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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Volleyball and a URI

I smiled and probably even laughed out loud when I heard a few months ago that my Granddaughter, Mary Katherine, was signed up to play volleyball for her 5th - 6th grade team in Daphne. You'll understand my thoughts when you realize that MK is vertically challenged, like the rest of my offspring. Standing a little over 4 feet nothing, I was intrigued about her decision to play volleyball.

What is there about volleyball where shortness helps? I couldn't figure it out. But it dawned on me that being short could make you quicker and put you closer to the floor to get a dig in volleyball.

Sherry and I could hardly wait to see MK play volleyball. We found a date where her team was playing a tournament in Foley, just an hour away from their home. So we jumped in the car and drove four hours to visit the kids on Friday for the Saturday and Sunday games.

I wasn't feeling very chipper but that wasn't going to stop me from seeing the games. I was hoping a little "bedicine" on Friday night would cure what ailed me. Eight hours later, I concluded that I couldn't sleep it off.

There I was, getting needed sympathy and over-the counter care from Sherry and my daughter-in-law, Jeni. It's funny how the women in my life have so much more compassion for the sick men in their lives than when the situation is reversed - and the men get to look after the women.

On Saturday morning, I headed to an urgent care before the games started that afternoon. With a diagnosis of an Upper Respiratory Infection, I felt my sad face and lack of energy were fully justified and I was deserving of even more sympathy from the ladies.

When I returned from the doctor, Sherry did a Google search for "upper respiratory infection." She learned that a "URI" is another name for the "common cold." Hearing that, I disputed the idea that all I had was a cold. There was nothing common about how I felt. And I needed the sympathy to get by the rest of the day. The ladies continued with their care and sympathy despite the common cold diagnosis.

But we were not missing the volleyball tournament so off we go to Foley.

As the games progressed, I watched one of the top high school volleyball coaches

in the country who coaches MK's team. Coach Ann Schilling, the head volleyball coach at Bayside Academy, happens to be coaching these young girls. Seems to me that she's developing her future teams for Bayside. Coach Schilling's teams have won 24 AHSAA State Championships and 4 runner ups. Her 2018 team won the State and competed at the 4A level. And she also coaches 5th and 6 grade players.

There is no "Daddy" ball here where parents question coaching decisions. She knows what she's doing. She has these girls playing above their age and size.

Watching Mary Katherine make some digs and set up the bigger girls at the net is cool. These games were fun to watch - plenty of excitement. And it didn't hurt that MK's team won the tournament either.

That's Granddaddy ball for me - whether I have a debilitating Upper Respiratory Infection or not.

David



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

CAN'T DO SOMTHING TO SAVE MY LIFE



Meaning: “Can’t do something to save your life” is a hyperbolic way of saying that you’re completely inept at something. It’s typically used in a self-deprecating manner or to indicate reluctance to carry out a task requested of one.

Example: “Don’t pick me – I can’t draw to save my life.”

Origins: Anthony Trollope first used this expression, in 1848 in Kellys and O’Kellys, writing, “If it was to save my life and theirs, I can’t get up small talk for the rector and his curate.”

FAT CHANCE



Meaning: We use the expression “fat chance” to refer to something that is incredibly unlikely. Bizarrely, and contrary to what one might expect, the related expression “slim chance” means the same thing.

Example: “We might win the Lottery.”
“Fat chance.”

Origins: The origins of this expression are unclear, but the use of the word “fat” is likely to be a sarcastic version of saying “slim chance”. A similar expression is “Chance would be a fine thing”, which refers to something that one would like to happen, but that is very unlikely.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Naturally, the best way to help a neighborhood business (and keep it in your neighborhood) is to do business with it. But there are other ways beyond that can help as well.

1. **REVIEWS:** Leave a review with useful information for the business. Most small businesses today monitor closely their Google reviews and the reviews on sites like BBB, Yelp and Angie’s List. So even if your information is not all positive, it is helpful for the business to hear from customers. But please reconsider before you post a scathing review. Sometimes people just have a bad day so if your experience was bad, there are other ways to handle it.
2. **PHONE CALL:** If you have some really damaging information from your experience with the business, try calling the owners or Managers to let them now about your experience rather than smearing the business on line. And if everything was great, they would love to hear that, too.
3. **LIKES:** Go to their Social Media Accounts including Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest and “LIKE” their posts. That will help you continue seeing their posts.
4. **SHARES:** The best way to help is to “SHARE” and add a Comment or emoji. Try to Share often. A Share is superpowered for the business. Small businesses need all the help they can get.

We love to hear from you and, of course, online reviews, comments and Shares are helpful to Champion Cleaners. But if you have an experience, good or bad, that you would like to let us know about, please call me (205.902.1093) or Mark (205.566.2321).



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St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day commemorates the life of one of Ireland's patron saints and many Americans with Irish ancestry remember him on March 17th.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations concentrate on Irish themed parties, drinks and food. People celebrate often wear green clothing and many consume food and drinks dyed green. Irish pubs often hold special events

or promotions. Big cities celebrate with parades, while other cities dye their water green.

St. Patrick's Day is not a federal holiday in the U.S. Schools and businesses are open.

Most common symbol of St. Patrick's Day is the shamrock or four-leaf clover. This is associated with good luck.

St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, March 17, 2019.



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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

St. Patrick's Day Jokes

► **Tom:** What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?



Pee Wee: I don't know.

Tom: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.



► **David:** Mom, I met an Irish boy on St. Patrick's Day.



Mom: Oh, really?

David: No, O'Reilly!



► **Jack:** On what musical instrument did the showoff musician play his St. Patrick's Day tunes?

Ally: I have no idea.

Jack: On his brag-pipes.

► **Joe:** Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

Bob: Tell me.

Joe: You might press your luck!



Time To Do This...

- ✓ Dig out and remove rotted or damaged fence posts, mailbox posts, overgrown shrubs or damaged shrubs.
- ✓ Remove winter-worn branches from trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Make your first application of spring fertilizer. Spread seed in southern climates.
- ✓ Schedule small engine tuneups or perform tuneups after buying spark plugs, air filter elements, crankcase oil, two-stroke oil, gas stabilizer, fresh gasoline, lawnmower blade, string trimmer blades or line.
- ✓ Sharpen your shears, hoe and shovel, then pump up that wheelbarrow tire.
- ✓ As soon as the weather permits, by all means open your windows and start painting inside.
- ✓ Tidy up behind and under the dryer, then clean the dryer vent.
- ✓ Make room to store winter equipment and clothing by taking advantage of wasted spaces in attics, crawlspaces, closets and garage.
- ✓ Clean your coffeemaker with vinegar or scale-removal product sold at hardware stores.