A Packet Of Chucklets For You To Chew (Or Eschew) By Joe Klock, Sr.

Following is a randumb mishmash of titbits (look it up before you frown), designed to titillate you (for shame if you frowned again!) - or, at the very least, provide you with momentary diversion. Here goes:

Possible Country/Western song title: "She Was Only A Homely Moonshiner, But I Loved Her Still!"

Shotgun weddings: Matters of wife or death.

While it is true that the early bird gets the worm, it's the second mouse that gets to eat the cheese.

Most of the money in the world is tainted; that is to say, tain't yours and tain't mine neither.

A point to ponder: If the world didn't suck, there's a good chance that we might fall off it.

If you have been scared half to death more than once, be grateful; you have clearly beaten the odds.

Maybe the Good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes, cockroaches and many politicians come mighty close.

Red meat, contrary to the advice of some nutritionists. is not bad for you. However, gray meat with a furry coating more than probably is.

At all costs, avoid involvement in dangerous cults (practice safe sects!)

Never, EVER get into an argument with an idiot; people listening in may not be able to tell the difference between you and him/her.

Life is like a roll of toilet paper; the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

Is a puzzlement: How do they train deer to cross the highway only at those black-on-yellow signs along the highway?

There's nothing in life much more annoying than that point in an intense argument when you first realize that you are dead wrong and losing badly.

These among indisputable truisms: Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a rotten banana.

Query (only for the literate reader): Should a book on voyeurism be classified as a peeping tome?

One of the better ways to get back on your feet is to miss a few car payments.

A sober reflection for one and all: What if the hokeypokey IS what it's all about?

It is a scientific fact that light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Confucius say, "Forbidden fruits create many jams." (Well, maybe HE didn't, but somebody should have!)

More we cannot wish you than to wish your dreams become reality (except for that one where you're buck naked in a public place.)

Before you criticize people, you should walk a mile in their shoes; that way, you're 5,280 feet away from them and they're barefooted.

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First State **Bank Promotes** Theresa Forant

First State Bank of the Florida Keys promoted Theresa Forant to Residential Lender/Commercial Loan Coordinator.

Forant joined the Bank as a Teller in 2000, she became Administrative Assistant later that year, and was promoted to Loan Processor in 2009. In 2005, Forant's fellow employees and manager honored her as the Employee of the Second Quarter.

"Theresa's promotion and expanded responsibilities reflect her dedication and commitment to our customers," said First State Bank of the Florida Keys SVP/ Senior Lender Jeff Smith. "We are proud to promote her and look forward to her enhanced contributions to the success our lending department."

Theresa resides in Key Largo with her husband and sons. She is an avid volunteer, supporting the bank at numerous bank-sponsored community events.

Art Box Artist of the Month - William Livesay





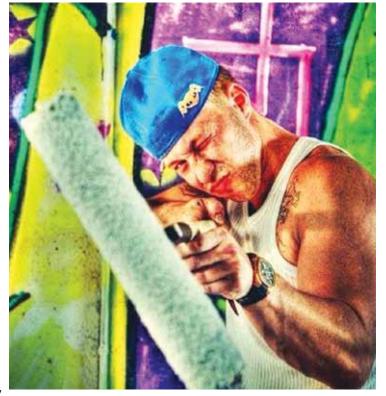
The Coconut Telegraph and the Art Box are proud to introduce William Livesay as our Artist of the Month.

Livesay is a local Key Largo Firefighter and a self-taught painter who combines his passion for his career and the passion for his hobby and creates a unique niche in the art community.

Livesay, now age 28, began his love for the arts when he was just 10 years old. He was flipping through Spawn comic books, and become mesmerized by the detail on every page.

His style ranges from portraits, to landscapes, and includes a dark side that can be seen in most of his paintings. Many of his paintings can be found hanging in fire stations, as his artwork is creating a buzz in the firefighting community.

William's medium of choice is acrylic and spray paint on canvas, and he hopes to venture out a little and try new things in the near future.



Please do stop by the Art Box this month and view for vourself some of these amazing paintings.











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