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## Amateur fossil hunter finds what could be Americas' oldest artwork



VERO BEACH — For nearly three years, an artifact that might be the oldest piece of artwork in the Americas lay under the sink of an amateur fossil collector's mobile home. It was pure luck that James Kennedy noticed it at all. Cleaning his fossils one day last year, the 39-year-old Vero Beach man spotted a small carving on a piece of mammal bone. The image looked like a mastodon, a prehistoric cousin of the elephant. If authentic — and a team of scientists at the University of Florida believes it is — the

carving would be thousands of years older than Stonehenge in England, the pyramids in Egypt and Florida's Everglades. It also would offer rare tangible evidence that humans lived in Florida during the last Ice Age, alongside now-extinct mammals such as the mastodon, mammoth and saber-tooth cat. Already, one anthropologist involved in studying the artifact has dubbed it the "oldest, most spectacular and rare work of art in the Americas." But scientists fear the rare artifact may be lost to public view forever. Kennedy plans to sell it at an auction, much like any private art collector might sell a Picasso, instead of giving it to a museum. The auction, which hasn't been scheduled, is being advertised online. Kennedy, who says he has severe epilepsy and mainly relies on Social Security checks to get by, is unapologetic about the sale. "That's like having the lottery ticket and someone walks up and says, 'You should donate it,'" Kennedy said. "Well, no. You would say, 'No.'" Kennedy said he found the artifact on private property, with the owner's permission, within walking distance of Vero Beach's "Vero Man" site along a canal south of the city's airport. ([Full Story](#))

## It's On Like Donkey Kong: New York Doc Sets World Record

New York -- He's the king of Kong. New York City's own Hank Chien, a 35-year-old plastic surgeon based in Flushing, Queens has just been crowned the Lord of the Barrels -- having just set a new world record in the classic arcade game Donkey Kong. Chien's score, 1,061,700 points racked up in just 2 hours and 35 minutes was verified by Twin Galaxies, the official keepers of DK records since 1981. The dexterous doctor ended the game on the famed "kill screen" glitch that does not allow play to continue. Chien's new scoring mark beats the 1,050,200 point record score set by Florida's Billy Mitchell at a live event in Florida in July 2007. Twin Galaxies officials David Nelson of New Hampshire and Eric Akeson of Washington state verified Hank Chien's record game, done on an original Donkey Kong machine in New York.



## Wife's baby milk in chef's cheese recipe



New York -- This Chelsea restaurant has gone from brasserie to brassiere. Chef Daniel Angerer is letting diners at Klee Brasserie munch on cheese made from his wife's breast milk. "It tastes like cow's-milk cheese, kind of sweet," he told The Post. The flavor depends on what the cheese is served with -- Angerer recommends a Riesling -- and "what the mother eats," said Angerer, who once bested Bobby Flay on TV's "Iron Chef." Breast milk doesn't curdle well due to its low protein content, so a little moo juice has to be added to round out the texture, Angerer said. After blogging about his efforts with the human cheese, customers started demanding a sample, he said. "The phone was ringing off the hook," the chef said. "So I prepared a little canapé of breast-milk cheese with figs and Hungarian pepper." The response has been generally positive from those who've tried the cheese, although many customers are too squeamish to attempt it. "I think a lot of the criticism has to do with the combination of sex and cheese, but . . . the breast is there to make food," said Lori Mason, the chef's wife.

Since the restaurant began offering customers a taste, Mason has been inundated with creepy queries, she said. "Some people who clearly have issues have . . . e-mailed me saying, 'I wasn't breast-fed as a child, so can I taste your breast milk?'" she said. Mason politely declines the offer. "I'm not here to walk people through their psychological problems," she said. That said, Mason is now prodding her husband to make gelato. After inquiries from The Post, health bigs said yesterday that even though department codes do not explicitly forbid the practice, they have advised Angerer to refrain from sharing his wife's milk with the world. ([Today Show staffer samples cheese](#))

## The Carpuccino: car that runs on coffee



UK -- A car that runs on coffee is unveiled today - but it certainly won't take the grind out of commuting. And at between 25 and 50 times the cost of running a car on petrol, the invention won't please any motor industry bean-counters either. Nicknamed the Car-puccino, it has been created using a converted 1988 Volkswagen Scirocco bought for £400 and chosen for its resemblance to the time-travelling DeLorean in the movie Back To The Future. The car will be driven the 210 miles between Manchester and London powered only by roasted coffee granules. It has been built by a team from the BBC1 science programme Bang Goes The Theory and will go on display at the Big Bang science fair in Manchester to show how fuels other than conventional petrol and diesel can power vehicles. The team calculates the Carpuccino will do three miles per kilo of ground coffee - the equivalent of about 56 espressos per mile. The journey will use about 70 kilos of ground coffee which, at supermarket prices of between £13 and £26 a kilo depending on brand and quality, will cost between £910 and £1,820, or between 25 and 50 times the £36 cost of petrol for the journey.



## This fish story is true: Buttkiss the oversized black pacu is now 43 years old

He's been a big fish in a little tank for more than four decades, and Buttkiss the black pacu is finally swimming in well-deserved fame. The oversize Queens fish is now 43 years old - earning him bragging rights as the oldest pet fish in town. "He brings a lot of people into the shop, but I wish they would buy something, too," said Steve Gruebel, 60, owner of Cameo Pet Shop in Richmond Hill. Gruebel said the fish's head hasn't gotten any bigger since National Public Radio

broadcast a feature on him over the weekend. "He's not for sale, though. He is mine," said Gruebel, who named the fish after burly Hall of Fame football player Dick Butkus. Tipping the scales at more than 20 pounds and measuring 23 inches long, Buttkiss spends his days swimming back and forth in a 4-foot-long, 75-gallon tank. While some fans gripe about Buttkiss' cramped confines, Gruebel fears a bigger home could jinx him. "I'm afraid if I move him, he may not survive the changing environment," Gruebel said yesterday. Buttkiss, who gobbles up 25 goldfish every other day, already has lived twice as long as an average pacu, a breed that is related to the piranha. Buttkiss was just guppy-size when Gruebel got him in 1967. The fish was only 2 inches long when Gruebel sold him a year later. Gruebel welcomed Buttkiss back in 1970, when he outgrew the buyer's tank. Gruebel can only guess how long Buttkiss will live, but pointed out that the fish is showing his age, having developed arthritic gills and glaucoma in his right eye. But don't call Buttkiss ugly in front of his master. "Well, he doesn't think you're handsome, either," Gruebel quipped. ([Listen on NPR](#))

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