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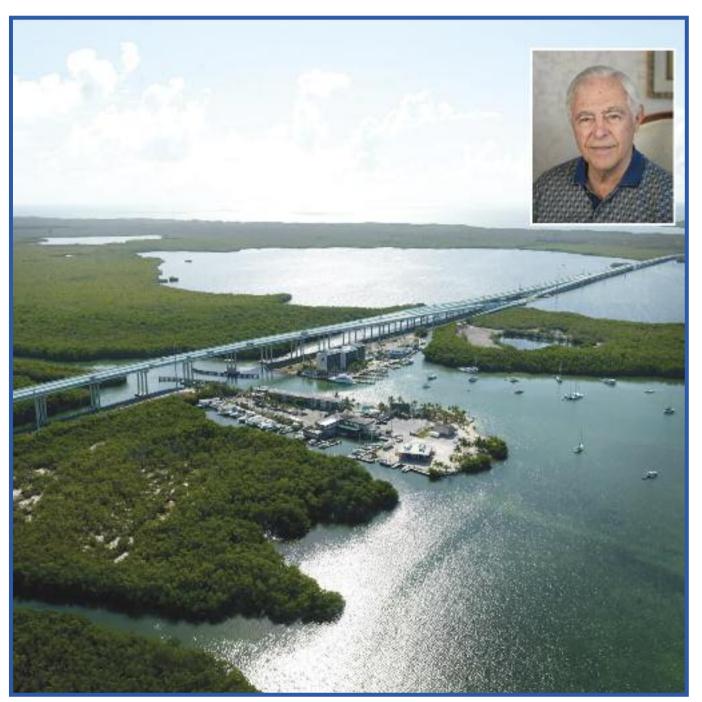
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Editorial: Holy Fracking Shale! What a gas!

A few days ago I received a phone call from a genealogist who works for Shell Gas. She told me my great-grandparents on my

mother's side had sold 72 acres of property in Tioga, Pennsylvania and had retained the mineral rights. The genealogist said that a representative from Shell would be calling me in a week to offer a contract with a bonus for me to sign allowing them to begin drilling. After the drilling has begun and the wells are producing gas I would receive a check each month most likely for the rest of my life. I was utterly "shale" shocked!

The property is located in an area of northern Pennsylvania that is called the Marcellus Shale. The Marcellus Shale, named after Marcellus, N.Y. a place

discovered to be rich in natural gas. The gas companies extract the gas from under the ground with a process called "fracking". With fracking they drill down into the earth and then horizontally.

After hearing the news, the first thing I did was call my brother,

Tim. My father had been receiving a residual from a well on ancestral land in New York, which my brother and I inherited. As it trickles



down to us we receive and share \$25 a month. Big fracking deal, right? My

brother, who holds a Master's degree in real estate, is a professor of commercial real estate appraisal at C.U.N.Y.. and runs his own commercial appraisal company, even decided to take some courses on The Marcellus Shale for which I berated him.

"Forget about it," I said, "why should you go through all that when we are never going to get more than just our \$25 a month?" Now I may have to eat those words...

Since all this transpired I have received three marriage proposals, and

seem to be acquiring more friends, ha ha ha. My friend Barry even started singing the theme song from The Beverly Hillbillies. His version about me goes something like this...

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"Come and listen to a story about a girl named Denise, a poor Keys publisher, who barely kept her cat fed and in one piece... Then one day she was shooting the breeze, when her Android rang with news that almost brought her to her knees...

Gas that is, Pennsylvania gold..."

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Enchanted Sea Crystals What are they?

I had been on the hunt to create a pleasant smelling and clean aired atmosphere in my house and just couldn't find something that worked. I tried Yankee Candles, oil burners and incense and they work for a while but none of them both smelled good and

did something for my health. In my quest to find a solution, I discovered the health properties of sea salt crystals - and the idea for Enchanted Sea Crystals was born.

When warmed, Sea Crystals emit negative ions

that actually clean the air and neutralize unpleasant odors. This fulfilled my desire for cleaner, healthier air, so my next step was to add the pleasant odor aspect. I started experimenting with different scented oils and came up with some great ones, such as Key Lime Rum; Coconut Rum; Feng Shui

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paper for where to find them). The cool thing about this product is that when the scent fades (after up to three months) the ionic properties still clean the air.

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"Everyone can benefit from a blessing," says Centennial



Bank's Stephanie Scuderi (picture above right with the monks). "For us, it underscores our peace-of-mind banking philosophy."

At the behest of the Dalai Lama, Drepung has supported international tour groups since 1999. These small groups travel to foreign lands for months at a time performing their religious chants and blessings to spread a message of peace.

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Artist of the Month, Bob Gintel **Photographer and Philanthropist**

The Coconut Telegraph is very proud to have Bob Gintel nominated as Artist of the Month. Gintel, or "Mr. G" as friends affectionately call him, is a brilliant, successful and respected businessman; a loving husband and father; a joy to all a friends; a treasure to this community; and also a photographer, a skill that reflects his passion for life.

Whether he is in Greenwich, CT, France, Monaco, Italy, the island of Sicily, Malta, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, atop the Empire State Building, at his North Key Largo home, on his yacht, underwater visiting coral reefs, or in a friend's helicopter, Mr. G is rarely without a camera. His newest is Health Foundation of South the extraordinarily high resolution Hasselblad 60 mega pixel digital. If you go to his website, www.gintelpics.com, you can share his photographic experiences through his keen eye.

Whether he is flying high over Miami or soaring across the ocean, his photographs capture the beauty of his surroundings.

Bob Gintel was born in 1928 in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from Columbia College and then the Harvard Business School in 1951, after which he served two vears in the Air Force. He recently retired after 50 years in the investment business. His interest in photography began when he met and married his lovely wife, Barbara, 60 years ago. Barbara Gintel is an awardwinning photographer in her own right and was featured in the Coconut Telegraph as Artist of the Month in May 2010.

Bob Gintel's community involvement began some years back when he served as

Chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and then the Jacobs Aquatic Center Foundation in Key Largo. He

subsequently became Vice Chairman of the Mariner's Hospital Foundation Board and is currently a member of the Mariner's Hospital Operating Board and a member of the Executive Committee

and Treasurer of the Baptist

Medical Center Foundation: a member of the board of the Ocean Reef Academy; and a member of the Board of

ORCAT, Ocean Reef's pet control and care organization. He serves as a Board member and Treasurer of the Ocean Reef Art League, where he is Co-Chairman of the Digital Photography Club. Gintel is

also a director of Ocean Reef's Political Action Committee.



Florida.

Mr. G is currently Co-Chairman of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center in Tavernier, having previously served as its Chairman and President. He is a member of the board of the Ocean Reef Cultural Center; a member of the Investment Committee and lifetime director of the Ocean Reef

If true giving is to give to those who can never repay you, then there can be no finer example than the role Mr. G played, along with others, in the recent rescue of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center in Tavernier. Mr. G was one of the group of volunteers who joined together to save this major local tourist attraction and

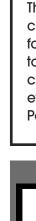
wildlife preserve from financial ruin and termination of its operations. Mr. G was elected the first Chairman of a newly reconstituted Board of Directors and the President of the organization. For the next seven months, he commuted 2-3 days a week from Ocean Reef to Tavernier, organizing the effort to keep the birds flying and the wolf from the door. The Bird Center

traditionally subsisted on a combination of grants, voluntary contributions, and contributions from daily visitors. To survive, the Center had to keep expenses to a minimum while constantly finding ways to raise new funds. Approximately 17,000 tourists visit the bird center annually, but daily admission to the public is offered free of charge.

Feeding the birds is done either by paid staff or volunteers and the cost of staff, food and medical supplies are the major budget items in the operations of a wildlife center. Eventually the group made it through the dry period and the problems related to seasonality, and overcame the bad image and reputation that the Center had created in the minds of its supporters and members of the local community.

The challenges of raising funds will continue to exist until the Bird Center can raise an endowment fund to support it, enabling it to depend less on public and private donations. Until then we must continue to support it.

Without Bob Gintel's expertise and generosity there would not be a Florida Keys Wild Bird Center here today. Thank you Mr. G.!





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Junior Girls VFW Auxiliary



The new Junior Girls VFW Auxiliary will be writing letters and sending care packages to soldiers, volunteering in nursing homes, making favors and cards for veterans in VA Medical Centers, raising funds to fight cancer, marching in parades, presenting U.S. Flags to community groups, and also educating others about flag etiquette. For more information about the group contact Tammy Patten 305-395-2062.

Don't forget your feathered friends this year. Make a tax-deductible donation to the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center Open daily from sunrise to sunset

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2. To educate the public about the importance of our migratory and resident wild bird populations to the Florida Keys and to the Everglades.

3. To provide a humane example for others to learn from and follow.

The Center also need volunteers. Contact the Center at 852-4486

Entertainer of the Month **Billy Davidson**



Photo by Paul White

Singer and songwriter Billy Davidson is originally from upstate New York but has been making his living performing in the Florida Keys for over 22 years. During the day Davidson spends his time in his recording studio and at night he can be found at the Island Grill (Tuesdays and Fridays), Morada Bay (Thursdays), Marker 88 (Saturdays) and Sundowners (Sundays).

Davidson has released seven albums with Paul Case, the other half of the popular duo "Case and Davidson", five solo records and two with Steve Webb. His most recently release with Webb title "Kindred Spirits" is best described as Pop/Grass with soaring vocals and mandolin, acoustic guitar, and harmonica accompaniment.

In addition to his original music, Davidson's repertoire

covers a broad range of his favorite musicians including artists like The Beatles, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Keb Mo, Jackson Browne, Van Morrison, Bob Marley, The Subdudes, Elton John, and Sting.

I recently had the pleasure of catching his show at Sundowner's for Mother's Day. And I can tell you Billy Davidson is a crowd pleaser. He knows how to pack the customers in and keep them there so making a reservation is always a good idea. His voice is reminiscent of Jackson Browne or James Taylor and he is Upper Keys music at its best!

When he's not entertaining people down here in the Keys he making fans touring the U.S. and Europe.

For more information on Billy Davidson check out his website at BillyDavidson.com or CaseandDavidson.com.

Richard L. Dunn "Concrete Dick") 1939-2011

Born in Sussex, NJ, son of the late LeRoy Dunn and Agnes (Little) Dunn, Richie made his permanent home in Key Largo in 2001, following 25 years as a winter resident.

Richie was Mayor of Wantage Township, NJ for 2 years and a Committeeman for 6 years. He was a life member and twice Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 2288 in Sussex, NJ and member of Elks Lodge 1872 in Tavernier. He was a life member, past President and Lt. Governor of Sussex Kiwanis

Richie was active in numerous organizations: Freemason Samaritan Lodge of Hardyston, NJ, Past Fire Chief of Sussex Fire Dept., life member of Franklin Fire Dept, exempt, honorary member of the Pochuck Fire Dept, past Governor of Key Largo Moose Lodge 2287, and member of Pirates On the Water of the Upper Keys

His contributions to the community included emcee and originator of Kiwanis Old Timers night, performing in Kiwanis Comedy Kapers comedy shows, emcee for Franklin Fire Dept. venison stag dinner, and calling Bingo for the American Legion, Moose Lodge, and the VFW in Key Largo. His comedic talent made him an icon in the community.

Richie liked to collect antique cars, fly planes), sing karaoke, cruise, ride his motorcycle, and was rarely seen without his cue stick. He owned and operated Richard L . Dunn Co. in Wantage, NJ for 47 years. He was very proud to have both sons, Larry and Wayne, in the business with him. Larry managed the Company after his retirement.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sherry, his sons Wayne (Nicole) Dunn, and Larry Dunn, his sisters Barbara Lewis and Laraine (Phil) Hockenberry, step children Michele (Jesus) Algarin and Jason Loomis, and 9 grandchildren.

#Richie lived his life by his favorite sayings – "It's so nice to be nice" and "I did it my way." Celebration of life: Sunday, June 5th at 6 o'clock at the Elks Lodge 1872 in Tavernier, FL. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association





Twenty-one students from Monroe County High Schools are preparing for their adventures overseas in July. These students are participating in the **Experiment In International**

living cross cultural experience. Fourteen of these high school students are in the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program and will travel abroad in a

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...continued from page 8. cultural immersion program within three hemispheres and 13 nations.

Take Stock In Children students from Key West, Marathon and Coral Shores high schools were notified this week that they have been awarded grants from Experiment in International Living (EIL) to pursue crosscultural education in 13 countries. This unique opportunity for high school students in Monroe County is the result of EIL's local partnership with the Monroe **County Education Foundation** (MCEF), lead agency for TSIC in Monroe County.

All Monroe students will leave the U.S. in small groups at the end of June, joining approximately 1,000 other U.S. high school students in EIL's annual program of cultural orientation via local immersion. International living experiences involve three to five weeks of language learning, individual home-stays and community involvement in 27 different countries.

Students are now beginning preparations to study abroad in their assigned country. Their individual destinations include: Argentina, Australia, Chile South, China, Costa Rica, France, Mongolia, Morocco, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand and Turkey.

"Our students worked hard on their applications and are very excited about this chance to be citizens of the world," said Jim Hall, TSIC Program Coordinator for Monroe County. He noted that MCEF president John Padget and other board members have provided pivotal support for what is Continued on page 23...

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In life there will always be times when we are affected by the actions of another person. When this happens, we often receive an apology. More often than not we say, "It's alright," or "It's okay," and by saying this we are allowing, accepting, and giving permission for the behavior to happen again. When we say "thank you," or "I accept your apology," we are forced to sit in our feelings rather than ignore them.

There are many of us who feel that it is easier to brush off how we really feel than to express our discomfort with something that has happened to us. While this may initially seem like the best thing to do, what it really does is put us into an unending pattern of behavior; since we are not honest with another person, we continue the cycle of letting them overstep our emotional limits time and time again. By doing this we place

ourselves in the position of victim. We can put an end to this karmic chain by first acknowledging to the other person that we accept their request for forgiveness; often a simple "thank you" is enough. To truly create a greater sense of harmony in our relationship, however, we need to gently, and with compassion, express our innermost concerns about what has transpired. By taking a deep breath and calling upon the deepest parts of our spirit, we can usually find the right words to say and verbalize them in a way that lets the other person recognize the consequences of what they have done. If we can remember that our response to others is important, we can begin to realize that trust and forgiveness go hand in hand And when we react in a way that engenders a greater amount of honesty and candor, we will establish a more positive and empowering way of being and interacting others.



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The Florida Keys rely on the stewardship of residents and visitors to protect this significant ecological area and its marine and wildlife. Yet our roads, waterways and shores are littered with plastic.

Dead birds with stomachs full of plastic that could not be digested tell part of the story. In other cases, plastic breaks down into tiny toxic particles that never biodegrade, polluting our soil and water. Birds and fish mistake the

particles for food, or they become entangled in plastic and die of suffocation or other complications.

In Nov. 2009, Florida





Department of Environmental Protection recommended the legislature adopt a gradual phasing out of single-use retail

bags to begin in July 2011 with a five cent charge on all paper and plastic single-use bags at all retail establishments.

The DEP recommended a "five year progressive phase-out utilizing public education graduated fees and finally a total ban upon all

single-use retail bags from all retail establishments in the state."

But the Florida Legislature, influenced by the petrochemical industry, instead adopted a law (Section 403.7033. Florida Statute) to prevent any Florida community from banning retail bags or even imposing fees on plastic bags at retail stores. Until this

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Largo Lodge Earns **Green Business Certification**



Largo Lodge of Key Largo has become the first lodging property in the Upper Keys to become certified in the Green Living & Energy Education (GLEE) Green Business Program. Located at 101740 Overseas Highway, the property features nine units that range from suites with kitchenettes, sitting room and screened porch to single rooms with bath. Largo Lodge offers a sustainable haven and tropical environment on the Gulf Bay with access to a beach, wild bird watching area, dock and kayaks. "This GLEE certification is our first step in taking years of effort to be green to a new level. We hope to earn the Florida DEP Green Lodging certification eventually. The information we got from GLEE helped us realize all that we have done." said Neil Boyce, Largo Lodge manager and owner. "It was a real learning experience to list all we have accomplished, see how it impacts the

business and our environment and also consider what we might do in the future." Future upgrades include replacing older appliances with Energy Star units and expanding the mulch and plant nursery for additional landscaping.

Largo Lodge minimizes their water use for the lush landscaping with drip irrigation and mist emitters. Heavy mulch made from trimmings on the property and drought resistant plant selection are also considered. The landscaping is designed to shade rooms, reducing energy needs for cooling. The main building, which includes the office, has good cross ventilation and a breeze from the bay, shaded windows and porches and ceiling fans. It does not have air conditioning and feels comfortable yearround.

Each guest is educated on water conservation and recycling when checking in. There is a Linen Changing



Policy in place to reduce use of water. Fresh linens are available on request. Low flow toilets and sink and shower aerators reduce water use for each unit. Ceiling fans, water heater thermostats and CFL lights are used to reduce use of electricity.

Energy savings have been measured at a 10,000 kwh over the past 4 years, a savings of approximately

\$1400. Largo Lodge has also reduced waste and hauling expenses, going from ten solid waste receptacles to just five, with much of the waste diverted to recycling which saves resources.

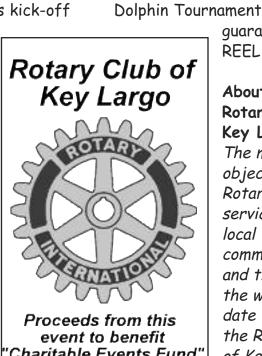
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Annual Original Ladies Dolphin Tournament June 10 & 11

The 18th Annual Original Florida Keys Ladies Dolphin Tournament will be held June 10th & 11th 2011. The Key Largo Rotary Club is thrilled to announce that once again both Caribee Boat Sales & Yamaha Engines have agreed to be major sponsors.

The festivities kick-off

Friday, June 10th with a Captains Meeting at the Elks Club. Then it's "LINES IN" for all our ladies on Saturday, June 11th at 7 a.m. For only \$100 per angler (\$125 after June 3rd) or \$40 per Junior Angler, our ladies have the chance to win \$2500 CASH,



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tons of fishing goodies & bragging rights for the year. If your Captain happens to be a male, get him registered to win the coveted Gasser prize of \$500 CASH, when he navigates your lines to the largest non-dolphin edible fish! The top 20 anglers will win incredible prizes. 18th place will be celebrated by a "special cash prize" to honor the 18th anniversary of the Tournament! The celebration commences on Saturday, June 11th with an unforgettable grilled fish Extravaganza and Awards ceremony (and lots of fish tales sprinkled in as well). Help Key Largo Rotary

Key Largo: The main objective of Rotary is service - to local communities and throughout the world. To date this year, the Rotary Club of Key Largo has contributed

locally to

provide scholarships to Upper

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vocational and 4-year college scholarships, Habitat for Humanity, Coral Shores High School sports programs, KLS Safety Patrols, Take Stock in Children, Key Largo YMCA and other local youth and adult programs. *Our recent service projects* have benefited the Florida Wild Bird Center and the Habitat for Humanity. Our ability to contribute to these worthy causes comes from fundraising events such as this Original Florida Keys Ladies Dolphin Tournament. For more information, please contact: Cheryl Powers at cpowers@seatow.com or 305-707-4005.



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Tom and Patty enjoy a cold one at the Pilot House



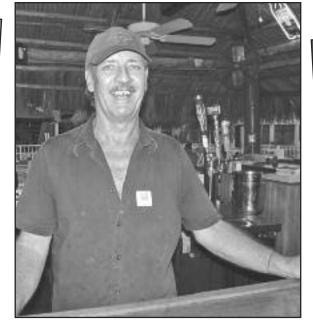
Beautiful ladies at Lisa Wetzel's annual Kentucky Derby Party.



Stop by the Galley Restaurant and say hi to Flipper. She's a waitress with a porpoise.



Beautiful Narelle Prew took the kids to the pool.



Nick at the Holiday Inn tiki bar.



Karaoke Jim at Gilbert's Resort is there every Tuesday night.



Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion



Exit 19 playing at Gilbert's Resort.

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.





Pebbles

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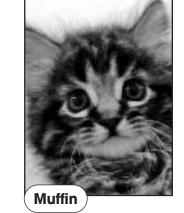


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Enchanted Crystals

...continued from page 4. and they instantly begin cleaning the air and emitting my scent of choice. For boaters or in cars where fire can't be used, I package the crystals in little mesh bags so they can be placed in the sun to be heated. I also ordered several electric beverage warmers that plug into a USB and can hold and warm the crystals. These are the perfect option for anyone not wishing to use candles. Each small bag of decorative crystals and shells retails for only \$3 and will keep the air clean in a $5' \times 7$ area. Larger sizes are also

available. The stunning information cards that are attached were created by graphic artist extraordinaire Sue Beal and are marked "Made in Key Largo, FL." Making these stones great gifts for tourists or out of town friends. The bags also make great favors for weddings or parties and we can create a special scent just for you.

So, throw away those expensive candles and electric plug in air-freshener and go natural. This is a fantastic way to reduce airborne dust particles and help with allergies. Distributors wanted.



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Ban the Bag

...continued from page 14. In February, Green Living & Energy Education (GLEE) asked the Keys community to help educate shoppers and retail businesses on the dangers of plastic bags. Students in Key West High School's Project Protect, led by teacher Amy Jones, have been educating shoppers at stores while handing out reusable bags. First grade students in

Angela Castonguay's class at Sigsbee Charter School have printed their own reusable bags to give away as part of their "Ban the Bag" program.

Please support these efforts to "Ban the Bag" so the Keys might lead the state in ridding our environment of plastic retail bags and the problems they present.

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Dear Anny Bannanny

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Dear Anny,

While you're recovering here are some ides of what you can say to deal with stupid people:

- You are not as bad as people say, you are much, much worse
- Now we know why some animals eat their own children.
- Please, keep talking. I always yawn when I am interested.
- Talk is cheap, but that's ok, so

are vou

- This is an excellent time for you
- to become a missing person. I'm busy now. Can I ignore you
- some other time? When I look into your eyes, I
- see straight through to the back of your head. Anyone who told you to be
- yourself couldn't have given you any worse advice.
- Are you always this stupid or are you making a special effort today?
- Do you want me to accept you as you are, or do you want me to lie to myself and try to like you?
- Don't let your mind wander, it's far too small to be let out on its own.
- Don't thank me for insulting you, it was a pleasure.
- Don't you realize that there are enough people to hate in the world already without you

putting in so much effort to give us another?

- I bet you get bullied a lot.
- I don't know what makes you so dumb but it really works.
- I don't mind you talking so much, as long as you don't mind me not listening.
- I don't think you are a fool, but what's my opinion compared to that of thousands of others.
- I used to think that you were a colossal pain in the neck. Now I have a much lower opinion of you.
- I would have liked to insult you, but the sad truth is that you wouldn't understand me.
- If you were twice as smart as you are now, you'd be absolutely stupid.
- I've come across rotting bodies that are less offensive than you are.
- Pardon me, but you're obviously mistaking me for

someone who gives a damn.

- Are you the first in your family born without tail?
- You are cruelly depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
- What you are lacking in intelligence, you more than makes up for in stupidity.
- Whatever it is that is eating you, it must be suffering horribly.
- What's wrong, don't you get any attention back home?
- You are not even beneath my contempt
- You have an inferiority complex and it is fully justified.
- You would never be able to live down to your reputation, but I see you're doing your best.

We hope you get better soon Anny!

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How to be a Gracious Bitch...

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement - not even her parent's nasty divorce.

Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever! A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother!

Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused.

"Absolutely not! I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day."

A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother.

When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it."

Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear... I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night BEFORE the wedding.

(Now I ask you - is there a woman out there, anywhere, who wouldn't enjoy this story?)

I'M SORRY WE EVER TRAINED THAT CAT TO USE THE TOILET

In Honor of Father's Day...

A man is waiting for his wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion. After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. So, deal old Dad takes him to the bar and tearfully tells the son he is proud of him

Dad orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol. Swoooop! A torso pops out!

The bar is dead silent; then bursts into a whoop of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant "Take another drink!" The bartender still shakes his head in dismay.

Swoooop! Two arms pops out. The bar goes wild. The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant, "Take another drink!" The bartender ignores the whole affair. By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooop! Two legs pop out.

The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left.... then to the right.... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly.

The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have guit while he was a head."



The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. is the only certified emergency shelter in Monroe County that provides refuge for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Residents may stay at the shelter for up to six weeks. The shelter is a safe and secure environment that empowers residents through its services to form the beginning of independent lifestyles. Residents obtain crisis intervention, supportive counseling, children's services, food, clothing, support group counseling and advocacy. All agency services are available to shelter residents. For more information, call (305) 743-4440. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

You can drop off your gifts at 100670 Overseas Highway #5, Key Largo, FL. Monetary donations are also accepted. You can mail a check to Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., PO Box 522696, Marathon Shores, FL 33052



Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays.

The holidays should be a time for family and friends to share the joy and hope of the season. For those experiencing abuse, however, December can also be a particularly stressful time. Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays and the added pressures of holiday expectations can worsen an already unhealthy situation.



This year, help those living with abuse to know that they're never alone, especially during the holidays.

The Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse in the Florida Keys. Our mission is to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims and abusers to appropriate, effective programs and services.

Below is a list of items needed by the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

For more information call 305-451-5666, or go to www.domesticabuseshelter.org.

Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. Wish List

General Needs

- Copy paper
- Paper towels & toilet paper • Cleaning supplies &
- laundry detergent • Gift certificates to drug (Kmart, CVS, Walgreens) & grocery stores (Albertson, Winn-Dixie and Publix) in small denominations
- Tooth brushes & toothpaste • Hair brushes & combs
- Shampoo, conditioner,
- bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors Deodorant
- Books
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- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices

- Hand sanitizers • Twin size linens (sheets, pillows, plastic mattress & pillow covers)
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Non perishable foods
- Bus passes (Keys transit)

Personal Needs

- assorted sizes, pajamas,

Children's Needs

- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
- Children's underwear in assorted sizes & socks

...Continued from page 10. arguably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for international learning.

"I believe strongly in the effectiveness of interactive learning," Padget said. "The EIL program offers one of the best frameworks for responsible development of young minds and hearts. Students see from new perspectives, respond to unfamiliar challenges and solve problems with initiative and good judgment. It's life-learning that tests their assumptions and broadens the mind. "

Since Padget and MCEF initiated the EIL partnership in 2006, 67 TSIC students and an additional 18 other high school students totaling 85 Monroe students in the last five years have become Ambassadors in international 3, 4, and 5-week EIL culture and study. This year's EIL/MCEF grantees in cross-cultural education are:

- 1. Key West High School: Marco Gonzalez, Thailand; Vanessa Lundi, France; Cameron Malcolm, Mongolia; Yanaiz Morales, Argentina; Taylor Park, Australia; Pria Soni, China; Shelbi Swanson, South Africa.
- 2. From Marathon High School: Trevell Beckford travels to Chile and Cassidy Burgos will study in Turkey.
- 3. From Coral Shores High School: Nilya Cortez, Morocco; Catherine Guinovart, Costa Rica; Bertha Mayo, Tanzania; Nency Quezada, Spain; Elizabeth Roa, France.

"We are proud of the initiative and drive which these 14 students have shown in seeking international study," said Hall

Padget added that study abroad creates distinct opportunities for leadership development as students participate in the culture, economy, language, traditions and arts of communities around the world. "We want our students in the Keys to understand that their vision and mission in life is not bound by the length of a bridge or the edge of an island. Our kids can connect countries with their actions and their ideas.

About The Experiment in International Living Founded in 1932, EIL has become the leader in crosscultural education for high school students. Each summer, 800 to 1,000 students from across the United States participate in programs that include crosscultural orientations, home stays, language training, arts, ecology and/or community service components. There are programs in 29 different countries, plus the Navajo Nation here in the U.S.

High school students from around the United States come together to form travel groups and meet at three gateway airports: New York, Los Angeles, and Miami. These 10 to 15member groups travel and live together during the entire program, guided by a trained adult group leader. EIL has sponsored more than 70,000 participants over its 75 years . Its purpose is to challenge young people to open their hearts and minds to the world.

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