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Sunset at the Island Grill at Mandalay in Key Largo.

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Thursday, January 15

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Lauren Mitchell

Saturday, January 24

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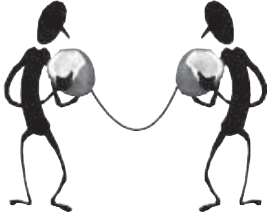
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Editorial: Beware the Curse of the Bad Karma Monkey!

We who live in the Keys enjoy a laid-back lifestyle that makes us a target for crooks.

Not so long ago some crooked local gift shop owners skipped town, taking with them their friends' shared rent money and all the items they could steal. Many folks had left valuable items with them to sell on consignment and were heartbroken to find that the swindlers had left in the dark of the night. Just when you breathe a sigh of relief that at least they are gone, and you think no one else can get hurt, another bad egg opens shop, sometimes even in the same building!

Trust the ones who have been around a while, and have great reputations like the Pink Junktique, Mother Ocean, and of course, Coral Financial Pawn Shop. They make sure you have a contract and you get paid accordingly. They are reputable business people, so they have the money set aside to pay you, no excuses. You won't find them drinking while they are working, or in hysterical screaming matches with their unhappy consigners. They won't sell your \$200 item to themselves for \$5, and your things won't disappear into thin air. They don't have a rap sheet and aren't declaring bankruptcy either. If you have been a victim of any of these undesirable and crooked people, please report it to the Sheriff's Dept. 305-853-3211.

How about the guy who consigned his whole inheritance of antique furniture and collectables only to have it left outside in the blistering sun, heat and rain to quickly rot? Instead of taking a chance, why not list your items on Craig's list or one of the many Facebook sites at no cost to you? There is even one called Buy Nothing Upper Keys, where you can give things away and get things for free. Take your most valuable items, including gold and silver, to Coral Financial Pawn Shop. Bill has been in business over 30 years and has an excellent reputation.

And how about the itty-bitty local singer who consigned his dead granny's antiques because he said he needed food for the baby, but he still had plenty of dough for his bag of weed? His most recent mug shot didn't look so good. We hear most of his band quit because of his childish tantrums. This is not his first "alleged" offense either. Everyone wants to know, Mr. Rockstar Wannabee, what are 'synthetic narcotics schedule 1 & 2 sell, mfg or deliver'? There are no lollipops in the slammer, little dude. You'll be off your (self-assumed) pedestal there, so don't drop the soap...

After last month's editorial I got a lot of calls from people thanking me for warning the public... but I did get a call from a drunken woman threatening me with a relative who is a lawyer.

Editorial continued

After I hung up on her she left me two angry messages that I saved. You poor thing! Stop making drunken phone calls and call the Domestic Abuse Hotline if you want to complain about your husband... then get yourself into a 12-Step program.

The most despicable criminals are the ones who steal from the Veterans and non-profit organizations. Really?! How low can you go?

May the frighteningly wicked relentless curse of the bad Karma monkey be upon you.

*Although the stories are true, sometimes they're a compilation of different people.

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The Monroe County The Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone about the drug disposal program offered at all our county Sheriff's Substations and the reasons why it is important to dispose of medications in the right way.

The Drug Drop program has been an ongoing success. The Sheriff's Office collected 245 pounds of various medications county-wide in the first six months of 2014.

Anyone - with the exception of commercial establishments - may bring in prescription drugs that are no longer needed, and over-the-counter medications, or call and someone will pick up the medications for disposal.

People who call to have medications picked up can do so with no questions asked. The goal of this program is to dispose of the items properly, not to catch people with illegal drugs.

Proper disposal of prescription and over the counter medications is important. Flushing them down the toilet or sink can introduce dangerous and environmentally damaging substances into the water system; throwing them away in the trash can also introduce them into the environment, and runs the risk of them winding up in the wrong hands. The medications collected by the Sheriff's Office are safely burned in the Sheriff's Burn Unit.

In the Upper Keys, medications will be accepted at the Plantation Key Substation Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For pickup, call 305-853-3211 during office hours.

In the Middle or Lower Keys, call 305-289-2430 or 305-745-3184 for more information.

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MM 99.2 Bayside

Need a new 'Do' for a New Year?

Up Your Hair is here to tell you this month's beauty trends. Hair, makeup, and nails, find out how to get that runway look here!

As the cold fronts come and go, we are constantly looking for fashionable, yet weather friendly, ways to do our hair. We did the Bob, tried the Lob... now, are you ready for the Wob?

While Pixies are all the rage, the Wob (wavy bob) is the alternative to the drastic cut. The perfect wash-and-go look, and best maintained with a keratin treatment. Reducing the curl and maintaining the frizz, Keratin is the best way to go to keep your hair easily manageable, and filled with style.

A new year has just begun and with it comes a change in colors. Put down your dark liners and pick up anything purple! A light fresh look... and if purple isn't quite your color, try a glossy

mauve or matte burgundy for a safer option.

It's time for some excitement and what is more exciting than nail art? All different designs, from tips to gems, and paisley to animals, this month is all about trying something new!


If you're looking for a change or need advice, call or stop by Up Your Hair Salon or check out www.upyourhair.com to set up a free consultation.



Taylor wears the Wob!

Oh, Those Holiday Kisses!

10 FACTS ABOUT KISSING

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- 1) Kissing is a dirty act. Just one kiss with tongue can transmit up to 278 types of bacteria. Boys and girls, watch your oral hygiene please.
 - 2) Sensitivity of the lips is 200 times higher than that of the fingers.
 - 3) While kissing, your body produce a substance that is 200 times more powerful than morphine in terms of narcotic effect.
 - 4) An act of kissing puts 29 facial muscles in motion. Kissing can be used as an effective exercise to prevent the development of wrinkles.
 - 5) Onur Guentuerkuen of Ruhr-University Bochum in Bochum, Germany, studied hundreds of couples kissing. In his study, he found that two-thirds of people turn their heads to the right when kissing.
 - 6) During a kiss, natural antibiotics are secreted in the saliva. Also, the saliva contains a type of anesthetic that helps relieve pain.
 - 7) Those who kiss quite frequently are less likely to suffer from stomach, bladder & blood infections.
 - 8) It is possible for awoman to reach an orgasm through kissing
 - 9) 92% of women close their eyes for a kiss, but 50% of men keep them open.
 - 10) Kissing at the conclusion of a wedding ceremony can be traced to ancient Roman tradition where a kiss was used to sign contract.

Bayside Blues Concerts

Concert Showtime: 6:30pm

SATURDAY

Jan. 10: Joel DaSilva & Midnight Howl

This New Orleans guitar legend has played with all the greats!

THURSDAY

Jan. 15: Popa Chubby

Hardcore blues rocker popular worldwide for over 25 years.

SATURDAY

Jan.24: Lauren Mitchell Band

A mesmerizing and dynamic vocalist bringing blues and soul from Sarasota, Florida.

TUES-WEDS

Feb. 3&4: JW Jones Band

A favorite of Elwood Blues, a.k.a.Dan Ackroyd!

FRI-SAT

Feb. 20&21: Harper and Midwest Kind

Didgeridoo, harmonica, world blues fusion!

World class entertainers, in Key Largo on the beach.

Check the calendar at keylargo-baysidegrill.com for more great Bluesfest bookings

305-451-3380

MM 99.5 Bayside, behind Cafe Largo

Entertainer of the Month: Chris Lute Hair Stylist / Guitarist Extraordinaire

Chris Lute is a very talented and versatile artist, and he also has a very intelligent and creative mind.

By day you can find him with scissors in hand at Key Largo's most modern hair salon, Up Your Hair. Lute joined forces with salon owners Joe Lombardo and his daughter Caitlin ,who also believe in staying abreast of the latest trends.

Up Your Hair Salon is the Keys' only "Blow Out Bar" featuring one price for unlimited monthly visits. Joe Lombardi says Chris Lute, who has been a hair stylist since he was 18 years old, is one of the best he has ever worked with. "Chris is able to translate the latest trends into workable styles. He takes pride in his work and will make sure you look your very best," says Lombardo.

By night you'll find Chris around town, playing lead guitar with Key Largo legend Steve Venini.

Chris started his musical career in Ohio, playing gospel and traveling with the church when he was 10 years old. As an adult he continued to tour the country with different bands and honed his skills playing jazz, blues, honky tonk and rock.



Chris was named Blues Player of the Year by Guitar Central and he spent two years in New Orleans. His travels finally brought him to Key Largo, and he says he is here to stay.

Just as Chris sought out the best salon, he sought out Steve Venini, who is also multi talented. Steve plays acoustic guitar, sings, writes songs and is also a backcountry fishing guide. Together they make music so good it makes you tingle.

At Sharkey's recently, they started at 8 pm, and by the time they finished their second song every table was filled and it was standing room only. The audience was enthusiastically applauding and whistling after each song. As they sang "Crossroads" I thought to myself, "it just doesn't get any better than this!"

Steve Venini and Chris Lute have been working together as a duo and in the Steve Venini Band for 3 years. When speaking of Chris, Steve smiles and says the greatest compliment he has for a musician: "Chris is the real deal!"

Chris Lute says he is "...amazed at the great following we have and I am so terribly grateful for that. If you don't have people to play for that you love, it doesn't mean much."

You can enjoy their full, rich sound Thursdays at Bayside Grill 6-9 pm, Sharkey's on Fridays 8-11pm, and at Postcard Inn's Tiki Bar on Mondays 6-9pm. They also play for special gigs in Key West and you can occasionally find them at the Lorelei and Marker 88 Restaurant. Contact them by email at svenini@icloud.com.



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surprises for sale! Profits from this event will go toward funding a new group home for the Monroe County Association for ReMARCAble citizens. If you would like to host a collection party, call Susan Merrill at 352-316-6260 before January 15, 2015. To view the better items collected so far, go to www.Facebook.com/LookingGoodInTheNeighborhood Purchase tickets to the event at the MARC Store beside the Coral Isles Church, or at the Islamorada Moose Lodge. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. MARC's mission is to provide their clients with dignified, compassionate, professional care in a family environment for the duration of their needs.

Sounds of the Keys



Mike DiMaggio every Thursday night at the Big Chill.



Luke Sommer Glenn, Louis Rainbow and Dave Bowman at the Pilot House.



Michael Collins at Gilbert's Resort.



John McKinna at the Island Grill at Mandalay.



Nick Causey (Dianne Posey's grandson) stopped by Snook's to play a few songs with Bobbe Brown.



The fantastic Scotty Migone, New Years Eve at Gilberts. He was playing slide guitar with that beer bottle! Photo by Rob LeBrun.

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



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Zodiak



Zena



Ginger



Frosty



Zelda



Gus

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January 8th-17th 2015

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Key Largo Festival Kick Off 4-7pm
Festival kick off & complimentary wine tasting. Free. 305-451-5958

Island Grill at the Mandalay
MM97.5 Oceanside, Key Largo
From the Dock to the Plate 7-9pm
3 course, prix fixe dinner featuring whole fresh hogfish. \$36 + tax + tip. 305-852-0595

Martinis MM 81.6 Bayside, Islamorada
Islamorada Festival Kick-Off 4-7pm
Festival kick off & complimentary wine tasting wine. Free. 305-664-4800

Island Grill MM 85.5 Oceanside, Islamorada
From the Dock to the Plate 7-9pm
3-course, prix fixe dinner featuring whole fresh hogfish. \$36 + tax + tip. 305-664-8400

Friday 1/9

Key Largo Fisheries Backyard Café
1313 Ocean Bay Drive, Key Largo
Lobsterfest 6-9pm
Florida lobster every which way, live music and wine! \$39 includes tax. 305-451-3782

The Hungry Tarpon at Robbie's
MM 77.5 Bayside Islamorada
A Seafood Celebration 6-9pm
Raw Bar and Ceviche Bar. Live island music. Bacardi specials and more. \$40 + tax + tip. 305-664-0535

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Saturday 1/10

Key Largo Chocolates
MM 100.5 Bayside, Key Largo
Junior Chocolatier Class 10:30am-noon
Kids take a tasty adventure and learn about chocolate. 305-453-6613

MEAT Eatery and Taproom
MM 88 Oceanside, Islamorada
Specialty Benedict Brunch 10:30am-2:30 pm
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Key Largo Chocolates
MM 100.5 Bayside, Key Largo
Chocolate meets Cabernet! 6-8pm
A night of chocolate & wine. 2 + hours of fun with chocolate and red wine. \$69. incl. 305-453-6613

Sundowners MM 104 Bayside, Key Largo
Viva Espana! 6:30pm
Appetizers from Chef Norman Van Aken. Pig roast. Paella. Spanish wines, sangria & Flamenco show. \$55 + tax + tip. 305-451-4502.

Sunday 1/11

Check the website for fabulous brunches!

Marker 88, MM 88 Bayside, Islamorada
Celebrity Chopped 5pm
Dedicated to the memory of Chef Ben Coole
The Keys own version of the popular TV show. 4 local chefs will compete to win the trophies and \$500 for Chef Ben's family. \$35 incl. (includes buffet dinner). 305-852-9315

Monday 1/12

Key Largo Conch House
MM 100.2 Oceanside, Key Largo
Seafood, Wine, and Art in the Garden 7-9pm
Seafood buffet paired with wines and art from local artists of the Florida Keys! \$39 per person + tax + tip. 305-453-4844

Pilot House MM 99.5 Oceanside, 13 Seagate Blvd., Key Largo
Beer and Bites 6:30pm
Taste 6 unique craft beers paired with six bites to complement each brew! \$25 incl. 305-451-3142

Islamorada Beer Company Tasting and Brewery Room, MM 82 Islamorada
Complimentary Beer Tasting 4-6pm
Jenga tournament; winner gets gift certificate. First 20 participants get 1 free pint of beer. Free. 305-440-2162

Islamorada Moose Lodge
MM 81.5 Islamorada
Islamorada Americana 5:30-9pm
4-course dinner pairs members' favorite entrées with the perfect varietals. \$49 + tax + tip. 305-664-8120

Tuesday 1/13

Senor Frijoles MM 104 Bayside, Key Largo
Fajitas and Margaritas 7pm - 'til 2-4or-1 fajitas and \$5 Cazadores Tequila margaritas. 305-451-1592

Encore, MM 102.3 Oceanside, Key Largo
Dining in the Dark 6pm for 7pm seating
5-course tapas menu paired with a variety of selected wines. \$75 incl. 305-451-0650

Green Turtle Wine and Spirits Shop
MM 81.2 Oceanside, Islamorada
Happy Hour 5-7pm
Complimentary tasting of fine wines, spirits, deli and snack items. Free. 305-664-2006. Then walk next door to the Green Turtle Inn...

Events subject to change.



Green Turtle Inn
MM 81.2 Oceanside, Islamorada
A Very Special Flight of 3 Wines Complemented by 3 different tapas. \$30 + tax + tip. 305-664-2006

Islamorada Progressive Dinner *Rescheduled for Dine Around Town 6-9pm*
A traveling 5-course gourmet dinner paired with wines. 305-394-3736

Wednesday 1/14

Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill
MM 104 Bayside, Key Largo
Martinis and Meatballs 5:30 to Close
A selection of \$5 Martinis, with complimentary meatballs & rice balls. 305-453-9066

Snapper's MM 94.5 Oceanside, Key Largo
Grape Stomping Contest 6pm
Teams of two will compete to stomp grapes in a timed event for the grand prize. \$35 per team. Enter early. 305-852-5956

Kaiyo MM 81.7 Oceanside on the Old Highway, Islamorada
The KAIYO Flight: A Sushi & Saki Experience 5pm.
Three unique, specially selected Sakis paired with appetizers. \$25 + tax + tip. 305-664-5556

Ziggie and Maddog's
MM 83 Bayside, Islamorada
Land, Sea and Air
A 3 course dinner featuring fresh local catch, duck and filet mignon all paired with wines. \$40 + tax + tip. 305-664-3391

Thursday 1/15

Num Thai
Plaza 103, MM 103.2 Bayside, Key Largo
An Oriental Experience 6pm
Sushi & Thai dishes, complimentary saki and wine. 305-451-5955

Ballyhoo's Historic Grille
MM 97.8 Median, Key Largo
Chef's Dinner 7pm
Chef prepares and cooks 4 courses before your very eyes, all paired with wine. \$55 incl. 305-852-0822

Events subject to change.

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Puerto Vallarta
MM 86.7 Oceanside, Islamorada
A Mexican Fiesta 6-9pm
Endless traditional Mexican buffet and a live mariachi band. Margaritas and sangria. \$30 incl. tax. 305-451-4083

The Islander Resort MM 82.2 Oceanside
Chef Andy Niedenthal and his Celebrity Guest Chef! 6:30pm
Join Chef Andy Niedenthal and his guest celebrity chef. They demo... you taste and sip! \$40 Incl. 305-664-2031

Friday 1/16

Buzzards Roost
21 Garden Cove Drive, Key Largo
A Toast of the Coast 6:30pm
4-course menu features East Coast seafood dishes each paired with a terrific wine. \$48.95 + tax + tip. 305-453-3746.

Gilbert's Resort MM 107.9 Key Largo
\$9.99 Rumrunners & Ribs 6pm-9pm
12oz Bacardi Rumrunner and 1/2 rack of baby back ribs. Live music. 305-451-1133

Postcard Inn Resort & Marina
MM 84 Oceanside, Islamorada
TGIF Happy Hour 4-7pm
A really, really, happy, happy, hour in the Horizon Room at the Isle! 4 to 5pm open bar and hors d'oeuvres, happy hour prices until 7pm. \$25 incl. 305-664-2321 x 521

Marker 88 MM 88 Bayside, Islamorada
Visiting Celebrity Chef's Dinner 7pm
Guest Miami chefs cook and serve a 4-course gourmet dinner all paired with wines. \$100 incl. 305-852-9315

Saturday 1/17

Festival Finale: Grand Tasting
Postcard Inn at Holiday Isle noon to 4pm
\$60 Gen. Adm. - \$80 VIP
A multi-sensory experience. Fine cuisine and world-class wines. Visit web for details.

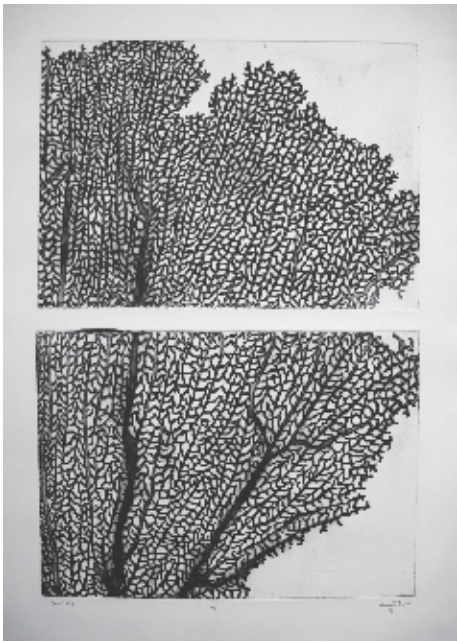
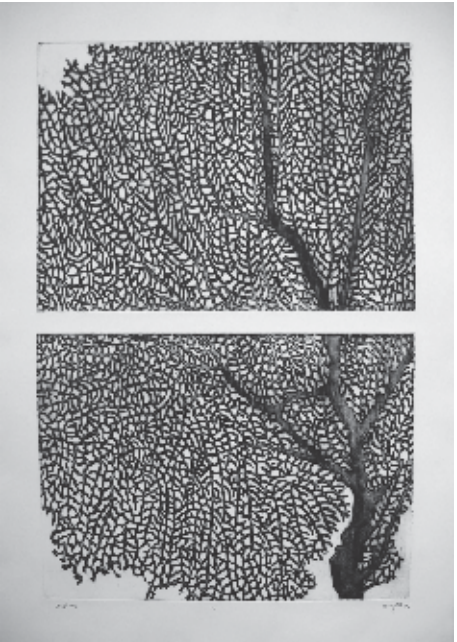
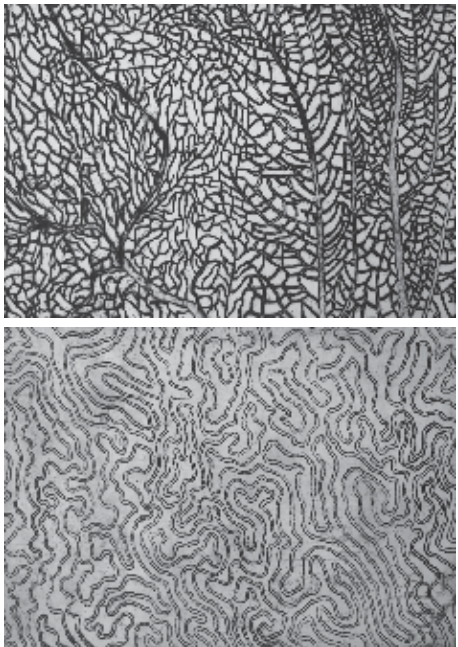
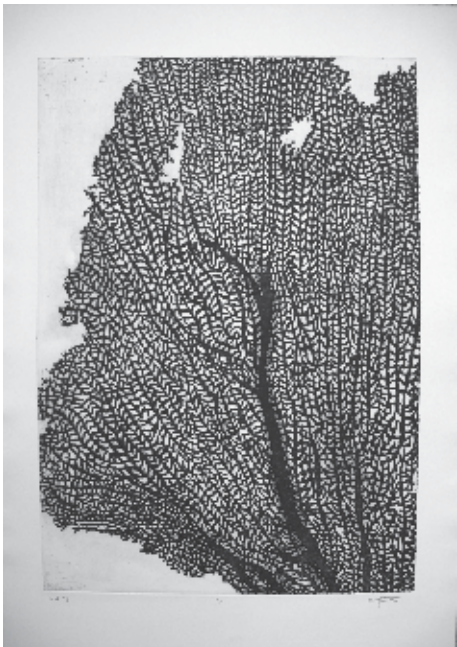
Art Box Artist of the Month: Amy Oates

After growing up in Key Largo, Amy Oates slowly made her way west to study art at Baylor University and then north to Seattle, where she currently lives. She primarily works in painting, printmaking, and cut paper installation and has been an active part of Seattle's arts scene, participating in gallery exhibitions and temporary public commissions, curating multidisciplinary arts events, and investing back into youth through after-school art programs.

Amidst venturing far, Amy has not forgotten her roots. A visit back to Key Largo a few years ago rekindled a fascination with the beauty of the coral reefs. Amy

wished she could take coral away with her to look at continually, but she knew the ecosystem needed protection, not possession. Instead, she did the next best thing - she began making visual studies of corals through copper etchings.

Amy foresees that this new direction in her work has only just begun and she's hopeful for the ways others may become more interested in conservation through close examination with the intricate beauty in coral. She is thrilled to be sharing a small number of these etchings in Key Largo at The Art Box for the month of January. Stop by and see her work!

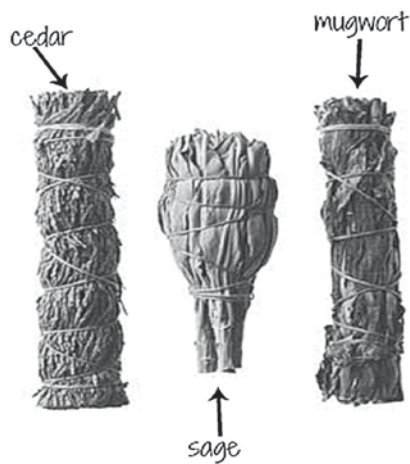


Smudging

I bought a house that had some negative energy from the previous tenants so every now and then i cleanse it with some white sage. Here are the directions.

Smudging is burning herbs, most commonly sage, to get rid of negative energy on yourself, your home or any space. Smudging can be useful when you're feeling depressed, angry, resentful, unwell, or after you have had an argument with someone, or if you have felt a negative presence in your home.

You would normally use a smudge stick to do this, you can make your own or buy them from most new age stores. The process of smudging is thousands of years old - it was used by Native Americans, In ancient Rome and Greece, and ancient Egypt as a way to cleanse a space from bad spirits and negative energy.



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There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30! The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! The average wage in the U.S. was 22¢ per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education! They attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost 4¢ a pound; eggs were 14¢ a dozen; coffee was 15¢ a pound.



1906 was the year of the great San Francisco earthquake.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason. Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were: Pneumonia and influenza, Tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease, and stroke.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of every ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstore. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A. !

Try to imagine what it might be like in another 100 years!

Hangover Helper

Although the holidays are over, there is always something to celebrate in the Keys!

It was a great night , lively entertainment, a fast bartender, and good friends buying Red Hot shots. You don't remember the cab ride home or how you got to bed. All you know is that you woke up and your head is throbbing. Your mouth tastes like dead cat. Sweating, shaking and groaning you manage to drag yourself to the bathroom to pay homage to the porcelain god. You suffer, and swear you will never, ever, ever drink again. But just what can you do to alleviate this self inflicted agony?

Here are some things worth trying:

Nurse - If you are dating someone in the medical field you are probably already hooked up to an IV. If not:

Aspirin - take 2 and go back to bed

Sleep - stay in bed all day or until the pain goes away

Coffee - by the time you can force it down you should on the road to recovery


Water - takes care of the dehydration problem

Hot or cold shower - gets rid of the smell

Fruit juice - replaces lost vitamins

Eggs - they contain cysteine, an amino acid, and your liver will thank you.

I woke up hungover to the sound of my neighbor mowing the lawn. I figured he'll just have to mow around me, I'm not moving.



Take a walk - exercise and oxygen can't hurt

Chocolate - it always makes me feel better

Hair of the dog - a Bloody Mary. Alcohol is a depressant. Having a drink will ease the symptoms and a Bloody Mary contains vitamins your body is craving. It is but a temporary fix though. If you're going to play, you've got to pay.

National Geographic had an interesting article about some of the strangest hangover cures from around the world. Perhaps they mean "cure" in a way that you'll never touch alcohol again if you're forced to take these the morning after:

Germany: Pickled Herring

Pickled or marinated herring is the main ingredient in a sour snack Germans call Rollmops. Considered an excellent way to ward off a bad hangover, they're made by wrapping fillets of the tiny white fish around bits of onion and gherkin. Rollmops can be a welcome part of what Germans call katerfrühstück, or the hangover breakfast.

Romania: Tripe Soup

Tripe - a.k.a .cow stomach - is the go-to ingredient for many Romanians suffering from a hangover. It's also a common "cure" in Mexico and Turkey, and no doubt many other countries as well. But in Romania, the edible offal is boiled in a greasy, salty soup of root vegetables, garlic vinegar, and cream.

Poland: Sour pickle juice

Polish hangover remedies are all about the sour. Some say that soured milk (which is unpasteurized and has been left at room temperature for a day or two) does the trick. Others favor sour - very sour - pickle juice, heavy on the vinegar.

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You chew on other people's fingernails.

You're so jittery that people use your hands to blend their drinks.

You can type sixty words per minute with your feet.

You can jump-start your car without cables.

You don't sweat, you percolate.

You walk twenty miles on your treadmill before you realize it's not plugged in.

You've built a miniature city out of little plastic stirrers.

Instant coffee takes too long.

You channel surf faster without a remote.

You have a picture of your coffee mug on your coffee mug.

You can outlast the Energizer bunny.

You short out motion detectors.

You don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.

Your nervous twitch registers on the Richter scale.

You help your dog chase its tail.

You soak your dentures in coffee overnight.

Your first-aid kit contains two pints of coffee with an I.V. hookup.

You ski uphill.

You get a speeding ticket even when you're parked.

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by Sandi Mieszczenski

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



It is January and the holidays are behind us as we enter a new year. This time of the year is a good time to make soup. Soup is relatively easy to make, and there are so many variations. It just warms the body and soul. This is one of my favorites — if you are a fan of corn and bacon, you will love it. So enjoy!

CORN CHOWDER

- 8 (or more if desired) slices of bacon

1 medium yellow onion, diced

1 large baking potato, peeled and diced

1 pound bag of frozen corn, defrosted

3 tablespoons butter

1/3 cup flour

4 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper (preferably a white pepper)

1 tablespoon chopped tarragon (optional)

diced green onion for garnish

Sauté the bacon in a stockpot until crisp. Remove the bacon and drain on paper towels.

Sauté the yellow onion in the bacon grease until soft, about 2 minutes. Remove the onion and discard any remaining bacon grease. Melt the butter in the same pot. Add the flour and stir until slightly brown. Add the milk and whisk until smooth. Put in the potato, sauteed onion, and the bacon that has been crumbled. (Reserve some of the bacon for garnish.)

Add the corn, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Cover the pot and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Place the tarragon in the soup and simmer for an additional 5 minutes. The thickness of the chowder may be adjusted with water to suit your taste.

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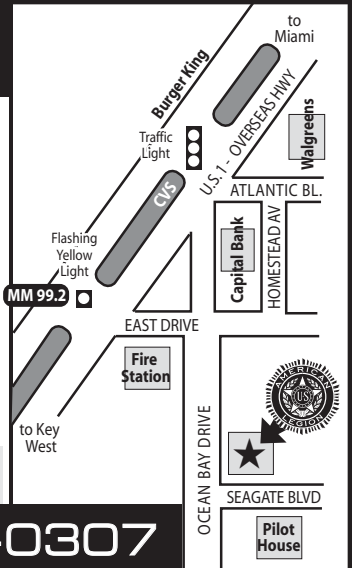
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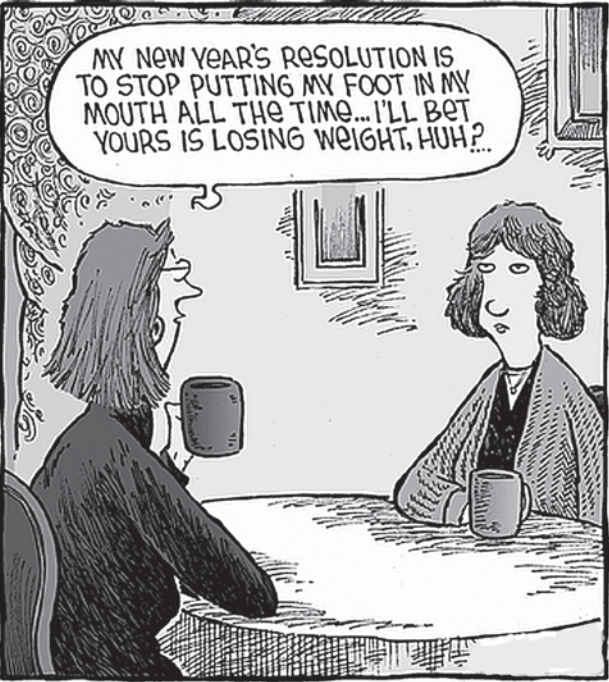
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Reporter When do you drink water?

Hattie: I've never been that sick.

ACYROLOGIA

An incorrect use of words - particularly replacing one word with another word that sounds similar but has a diffident meaning - possibly fuelled by a deep-seeded desire to sound more educated, witch results in an attempt to pawn off an incorrect word in place of a correct one. In academia, such flaunting of common social morays is seen as almost sorted and might result in the offender becoming a piranha, in the Monday world, after all is set and done, such a miner era will often leave normal people unphased. This is just as well sense people of that ilk are unlikely to tow the line irregardless of any attempt to better educate them. A small percentage, however, suffer from severe acyrologiaphobia, and it is their upmost desire to see English used properly. Exposure may cause them symptoms that may resemble post-dramatic stress disorder and, eventually, descend into whole-scale outrage as they go star-craving mad. Eventually, they will succumb to the stings and arrows of such a barrage, and suffer a complete metal breakdown, leaving them curled up in the feeble position.

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SURE ENOUGH ON THE WAY HOME THERE WAS A POLICE ROAD BLOCK, BUT SINCE IT WAS A TAXI THEY WAVED IT PAST. I ARRIVED HOME SAFELY. THIS WAS A REAL SURPRISE, AS I HAD NEVER DRIVEN A TAXI BEFORE, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I GOT IT AND NOW THAT IT'S IN MY GARAGE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT.

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"Look, that genie gave me ducks instead of bucks!" he angrily declares.

His friend sitting at the table replies, "Well, yeah. Do you seriously think that I asked for a twelve-inch pianist?"

Left Field

by J.S. McKinna

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Michael Trixx and friends. Michael entertains Saturdays in January at 7:45 pm, at Gilberts Resort, always an amazing show! Photo by Ron LeBrun.



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