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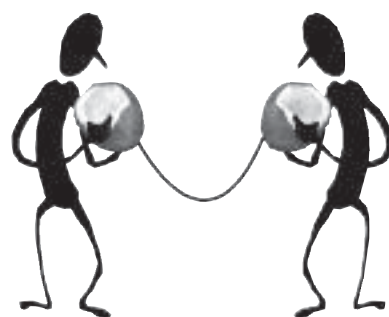
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Editorial: "Cock a Snook" at Fred Phelps' Funeral

Westboro Asks Public Not to Picket Phelps Funeral

Mar 21, 2014



The controversial Westboro Baptist Church has asked the public not to picket the funeral of its founder, Pastor Fred Phelps, who died this week at 84, and "have a little decency and respect" for his family and friends.

In a statement posted on its website, the Topeka, Kan.-based church - home to America's most hated family - claimed members of the public have threatened to protest Phelps' funeral just as the church protested the funerals of others.

"This is a very difficult time for us," the statement reads, "so we ask that the public have a little decency and respect by allowing us to mourn a great man who served God and tried to protect America from the threat of fags and perverts (i.e. gays and U.S. soldiers)."



You can do this any time of the day or night and as many times as you wish.

What is thumbing your nose? Definition: "Thumbing one's nose" has no sinister meaning that I know of beyond indicating extreme contempt.

The gesture basically consists of touching your nose with the tip of your thumb, spreading your other fingers upward, and wiggling them in the most annoying

way you can manage. This gesture, also known as "giving the five-finger salute" and "cocking a snook," dates back to at least the 18th century and is probably much older.

As is true of many kinds of human non-verbal communication, the gesture itself has probably always been meaningless, but it's the thought that counts. The recipient of a "nose thumbing" finds it insulting simply because he or she knows it is meant to be insulting. Who knows? Perhaps there's a parallel universe somewhere where a cheerful wave is considered a deadly insult."

Directions: You put your thumb on the tip of your nose and twiddle the rest of your fingers, at the same time you stick out your tongue. It's kind of a childish "nanny nanny boo boo" thing but it beats doing nothing at all in this case.

I don't know about you but I know I will feel better if I cock a snook.

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Florida Highwaymen and Harry Sonntag, Key Largo's Hermit Artist Original Paintings on Exhibit

Collections of original paintings of Old Florida and Key Largo will be on display at the Keys History & Discovery Center in Islamorada. The exhibit features two significant collections, The Art of the Florida Highwaymen and Harry Sonntag, Key Largo's Hermit Artist. These original paintings have never before been on display collectively.

The Highwaymen were a cadre of 25 African-American men and one woman who painted landscapes in Florida starting in the 1950s, selling the paintings for \$15-30, which allowed many to get out of the laborious field work.

Sonntag was a nomad artist originally from New

York who found his way to the Upper Keys in the late 50s. He built a shack in Mandaly Bay area and opened a studio in a vacant key lime packing house.

The exhibit runs from April 3 through June 1, at the Keys History & Discovery Center in Islamorada, MM 82, located at the Islander Resort, a Guy Harvey Outpost. The exhibit is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$12. Seniors are \$10 and children 13 and under are free.

For more information, call 305-922-2237, go online at www.keysdiscovery.com or on Facebook: Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation

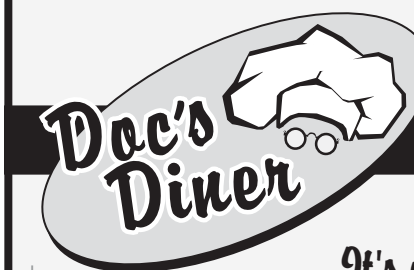
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