

LEXOPHILIA

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
I tried to catch some fog, but I mist
I changed my iPod's name to Titanic.
It's syncing now.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid,
but he says he can stop any time.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun
went, and then it dawned on me.
This girl said she recognized me from the
vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
When chemists die, they barium.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity.
I just can't put it down.
I did a theatrical performance about puns.
It was a play on words.
When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
Broken pencils are pointless.
Velcro - what a rip off!
Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

Sent in by
Kathy Miller

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Five Rules to Remember in Life

Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name .
Money cannot buy happiness but it's more comfortable
to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle .
Help someone when they are in trouble and
they will remember you when they're in trouble again .
Many people are alive only because its illegal to shoot them .
Alkohol does not solve any problems ,
but then again , neither does milk .
These should assist you with most daily decisions.

Upper Keys Homeless Prevention Program



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FOR THE HOMELESS

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Upper Keys Office 305-916-5454
93911 Overseas Hwy.
Tavernier, FL 33070

The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's Upper Keys Homelessness Prevention Program is currently providing coordinated social service assistance (basic needs services, outreach, and homeless prevention services) to Upper Keys residents (individuals and families) who are currently homeless and/or at risk of losing housing.

Services Offered:
BASIC NEEDS SERVICES: FL State ID's, drivers' licenses, and birth certificates, transportation assistance for work-related activities, family reunification assistance, prescription assistance, medical and dental co-pays, treatment and diagnostic testing, and clothing.
OUTREACH/MAINSTREAM RESOURCES: On-going outreach efforts assisting with Food Stamp (SNAP) applications, SSI/SSDI applications, assistance accessing to ACA, Medicare/Medicaid assistance and financial, housing and employment counseling.
HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES: Temporary rental and mortgage payment assistance and assistance to those living on boats to ensure habitability standards are obtained or maintained to remain housed. Call for availability.

Eligibility:
If you would like us to assess your needs for eligibility, please call our Upper Keys Office at 305-916-5454 (Monday-Friday; 9am-5pm) and we would be happy to schedule an appointment to meet with you. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation to show need.

We look forward to serving you!

Our Mission is to provide homeless individuals and families with the resources and opportunities by which to attain residential, financial and personal stability and self-sufficiency. The FKOC further seeks to address the underlying causes of homelessness and work toward its elimination in Monroe County, Florida.

Interview with Vincent Tubiana, Esquire

Vincent Tubiana is a local attorney who has created quite a name for himself in the Upper Keys and Miami and comes highly recommended. We at the Coconut Telegraph thought our readers would enjoy his story.

CT - You grew up in the Keys?

VT - Yes. Although I was born in Paris, France, I grew up and lived the majority of my life between Islamorada and Key Largo. I attended elementary school, and high school at Island Christian School, graduating in 1995. The Keys was a wonderful place to grow up.

CT - You were inspired by the late great Attorney Russ Cullen?

VT - I was privileged to first meet Russ while I was in high school. I was close friends with his sons and we spent many weekends on the water. It was during this time that Russ first sparked my interested in the law. Over the years, while I was in college, we would have many conversations about the law as a profession. He was a big influence in my decision to ultimately go to enroll in law school.

CT - Where did you attend law school?

VT - Even though the Keys were home, I wanted a change of scenery. Never having been to the state, I drove over 1,500 miles and moved to Oklahoma to attend the University of Tulsa. Looking back, It was the best decision I could have ever made. I was very fortunate to have had wonderful professors who took a great interest in their craft and made it a point to always be available for questions, or simply to discuss the law and its eventual real world application.

Law school is known for having a cutthroat environment. However, that was not my experience as I made so many wonderful friends that I still spend

time with to this day. Although I never became used to the crazy weather (High of 82° and low of 24°), the Sooner State will always hold a place close to my heart!

CT - Why did you choose personal injury to specialize in?

VT - I decided to specialize in personal injury after a close friend of mine became seriously injured. I began assisting with his case and was first exposed to the great power wielded by insurance companies. Although he paid premiums every single month, the moment he needed his insurance carrier to compensate him for his claims, he was denied any relief. The insurance carrier refused to provide him with reasonable value for his injuries. Instead, the carrier drew the process out as long as possible. I realized that this was the M.O. of the insurance company - frustrate the claimant so that they eventually either go away and abandon their claim, or accept a minimal offer. The only chance my friend had to level the playing field was to hire an attorney to vigorously represent his interests. It was this experience - the ability to have a real impact in someone's life - that ultimately led me to spending the majority of time representing individuals who have been injured in car accidents, slip and falls and medical malpractice actions.

CT - Are you limited to just personal injury?

VT - It's not the only type of law that I practice. In addition to personal injury, I also represent individuals in the area of criminal defense, landlord/tenant, wills/trusts, worker's compensation, social security disability, commercial litigation, family law, and several other areas. The reason the Keys is a nice place to practice is that in such

a small community, you cannot specialize in a single area. You must diversify your practice. As a result, as an attorney, you must stay sharp by constantly staying current with various areas of law so that you are familiar with any changes. Although I spend the majority of time representing individuals in personal injury cases, I enjoy the opportunity to represent individuals in other matters. The diversification is not only interesting, but helps one become a better attorney.

CT - You and David Hutchinson make a great team, I hear.

VT - David Hutchison has been my partner since 2005. However, well before that (in 2000), I was answering telephones in David's office. I was trying to decide whether I really wanted to enter this industry, or perhaps pursue a Ph.D. in Sociology, and continue in that field. After spending a few months learning under David, going to court with him, and assisting him in trials, I knew that I wanted to become an attorney. David ran a very busy general practice, so this is where I was first exposed to many areas of the law. I was able to get much experience in both criminal and civil matters that I would not have had in other offices or working for the State. David taught me not only how to practice law, but also the business aspect of being an attorney. This is not taught in law school and is necessary to maintaining a successful practice. The practice of law goes well beyond the classroom.

CT - You also have a lot of cases in Miami?

VT - I have an office in Miami, as well as the practice David Hutchison and I maintain. I split my time between the Keys and Miami depending the case load for a particular week.

CT - What exactly is personal injury? Chasing ambulances?

VT - Personal Injury is, essentially, the practice of law that assists individuals who are injured by others in making a claim to recover the damages to which they are entitled. In English, it is helping others make a claim against the negligent party that caused them harm. Usually, it is making a claim against an insurance carrier, or filing a lawsuit and attempting to convince a jury that the Defendant injured your client, and that your client should be compensated for those injuries. While chasing an ambulance may seem like good business sense, it is unethical conduct and strictly forbidden by the Florida Bar! It is considered solicitation, and is a big "no-no"! An attorney could face serious trouble from the Bar if he or she literally followed prospective clients to the hospital and attempted to sign them up. While you are, of course, allowed to visit clients in the hospital, you cannot walk the halls to attempt to get new business.

CT - If you need to consult a lawyer call Vincent Tubiana 305-731-9269 (Vincent@FloridaKeysLegal.com). The Coconut Telegraph is impressed with his confidence, perseverance, dedication, compassion and kindness. He truly cares about his clients.

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