!



## A Mother's Obsession

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children.

"You all have obsessions," he observed.

To the first mother, Mary, he said, "You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy."

He turned to the second Mom, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny."

He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy."

At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, stood up, took her little boy by the hand, and whispered, "Come on, Dick. This guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's go pick up Peter and Willy from school and get some dinner."

*Thank you Thad Bowling*

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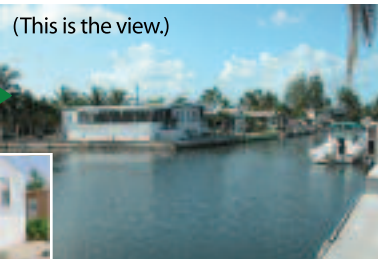
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