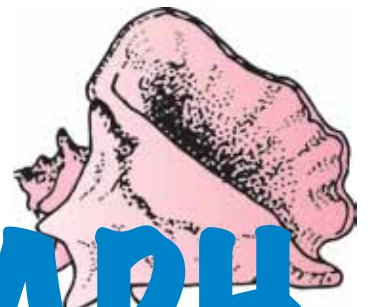


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I'm so broke that if someone asked to use the bathroom I'd have to tell them "3 palm trees to your left."

I asked my husband: "Are we poor?" He said: "Honey...as long as we have each other... we are the wealthiest people on this planet. Now get back in that dumpster!"

Editorial: Local, Affordable Miracles

It was almost 10 years ago that my left leg went numb and I lost control of my foot. It flopped around like a glob of jelly, making it a struggle to walk. It was impossible for me to work my part-time job as a waitress. My boss sent me to the late Dr. Kevin Grimes, a local chiropractor who had helped her after a car accident. Dr. Grimes took several X-rays of my spine and told me that he could not help me and I needed to see a neurologist. I had no insurance, only a part-time job I couldn't work at and I was broke. How broke was I? See page 3.

I couldn't even cry in my beer because when my friends saw me trying to walk with a floppy foot they thought I was drunk and sent me home in a cab! Along came my friend Eric Beat-tie who suggested I see his doctor. I was totally against seeing another chiropractor, it would be a waste of money I that didn't have.

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L-R: VNA/Hospice's Natalie Maddox (Special Event/ Fundraising Coordinator), Jody Gross (President & CEO), The Restaurant Store's Richard Talmadge, Kim Sovia-Grandon (Development Director) and Kathleen Ryzock (COO).

On Saturday, March 22nd, VNA/Hospice hosts its 3rd annual Dance of the Dragonfly charitable event, held this year at the Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort. See page 14 for more.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and are available from VNA/Hospice, 92001 OSH, Tavernier, FL, 305-852-7887, at vnahospice.com, and from VNA/Hospice team members throughout the Keys. The winning ticket will be drawn during the event, but winner need not be present.

Mr. Legs Contest Winners Announced



At Snapper's for the Mr. Legs contest finale in February: Elvis Sosa (middle) was the winner; Randy Wetzel (right) 2nd place and Robert DiGiorgio (left) 3rd place. The 52 contestants raised \$9,200 for scholarships for Coral Shores High School students!!! Way to go guys!!!

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Disorders are usually the result of interferences in these signals, which prevents the messages from being delivered. Holistic chiropractors use the education, knowledge, diagnostic skills, laboratory skills, and their educated judgment to evaluate the state of the patient's neurological health in order to develop individual treatment.

A holistic chiropractor will use methods of chiropractic care, such as spinal manipulation, that are safe and non-surgical in order to treat the ailments that the patient is facing, which are usually the result of problems within

Dr. Lu uses Sacro-Occipital-Technique, hormone balancing, hair and mineral analysis and acupuncture.

their skeletal system. If necessary, they will enlist the assistance of other health-care professionals.

Going to a holistic chiropractor can help you save hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars because chiropractic care is non-invasive and doesn't require surgery. Another huge advantage of going to see a chiropractor is the fact that they do not require you to use drugs. In fact, they will encourage you to improve your health by getting more exercise, eating better, and improving your health naturally.

Dr. Lu and associates include auricular therapy with many of their patients. Auricular therapy is a form of acupressure involving light stimulation, either by pressing the ear with the fingers or by inserting tiny balls (sometimes called "ear seeds") into the outer ear at specific points. It has been theorized that the therapy stimulates nerves that send a signal to the brain which, in

turn, creates the response the therapist is seeking. There are no known side effects.

Dr. Lu and Dr. Malea are certified in acupuncture. Acupuncture dates back to 1600 BC and involves the insertion of extremely thin needles through your skin at strategic points on your body. A key component of traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture is most commonly used to treat pain.

Traditional Chinese medicine explains acupuncture as a technique for balancing the flow of energy or life force — known as qi or chi — believed to flow through pathways (meridians) in your body. By inserting needles into specific points along these meridians, acupuncture practitioners believe that your energy flow will re-balance.

Editors note: I found out the hard way, never ever accept neck and shoulder massages from well-meaning friends. The temporary good feeling could have long term detrimental effects and interfere with your treatment.

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Art Box Artist of the Month: Nessie Yara



Nessie Yara defines herself as a happy mother of two and a South Florida artist. Formally educated in visual arts (photography and ceramics sculpture), she attended the Fine Arts program at the University of Puerto Rico and later graduated from FIU majoring in Liberal Studies, Fine Arts, and Art History.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nessie has been a Florida resident for the past 24 years. Last summer she left Broward County's suburban convenience for a more wholesome life in the Keys. She and her family are enjoying the not-so-fast way of life of the Keys as well as the close contact with nature the Florida

Keys has to offer. "It feels good to have time to sit down and not be in a rush to be somewhere all the time. The Keys make me feel close to the island feeling I grew up with, and its beauty inspires me every day," says Nessie.

In college Nessie had a sort of fear of color; she did not even take painting classes. Instead, she concentrated on drawings and black and white photography. It took a long time for her to move away from her monochromatic creative background. It was not until she had children that her interest in color began.

For the past 10 years, Nessie has been a full-time mom and part-time Etsy shop owner (specializing in handmade personalized children's products - including jewelry, stationary, digital designs, and favors for children's special celebrations).

After many years of "life happening," Nessie finally decided to

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get out there and recapture the gifts she has been given. Her most recent endeavor involves brushes, canvases, and lots of bright colors. Using acrylics, she paints about motherhood, childhood, family, and the little things in between. The brush serves her to illustrate the permanence of transitory moments in life. She says, "Through artwork I want to represent the unique footprints relationships leave in our lives."



The saturation of blues and greens of Florida and Puerto Rico influenced Nessie's color palette, which reflects earth elements that surround the tropical life she enjoys. Nessie says, "My purpose in art is to emphasize that even when everything seems to lead to a disposable fast-paced-life, we have the choice, to use our hands to create and not to destroy."

The day Nessie sold her first painting, a customer told her... "You are a person of many talents; your work

reminds me of a quote that says... 'May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you'" Nessie truly hopes to live up to that dream.

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The Mangrove Galley by Sandi Mieszczenski

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



March is here and that means St. Patrick's Day. The traditional meal for the day is, of course, corned beef and cabbage. The meal consists of corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes (small, whole potatoes not peeled), carrots, and onions. Place the corned beef in a large

stock pot, cover with water and bring to a hard simmer with bay leaves and black peppercorns. Simmer for approximately 30 minutes a pound. The longer you cook, the more tender the meat becomes. Thirty minutes before serving remove the meat and cover with foil. Add the potatoes, carrots, and onion. Then add the cabbage the last twenty minutes. You can achieve the same effect by using a crockpot. Place the meat in the bottom of the pot, add water, bay leaves and peppercorns. Pile the vegetables on with the cabbage on top and let the meal slow cook all day.

If you are fortunate enough to have leftover corned beef there are many possibilities for leftovers. One of my favorite leftover dishes is shown at the right. Try it... and enjoy!

HOMEMADE CORNED BEEF HASH

Serve this with poached eggs on an English muffin for a delicious breakfast!

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 medium onions, peeled and sliced
- 3 cups corned beef, sliced with the grain, shredded and chopped
- 3 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- fresh cracked pepper
- Tabasco sauce (optional)

Heat a large skillet on medium heat. Melt the butter in the pan. Add the potatoes and onion (be sure that you dry both well with a paper towel to avoid splattering.) Saute for 10 minutes. The potatoes should be slightly al dente. Add the corned beef, spices, and sauces. Mix well.

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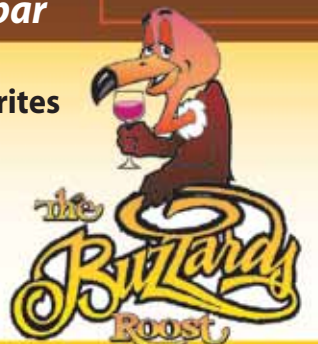


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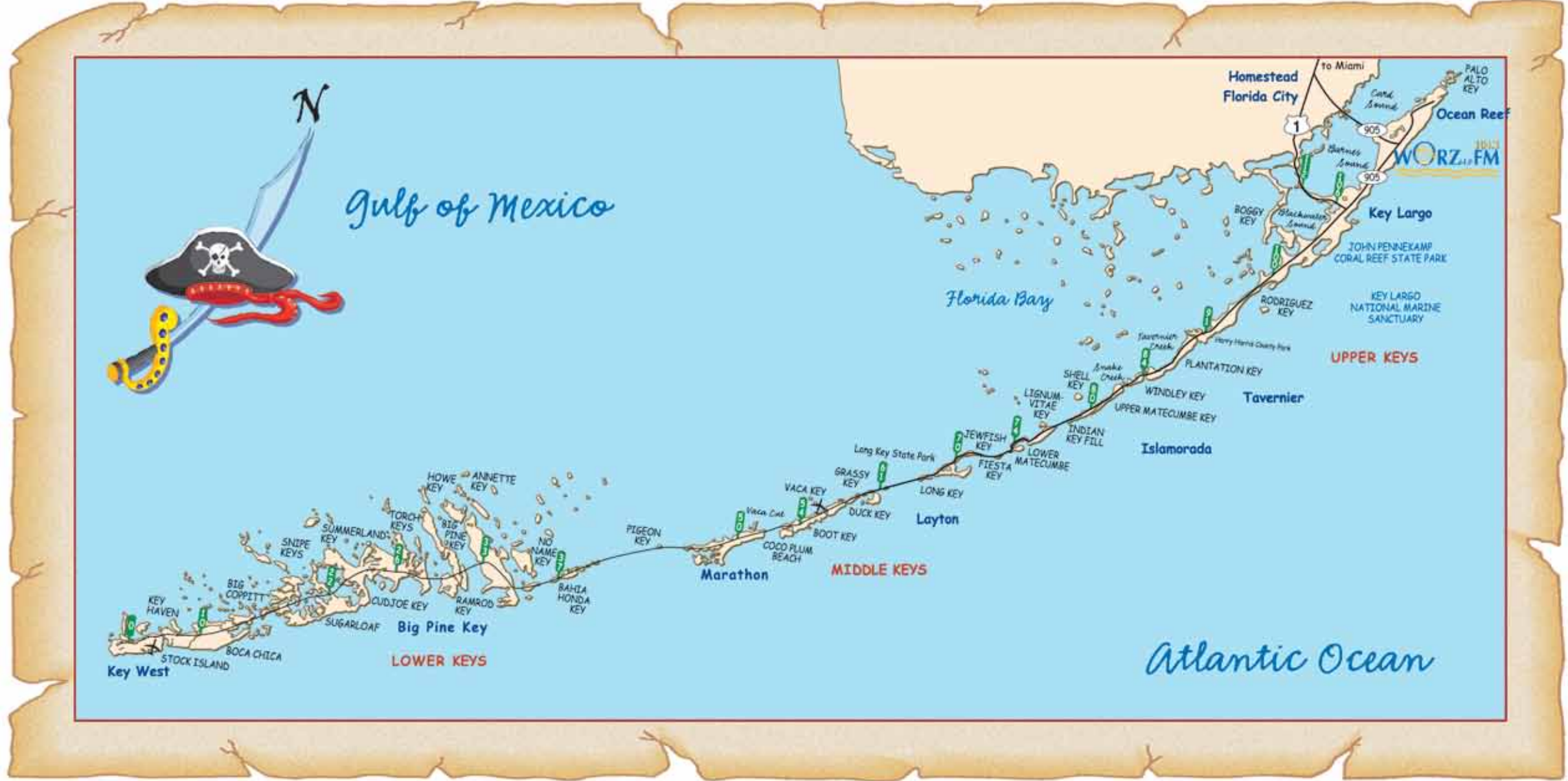
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Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Eyster had resided in Lower Matecumbe since 1952 and had been a Keys resident since 1947. He taught archaeology at FIU and University of Miami; anthropology at Miami-Dade Community College and was a Dade County archaeologist for two years. He was a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists and served on the Historic Florida Keys Preservation Board for 16 years. He was president of Matecumbe Historical Trust. His books include: *Indian Key, Handbook of South Florida Archaeology*, and *Islamorada and More*. His most recent book was *Dr. Jeremiah Reade Explores Florida in 1882 - 1883*.

Irving Eyster lived in and enjoyed the Florida Keys for over 60 years and dedicated his life to making the islands a better place for all. He accumulated countless friends during his impressive and captivating journey as an archaeologist and historian.

The family is requesting donations to the Matecumbe Historical Trust in order to preserve Irving's work and bring his dream of a building a museum to fruition; P.O. Box 1175, Islamorada, FL 33036, or call Barbara Edgar at (305) 393-0940, or donations may be made on the web at matecumbehistoricaltrust.com.

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The festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing with live music by Xpresso, and a special performance and live auctioneering by Queen Mother 30 Miss Gassy Winds. Also, there will be both live and silent auctions featuring art, jewelry, travel, one-of-a-kind experiences and several "Buy It Now!" items.

The Dance of the Dragonfly marks the beginning of the year-long celebration

honoring the 30th Anniversary of VNA/Hospice. Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys is an integrated agency that has been providing skilled home health, private duty care and hospice services to the residents and visitors of Monroe County since 1984. Proceeds from the dance will support these services.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Presenting Tables for 10 are available for \$5,000; Event Sponsor tables for 10 are \$3,000; and Dragonfly sponsorships, which include four tickets, are available for \$1,500. A portion of each ticket and/or table is tax deductible. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Natalie Maddox at 305-294-4310 ext. 20 or nmaddox@vnahospicekeys.org



Many thanks to all the hard working volunteers and Elks members, CSHS students and the local community for supporting the Elks' Broadway Night event in February. The show tunes, sung by Tim Shepherd (aka Elvis) and Carmen Key, were enjoyed by everyone. Proceeds benefited Elks local charities.



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When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, my 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

The GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You



would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship... When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, "No, but I do fart a lot."

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To some extent, every human being on the planet is clairvoyant, clairaudient, and clairsentient, although most people discover that they are naturally adept at one more than the others.

When you trust in and take steps to hone your innate clairvoyance, clairaudience, and clairsentience, you will enter a new realm of being in which the universe, your higher self, and your spirit guides lovingly conduct you toward a more aware existence.

Clairvoyance, or clear seeing, is the ability to see with the mind's eye. An individual who has honed their clairvoyant abilities may be able to see in their mind's eye events in a remote location; to witness incidents that have yet to occur; or to perceive shapes, colors, and other images that are physically invisible.

Clairaudience, which means clear listening, is the ability to hear sounds not physically audible. A person with the gift of clairaudience perceives psychic information as auditory resonance and may hear angelic voices, music, or



other sounds. A clairsentient, or clear feeling, individual is able to sense physical, emotional, and spiritual energy in the form of seemingly unearthly scents, touches, and movements.

Each of these psychic abilities can manifest themselves within us voluntarily or involuntarily. It is natural for us to have these abilities; we need only practice.


Developing your psychic talents is a matter of releasing your fear of seeing, hearing, or feeling inexplicable or disquieting stimulus. Before you attempt to consciously tap into your gifts, ground yourself to anchor your mind in the present to disconnect from any involuntary psychic experiences you may be having.

Concentrate on your intuitive responses to the world around you and notice any sights, sounds, or feelings that enter your mind.

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Dear Anny Bannanny



Dear Anny Bannanny,

Some of my friends got into a heated discussion the other night on what is cock blocking. We decided to ask you for a definition. What exactly is cock blocking and can women do it too?

Yours Truly,
Curious



Dear Curious,

Cock blocking is a slang term for an intentional or unintentional action that could prevent or obstruct someone from having sexual intercourse. It is often motivated by jealousy or competitiveness although sometimes it is accidental. A cock blocker is usually a man who stands in the way of another man's attempt to talk to a prospective romantic or sexual partner.

Here is an example of intentional and malicious cock blocking, "Hey sweetie, did that guy you were dancing with earlier tell you that his wife has AIDS? Guess how he found out? Yeah, it's a sad situation all around. He used to be a good friend of mine until those rape allegations against him. It was damn shame about that girl really. What are you drinking?"

Another one "Hey handsome, did you know that floppy-breasted, smelly, drooping-bellied old facelift senior citizen hag hitting on you has banged more island scum since her old man dumped her than a screen door in a hurricane? You aren't going to be next are you?"

Other words for cock blocking are schlong suppressing or blue balling.

Much like the term cock block for men; the beaver block is a reverb for a female. Defined as the actions taken when one female steps in front of another female to void a sexual advance from a man. Other terms for beaver blocking are muff bluffing, clam jamming, twat swatting, and snail trailing.

Anny Bannanny now has her own Facebook page so please let me know if I have left anything out.

Yours truly,
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Conch Characters



Alan Truesdell rocks Sharkey's Pub. Photo by Kim Etheridge



The powerboat races start at Gilbert's Resort. Photo by Hubert Mayorga.



Kelly Richey Band belts out the blues at Bayside Grille.



Todd Lollis performs at the American Legion to honor the late Rick West.



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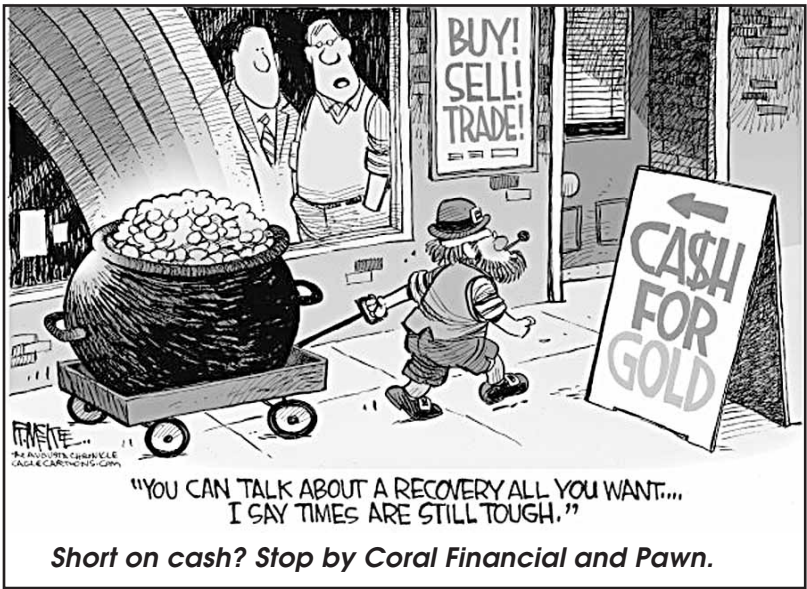


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Writing About Writing

A visitor to a certain college paused to admire the new Hemingway Hall that had been built on campus. “It’s a pleasure to see a building named for Ernest Hemingway,” he said. “Actually,” said his guide, “it’s named for Joshua Hemingway. No relation.” The visitor was astonished. “Was Joshua Hemingway a writer, also?” “Yes, indeed,” said his guide. “He wrote a check.”

A linguistics professor was lecturing to his English class one day. “In English,” he said, “a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.” A voice from the back of the room piped up, “Yeah, right.”

A writer died and was given the option of going to heaven or hell. She decided to check out each place first. As the writer descended into the fiery pits, she saw row upon row of writers chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop. As they worked, they were repeatedly whipped with thorny lashes. “Oh my,” said the writer. “Let me see heaven now.” A few moments later, as she ascended into heaven, she saw rows of writers, chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop. As they worked, they, too, were whipped with thorny lashes. “Wait a minute,” said the writer. “This is just as bad as hell!” “Oh no, it’s not,” replied an unseen voice. “Here, your work gets published.”

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define great, he said, “I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!” He now works for Microsoft writing error messages.

In the News

Thank you, Thad Bowling!

A preacher wanted to raise money for his church and on being told that there was a fortune in horse racing, decided to purchase a horse and enter it in the races. However, at the local auction, the going price for horses was so high that he ended up buying a donkey instead. He figured that since he had it, he might as well go ahead and enter it in the races.

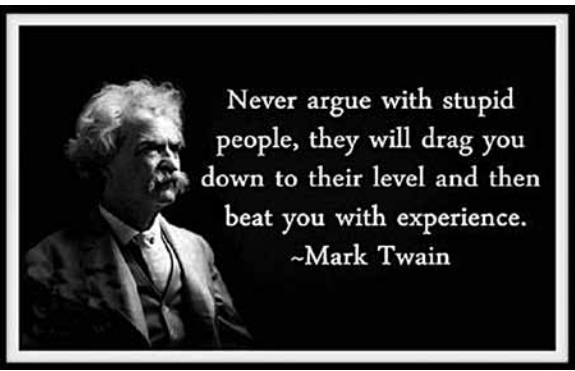
To his surprise, the donkey came in third! The next day the local paper carried this headline: PREACHER’S ASS SHOWS

The preacher was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and this time it won. The paper read: PREACHER’S ASS OUT IN FRONT

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the preacher not to enter the donkey in another race. The paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PREACHER’S ASS

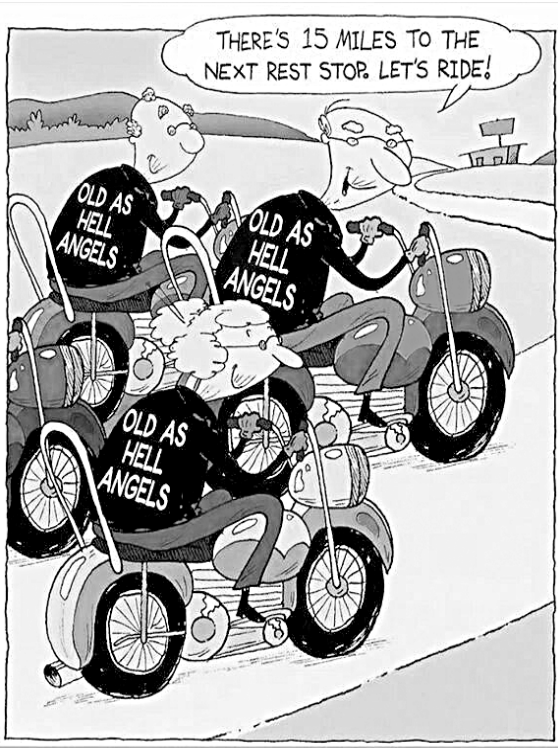
This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the preacher to get rid of the donkey. The preacher decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The paper headline the next day read: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN

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 \$10.00. The next day the headline read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.00.



This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey, led it to the plains and let it go. Next day, the headline in the paper read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE

The Bishop was buried the next day.



Damn Auto Correct!

A man received the following text from his neighbor:

I am so sorry Bob. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been tapping your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you. I'm not getting any at home, but that's no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't happen again.

Bob, anguished and betrayed, went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife.

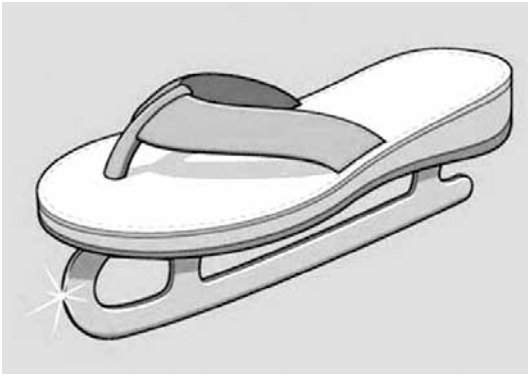
If you were around in 1919 and came upon the following poster...



SERIOUSLY, wouldn't you just keep drinking?

A few moments later, a second text came in: Damn auto correct. I meant "wif", not "wife".

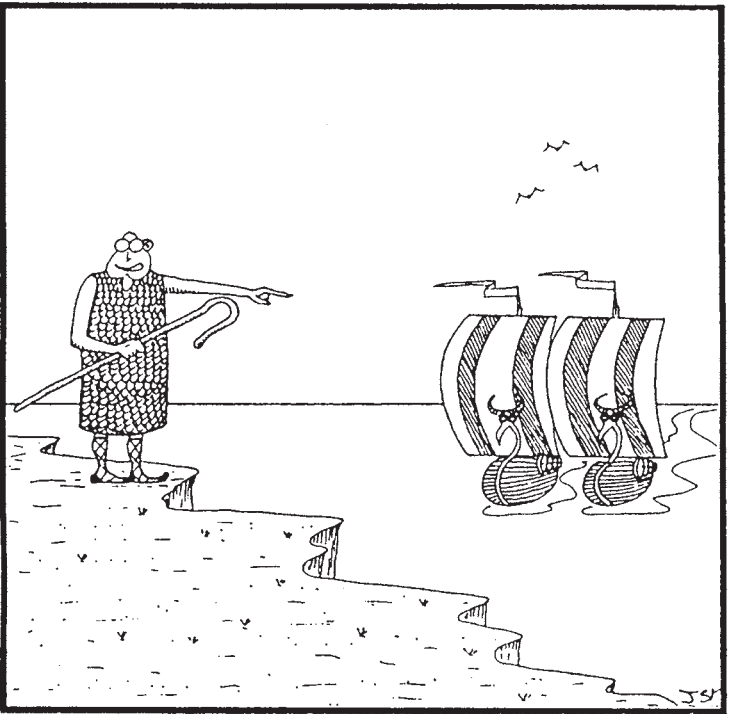
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