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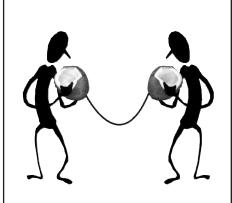
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## Editorial: Happy Anniversary to us!

This is our 60th issue and we are celebrating five years producing the Coconut Telegraph. I cannot thank our loyal advertisers and avid readers enough.

A few years back we almost came to a screeching halt when Jimmy Buffett sued us for trademark infringement. It happened when we expanded our circulation to the Internet and the "Buffett Empire" was threatened. We raised a stink you could smell all the way to Key West, and eventually had to surrender our \$7 domain name. Mr. Buffett got a figurative black eye and the Coconut Telegraph got national television exposure. He made us famous. Thank you Jimmy Buffett!

Another time we made history was when

we ran a snow removal ad in the paper as a hoax. It appeared on Jay Leno! Now because of our expert web designer Omar Perez, the Coconut Telegraph at the conchtele graph.com is read all over the world.

The Coconut Telegraph was conceived in 2006 when I was out of a job. My first newspaper job was with the Elmira Star Gazette, in upstate New York over 30 years

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## Editorial

...continued from page 2. ago - the first Gannett newspaper. I was taught by the best and discovered I had an inherent, natural talent for advertising and a wicked sense of humor. Gannett also paid for my Cornell

University courses where I learned some writing skills.

Through the years I worked for several different publications and took the best from all of them to create the Coconut

Telegraph. We are proud to serve the Florida Keys, and also share a sense of humor and community-mindedness that we feel is indicative of this community.

The most rewarding part of producing this paper is being able to give back to the population in so many ways. We are able to bring attention to fundraisers, organizations, and community events that may otherwise

receive little notice. We are also able to pay tribute to those we've lost.

have lost some great people in our community. Paul Moen, a local entertainer and friend, being one of them.

From all of us to all of you, a heartfelt thank you for your loyal support.

> - Denise Malefyt Coconut Telegraph Editor

> > another year that took many

From all of us at the Coconut Telegraph, we send a heartfelt thank you to all of you. We sincerely appreciate your wonderful support.

This month we are sad to

He was featured as Entertainer of the Month in 2008, when we were just getting started, and we are honoring him again with excerpts from that article.

See page 7. Two years ago was

of our friends and we ran a full-page memorial to them. We plan to do this again in December. If you have lost a loved one and want them to be a part of the memorial please send me an email with a photo attached by November 24.

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## Key Largo Pirates Fest Has Something For Everyone

According to legend, the notorious pirate Black Caesar roved Florida's coastal waters in the early 19th century. Now, some 200 years later, he returns during the fourth annual Key Largo Piratesfest from October 20th through 23rd.

The festivities kick off Thursday, October 20th with a Captain Morgan Look-Alike Pirate Plunder Party at Snapper's Restaurant, mile marker 94.5. Enjoy special deals on grub n'grog, live music and great prizes.

On Friday, October 21st, Black Caesar will lead, floats, vehicles, motorbikes, sword swinging wenches and buccaneers in the Black Caesar's Pirate Parade. The parade begins at 6.30pm from Coconuts Restaurant, MM100, meanders to US1 and south to MM99 where it will turn Oceanside to its final destination at the Pilot House Restaurant on Seagate Blvd. Parade participants will join other merry marauderers to splice the mainbrace at the Awards Ceremony and Pirate Bash featuring live music, dancing, grub and grog 'til the wee hours. Entry to the parade is free, details, prizes and more are on the website.

On Saturday October 22nd the festival continues at noon with a succession of events hosted at the Sundowners/Señor Frijoles and Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill restaurants, at MM 104 bayside. Those eager to come face-to-face with the fearsome pirate, or at least his modernday stand-in, are likely to do so, and photo opportunities abound as Caesar and his buccaneer brethren are spotted trading wares with the vendors of the Pirate Bazaar and Thieves Market. Throughout the day continuous entertainment features piratical shows, black powder demonstrations, cannons, swordfights and interactive pirate activities for all ages.

The pirate ship Queen Anne's Revenge II will host live music from its decks beginning at 2pm and continuing into the night. Best viewing locations are from the water's edge at Sundowners and the Big

Chill or join other pirate boats and drop anchor in Blackwater Sound.

A Pirate Invasion (voted best historical reenactment by 'Florida' magazine) is expected at sunset. Black Caesar and his motley crew stage a choreographed attack from the bay armed with artillery line, canons and swords performing battles and skits on Blackwater Sound prior to landing to plunder and pillage the

Bargain hunting continues on Sunday at the Thieves Market and Pirate Bazaar and visiting scallywags can take to the high seas for an underwater treasure hunt while landlubbers can join an abovewater Booty Hunt or the By-Land-Or-Sea Pirates Poker Run.

All events converge on Sunday on Sundowners beach at 4pm for the Buccaneer Bash and Costume Finale where visitors can join the rowdy revelers and wild-eyed pirates jiving to live music and imbibing the island's best grub n' grog. Black Caesar will award prizes in the costume contest for adult categories, Best Buccaneer and Sauciest Wench, and for under 14 years of age, Likeliest Lad and Loveliest Lassie.

So me hearties, come along and shiver yer timbers at Key Largo's most infamous party!

A complete schedule of events, festival information and entry forms can be found at www.keylargopiratesfest.com or for more information call 305-394-3736. Vendor opportunities available; call!



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## Sharing Grief Opening to Receiving Comfort

When we experience something that causes us to feel shock and sadness, we may feel the urge to withdraw from life. It may seem like remaining withdrawn will keep us protected from the world, but during these times it is important to reach out to those trusted and precious people who care

about us the most. Even with our best information and reasoning, we never know when someone else's experience or perspective can give us additional information that we need. The universe speaks to us

through many channels, and when we open ourselves up to receive its messages, we also receive nurturing care from a loving partner in life's journey.

Grief is part of the human experience, and sharing our vulnerability is what creates truly close bonds in our relationships. Opening ourselves up in this way gets to the core of our being, past all of our defenses and prejudices. When life seems to crack the outer shell of our world, we are both raw and fresh at the same time. It is then that we discover

who is truly willing to walk with us through life. We also see that some of those sent to us may not be the ones we expected to see. Regardless, we learn to trust in the universe, in others, in our own strength and resilience, and in the wisdom of life itself.

Sharing grief allows us to ease our burden by letting

> someone else help carry it. This helps us process our own inner thoughts and feelings through the filter of a trusted and beloved someone. We may feel guilty or selfish, as if we are unloading on someone who

has their own challenges. Although, if we think about it, we know we would do the same for them, and their protests would seem pointless.

Remember that not sharing feelings with others denies them the opportunity to feel. We may be the messenger sent by the universe for their benefit, and it is on this mission that we have been sent. By sharing our hopes and fears, joys and pains with another person, we accept the universe's gifts of

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## Tribute to Paul Moen, Entertainer and Friend

Paul Moen passed away suddenly on Wednesday, September 26. To pay tribute to the local musician, and former Keys Sanctuary officer, we are running excerpts from his Entertainer of the Month article published in the February 2008 Coconut Telegraph.

Paul Moen spent his childhood in Michigan, Missouri and Philadelphia, before attending high school in Tennessee, where he learned to play the guitar from his best friend Bruce.

"We were heavy into the Beatles back then," explained Moen. "We learned to play most of their stuff. We just couldn't get enough."

After high school, Moen wound up in college and then spent 23 years as an uniformed officer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"Few people realize that NOAA has a uniformed officer corps," said Moen.

He was stationed in Key Largo from 1994 through 1998 as the Officer in Charge of the Key Largo Marine Sanctuary (now the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary). He left Key

Largo for a new assignment in 1998, and at his own going away party he played the guitar. Someone who heard the music asked him if he ever played professionally. Until that point it was just a hobby, but it gave him pause to think, "Hey, maybe this could be a fun second career."

Moen retired and returned to Key Largo in 2003. He kept playing music for fun until one of the owners of Sharkey's offered him a gig, and that was when his second career as a sot-after local musician began.

Moen gave to the Upper Keys community in many ways and will be greatly missed. For information on a celebration of life for Paul Moen please call Sharkey's at 453-0999.

Original story by Rich Peine, printed Feb. 2008.







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Cuban-born Artist of the

schoolteacher, wife, and proud

intelligence, and survival skills

With only the clothes on

their backs, Kelley's family

fled Cuba when she was a

young child. In Cuba, Kelly's

father was a doctor, and her

mother a teacher with a Ph.D

stripped of their degrees when

in pedagogy, but both were

they arrived in the states.

Month Carmen Sotolongo

Kelley, is an award winning

artist, successful business-

woman, Monroe County

mother. Her high level of

are likely the keys to her

success.

## Artist of the Month Carmen Sotolongo Kelley



They had to hunt for work to support their family. It took them seven years to recreate their careers, going to school while working and raising their

Growing up money was scarce, but Kelley would entertain herself by drawing and creating her own paper dolls. She took every art class available to her and in college she majored in social science and art. Later, she entered the field of science focusing on oceanography.

"My art depicts a combination of my two cultures, my love for the



environment, the colors of the marine life in the coral reefs, mangroves and places I have visited," explains Kelley. "Happy, vibrant colors, the blue-greens of the waters surrounding us, the royal palms of my past, the guayaberadressed men, cigars and domino tables all mix together in my

Vibrant they are! This writer is in awe of Kelley's ability to paint motion as illustrated in her paintings of women dancing (see above). If you look closely at the joyous. beautiful faces you will see they are actually self-portraits form of great art!

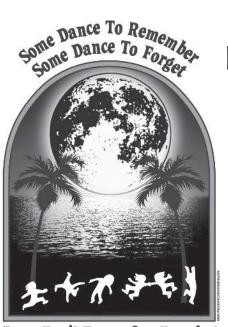
art to represent my life."

of Kelley.

The Coconut Telegraph visits Kelley's Key Largo Art Gallery often and also enjoys bringing out-of-town quests there. What could be a better souvenir for a visitor than a Carmen Sotolongo Kelley original art piece?

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## Bartender of the Month Bob Dolan at Gilbert's Resort

At age 82, Bob Dolan is the oldest working bartender in the Florida Keys and perhaps all of Florida. With age comes experience. With experience comes knowledge. With

knowledge comes wisdom. And Dolan has all four.

A "Jack" of many trades, Bob Dolan is a veteran of the Korean War, retired ironworker. and master plumber. He moved to the Keys from

New York in the early 1960s to work at Turkey Point, After retirement, it was his restless spirit that led him to become a bartender, as boredom was his worst enemy. For 15 years he worked at the prestigious, 4 1/2 star Harbor Course Club at Ocean Reef, and through the years he has worked at other fine establishments and even owned a few of them.

"Why are you still working?" I asked.

"I have to stay busy and

work is my therapy." Dolan replied.

With years of life experience under his belt, Dolan is anything but dull. You can pull up a stool at his bar at Gilbert's

> and talk to him for hours. He is truly a wealth of information, a great storyteller and probably the best bartender the Coconut Telegraph has had the pleasure of interviewing. Dolan's experience he

could work anywhere in town but it's at Gilbert's Resort he chooses to hang his hat.

With pride, Dolan shows off Gilbert's beautiful, newly remodeled dining room and notes the scenic marina with its spectacular sunset view. He also mentions the new breakfast nook that has become very popular with the locals and is open from 7 to 11 a.m. every day. He goes on to say his employers are extremely hard

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Gilbert's Resort newly remodeled dinning room.



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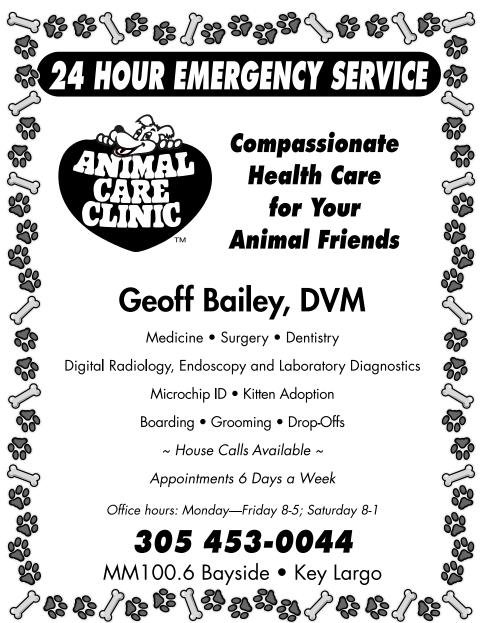
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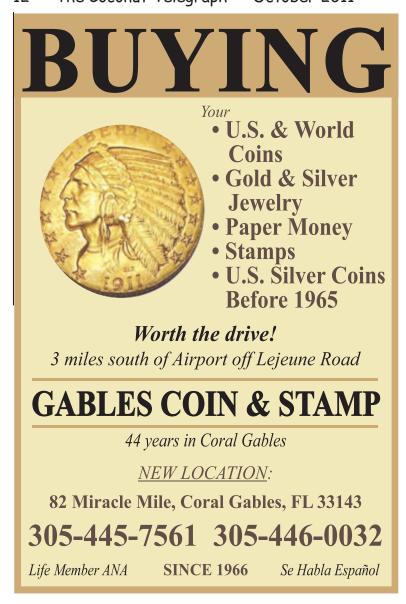
We all know someone we think of as vibrant. Vibrant literally means "vibrating very rapidly." The people who strike us as vibrant are vibrating at a high frequency, and they can inspire us as we work to raise our vibration. On the other hand, we all know people that are very negative or cynical. These people are vibrating at a lower frequency. They can also be an inspiration because they can show us where we don't want to

There are many ways to raise be vibrating and why. To discover where you are in terms of vibrancy, consider where you fall on a scale between the most pessimistic person you know and the most vibrant. This is not in order to pass judgment, but rather it is important to know where you are as you begin working to raise your frequency so that you can notice and appreciate your progress. There are many ways to raise

> your vibration, from working with affirmations to visualizing enlightened entities during meditation. One of the most practical ways to raise your vibration is to consciously choose where you focus your attention. To understand how powerful this is, take five minutes to describe something you love unreservedly—a person, a movie, an experience. When your five minutes are up, you will noticeably feel more positive and even lighter. If you want to keep raising your vibration, you might want to commit to spending five minutes every day focusing on the good in your life. As you do this, you will train yourself to be more awake and alive. Over time. you will experience a permanent shift in your vibrancy.

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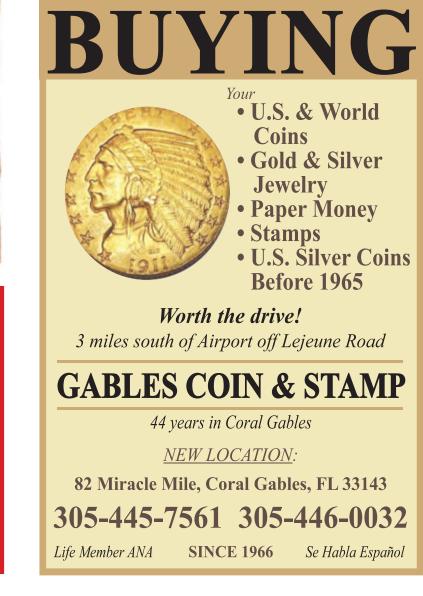






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## Fun Fish Facts: The Toadfish

I was walking along the beach at Gilbert's on day and came across the ugliest fish I'd ever seen. When I pointed it out my friend, who is a fisherman, he told me it was simply a Toadfish.

Toadfish, also called Dogfish or Oysterdog, are brown and gray with a huge mouth full of razor sharp teeth. They only get to be about 12 inches long and when caught they make a strange noise similar to a grunt or a croak. Some people say it even sounds like the cry of a baby. The sound comes from their swim bladder and not their throat. Males also "grunt" to attract females for the purpose of mating, just like my ex-husband did.

If you happen to find a
Toadfish on the beach, take a
stick and roll it over. Check it out,
there will be no mistaking it if it's



male.

The reason my friend and I found it on the beach was probably because fishermen don't want anything to do with them. If they hook one and manage to remove the hook they usually throw them overboard or cut their line just to get rid of the ugly creature.

Although Toadfish may possibly be eaten in other countries, you won't find it on any menu in the Florida Keys.

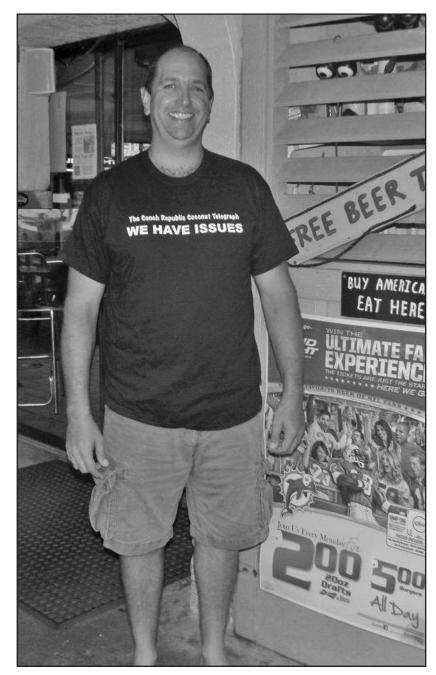
Toadfish made history in the United States years back when Senator John Glenn took them on a space flight. Toadfish have a balance system very similar to that of humans and they wanted to study the effects of microgravity on the fish. See, every creature, even ugly Toadfish, serves a purpose.







## Hunk of the Month



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## Conch Characters of the Month

Paul, Bonnie and Laura share a joke at the VFW.



John McKinna playing at Gilbert's Resort.



Jimmy and Debbie Hawkins at the Chapman wedding.



John T. and Gary Johnson are in charge of Veteran's Affairs at the Murray Nelson Center, MM 102 bayside, and want to help you find out if you are eligible for benefits.



Dr. Bailey and Val at the Pilot House.
Thank you to everyone who donated and came out for the benefit for Valerie Geiger.

## and More Conch Characters



Congratulations to Skyler and Denise!



Vivianne Lanza at the VFW. Contact her at 305-431-3562.

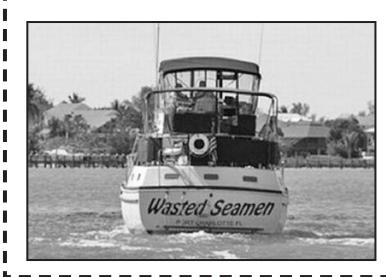


Brenda Star and Mike Mitzner at Sharkey's Pub.



Uncle Pauly and Big Tony enjoyed the Chapman wedding reception at the Pilot House.

## Nautical Humor: Having Fun with Boat Names



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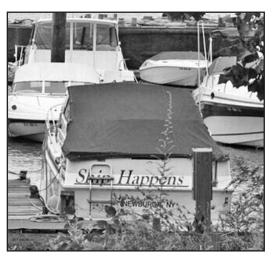
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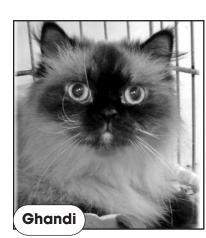


## Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

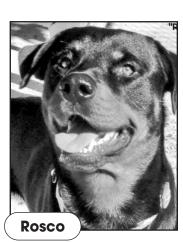
Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.





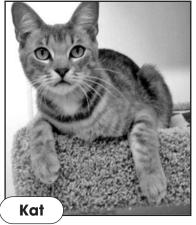




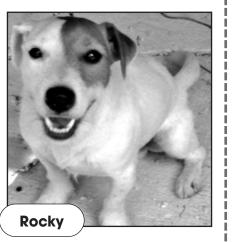




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# Dear Anny Bannanny

Dear Anny Bannanny,

My girlfriend is making my life miserable and I feel like I am slowly going crazy. I can't talk to my friends because they would just say "kick the bitch out." So I am turning to you, Anny.

Our relationship was so good in the beginning but now she just wants to control everyone around her, including me. Since my new promotion she is making my employees crazy too. If she doesn't like someone she wants me to fire him or her. When I refuse to hurt someone she dislikes she treats me badly. I just don't know what to do.

Signed,

**Emotional Wreck** 

Dear Emotional Wreck,

Anny Bannanny is not a doctor but it sure sounds like your girlfriend has some kind of a personality disorder. Remember, you are not the crazy one here.

Now is the time to confide in your friends. They have no ulterior motives and while kicking her out may not be what you want to hear, it may still be the right

Should you choose to end the relationship, brace yourself for the inevitable threats, emotional blackmail, bargaining, and possible stalking behaviors. Don't feel bad! This woman is probably a virtuoso at playing the victim role. She may actually fear abandonment yet she drives others away anyway. You have a right to feel angry, hurt and frustrated. You have a right to be treated with respect, kindness and stability. It's up to you to decide what you deserve and want in a relationship and how much you can tolerate.

Remember the words of Neil Sedaka, "Breaking up is hard to do."

If I were you I would call Mom's Taxi, lock your phone in your car and head to Coconut's ladies night. There is an abundance of beautiful women there. drinking for free so you don't even have to buy them a drink.

Good luck, Anny Bannanny



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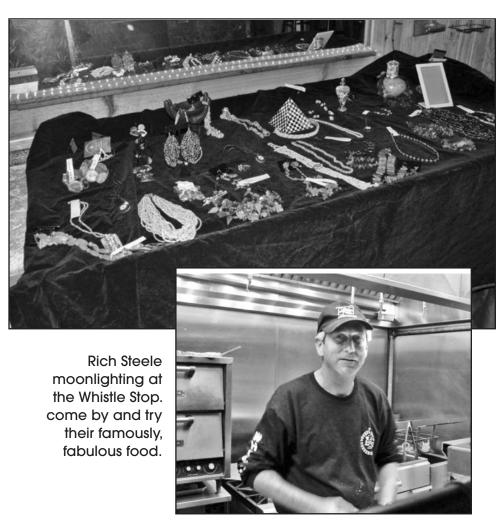
no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.

Ashes will be taken out to the marker (MM 106 Bayside) at 11 am on Sunday October 16th and a celebration of life will follow at the Sexton Cove Homeowners Park.

## Checkout What's New at the Whistle Stop



The Whistle Stop, a restaurant and bar in Islamorada, is bringing something new to the world of dinning and drinking with "Swap Night". It is a great chance to grab some great deals. For more information call the Whistle Stop at (305) 664-2623 and see their ad on page 13.



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Key Players, Inc. Community Theater Group needs volunteers to work behind the scenes! Sign up on the web! www.thekeyplayers.org

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It may be Redneck Love if:

Your wife would rather fish off the bridge than shop for clothes.

You think disposable diapers are an appropriate wedding gift.

You've ever lost a wedding ring in a poker game.

Proposing to your wife included the words "when I get out."

Winn-Dixie catered your wedding.

You've ever used lard in bed.

You've opened a beer while making love.

You've used food stamps on a date.



How to determine if it is Redneck love!

You go to the Laundromat to pick up women.

Your wedding invitations say, "Same time, same

Your wife has a drip-dry wedding gown.

The photographer for the wedding photos also took your DUI mug shot.

The only test you ever passed was the pregnancy test.

You got a new set of teeth as a wedding present.

Your favorite pickup line is "Dang, are those

The first time you saw your wife in lingerie, you had to pay a cover charge.

You think "showing a girl a good time" means letting her bait the hook.

You stay married for the sake of the dogs.

## **Bob Dolan**

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Stop in any weekend and congratulate Bob Dolan on celebrating his 5th year at Gilbert's. Tell him the Coconut Telegraph sent you.



## 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.

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).

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

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

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

### **Personal Needs**

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Hair brushes & combs
- Shampoo, conditioner, bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors
- Deodorant
- Cotton balls, Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene products • Women's panties & bras in assorted sizes, pajamas
- night shirts & socks • Blow dryers

### Children's Needs

- Books
- Art & school supplies
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices
- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
- Children's underwear in assorted sizes & socks

## Coco'Nut' Funnies

## The Coconut Telegraph's Top Worst Halloween Costumes

### **#9 CAMERAMAN**

Get a professional video camera, with tripod and everything. Set it up facing the door, then knock. Film them in silence.

### **#8 TOOTH**

A tooth accepting candy is like a Jew accepting Adolph

### **#7 TELEMARKETER**

In place of the customary "trick or treat" ask the homeowner if they're interested in subscribing to the local newspaper. Upon the inevitable "No" follow up with a list of facts of the newspaper.

### **#6 PEEPING TOM**

Wear a pair of old sweatpants and a white tank top. Instead of ringing the doorbell, just look in the windows of each house until they spot you, and then run. Try staging yourself in different locations, such as in a tree with binoculars or in the bushes with no pants on.

### **#5 LADY GAGA MEAT DRESS**

This should not ever happen in real life. Unlike Lady Gaga, you won't have an entourage helping you in and out of it all night and we're guessing that you won't be able to afford to replace the couch when you leave a meat butt print stain.

### **#4 DART BOARD**

Wear the target and hold a scoreboard. When the person opens the door have your friends throw darts towards the bulls eye.

### **#3 HUMAN TOILET**

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### **#2 DIABETIC**

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